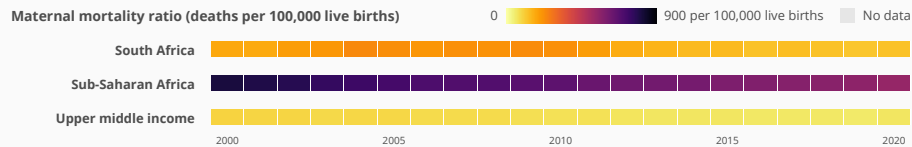


127 women die per 100,000 live births due to pregnancy-related causes in South Africa

The maternal mortality ratio in South Africa has improved from 173 in 2000 to 127 in 2020. Maternal mortality in South Africa 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.

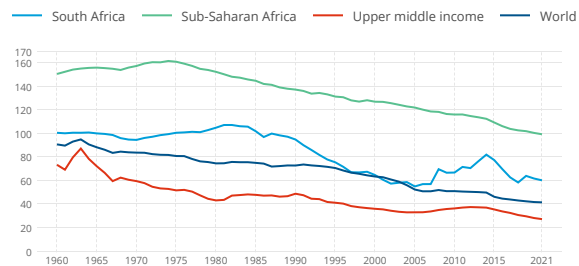


Source: WHO, UNICEF, UNFPA, World Bank Group, and UNDESA/Population Division. Trends in Maternal Mortality 2000 to 2020. Geneva, World Health Organization, 2023

61 of every 1,000 girls ages 15-19 gave birth in South Africa in 2021

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

Adolescent fertility rate (births per 1,000 women ages 15-19)



Source: United Nations Population Division, World Population Prospects.

99.7% of girls and 94.8% of boys complete lower secondary school in South Africa as of 2021 data

Girls and boys in South Africa have a very high completion rate of lower secondary school. Lower secondary education completion rate measures how many children have completed the last grade of lower secondary education regardless of age completed.

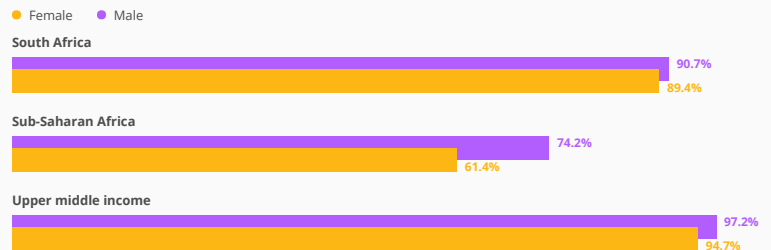
Lower secondary completion rate, by sex (% of relevant age group)



Adult literacy in South Africa is nearly the same among women and men (2021)

The adult female literacy rate in South Africa is higher than 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.

Adult literacy rate, by sex (% of people ages 15 and above)

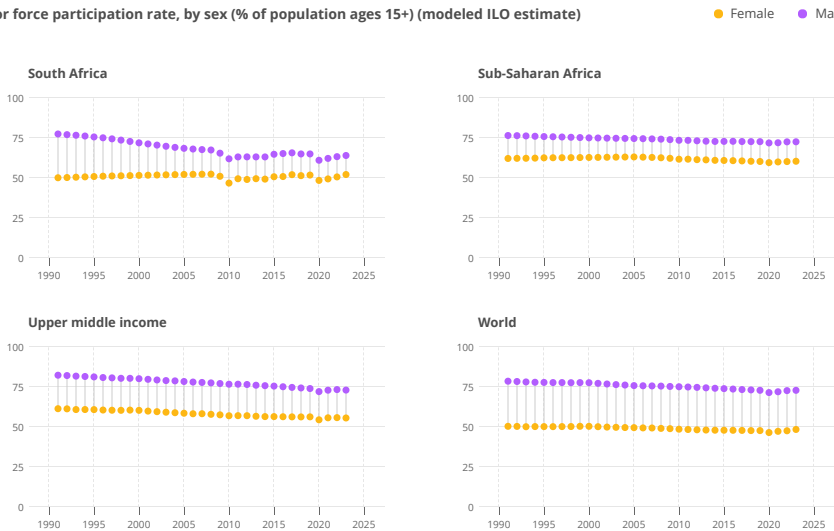


Source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS). UIS.Stat Bulk Data Download Service. Accessed September 19, 2023. <https://apiportal.uis.unesco.org/bdds>.

In South Africa, the labor force participation rate among females is 52.4% and among males is 64.3% 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 increased. Compared with labor force participation in the upper-middle income group, the gap between men and women is lower in South Africa.

Labor force participation rate, by sex (% of population ages 15+) (modeled ILO estimate)

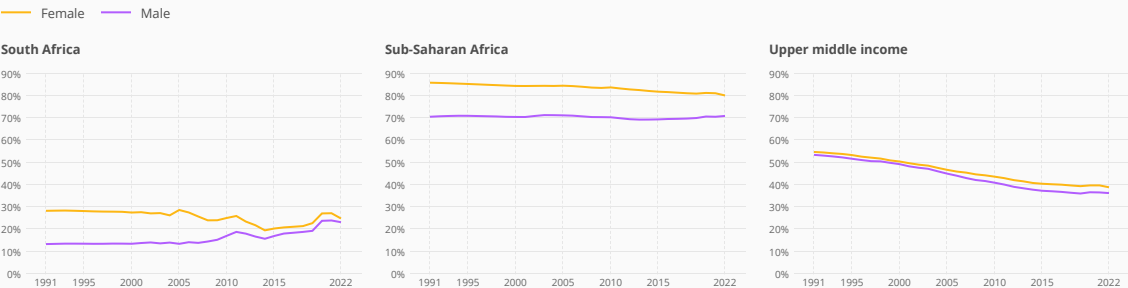


Source: International Labour Organization. "ILO Modelled Estimates and Projections database (ILOEST)" ILOSTAT. Accessed February 06, 2024. <https://ilostat.ilo.org/data/>.

Vulnerable employment for females has improved in South Africa 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 25.1% and among men is 23.5% in South Africa for 2022. The rate of vulnerable employment is lower for men and women in South Africa compared to the average rate in Sub-Saharan Africa.

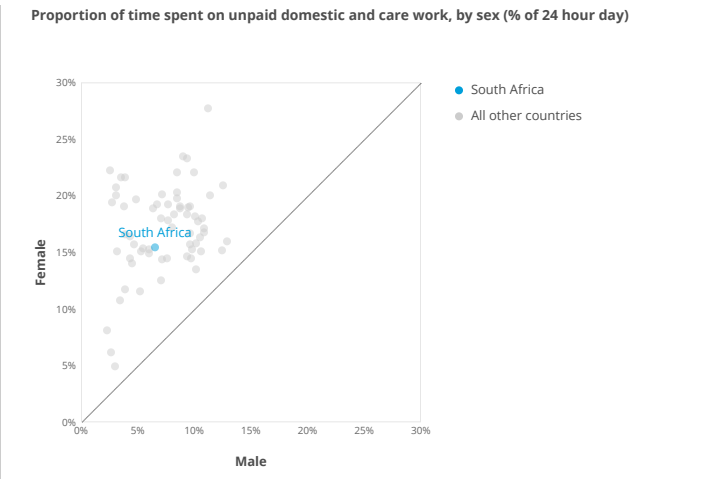
Vulnerable employment, by sex (% of total employment) (modeled ILO estimate)



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

In South Africa, women spend 2.4 times as much time on unpaid domestic and care work than men

The data, expressed as a proportion of time in a day, measure the average time an individual spends on household provision of services for own consumption. In 2010, women in South Africa spent 15.6% of their day and men spent 6.5% of their day on unpaid work. Data compiled from the most recent data point between 2010 and 2019.



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:

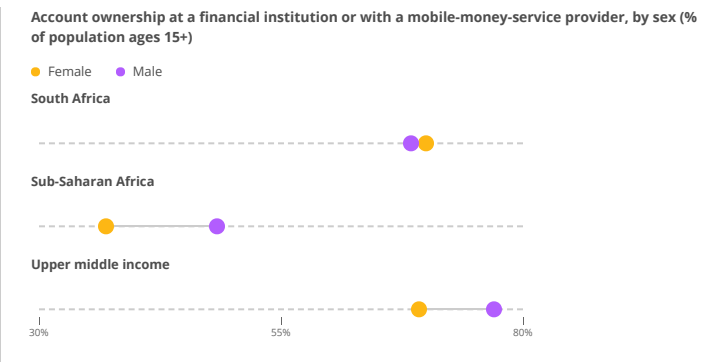
Data is not available for South Africa for Share of business owners, by sex (% of total business owners)



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

In 2017, 70% of women and 68.4% of men in South Africa had an account

The female rate in South Africa is higher than Sub-Saharan Africa but nearly the same as the upper-middle income group. 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: Demircuc-Kunt et al., 2018, Global Financial Inclusion Database, World Bank.

24.8% of men and 27.7% of women owned a dwelling either alone or jointly in 2016

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



75.2% do not own a house

14.1% own a house alone

6.9% own a house jointly

3.8% own a house both alone and jointly

Female



72.3% do not own a house

10.7% own a house alone

8.0% own a house jointly

9.1% own a house both alone and jointly

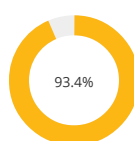
Source: Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS)

87.2% of women participated in making major decisions in the household in 2016

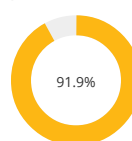
Women participating in making major decisions is the percentage of currently married women ages 15-49 who say that they alone or jointly have the final say in (i) making major household purchases, (ii) decisions about own healthcare, and (iii) visits to family, relatives, friends.

Percentage of women ages 15-49 participating in decisions about:

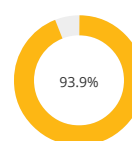
Visits to family, relatives, friends



Making major household purchase



Own health care



Source: Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS)

In South Africa, the share of women who have experienced intimate partner violence is less than the world average, 27%

Intimate partner violence is by far the most prevalent form of violence against women globally and is defined as the percentage of ever-married women (ages 15-49) who have ever experienced physical or sexual violence committed by their husband or partner, whereas those who have ever experienced any form of sexual violence is the percentage of women (ages 15-49) who ever experienced sexual violence irrespective of marital status and perpetrator.

Percentage of women ages 15-49 who have ever experienced:

Any form of sexual violence

5.6%

Intimate partner violence

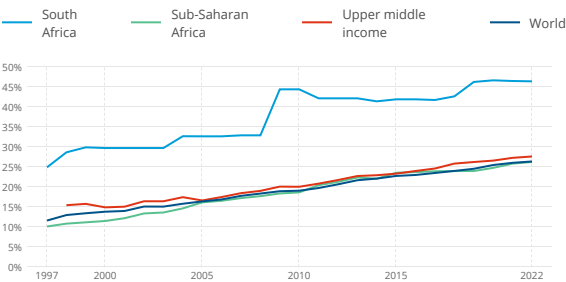
24%

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

46.5% of seats in national parliament were held by women in 2022 in South Africa

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 South Africa has remained roughly the same as 2010. The current rate is higher than the average rate in upper-middle income countries.

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

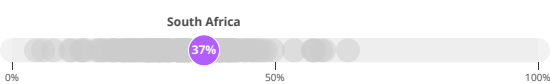


Source: Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) (www.ipu.org). For the year of 1998, the data is as of August 10, 1998.

Women represented 36.5% of those employed in senior and middle management in 2022

The female share of employment in senior and middle management for South Africa falls in the fourth quintile of all countries for which there are data. Data compiled from the most recent data point available between 2010 and 2023.

Employment in senior and middle management, female (%)



More women than men used a mobile phone or the internet to pay bills in 2021

The female rate in South Africa is higher than Sub-Saharan Africa but lower than the upper-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.

Used a mobile phone or the internet to pay bills in the past year, by sex (% age 15+)

Female Male

South Africa



Sub-Saharan Africa



Upper middle income



World



Source: Global Findex database