

### Solomon Islands

#### General

	MALES	FEMALES	YEAR
Total population under 15	114,871	108,229	2017
Total population over 15	209,410	202,517	2017

*\* ALL DATA FROM CIA, 2017*

#### Health

Maternal mortality rate per 100,000 live birth	114	2015	CIA, 2017 est.
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births	15.2	2016	CIA, 2017 est.
Under-five mortality rate for males per 1,000 live births	30.7	2012	UN Statistics, 2015
Under-five mortality rate for females per 1,000 live births	25.5	2012	UN Statistics, 2015
Births attended by a skilled health professional	86	2014	WHO, 2016
Prevalence of HIV among adults aged 15–49	No Data	2015	WHO, 2017
Life expectancy for men	72.7	2016	CIA, 2017 est.
Life expectancy for women	78.1	2016	CIA, 2017 est.

#### Education

	MALES	FEMALES	YEAR
Youth literacy rate, ages 15-24	90%	80%	2015
Adult literacy rate, ages 15+	83.7%	69%	2015
Net enrolment rate in primary education	70.45%	70.66%	2015
Gross enrolment ratio in secondary education	49.77%	47.01%	2012
Gross enrolment ratio in tertiary education	No Data	No Data	2012

*\* 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 (2012) (UNESCO Institute of Statistics, 2015): 46.7%
- Female teachers in secondary education (2012) (UNESCO Institute of Statistics, 2015): 30.5%
- Female teachers in tertiary education: Insufficient data

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### Economic Activity

- Males over 15 who are active in the labour force (2016) (World Bank, 2017): 73.6%
- Females over 15 who are active in the labour force (2016) (World Bank, 2017): 61.2%
- 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): N/A

### Decision-Making

- Proportion of seats held by women in National Parliament (2016) (World Bank, 2017): 2

### Human Rights

- Girls married before 15 (UNICEF, 2016): 3%
- Females married between 15 and 19 (World Economic Forum, 2013): 22%
- Women subjected to physical/sexual violence by an intimate partner during their lifetime (UN Women, 2016): 64%
- Women subjected to physical/sexual violence by an intimate partner or a non-partner during the last 12 months (UN Women, 2016): 42%

## Gender and Development Trends in Solomon Islands

### Health

In the Solomon Islands, the use of modern family planning has remained modest and the total fertility rate still high at 4.7 children per woman (UNFPA, 2016). Adolescent Fertility (per 1,000 women aged 15-19) was 49 (2015), down from 68 in 2014 (World Bank, 2017).

### Education

In 2011, the Solomon Islands had an overall net primary school enrolment rate of 62%, lower than the low-income country average of 75%, with a ratio of female to male enrolment of 96%, higher than the low-income country average of 91% (UNESCO, 2010).

Approximately 18% of boys of primary school age are out of school compared to 21% of girls of the same age (Education Policy Data Centre, 2014).

According to a 2014 UNICEF report, 65–80% of students who attend secondary school fail their exams or drop out due to the unaffordability of school fees; the gender gap also widens at higher grades, with more boys than girls continuing in education

### Economy

Approximately 60% of women living in the Solomon Islands are employed, compared to 72%

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of men. Of those in the workforce, 76% are in subsistence work (UN Women Asia and the Pacific, 2015).

### **Governance**

No laws in the Solomon Islands limit participation of women and minorities in the political process. However, traditional norms dictate that women do not take on public or government roles. There was only one woman in the 50-member parliament and two female permanent secretaries. There were no female judges on the High Court (U.S. Department of State, 2016).

### **Human Rights**

According to a 2013 WHO Report, 73% of men and 73% of women in Solomon Islands believe violence against women is justifiable. 64% of women aged 15–49 who had ever been in a relationship reported having experienced some form of violence (emotional, physical and/or sexual) from an intimate partner, and 56% had experienced controlling behaviour (WHO, 2013).

## **Solomon Islands SDG Progress Profile**

- Solomon Islands 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 Solomon Islands was missing 32% of the values needed to be ranked, and therefore was not included in any indicator data (Annex 2, p. 39).

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