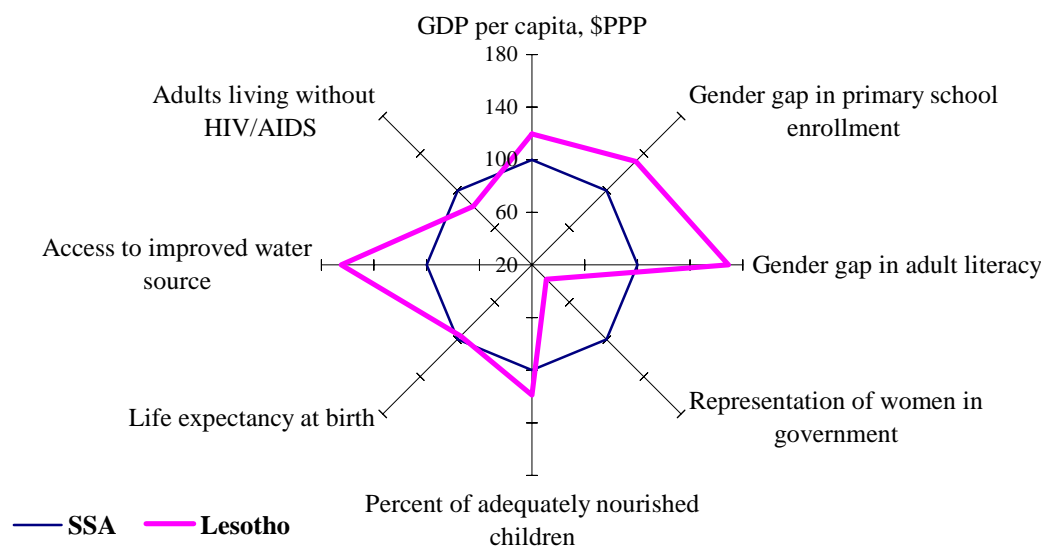


Lesotho

Summary Gender Profile



Note: This figure indicates that Lesotho has a higher than average economic development. Access to water and the nutrition status of children are also above the SSA average, while life expectancy and the percentage of people living without AIDS/HIV are below the SSA average. The gender disaggregated data for education and literacy show a gender gap that is smaller than the SSA averages, while the representation of women in parliament is clearly lacking behind the SSA average.

Technical notes: this spider web is constructed to show where the country is in relation to the Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) average in the aspects of economic development, health and education. The SSA average was normalized to 100. The indicators were constructed in a way that a higher magnitude of an indicator indicates a higher level of development. To achieve this consistency, we inverted the percent of malnourished children and the HIV/AIDS prevalence to percent of children being adequately nourished and adult living without HIV/AIDS, respectively. If a country line is inside the SSA line, the country's development level is below the SSA average, and vice versa.

Definition of indicators:

- GDP per capita, \$PPP = GDP per capita converted to international dollars using purchasing power parity rates;
- Primary school enrollment gap = the ratio of female to male gross primary school enrollment rate;
- Literacy gap = the ratio of female to male literacy rate for people aged 15+;
- Life expectancy = life expectancy at birth in years;
- Representation of women in parliament = percent of women in parliament;
- Adult living without HIV/AIDS = percent of adults living without HIV/AIDS;
- Access to improved water source = percentage of the total population with reasonable access to an adequate amount of water from an improved source;
- Percent of adequately nourished children = 100 minus the percent of under-five children suffering from moderate & severe underweight, below minus two standard deviations from median weight for age of reference population.

Sources: Africa Country Gender Database (ACGD)

Indicator	Data (early period)				Data (most recent period)				Source ¹
	Female	year	Male	year	Female	year	Male	year	
HUMAN ASSETS: CAPABILITY									
Health									
Life Expectancy at Birth	51	1970	47	1970	45	1999	44	1999	1
Crude Birth Rate (per 1,000 people)	43 (1970)				34 (1999)				1
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000 live births)	134 (1970)				92 (1999)				1
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000 live births) richest quintile	NA								2
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000 live births) poorest quintile	NA								2
Under 5 mortality rate (%)	190 (1970)				141 (1999)				1
Total Fertility Rate (births per woman)	6	1970			5	1999			1
Total Fertility Rate (births per woman) richest quintile	NA								2
Total Fertility Rate (births per woman) poorest quintile	NA								2
Adolescent Fertility Rate (births per 1,000 women aged 15-19)	86	1997			81	1999			1
Maternal Mortality Ratio (per 100,000 live births)					530	1995			2
Risk of unintended pregnancy (% of married women aged 15-19)					NA				2
Contraceptive Prevalence (% women aged 15-49)	5	1977			23	1991			1
Births Attended by Skilled Health Staff (% of Total)	28	1983			50	1992			1
Education									
Adult Illiteracy Rate (15+)	24	1970	50	1970	6	2000	28	2000	1
Young adult illiteracy rate (15-25 years old)	9	1970	38	1970	2	2000	18	2000	1
Net Primary Enrollment Rate Rural (% of age group)	NA							1992	3
Net Primary Enrollment Rate Urban (% of age group)	NA							1992	3
Net Primary Enrollment Rate (% of age group)	79	1970	53	1970	76	1996	64	1996	1
Gross primary enrollment rate (% of age group)	102	1970	72	1970	114	1996	102	1996	1
Gross secondary enrollment rate (% of age group)	7	1970	7	1970	37	1996	25	1996	1
Share of Secondary Enrollments net (%)	6	1970	4	1970	24	1996	13	1996	1
Share of Tertiary Enrollments gross (%)	0	1970	1	1970	3	1996	2	1996	1
Progression to Grade 5 (% of cohort)	63	1975	40	1975	71	1995	95	1995	1
HIV/AIDS									
Adult HIV Prevalence (% of age group 15-49)					24 (1999)				4
Females % of infected adults population					54	1999			4
HIV Prevalence Rate in Young People (15-24)					26	1999	12	1999	4
Adults (15-49) Living with HIV/AIDS					240,000 (1999)				4
Percent infected in age group 15-19					NA				4
Percent infected in age group 20-29					NA				4
Percent infected in age group 30-39					NA				4
Total Number of People Currently Infected					240,000 (1999)				4
AIDS Orphans (Cumulative)					35,000 (1999)				4
Women Attending Antenatal Clinics in major urban areas (% infected)					31	1994			4
Women Attending Antenatal Clinics outside major urban areas (% infected)					27	1994			4

Indicator	Data (early period)				Data (most recent period)				Source ¹
	Female	year	Male	year	Female	year	Male	year	
HUMAN ASSETS: CAPABILITY									
Female Sex Workers / Male STD patients in major urban areas (% infected)					NA		31	1994	4
ECONOMIC ASSETS: OPPORTUNITY									
Labor Force Participation									
Adult economic activity rate					47	1998	NA		5
Agricultural Labor Force % of total female/male labor force	64	1980	26	1980	59	1990	29	1990	9
Industry Labor Force % of total female/male labor force	5	1980	52	1980	5	1990	41	1990	9
Services Labor Force % of total female/male labor force	31	1980	22	1980	36	1990	30	1990	9
Gender Intensity of Production									
Agriculture labor force (% female-male)	NA								6
Industry labor force (% female-male)	NA								6
Services labor force (% female-male)	NA								6
Informal Sector employment (% female-male)	NA								6
Contribution to GDP (%)									
PHYSICAL ASSETS: SECURITY									
Access to improved drinking water source (%)		18 (1982)				91 (2000)			1
Access to improved drinking water source (%) Rural		14 (1982)				88 (2000)			1
Access to improved drinking water source (%) Urban		37 (1982)				98 (2000)			1
Access to improved sanitation (%)		12 (1982)				92 (2000)			1
Access to improved sanitation (%) Rural		11 (1982)				92 (2000)			1
Access to improved sanitation (%) Urban		22 (1982)				93 (2000)			1
Traditional energy use (%)		NA							1
Total Time Allocation (hours/week)	NA								-
Time Allocated to Water/Energy Provision (hrs/day)	NA								-
Transport Tasks (hours/week)	NA								-
Share of earned income (% of total)	NA								-
Land Ownership (%)	NA								-
Access to Financial Services (%)	NA								-
SOCIAL ASSETS: EMPOWERMENT									
Representation in Parliament, 1999 (%)					4	1998			7
Representation in Cabinet, 1999 (%)					27	1998			7
Representation at Ministerial Level	0	1994			0	1998			2
Country Policy on Gender Equality ²					1	2000			8
Household Headship (%)					NA				3
Household Headship, Rural (%)					NA				3
Household Headship, Urban (%)					NA				3

¹ Sources: 1 GDF/WDI, 2 WDI 2001, 3 Human Welfare Indicators, 4 UNAIDS, 5 ILO/UNSD, 6 Standardized Data Files, 7 IPU, 8 UNDP-HDR, 9 genderstats

² Convention on the Elimination of all forms of discrimination against women (1979): 1=ratified, 2=signed 3=not signed