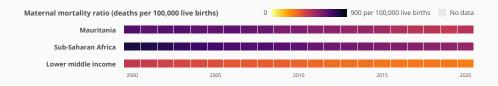
Gender Landscape Brief 🗹

Income Group: Lower middle income Region: Sub-Saharan Africa

464 women die per 100,000 live births due to pregnancy-related causes in Mauritania

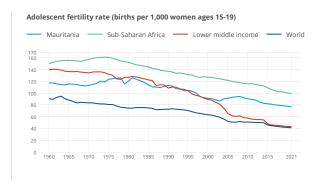
The maternal mortality ratio in Mauritania has improved from 684 in 2000 to 464 in 2020. Maternal mortality in Mauritania is lower than its regional average. Maternal mortality ratio is the number of women who die from pregnancy $related\ causes\ while\ pregnant\ or\ within\ 42\ days\ of\ pregnancy\ termination\ per\ 100,000\ live\ births.$



Source: WHO, UNICEF, UNFPA, World Bank Group, and UNDESA/Population Division. Trends in Maternal Mortality 2000 to 2020. Geneva, World Health Organization, 2023

78 of every 1,000 girls ages 15-19 gave birth in Mauritania in 2021

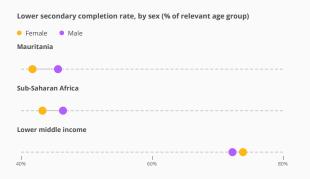
In Mauritania, the rate of adolescent fertility has decreased since 2010. The rate in 2021 was higher than the average rate in its income group.



Source: United Nations Population Division, World Population Prospects.

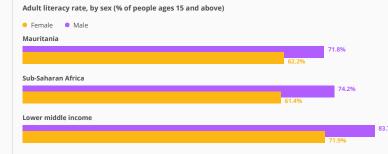
41.7% of girls and 45.7% of boys complete lower secondary school in Mauritania as of 2019 data

The female rate in Mauritania is nearly the same as Sub-Saharan Africa but lower than the lower-middle income group. Lower secondary education completion rate measures how many children have completed the last grade of lower secondary education regardless of age completed.



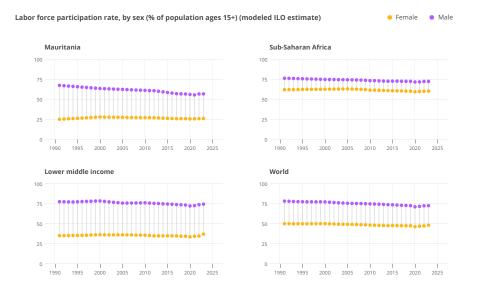
Adult literacy in Mauritania is lower among women than among men (2021)

The adult female literacy rate in Mauritania is nearly the same as in Sub-Saharan Africa. Adult literacy rate is the percentage of people ages 15 and above who can both read and write with understanding a short simple statement about their everyday life.



In Mauritania, the labor force participation rate among females is 26.4% and among males is 57.2% for 2023

The labor force participation rate is the proportion of the population ages 15 and older that is economically active. Since 1990, female labor force participation has remained roughly the same. Compared with labor force participation in the lower-middle income group, the gap between men and women is lower in Mauritania.

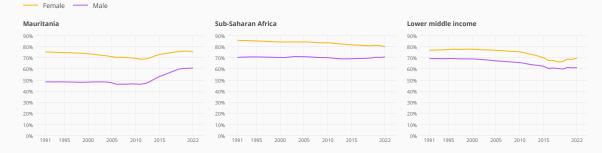


Source: International Labour Organization. "ILO Modelled Estimates and Projections database (ILOEST)" ILOSTAT. Accessed February 06, 2024. https://ilostat.ilo.org/data/.

Vulnerable employment among women has remained nearly the same since 1991

Workers in vulnerable employment are the least likely to have formal work arrangements, social protection, and safety nets to guard against economic shocks; thus they are more likely to fall into poverty. Vulnerable employment among women is 75.9% and among men is 61.4% in Mauritania for 2022. The rate of vulnerable employment is lower for men and women in Mauritania compared to the average rate in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Vulnerable employment, by sex (% of total employment) (modeled ILO estimate)



Source: World Bank, World Development Indicators database. Estimates are based on data obtained from International Labour Organization, ILOSTAT at https://ilostat.ilo.org/data/.

Data is not available for Mauritania for Proportion of time spent on unpaid domestic and care work, by sex (% of 24 hour day)



Source: National statistical offices or national database and publications compiled by United Nations Statistics Division. The data were downloaded on December 3 from the Global SDG Indicators Database:

More men than women owned a business in 2018 $\,$

Share of business owners, by sex (% of total business owners)

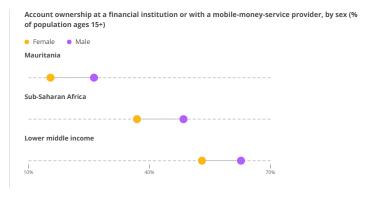
The share of female business owners for Mauritania falls in the lowest quintile of all countries for which there are data. Share of business is calculated as the proportion of female or male newly registered limited liability company owners out of the total number of newly registered limited liability company owners in the economy in the calendar year. Data compiled from the most recent data point between 2016 and 2020.

Female Mauritania (11%) Male Mauritania

Source: World Bank's Entrepreneurship Survey and database (https://www.worldbank.org/en/programs/entrepreneurship). Downloaded on November 29, 2023.

In 2017, 15.5% of women and 26.3% of men in Mauritania had an account

The gap in account ownership between men and women in Mauritania, 10.8, is smaller than the gap of the Sub-Saharan Africa aggregate, 11.5. Account ownership denotes the percentage of respondents who report having an account (by themselves or together with someone else) at a bank or another type of financial institution or report personally using a mobile money service in the past 12 months.



Source: Demirguc-Kunt et al., 2018, Global Financial Inclusion Database, World Bank.

40.1% of men and 14.3% of women owned a dwelling either alone or jointly in 2021

For women in particular, asset ownership is a source of economic empowerment and provides protection in the case of marital dissolution or abandonment. There is increasing evidence that ownership of property by women has positive consequences for women's empowerment, nutritional and health outcomes, and children's schooling.

House ownership status, by sex (% of population age 15-49)

Male

Female

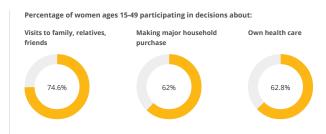
59.9% do not own a house
31.3% own a house alone
6.9% own a house jointly
6.7% own a house jointly

Source: Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS)

2.0% own a house both alone and jointly

55.1% of women participated in making major decisions in the household in 2021

Women participating in making major decisions is the percentage of currently married women ages 15-49 who say that they alone or jointly have the final say in (i) making major household purchases, (ii) decisions about own healthcare, and (iii) visits to family, relatives, friends.



1.1% own a house both alone and jointly

Source: Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS)

Data is not available for Mauritania for Percentage of women ages 15-49 who have ever experienced:

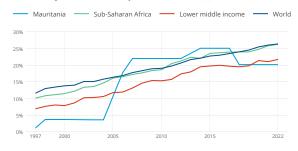


Source: Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS) Statcompiler (https://www.statcompiler.com/)

20.3% of seats in national parliament were held by women in 2022 in Mauritania

Women in parliaments are the percentage of parliamentary seats in a single or lower chamber held by women. The proportion of seats held by women in Mauritania has remained roughly the same as 2010. The current rate is similar to the average rate in lower-middle income countries.

Seats held by women in national parliaments, female (%)



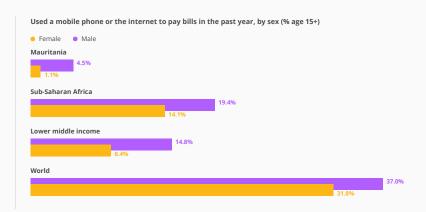
Data is not available for Mauritania for Employment in senior and middle management, female (%)



Source: Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) (www.ipu.org). For the year of 1998, the data is as of August 10, 1998.

More men than women used a mobile phone or the internet to pay bills in 2017 $\,$

The female rate in Mauritania is lower than both Sub-Saharan Africa and the lower-middle income group. Internet usage denotes the percentage of respondents who report using a mobile phone or the internet to pay bills in the past 12 months.



Source: Global Findex database

Data retrieved from World Bank Gender Data Portal https://genderdata.worldbank.org/countries/mauritania/