

Women and Men in Albania, 2021

Tiranë, 6 July 2022: "Women and Men" is an annual publication that presents data divided by gender in various areas of life such as population, health, education, the labor market, decision-making, etc. necessary for our society. The publication also reflects the main changes over the years in the legislation in the field of gender equality. This publication does not contain analysis of indicators or phenomena, but reflects the current situation according to measurement indicators.

The first publication dates back to 1998. Each publication has been accompanied by new information and indicators.

This year, several indicators related to social protection have been included, such as: registered unemployed jobseekers receiving unemployment benefits, economic assistance, and social centers for the elderly. In addition, some indicators of education according to study programs have been added. The publication concludes with the Gender Inequality Index and the Minimum Set of Gender Indicators.

The main findings of the publication are:

Population:

- The adolescent fertility rate has decreased compared to a year ago. In 2021, 12.1 births were registered for every 1,000 girls in the 15-19 age group from 13.3 births in 2020.
- The marriage rate of women over the years shows a decrease in marriages up to the age of 24 and an increase in the average age at marriage of girls. Compared to 5 years ago, women marry relatively approx 0.7 years older.

Health:

- The abortion rate has improved compared to recent years. For the year 2021, 164 abortions are recorded for every 1,000 births.
- For single ages 15 to 19, for every 1,000 births the abortion rate is highest at age 18, 140 abortions per 1,000 live births.

Crimes and criminal justice:

- Of the 61 murders registered in 2021, 26.2 % of them came as a result of murders due to family relationships. 62.5 % of victims of murders due to family relationships are women.

- Women incarcerated for Murder and Fraud make up the highest percentage of incarcerated women, 22.2% and 20.6 %, respectively.
- Women prisoners make up 1.3 % of all prisoners in 2021, most of them have 9 years of education and belong to the age group of 30-39 years.

Social indicators from Household Surveys:

- Elderly beneficiaries in social centers for 2021 are 55.4% men and 44.6% women.
- Women, during 2021, made more online purchases for clothing/sports equipment compared to men (59.1% for women and 40.9% for men).

Women in decision-making:

- In the structure of the police, the number of female employees increases as the level of ranks decreases. For the rank of Inspector, the percentage of women is higher (43.5%).
- In 2021, the participation rate of women in parliament is 35.7%. The significant improvement of the participation of women members in the Parliament of Albania became possible after the inclusion of the 30 % quota in the changes to the electoral code, in 2008. The increasing trend is also observed in the 2013 parliamentary elections, where it reached 18.0 % .
- The number of businesses with women owners or administrators is greater in Trade and other Services, for 2021, respectively 34.3 % and 40.1 % .

Fig. 1 Women owners / administrators by economic activity (%)



Gender inequality index (GII):

- The Gender Inequality Index (GII) in 2021 is 0.09 from 0.06 in 2020. Over the years, all the indicators used in the GDI calculation have had slight improvements, except for maternal mortality, which, with its fluctuations over the years, has also played the main role in the fluctuation of this indicator.