





PAPUA NEW GUINEA GENDER LANDSCAPE

This briefing showcases the gender landscape in Papua New Guinea on key indicators helpful for monitoring gender equality and designing effective policy interventions. Gender equality fosters productivity gains, minimizes losses in wealth, reduces poverty, boosts shared prosperity, and supports green, resilient, and inclusive development.

Click the measures below to explore the [World Bank Gender Data Portal](#).

Compared to:	Base Year	Region
>10% Higher Value	↗	
Equal/No Change	→	
>10% Lower Value	↘	
No Data	---	

		Country Performance					Peer Comparison		
		Baseline			Latest		Latest		
		Value	Year		Value	Year	EAP	LMC	World
HUMAN ENDOWMENTS									
Learning-Adjusted Years of Schooling	Female Male	NA NA	NA NA	--- ---	5.76 6.20	2020 2020	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA
Lower secondary completion rate (% of relevant group)	Female Male	21.5 28.1	1998 1998	↗ ↗	31.8 42.3	2018 2018	93.1 90.3	NA NA	77.3 76.7
Female share of graduates from STEM programs, tertiary (%)		NA	NA	---	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Fertility rate, total (births per woman)		3.98	2010	↘	3.48	2020	1.81	NA	2.39
Adolescent fertility rate (births per 1,000 women 15-19)		58.4	2010	↘	50.6	2020	20.6	NA	41.0
Maternal mortality ratio (modeled estimate per 100,000 live births)		168	2010	↘	145	2017	69.0	NA	211
Pregnant women receiving prenatal care of at least four visits (% of pregnant women)		54.9	2006	↘	49.0	2018	NA	NA	NA
Unmet need for contraception (% of married women 15-49)		27.4	2007	→	25.9	2018	4.68	NA	NA
Mortality from chronic vascular disease, cancer, diabetes or cardiorespiratory disease between 30 and 70 (%)	Female Male	31.0 39.9	2010 2010	→ →	31.6 40.3	2019 2019	12.5 21.2	NA NA	14.8 21.7
ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY									
Labor force participation rate (% 15+, modeled ILO estimate)	Female Male	47.7 49.0	2010 2010	→ →	46.3 48.1	2021 2021	59.0 74.8	NA NA	46.3 71.7
Wage and salaried workers (% of employment, modeled ILO estimate)	Female Male	11.0 26.6	2010 2010	↗ ↗	15.1 34.9	2019 2019	54.8 57.8	NA NA	54.6 53.0
Employment in agriculture (% of employment, modeled ILO estimate)	Female Male	69.7 61.3	2010 2010	↘ ↘	60.1 52.3	2019 2019	22.1 26.9	NA NA	25.3 27.6
Share of youth not in education, employment or training (% of youth population)	Female Male	29.0 26.4	2010 2010	--- ---	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA
Proportion of time spent on unpaid domestic and care work (% of 24 hour day)	Female Male	NA NA	NA NA	--- ---	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA
Age dependency ratio (% of working-age population)		71.3	2010	↘	63.2	2020	45.4	NA	54.6
Financial institution account (% 15+)	Female Male	NA NA	NA NA	--- ---	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	51.7 60.6	63.7 70.6
Borrowed to start, operate, or expand a farm or business (% 15+)	Female Male	NA NA	NA NA	--- ---	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	6.81 9.00	5.26 7.57
Female share of employment in senior and middle management (%)		19.3	2010	---	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Firms with female participation in ownership (% of firms)		NA	NA	---	46.5	2015	47.4	NA	33.1
VOICE AND AGENCY									
Firms with female top manager (% of firms)		NA	NA	---	13.8	2015	32.8	NA	17.8
Proportion of seats held by women in national parliaments (%)		0.92	2010	↘	0.00	2021	21.4	NA	26.1
Women who were first married by 18 (% of women 20-24)		21.3	2006	↗	27.3	2018	NA	NA	NA
Proportion of women subjected to physical and/or sexual violence in the last 12 months (% of ever-partnered women 15-49)		NA	NA	---	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Women who believe a husband is justified in beating his wife (any of five reasons, %)		NA	NA	---	69.8	2018	NA	NA	NA

Note: The East Asia and Pacific (EAP) region includes 38 countries (all income levels), as classified by The World Bank Group. Papua New Guinea is a lower middle income (LMC) country, which includes 55 countries with a Gross National Income (GNI) per capita from \$1,046 to \$4,095 (calculated using the World Bank Atlas method). Data and definitions can be found on the [Gender Data Portal](#).

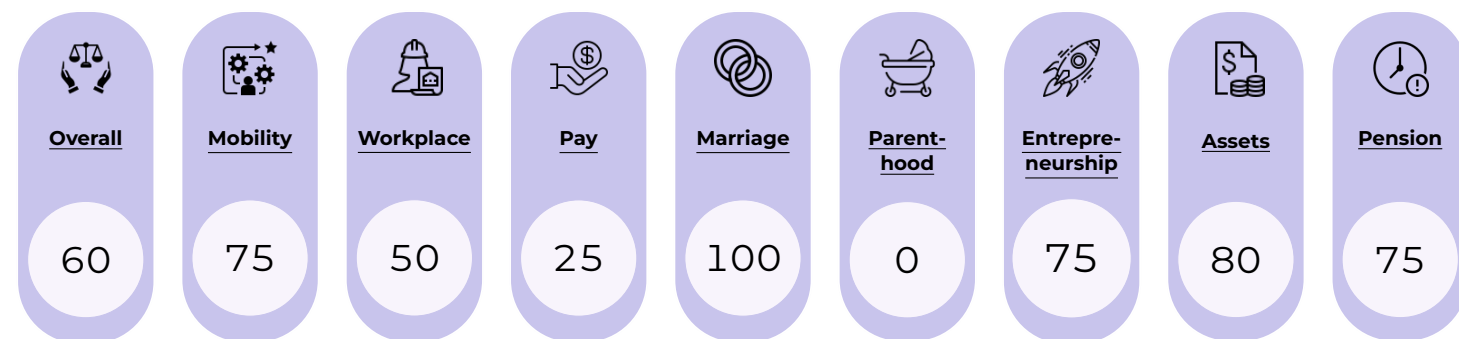
Country Baseline provides a reference from 1990 to 2010. Latest Value shows the latest available comparison from 2011 onwards. The arrow icon represents country increases or decreases over 10 percent relative to the base year. Peer comparisons show how Papua New Guinea performs relative to the region, income group, and the world. Lighter and darker shades represent values 10 percent above and below regional peer values, respectively.



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Women, Business and the Law in Papua New Guinea

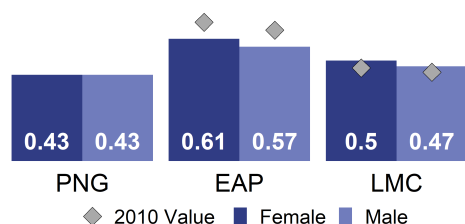
Women, Business and the Law (WBL) 2022 presents an index covering 190 economies, structured around the life cycle of a working woman. In total, 35 questions are scored across eight indicators. **Papua New Guinea scores 60 out of 100**, while the regional average across East Asia and Pacific is 80.



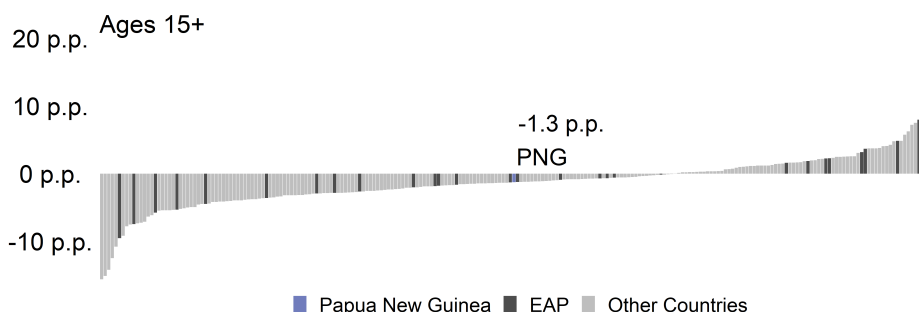
A Closer Look at Gender Equality in Papua New Guinea

Human Capital Index Score (0-1)

Baseline compared to 2020



Change in Female Labor Force Participation 2010-2020 (p.p.)



Unpacking the Numbers in Papua New Guinea

43 percent

A girl born today will be 43 percent as productive as if she enjoyed full education, health, and employment **(2020)**

3 in 25

12 percent of women 15 to 19 years old have had children or already pregnant **(2018)**

28 percent

28 percent of women report having ever experienced any form of sexual violence **(2018)**

21 in 100

21 percent of women are not able to visit family, relatives and friends on her own decision **(2018)**

10 in 11

91 percent of women do not have any land, both solely and jointly, registered under their name **(2018)**

LEARN MORE

The World Bank in Gender: This portal features the latest research, news, and events around gender equality in international development.

Women, Business and the Law: This portal includes reports, data, and news on the laws and regulations that affect women's economic opportunity.

World Bank Group Gender Strategy (FY16-FY23): This 2015 report outlines the World Bank Group's strategy to promote gender equality.

World Bank Gender Data Portal: This open data tool shares the latest statistics and research to improve understanding and inform policy choices.

EAP Gender Innovation Lab: This page features policy research by the GIL, evaluating innovative solutions to close priority gender gaps in the region.

