



Color Key

Improvement

Deterioration

No Change

The gender data landscape highlights opportunities for enhancing gender equality outcomes in Gabon to support productivity and wealth gains, reduce poverty and increase shared prosperity.

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

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			Year	Value	SSA	UMC	World
Progress in ending all forms of gender-based violence							
Proportion of women subjected to physical and/or sexual violence in the last 12 months (% of ever partnered women ages 15-49)	Female	2023	22.2	19.3	9.70	13.7	
Women who were first married by 18 (% of women 20-24)	Female	2021	13.3	NA	NA	NA	
Adolescent fertility rate (births per 1,000 women 15-19)		2023	91.7	93.4	23.4	39.1	
Stronger and more resilient human capital							
Learning poverty: Share of children at the end-of-primary age below minimum reading proficiency (%)	Female	2019	28.4	86.5	37.3	48.1	
	Male	2019	33.0	86.8	43.4	51.1	
Lower secondary completion rate (% of relevant group)	Female	1995	17.5	43.5	93.8	78.0	
	Male	1995	22.8	45.3	92.3	77.8	
Female share of graduates from STEM programs, tertiary (%)		NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Maternal mortality ratio (modeled estimate per 100,000 live births)		2023	233	448	57.0	197	
Contraceptive prevalence, any modern method (% of married women 15-49)		2021	17.3	27.8	73.7	54.1	
Fraction of children under 5 not stunted	Female	2020	0.85	NA	NA	NA	
	Male	2020	0.81	NA	NA	NA	
Mortality from cardiovascular disease, cancer, diabetes, or chronic respiratory disease between ages 30 and 70 (%)	Female	2021	15.8	20.8	13.2	15.6	
	Male	2021	20.4	22.0	20.0	21.0	
More and better jobs, including jobs of the future							
Labor force participation rate (% 15+)	Female	2025	41.6	65.2	53.3	48.9	
	Male	2025	60.1	75.6	72.0	73.1	
Wage and salaried workers (% of employment)	Female	2025	61.4	16.9	63.0	54.6	
	Male	2025	71.0	27.1	60.8	52.9	
Employment in agriculture (% of employment)	Female	2025	26.0	48.2	16.8	26.2	
	Male	2025	30.5	50.3	21.7	25.5	
Vulnerable employment (% of employment)	Female	2025	37.0	79.2	34.4	43.1	
	Male	2025	25.8	63.9	34.0	41.9	
Share of youth not in education, employment or training (% of youth population)	Female	NA	NA	NA	21.2	NA	
	Male	NA	NA	NA	13.4	NA	
Youth unemployment (% of labor force 15-24)	Female	2025	42.4	11.0	18.1	14.9	
	Male	2025	31.6	9.36	16.0	13.1	
Percentage of women's economic rights (%)		2025	74.1	59.5	68.6	67.0	
Greater ownership and use of economic assets							
Women who do not own land (% of women 15-49)	Female	2021	94.5	NA	NA	NA	
Men who do not own land (% of men)	Male	2021	85.5	NA	NA	NA	
Account at a financial institution (% age 15+)	Female	2024	63.7	NA	82.5	76.6	
	Male	2024	72.4	NA	85.6	80.9	
Saved at a financial institution or using a mobile money account (% 15+)	Female	2024	35.9	NA	52.7	NA	
	Male	2024	42.1	NA	58.0	NA	
Wider access to and use of enabling services							
Individuals using the Internet (% of population)	Female	NA	NA	29.4	87.9	68.2	
	Male	NA	NA	37.9	89.7	76.6	
Used a mobile phone or the internet to pay bills (% age 15+)	Female	2024	35.4	NA	60.6	NA	
	Male	2024	40.9	NA	63.1	NA	
Advances in women's participation in decision-making							
Female share of employment in senior and middle management (%)		NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Firms with female participation in ownership (% of firms)		2009	33.1	29.3	37.2	34.0	
Firms with female top manager (% of firms)		2009	11.5	16.7	22.4	19.0	
Proportion of seats held by women in national parliaments (%)		2024	25.5	26.9	27.2	27.0	
Proportion of women in ministerial level positions (%)		2024	27.6	23.6	20.3	22.9	

* Latest value shows the latest available country value for the indicator. Color coding of the latest country value represents a more than 10 percent change upward or downward from the country's baseline value from 10 years (+/- 2 years) prior to latest value. No coloring applied whenever there is no data for baseline or when latest available value is prior to 2020.





The World Bank's Women, Business and the Law (WBL) index measures how laws, their implementation, and enforcement affect women throughout their working lives. Covering 190 economies, it assesses women's economic opportunities across 10 topics, assigning each economy a score from 0 to 100 across three pillars.



Pillar I - Legal Frameworks Index: Domestic laws and regulations that shape women's work and entrepreneurship.



Pillar II - Supportive Frameworks Index: Policies and institutions that support implementation of the law.



Pillar III - Enforcement Perceptions Index: Experts' views on how effectively public authorities enforce laws and uphold rights assessed in the legal frameworks pillar.

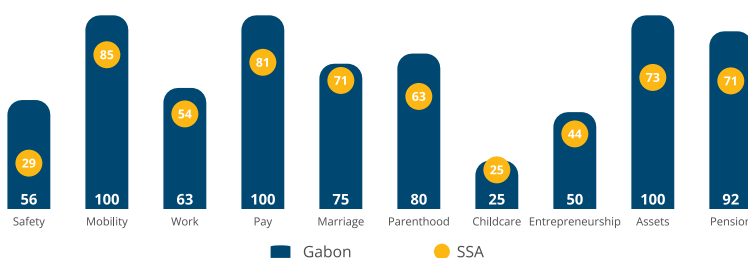
Greater equality under the law fuels women's employment and entrepreneurship

Legal Frameworks

Laws in **Gabon** provide women with only **74%** of the legal rights afforded to men.



Gabon performs above the regional average in 9 out of 10 topics



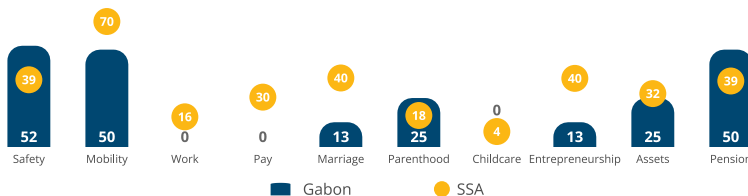
Yet, a persistent gap separates laws on the books from the actual practice

Supportive Frameworks

Only **23%** of mechanisms to support the implementation of equal opportunity laws are in place.



Gabon performs above the regional average in 3 out of 10 topics



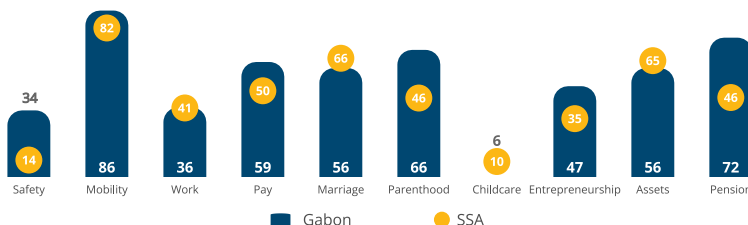
Enforcing existing laws strengthens women's access to jobs and economic opportunity

Enforcement Perceptions

Women's legal rights are enforced at only **52%** of their full potential, according to experts in **Gabon**.



Gabon performs above the regional average in 6 out of 10 topics



Reforms

Between October 2, 2023 and October 1, 2025, Gabon did not enact any reforms affecting the topics measured by WBL.



From Data to Action

[Explore the Women, Business and the Law data](#)
[Track Legal Reforms](#)
[Women, Business and the Law Partners](#)
[Accelerating Gender Equality Through Reforming Legal Frameworks](#)



Resources

[Women, Business and the Law 2026 Report](#)
[Women, Business, and the Law website](#)
[WBL Economy Profiles](#)
[WBG Gender Strategy 2024–2030](#)
[Gender Data Portal](#)

