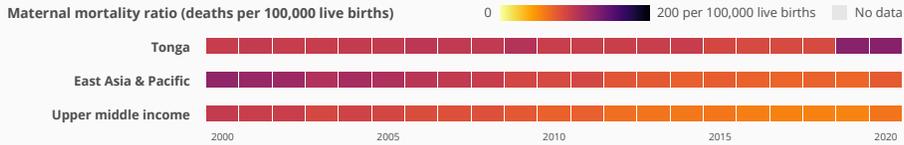


### 126 women die per 100,000 live births due to pregnancy-related causes in Tonga

The maternal mortality ratio in Tonga has worsened from 94 in 2000 to 126 in 2020. Maternal mortality in Tonga is higher 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.

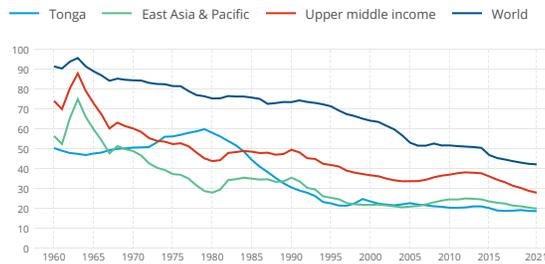


Source: WHO, UNICEF, UNFPA, World Bank Group, and UNDESA/Population Division. Trends in Maternal Mortality 2000 to 2020. Geneva, World Health Organization, 2023

### 19 of every 1,000 girls ages 15-19 gave birth in Tonga in 2021

In Tonga, the rate of adolescent fertility has remained roughly the same since 2010. The rate in 2021 was lower than the average rate in its income group.

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

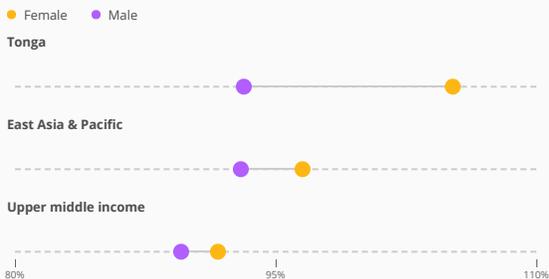


Source: United Nations Population Division, World Population Prospects.

### 105.2% of girls and 93.2% of boys complete lower secondary school in Tonga as of 2022 data

The gap in lower secondary completion rate between boys and girls, 12, is larger than the gap of the East Asia & Pacific aggregate, 3.6. 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 Tonga is nearly the same among women and men (2021)

In Tonga, both women and men have very high literacy rates. 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)

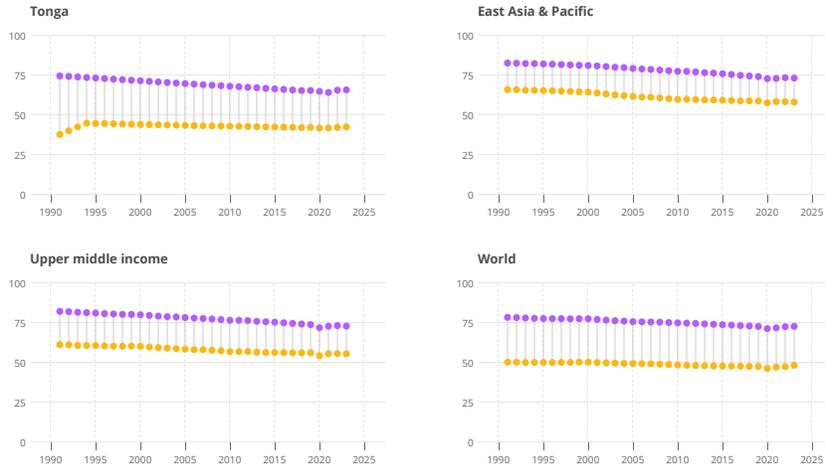


Source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS). UIS.Stat Bulk Data Download Service. Accessed September 19, 2023. <https://apiportal.uis.unesco.org/bdds>.

**In Tonga, the labor force participation rate among females is 42.8% and among males is 66.2% 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 increased. Compared with labor force participation in the upper-middle income group, the gap between men and women is higher in Tonga.

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



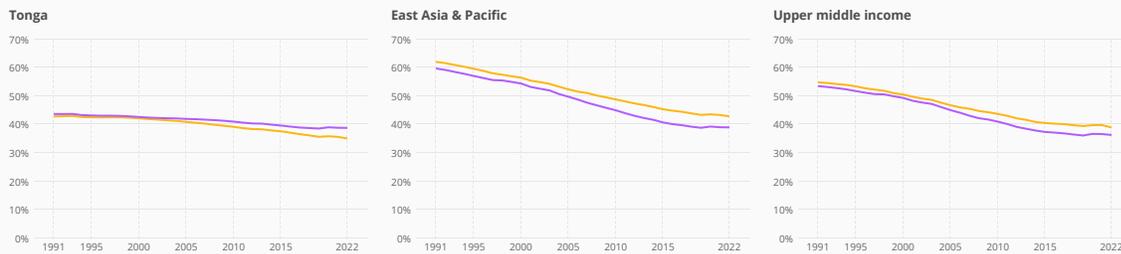
Source: International Labour Organization. "ILO Modelled Estimates and Projections database (ILOEST)" ILOSTAT. Accessed February 06, 2024. <https://ilostat.ilo.org/data/>.

**Vulnerable employment for females has improved in Tonga 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 35.3% and among men is 39% in Tonga for 2022. The rate of vulnerable employment is similar for men but lower for women in Tonga compared to the average rate in East Asia & Pacific.

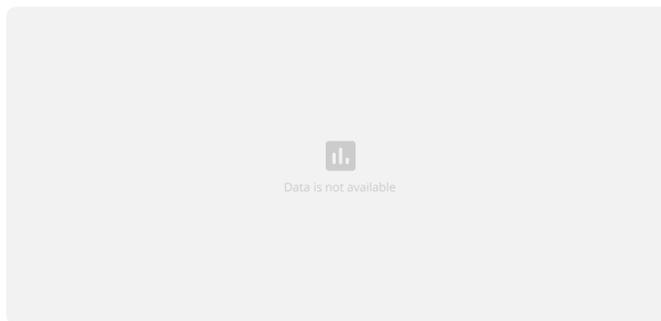
**Vulnerable employment, by sex (% of total employment) (modeled ILO estimate)**

— Female — Male



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 Tonga for Proportion of time spent on unpaid domestic and care work, by sex (% of 24 hour day)



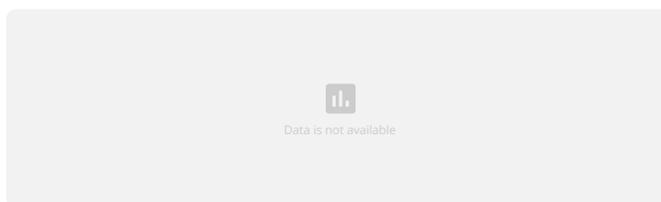
Source: National statistical offices or national database and publications compiled by United Nations Statistics Division. The data were downloaded on December 3 from the Global SDG Indicators Database:

Data is not available for Tonga 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.

Data is not available for Tonga for Account ownership at a financial institution or with a mobile-money-service provider, by sex (% of population ages 15+)

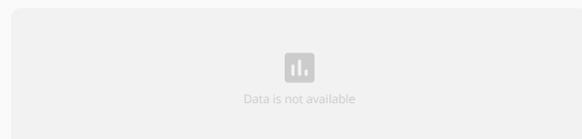


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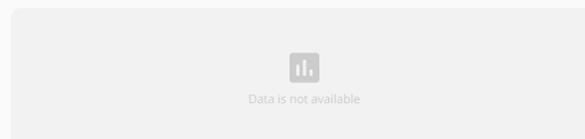
Data is not available for Tonga for House ownership status, by sex (% of population age 15-49)

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

Male



Female



Source: Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS)

Data is not available for Tonga for Percentage of women ages 15-49 participating in decisions about:



Source: Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS)

In Tonga, the share of women who have experienced intimate partner violence is greater 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:

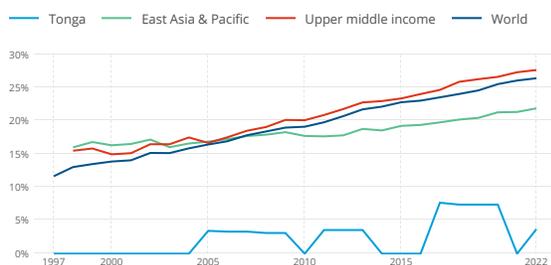


Source: Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS) Statcompiler (<https://www.statcompiler.com/>)

**3.7% of seats in national parliament were held by women in 2022 in Tonga**

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 Tonga has increased since 2010. The current rate is lower 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](http://www.ipu.org)). For the year of 1998, the data is as of August 10, 1998.

**Women represented 32% of those employed in senior and middle management in 2021**

The female share of employment in senior and middle management for Tonga falls in the third 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 (%)



Data is not available for Tonga for Used a mobile phone or the internet to pay bills in the past year, by sex (% age 15+)



Source: Global Findex database

