

Iranian Women

and Civil, Social and Economic Participation





1 Iranian Women in Science and Education



- ✚ **56% of university students nationwide are women**
- ✚ **Increasing the proportion of female faculty members to more than 35%**
- ✚ **Women making up 40% of the faculty members in medical sciences**
- ✚ **60 % of teachers nationwide are women**
- ✚ **Increase in women's access to education in 784 technical and engineering fields**
- ✚ **Women making up 24% of the inventors nationwide**



- ✚ Eradication of illiteracy among people aged 10 to 49 with a rate of 97%
- ✚ Reducing the literacy gap between men and women to less than 6.1%
- ✚ Reducing the literacy gap between urban and rural areas to 11%
- ✚ Eradication of gender gap in education at both primary and intermediate levels nationwide



- ✚ **Girls' enrollment growing by 115% at primary level**
- ✚ **Girls' enrollment growth rate at the high school level by 84%**
- ✚ **48% increase in girls' students compared to boys**



Number of students and teachers by gender in 2019

		primary	termediate	igh school	Total
Students	boys	4340356	1830836	1406007	7577199
	girls	4103172	1709539	1359159	7171870
	total	8443528	3540375	2765166	14749069
Teachers	women	1533544	67194	81521	302259
	men	68774	60401	69148	198323
	total	222318	127595	150669	500582
Women principals		18863			

(Source: Report of the Ministry of Education, November 2022)

Rate of students' enrollment during 2017-2018 until 2019-2020

Education index years	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
Rate of enrollment for girls' primary education	97.80	98.14	98.21	98.22
Total rate of enrollment for primary level	97.83	98.13	98.18	98.16

(Source: Report of the Ministry of Education, November 2021)

Ratio by gender

	Iranian inventors	inventors' worldwide
Men	76%	86%
Women	24%	14%

2 Iranian women in the field of health, hygiene, and treatment

- ✚ **There are 60 midwives and 2.8 gynecologists for every 100,000 women nationwide**
- ✚ **95% of all birth deliveries are taken place by women gynecologists**
- ✚ **Life expectancy has increased to 78 years of age**
- ✚ **Women engage 98% of gynecologists nationwide**



- ✚ **Women engage in 40 % of medical specialists and 30% of GPs**
- ✚ **Women occupy half of the medical staff**
- ✚ **Iran holds the 10th ranking in having the least rate of cervical cancer in the world**



- ✚ **Decrease in the maternal mortality rate to 16 per 100,000 live births**
- ✚ **Decrease in the neonatal mortality rates to 8.2 per 100,000 live births**

- ✚ **Decrease in the mortality rate of children below the age of 5 to 14.2% per 100,000 live births**



- ✚ **Full vaccination for 95% of children**
- ✚ **Around 90% of children up to first year, 80% to 1.5, and 40% to 2 years of age enjoy breastfeeding**
- ✚ **The implementation of health coverage for all rural nationwide**

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Iranian women and civil and social participation



- ✚ Number of NGOs concerning women: 2733 (social- cultural areas: 63%, technical: 30%, charity work: 41%)
- ✚ Number of women cooperatives and the percentage of women members: 2000



- ✚ Number of charities for school development headed by women nationwide: 6000
- ✚ Construction of 1330 charity schools by women
- ✚ Construction of sports clubs in the deprived areas by women: 100

4 Iranian women and economic participation



- ✚ 345 out of 1424 laboratories of the national lab networking are directed by women (24%)
- ✚ 904 women are managing directors of knowledge-based companies
- ✚ 303 companies are chaired by women
- ✚ 250 knowledge-based companies are established by women



- ✚ 2390 women are members of the board of directors for knowledge-based companies
- ✚ 70 accelerator companies in various areas are chaired by women
- ✚ The number of women employers equals 32783
- ✚ Number of women cooperatives nationwide equals 5776



- ✚ The rate of unemployment declined to 16%
- ✚ Women's employment share in the private sector equals 74.5% in 2022
- ✚ Women's employment share in the public sector equals 25.5% in 2022
- ✚ Women's employment share in the service sector equals 57.5% in 2022
- ✚ Women's employment share in the industrial sector equals 25.5% in 2022



- ✚ **Women's employment share in the agricultural sector in 2022 equals 17.2%**
- ✚ **Implementation of a national plan for family-oriented sustainable businesses to join job-seekers to job-owners and markets**
- ✚ **Allocating land to women's machinery and increase in women's access to natural resources through women's cooperatives equaling 2000**



- ✚ Sustainable business development through systematic microscale businesses for rural and nomad women based on the LNSIE model and creating 4200 rural micro-scale funds
- ✚ Membership of over 60000 rural and nomad women in 2000 rural and nomad cooperatives
- ✚ Training of over 300000 rural and nomad women annually with the implementation of entrepreneurship promotion plans and sustainable business development



- ✚ Social service insurance coverage for skilled rural and nomad girls and women
- ✚ Social service insurance coverage for housewives
- ✚ Social service insurance coverage for rural women-headed households with three children

- ✚ **Allocating 1% of the budgets of the executive organizations in 2022 to women's affairs in addition to the allocation of budget to the Vice Presidency for women and family affairs**



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Iranian women in political, power, and decision-making areas



- ✚ Requirement of allocation of Deputy of Director General positions to women advisors of the governmental organizations
- ✚ Women making up 49% of voters in the presidential elections
- ✚ Women making up 49% of nominees in the 6th round of the elections for the Islamic Council in rural and urban areas

- ✚ **Increase of women nominees by 2% in the 6th round of elections of the councils**



- ✚ **Women's active participation in political parties and groups (more than 5 thousand women)**
- ✚ **1121 women working as judges**
- ✚ **Women making up 30 % of executive directors nationwide**



- ✚ **Women's designation in high decision-making councils**
- ✚ **Women participation required in administrative councils of Executive Bodies**
- ✚ **Extensive participation of women in City and Village Councils**



Women in power and decision-making areas

Name	position	Note
Vice Presidency	The Executive	The head of the Vice Presidency for women and Family Affairs is a member of the government cabinet
Commission on women and family affairs	Judiciary	There is also an independent fraction for Women at the Islamic Consultative Assembly
Women Socio-Cultural Council	Islamic Revolution Supreme Council (Under the supervision of the Supreme Leader)	The head of the council is elected through elections with representatives from every strategic body
Offices of women's affairs designated in the ministries chaired by	The Executive	These offices are established in every Ministry

Name	position	Note
director generals or Vice Ministers		
General offices of women's affairs located in the provincial HQ	Executive	These offices are under the supervision of the Ministry of the Interior's Women's Affairs Offices
Women and Youth Committee	The Expediency Council	This committee deals with women and youth's affairs
Women Research offices	Ministry of Science, Research, and Technology	Located in universities and research centers deal with women's issues and training experts at various legislative and executive levels
Offices for women's employment	Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs	Services such as job-seeking counseling, entrepreneurship and legal matters are offered
General office of women's Social	Judiciary	Various issues such as social work, legal counseling, and

Name	position	Note
Affairs of the Judiciary		women's issues are taken care of in these offices with over 30 offices in all the provinces
General office of Women and Human Rights (MFA)	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	This office deals with human rights issues in Iran and international relations In cooperation with policymaking and research centers and NGOs
Offices of Women Affairs and advisors in municipalities nationwide	Municipalities	These offices are active with the aim of cultural promotion and improvement of women's status across the country. There are also cultural centers exclusively for women and girls

6 Iranian women and sports



- ✚ **Women athletes have won more than 3900 medals in various international events**
- ✚ **Women won more than 900 world medals since the beginning of the 13th government**
- ✚ **37.1% increase of female athletes in the world championships in 2023**
- ✚ **149.1% increase of female athletes' medals in Asian competitions in 2023**
- ✚ **203% increase in medal winning of female athletes in international competitions in 2023**



✚ 934589 women are engaged in professional sports activities

✚ 150384 women are engaged as sports trainers



✚ 96998 women work as referees

✚ 8965 women work as trainers in women's gym clubs



- ✚ 16111 women are working in women's gym clubs
- ✚ 51 women are active as chairs and vice-chairs of the Sports Federations



- ✚ 70 women are working as chairs of the board of directors at the provincial levels
- ✚ 103 seats are taken by women in international sports federations

7 Iranian women in arts and media



- ✚ Over 23543 women are writers and 1051 are publishers
- ✚ 435 women across the country run printshops and publication offices (153 women work in Tehran as the highest number)



- ✚ **181479 women are authors with work permit to printing books**
- ✚ **2336 women are engaged as media editors**
- ✚ **903 women are active as filmmakers**
- ✚ **2000 women are working in professional backstage of cinema activities**
- ✚ **Over 1708 women have received work permit as media editors during the past 5 years**



- ✚ **Women's active participation in IT has increased by 31.5%**
- ✚ **Women filmmakers have won 114 national awards and 128 international awards**
- ✚ **Women filmmakers participation in 45 international festivals as members of high juries**

✚ Women’s share in access to technology, information, and communication

- **26 million women have access to mobile phones (45% of total mobile users)**
- **14.5 million women have access to computers (48% of total computer users)**
- **18.7 million women have access to the Internet (48% of total internet users)**

Index for issuing work permit and advertisement related activities

no	Year	Number	Number of women directors	% of women directors
1	2012	800	316	39.5%
2	2013	842	340	40.38%
3	2014	889	364	40.95%
4	2015	968	404	41.73%
5	2015	846	339	40.07%
6	2017	1104	407	36.86%
7	2018	720	260	36.11%
8	2020	749	359	46.72%
9	2021	809	330	40.79%
10	2022	450	164	36.5%

(Source: Ministry of Culture and Islamic Guidance)

+ Work permits issued for digital-cultural units run by women: (real and legal entities)

- Number of permits extended (real entities: 122)
- Number of permits extended (legal entities: 129)

Registering online media including webs, private pages, channels, and weblogs

Years	2018	2019	2020
Number of online media (women owners)	1342	940	1462

(Source: Ministry of Culture and Islamic Guidance)

Number of women in cinema management and other movie institutes

Cinema managers	13
Technical service managers (filming, audio, and visual equipment rental)	3
Cinematography production	8
Institute for display and distribution	2
Foreign movie display	2
Documentary institutes	48
Cinema training institutes	72
Total	148

(Source: Ministry of Culture and Islamic Guidance)



Number of women participating in some cultural activities in 2021

Topic	No
Women authors	23543
Women publishers	1051
Women directors of advertisement companies	5457
Women filmmakers	903
Women winners of national art festivals	114
Women winners of national and international art festivals	128
Women filmmakers and actresses as members of the board of Jury	45

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The role of Iranian women in Environment



- ✚ Holding the position of president of the National Environment Organization for 16 years
- ✚ Allocation of 1/4th of macro-scale management positions in the areas of environment to women
- ✚ Holding the position of Vice Presidents in the National Environment Organization by 40 %



- ✚ Implementation of the national plan for “promoting and developing standard production and consumption of products” for rural and nomad women
- ✚ Providing 20166 shelters for temporary housing of women in earthquake-stricken areas in 2021
- ✚ Providing 21014 shelters for temporary housing of women in flood-stricken areas in 202
- ✚ Providing monthly allowance for over 299120 women affected by climate change crises in 2021

- ✚ Providing basic needs (water, food, clothing, blankets, etc.) for over 20912 women in the earthquake-stricken areas in 2021
- ✚ Providing basic needs (water, food, clothing, blankets, etc.) for over 117072 women in flood-stricken areas in 2021
- ✚ Offering over 229,778,139,530 Rials in the form of cash allowance to women affected by crises in 2021



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