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General

	MALES	FEMALES	YEAR
Total population under 15	8,239	7,871	2017
Total population over 15	29,001	28,646	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	10.9	2016 est.	CIA, 2017
Under-five mortality rate for males per 1,000 live births	22.8	2012	UN Statistics, 2015
Under-five mortality rate for females per 1,000 live births	19.6	2012	UN Statistics, 2015
Births attended by a skilled health professional	100	2014	WHO, 2016
Prevalence of HIV among adults aged 15–49	N/A	2015	WHO, 2017
Life expectancy for men	74	2016 est.	CIA, 2017
Life expectancy for women	80.1	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	117.17%	114.81%	2015
Gross enrolment ratio in secondary education	101.18%	99.78%	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 (2012) (UNESCO Institute of Statistics, 2015): Insufficient data
- Female students in engineering, construction and manufacturing tertiary education programs: Insufficient data
- Female teachers in primary education (2012) (UNESCO Institute of Statistics, 2015): 85.9%
- Female teachers in secondary education (2011) (UNESCO Institute of Statistics, 2015): 72.1%
- 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): Insufficient data
- Females over 15 who are active in the labour force (2016) (World Bank, 2017): Insufficient data
- 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): 22

Human Rights

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

Gender and Development Trends in Dominica

Health

Rates of Zika virus in Dominica have been on the rise in 2017; at one point during 2016, an average of 3 suspected cases per week was reported (Pan-American Health Organisation, 2017). As of July 2017, ten confirmed and three suspected cases of Zika virus disease in pregnant women have been reported by Dominica (Pan-American Health Organisation, p. 2).

Education

In Dominica, students are more likely to repeat grade 1 in primary education. The repetition rate in grade 1 is 8.6% (for both males and females), which is 4.4 points higher than the average repetition rate across primary grades of 4.2% (Education Policy Data Centre, 2014).

Economy

Women's position in the ownership of private sector is 41%, and at top management is 23.6% (see Figures 14 and 15). Women make up 32.1% of full-time workers, and most concentrated in wholesale and retail trade (Caribbean Development Bank, 2014).

Dominica's GDP remained level in the early 2000s, which had a negative impact on the following decade. A subsequent negative impact is noted on efforts to empower women

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economically and encourage their participation in the labour force. (Commonwealth of Dominica, 2014).

Governance

Women are under-represented at top political levels, and as of 2014, made up 13.3% of the Members of Parliament, in comparison to 87% men (Commonwealth of Dominica, 2014, p. 41).

Human Rights

Women and girls are more likely to be subjected to violence than men or boys; the law in Dominica criminalizes rape but not spousal rape. Although the maximum sentence for sexual molestation (rape or incest) is 25 years' imprisonment, the normal sentence was five to seven years (U.S. Department of State, 2016).

Dominica SDG Progress Profile

- Dominica 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 Dominica was missing 45% of the values needed to be ranked, and therefore was not included in any indicator data (Annex 2, p. 39).

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