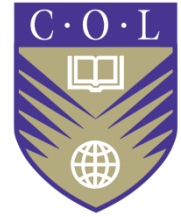


Gender Profile: Kiribati



General

Total male population under 15 (2014) (CIA, 2015): 16,779
Total female population under 15 (2014) (CIA, 2015): 16,151

Total male population over 15 (2014) (CIA, 2015): 34,312
Total female population over 15 (2014) (CIA, 2015): 37,246

Health

Maternal mortality rate per 100,000 live births (2010) (CIA, 2015): 9
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births (2014) (CIA, 2015): 37.37

Under-five mortality rate for males per 1,000 live births (UNICEF, 2014): 63
Under-five mortality rate for females per 1,000 live births (UNICEF, 2014): 53

Births attended by a skilled health professional (2010) (WHO, 2014b): 98.3%

Prevalence of HIV among males aged 15–49: NA
Prevalence of HIV among females aged 15–49: NA

Life expectancy for men (2012) (WHO, 2014a): 64
Life expectancy for women (2012) (WHO, 2014a): 69

Education

Male youth literacy rate, ages 15–24: NA
Female youth literacy rate, ages 15–24: NA

Male adult literacy rate, ages 15+: NA
Female adult literacy rate, ages 15+: NA

Male adjusted net enrolment rate in primary education: NA
Female adjusted net enrolment rate in primary education: NA

Male gross enrolment ratio in secondary education (2008) (UNESCO Institute of Statistics, 2015):
82.12%
Female gross enrolment ratio in secondary education (2008) (UNESCO Institute of Statistics, 2015):
90.91%

Male gross enrolment ratio in tertiary education: NA
Female gross enrolment ratio in tertiary education: NA

Graduates from tertiary education who are female: NA

Students in engineering, construction and manufacturing tertiary education programs who are female: NA

Teachers in primary education who are female (2008) (UNESCO Institute of Statistics, 2015): 81.6%

Teachers in secondary education who are female (2008) (UNESCO Institute of Statistics, 2015): 47.7%

Teachers in tertiary education who are female: NA

Economic Activity

Males over 15 who are active in the labour force: NA

Females over 15 who are active in the labour force: NA

Men who have an account in a formal financial institution : NA

Women who have an account in a formal financial institution: NA

Decision-Making

Proportion of seats held by women in national parliament (World Bank, 2014): 9%

Human Rights

Girls married before 15 (2014) (Girls Not Brides, 2015): 3%

Females married between 15 and 19: NA

Women subjected to physical/sexual violence by an intimate partner during their lifetime (UN Women, 2012): 67.6%

Women subjected to physical/sexual violence by an intimate partner or a non-partner during their lifetime (UN Women, 2012): 73%

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Gender Gaps

Health

- According to the World Health Organization, as of 2008, 23% of females in Kiribati had suffered physical or sexual abuse during pregnancy (UN Women, 2012, p. 4).
- In a study conducted in 2004 (the most recent available data on this subject), 15% of pregnant women tested had a sexually transmitted infection (UN Women, 2014).

- Over 70% of cancers reported in Kiribati affect women (UN Women, 2014).
- As of 2008, 53.6% of females over the age of 20 were obese, compared with 37.7% of men (WHO, 2015). The reason for this discrepancy is not known.

Education

- Although girls outnumber boys in secondary and tertiary levels of education, this has not reduced women's economic marginalisation. According to UN Women (2014), women remain severely under-represented at all levels of decision-making.

Economic

- According to a report published by the Government of Kiribati and UNICEF in 2005 (the most recent available data), women comprised only 37% of paid workers, although this was an increase from 28% in 1990.
- Women are more likely to be unemployed than men. In the 2005 census, women's unemployment rate was 6.6% in 2005, compared to 5.6% among men (again, these are the most recent available data) (UN Women, 2014).

Decision-Making

- In 2012, the president opted against special measures to guarantee women parliamentary positions.

Human Rights

- The World Health Organization reported that as of 2008, 20% of females in Kiribati indicated that their first sexual encounter had been forced (UN Women, 2012, p. 4).
- 18% of women between ages 15–49 have experienced physical or sexual violence by a non-partner. Approximately 90% of women have experienced controlling behaviour in one form or another. 31.4% of women have experienced rape involving physical force. 41.1% of women have had sex with a partner out of fear (UN Women, 2014).
- Women are disadvantaged under family law in Kiribati. Unmarried women automatically are deprived of custody once the child turns two years old (provided the father acknowledges his paternity and requests custody of the child) (UN Women, 2014).

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