





BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA GENDER LANDSCAPE

This briefing showcases the gender landscape in Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela 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. Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela is a Fragile, Conflict, or Violence (FCV) impacted country with high institutional and social fragility.

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

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

		Country Performance					Peer Comparison		
		Baseline		Latest			Latest		
		Value	Year		Value	Year	LAC	INX	World
HUMAN ENDOWMENTS									
Learning-Adjusted Years of Schooling	Female	NA	NA	---	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Male	NA	NA	---	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Literacy rate (% 15+)	Female	95.4	2009	→	97.2	2016	94.1	NA	83.3
	Male	95.7	2009	→	97.0	2016	94.9	NA	90.1
Primary completion rate (% of relevant group)	Female	95.0	2010	→	93.1	2017	98.6	NA	89.9
	Male	92.8	2010	→	92.1	2017	98.0	NA	90.3
Fertility rate, total (births per woman)		2.47	2010	↘	2.23	2020	1.99	NA	2.39
Adolescent fertility rate (births per 1,000 women 15-19)		88.7	2010	→	84.3	2020	60.3	NA	41.0
Pregnant women receiving prenatal care of at least four visits (% of pregnant women)		NA	NA	---	83.8	2013	90.9	NA	NA
Mortality from chronic vascular disease, cancer, diabetes or cardiorespiratory disease between 30 and 70 (%)	Female	13.0	2010	→	12.9	2019	12.7	NA	14.8
	Male	19.5	2010	↘	16.9	2019	17.1	NA	21.7
Prevalence of HIV (% 15-24)	Female	0.30	2010	↘	0.20	2020	0.14	NA	0.40
	Male	0.30	2010	↘	0.10	2020	0.11	NA	0.20
ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY									
Labor force participation rate (% 15+, modeled ILO estimate)	Female	49.6	2010	↘	34.3	2021	48.5	NA	46.3
	Male	78.5	2010	↘	67.8	2021	72.5	NA	71.7
Wage and salaried workers (% of employment, modeled ILO estimate)	Female	64.2	2010	↘	57.1	2019	63.5	NA	54.6
	Male	62.8	2010	↘	55.9	2019	61.2	NA	53.0
Employment in agriculture (% of employment, modeled ILO estimate)	Female	1.56	2010	↘	0.92	2019	7.08	NA	25.3
	Male	12.6	2010	→	12.3	2019	18.0	NA	27.6
Share of youth not in education, employment or training (% of youth population)	Female	25.0	2010	↗	30.9	2017	29.5	NA	NA
	Male	12.8	2010	↗	15.0	2017	18.3	NA	NA
Age dependency ratio (% of working-age population)		55.0	2010	→	54.4	2020	49.1	NA	54.6
Financial institution account (% 15+)	Female	NA	NA	---	70.0	2017	NA	NA	63.7
	Male	NA	NA	---	76.7	2017	NA	NA	70.6
Borrowed to start, operate, or expand a farm or business (% 15+)	Female	NA	NA	---	4.84	2017	NA	NA	5.26
	Male	NA	NA	---	7.13	2017	NA	NA	7.57
Firms with female participation in ownership (% of firms)		30.7	2010	---	NA	NA	49.9	NA	33.1
VOICE AND AGENCY									
Firms with female top manager (% of firms)		31.1	2010	---	NA	NA	20.1	NA	17.8
Proportion of seats held by women in national parliaments (%)		17.0	2010	↗	22.2	2021	34.4	NA	26.1
Women who were first married by 18 (% of women 20-24)		NA	NA	---	NA	NA	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

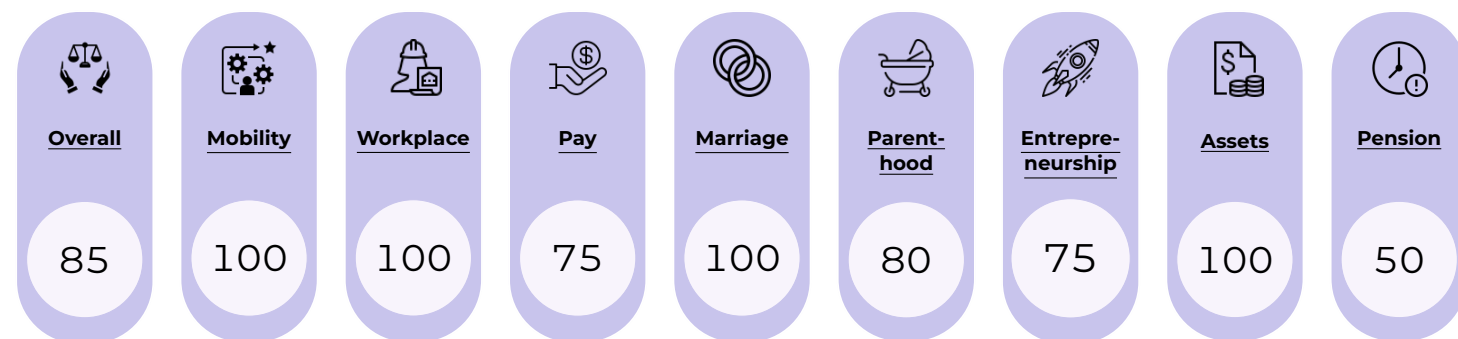
Note: The Latin America and Caribbean (LAC) region includes 42 countries (all income levels), as classified by The World Bank Group. Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela is not classified (INX) country, which includes 1 country with a Gross National Income (GNI) per capita from \$12,696 and above (calculated 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 Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela 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.



Women, Business and the Law in Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

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. **Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela scores 85 out of 100**, while the regional average across Latin America and Caribbean is 80.



A Closer Look at Gender Equality in Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

Human Capital Index Score (0-1)

Baseline compared to 2020



LAC

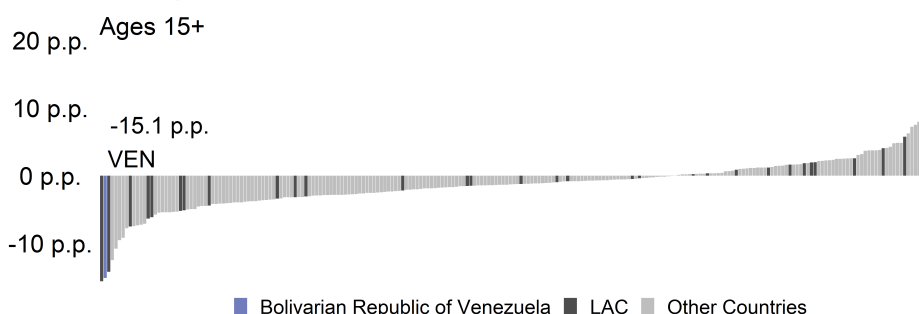


2010 Value ■ Female ■ Male

*Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela values not available.

Despite some progress, gender gaps, gender-based violence, and disadvantageous social norms facing women and girls persist, and gains in human capital of women and girls remain untapped. Turning human capital investments into economic gains means addressing multiple barriers to women's economic empowerment, including improving their voice and agency.

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



Unpacking the Numbers in Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

20 percent

A girl has a 20 percent chance of not completing lower secondary school **(2017)**

34 points

Men and women have a 34 percentage point gap in labor force participation **(2021)**

3.5 times

Men hold 3.5 times as many seats in the national parliament as women **(2021)**

1.2 times

A man is 1.2 times as likely to have used the internet to pay bills or to buy something online in the past year **(2017)**

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.

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



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