



# SAMOA GENDER LANDSCAPE

Gender data helps to inform smart development policy. This briefing provides key indicators for Samoa which help in monitoring gender equality and designing effective policy interventions. The arrows indicate longer term progress on outcomes from a base year, while the color coded elements compare the latest gender data in Samoa with its regional peers.

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	
<b>HUMAN ENDOWMENTS</b>									
Learning-Adjusted Years of Schooling	Female	NA	NA	---	<b>7.81</b>	2020	NA	NA	NA
	Male	NA	NA	---	<b>6.72</b>	2020	NA	NA	NA
School enrollment, tertiary (% gross)	Female	7.24	2000	↗	<b>25.6</b>	2021	55.1	27.7	43.4
	Male	7.84	2000	↗	<b>12.1</b>	2021	47.4	25.6	37.4
Female share of graduates from STEM programs, tertiary (%)		18.2	2000	---	<b>NA</b>	NA	NA	NA	NA
Fertility rate, total (births per woman)		4.61	2010	↘	<b>4.00</b>	2020	1.56	2.60	2.30
Adolescent fertility rate (births per 1,000 women 15-19)		44.1	2010	→	<b>44.2</b>	2020	20.7	43.1	42.7
Maternal mortality ratio (modeled estimate per 100,000 live births)		58.0	2010	↘	<b>43.0</b>	2017	69.0	253	211
Pregnant women receiving prenatal care of at least four visits (% of pregnant women)		58.4	2009	↗	<b>96.8</b>	2020	87.8	60.9	66.1
Unmet need for contraception (% of married women 15-49)		47.7	2009	↘	<b>38.9</b>	2020	NA	13.2	NA
Mortality from chronic vascular disease, cancer, diabetes or cardiorespiratory disease between 30 and 70 (%)	Female	30.0	2010	→	<b>29.2</b>	2019	12.5	19.1	14.8
	Male	34.7	2010	→	<b>33.1</b>	2019	21.2	25.3	21.7
<b>ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY</b>									
Labor force participation rate (% 15+, modeled ILO estimate)	Female	41.2	2010	→	<b>41.0</b>	2021	58.9	34.8	47.1
	Male	66.8	2010	→	<b>66.2</b>	2021	73.6	72.9	71.9
Wage and salaried workers (% of employment, modeled ILO estimate)	Female	61.7	2010	↗	<b>75.8</b>	2019	54.9	33.6	54.5
	Male	64.9	2010	→	<b>64.3</b>	2019	57.8	38.0	53.0
Employment in agriculture (% of employment, modeled ILO estimate)	Female	8.77	2010	↘	<b>6.64</b>	2019	22.0	41.8	25.4
	Male	48.0	2010	↘	<b>42.3</b>	2019	26.9	35.9	27.6
Share of youth not in education, employment or training (% of youth population)	Female	NA	NA	---	<b>35.6</b>	2017	NA	39.2	NA
	Male	NA	NA	---	<b>22.4</b>	2017	NA	16.9	NA
Proportion of time spent on unpaid domestic and care work (% of 24 hour day)	Female	NA	NA	---	<b>NA</b>	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Male	NA	NA	---	<b>NA</b>	NA	NA	NA	NA
Age dependency ratio (% of working-age population)		77.9	2010	→	<b>74.9</b>	2021	47.1	55.9	55.3
Financial institution account (% 15+)	Female	NA	NA	---	<b>NA</b>	NA	80.7	55.6	71.9
	Male	NA	NA	---	<b>NA</b>	NA	83.5	61.3	76.0
Borrowed to start, operate, or expand a farm or business (% 15+)	Female	NA	NA	---	<b>NA</b>	NA	5.60	7.17	5.27
	Male	NA	NA	---	<b>NA</b>	NA	8.05	9.36	7.58
Female share of employment in senior and middle management (%)		NA	NA	---	<b>42.9</b>	2017	NA	NA	NA
Firms with female participation in ownership (% of firms)		79.8	2009	---	<b>NA</b>	NA	45.7	32.3	33.3
<b>VOICE AND AGENCY</b>									
Firms with female top manager (% of firms)		NA	NA	---	<b>NA</b>	NA	33.8	19.9	17.9
Proportion of seats held by women in national parliaments (%)		8.16	2010	→	<b>7.84</b>	2021	21.4	21.4	26.1
Women who were first married by 18 (% of women 20-24)		NA	NA	---	<b>7.40</b>	2020	NA	NA	NA
Proportion of women subjected to physical and/or sexual violence in the last 12 months (% of ever-partnered women 15-49)		22.0	2000	---	<b>NA</b>	NA	NA	NA	NA
Women who believe a husband is justified in beating his wife (any of five reasons, %)		NA	NA	---	<b>NA</b>	NA	NA	NA	NA

Note: The East Asia and Pacific (EAP) region includes 38 countries (all income levels), as classified by The World Bank Group. Samoa is a lower middle income (LMC) country, which includes 54 countries with a Gross National Income (GNI) per capita from \$1,086 to \$4,255 (calculated using the World Bank Atlas method). Data and definitions can be found on the [Gender Data Portal](#). Data is as of April 01, 2023.

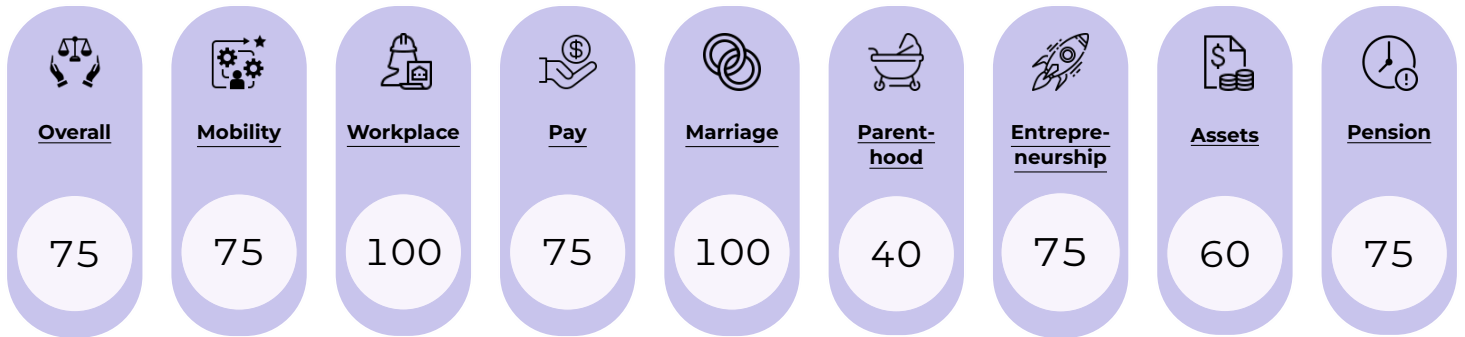
Country Baseline provides a reference from 1990 to 2010. Latest Value shows the latest available value from 2011 onwards. The arrow icon represents country increases or decreases over 10 percent relative to the base year. Peer Comparison shows how Samoa performs relative to its peers in the region, income group, and the world. Color coding represents values 10 percent above or below its peers in the region.



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## Women, Business and the Law in Samoa

**Women, Business and the Law (WBL) 2023** presents an index covering 190 economies, structured around the life cycle of a working woman. In total, 35 questions are scored across eight indicators. **Samoa scores 75 out of 100**, while the regional average across East Asia and Pacific is 75.

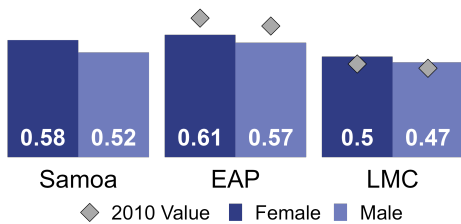


## A Closer Look at Gender Equality in Samoa

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.

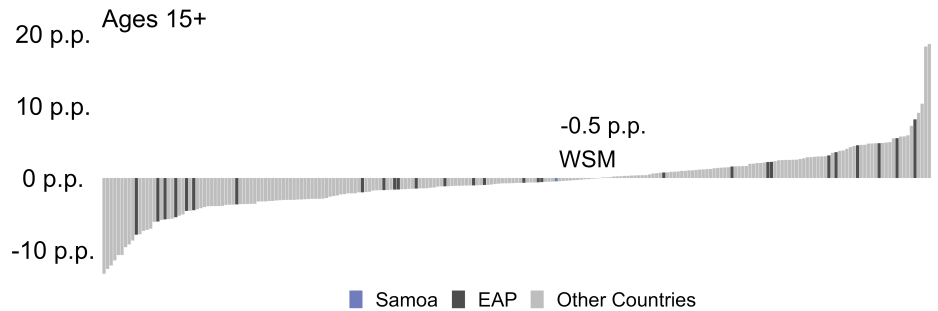
### Human Capital Index Score (0-1)

Baseline compared to 2020



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

Ages 15+



### Unpacking the Numbers in Samoa

**58 percent**

A girl born today will be 58 percent as productive as if she enjoyed full education, health, and employment **(2020)**

**7 in 100**

7.4 percent of women ages 20 to 24 were first married by age 18 **(2020)**

**39 percent**

39 percent of married women ages 15 to 49 report not having access to contraceptives **(2020)**

**12 times**

Men hold 12 times as many seats in the national parliament as women **(2021)**

**23 in 100**

23 in 100 women ages 15 to 49 are in positions of vulnerable employment **(2019)**

## 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.

**The WBG Gender Strategy update (FY24-FY30):** This page summarizes research and evidence feeding into WBG's new gender strategy.

**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.