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General

	MALES	FEMALES	YEAR
Total population under 15	1,647	1,566	2017
Total population over 15	3,763	3,983	2017

** ALL DATA FROM CIA, 2017*

Health

Maternal mortality rate per 100,000 live birth	No Data	2015 est.	CIA, 2017
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births	29.9	2016 est.	CIA, 2017
Under-five mortality rate for males per 1,000 live births	29.5	2012	UN Statistics, 2015
Under-five mortality rate for females per 1,000 live births	24.6	2012	UN Statistics, 2015
Births attended by a skilled health professional	93	2014	WHO, 2016
Prevalence of HIV among adults aged 15–49	No Data	2015	WHO, 2017
Life expectancy for men	64.3	2016 est.	CIA, 2017
Life expectancy for women	68.8	2016 est.	CIA, 2017

Education

	MALES	FEMALES	YEAR
Youth literacy rate, ages 15-24	No Data	No Data	2015
Adult literacy rate, ages 15+	No Data	No Data	2015
Gross enrolment rate in primary education	103.03%	104.28%	2013
Gross enrolment ratio in secondary education	76.02%	97.46%	2015
Gross enrolment ratio in tertiary education	No Data	No Data	2015

** ALL DATA FROM UNESCO INSTITUTE OF STATISTICS, 2017*

- Female graduates from tertiary education: Insufficient data
- Female students enrolled in engineering, construction and manufacturing tertiary education programs: Insufficient data
- Female teachers in primary education (2003) (UNESCO Institute of Statistics, 2015): 80%
- Female teachers in secondary education: Insufficient data
- Female teachers in tertiary education: Insufficient data

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Economic Activity

- Males over 15 who are active in the labour force (2005) (UN Data, 2017): 69.6%
- Females over 15 who are active in the labour force (2005) (UN Data, 2017): 47.9%
- Proportion of adults (15 years and older) with an account at a bank or other financial institution, or with a money mobile service provider (2011) (UN Statistics, 2017): Insufficient data

Decision-Making

- Proportion of seats held by women in National Parliament (2016) (World Bank, 2017): 7

Human Rights

- Girls married before 15 (UNICEF, 2016): Insufficient data
- Females married between 15 and 19 (World Economic Forum, 2013): 10%
- Women subjected to physical/sexual violence by an intimate partner during their lifetime (UN Women, 2016): 37%
- Women subjected to physical/sexual violence by an intimate partner or a non-partner during the last 12 months (UN Women, 2016): 25%

Gender and Development Trends in Tuvalu

Health

According to a 2011 report by UNFPA, in the 2003-07 period, the average fertility rate in Tuvalu was 4.2 in the urbanized island of Funafuti and 3.7 in the outer islands. The report noted that “a relatively low contraceptive prevalence rate (22.4% for currently married women using modern methods) contributes to the high and stable total fertility rate. Teenage fertility is particularly high in the outer islands and [is approximately] double the national rate (p. 1).

There is 100% antenatal care and skilled delivery coverage in Tuvalu; 100% of the women in Tuvalu are also screened for HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS, 2015)

Education

According to UNESCO’s 2015 *Education for All* report, 60% of adults in Tuvalu have completed a secondary education or higher; numbers did not vary between males and females. The report summarises the situation by noting “gender as a limiting factor in access to education is non-existent in Tuvalu” (UNESCO, 2015, p. 26).

Economy

It is difficult to find recent statistics relating to female employment in Tuvalu. Between 2004-2005 the number of women that obtained a credit from the Development Bank of Tuvalu increased from 16 to 30%. This was a bigger leap in comparison to the results for men, which increased from 31 to 41%. However, the total loan approval rate was still lower

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for women at 37% compared to men at 63%, and the total loan value for men accounted for 74% of the total credit given.

A 2007 survey found that more than half of all women (52%) make decisions jointly with their husbands on how their earnings should be spent. Overall three in ten women (33%) decide by themselves how their earnings should be spent with 13% reporting that the decision is mainly made by husband or partner (Pacific Islands Forum, n.d., p. 5).

Governance

There is one woman included in a 15-member parliament in Tuvalu. (U.S. Department of State, 2016). Women in Tuvalu are generally not present when men are assembled for local government meetings as women have their own separate meetings (Pacific Islands Forum, n.d.)

Human Rights

According to a 2010 United Nations Development Fund for Women and Girls report, more than a third of Tuvalu women (37%) reported having ever experienced physical violence, with 25% experiencing physical violence in the previous 12 months. Women aged 25-39 were most likely to report experiencing physical violence in the last year (35%) (p. 9).

A report prepared for the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (n.d.) noted that a “culture of silence associated with domestic violence is evident in the number of cases recorded by the Office of the People’s Lawyer, with only five domestic violence cases recorded in 2011 and only eight new domestic violence cases by August 2012” (p. 4)

Tuvalu SDG Progress Profile

- Tuvalu was not included in the 2016 SDG Index and Dashboards due to insufficient data. According to a 2016 report (Bertelsmann Stiftung, 2016), the data from Tuvalu was missing 56% of the values needed to be ranked, and therefore was not included in any indicator data (Annex 2, p. 39).

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