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General

	MALES	FEMALES	YEAR
Total population under 15	18,656	18,061	2017
Total population over 15	34,780	35,016	2017

** ALL DATA FROM CIA, 2017*

Health

Maternal mortality rate per 100,000 live birth	124	2015 est.	CIA, 2017
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births	11.6	2016 est.	CIA, 2017
Under-five mortality rate for males per 1,000 live births	15.0	2012	UN Statistics, 2015
Under-five mortality rate for females per 1,000 live births	18.4	2012	UN Statistics, 2015
Births attended by a skilled health professional	96	2014	WHO, 2016
Prevalence of HIV among adults aged 15–49	No Data	2015	WHO, 2017
Life expectancy for men	74.7	2016 est.	CIA, 2017
Life expectancy for women	77.8	2016 est.	CIA, 2017

Education

	MALES	FEMALES	YEAR
Youth literacy rate, ages 15-24	99.35%	99.54%	2015
Adult literacy rate, ages 15+	99.35%	99.45%	2015
Gross enrolment rate in primary education	108.63%	107.47%	2014
Gross enrolment ratio in secondary education	86.35%	94.22%	2014
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): 95.5%
- Female teachers in secondary education (2011) (UNESCO Institute of Statistics, 2015): 54.5%
- Female teachers in tertiary education (UNESCO Institute of Statistics, 2000): 23.3%

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Economic Activity

- Males over 15 who are active in the labour force (2016) (World Bank, 2017): 74.3%
- Females over 15 who are active in the labour force (2016) (World Bank, 2017): 52.9%
- 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): 0

Human Rights

- Girls married before 15 (UNICEF, 2016): Insufficient data
- Females married between 15 and 19 (World Economic Forum, 2013): 6%
- Women subjected to physical/sexual violence by an intimate partner during their lifetime (UN Women, 2016): 40%
- Women subjected to physical/sexual violence by an intimate partner or a non-partner during the last 12 months (UN Women, 2016): 19%

Gender and Development Trends in Tonga

Health

Obesity, and particularly obesity amongst women, has been a recognised problem in Tonga for several years. In 2008, it was estimated that 57.6% of the population were obese, with women making up 68.5% of this subgroup (UNDP, 2013).

2014 data indicates that these figures had shifted, albeit not significantly: 41% of adult men and 54% of adult women were found to be obese (World Health Organisation, 2015). Obesity is believed to impact women's overall mortality, as well as fertility rates in the country (Government of Tonga, 2006).

Education

Tongan women and girls tend to have a strong performance in educational attainment. In 2011, secondary enrolment for girls was 67.4%. Marginally more girls than boys were enrolled at secondary level: the ratio of enrolment was 1.08 in 2011 (Pacific Islands Forum, n.d., p. 6).

Economy

The share of women in wage employment in the non-agricultural sector (industries and services) as a percentage of the total number of working age population in wage

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employment', has increased over the last 25 years: in 1986, this share was 33.74 and in 2011, the share had increased to 38.0 (Government of Tonga, 2015).

Governance

Although there are no formal barriers to women's participation in political life in Tonga, a variety of institutional and cultural factors have kept women's representation to a minimum. Nine seats in Parliament are reserved exclusively for men. However, one woman was elected to parliament in a 2016 by-election (U.S. Department of State, 2016).

Human Rights

Women in Tonga are not entitled to own land; this forms a major barrier in accessing financial opportunities, particularly bank loans (Government of Tonga, 2015).

A 2012 study indicates that 68% of Tongan women and girls are affected by physical violence perpetrated by mainly their fathers or teachers (Australian Agency for International Development, 2012, p. xv).

Tonga SDG Progress Profile

- Tonga 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 Tonga was missing 37% of the values needed to be ranked, and therefore was not included in any indicator data (Annex 2, p. 39).

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