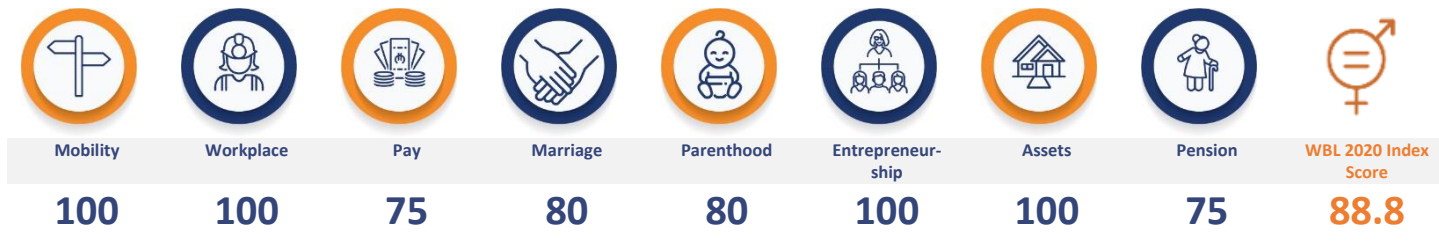


El Salvador

Women, Business and the Law 2020 presents an index covering 190 economies and structured around the life cycle of a working woman. In total, 35 questions are scored across the eight indicators. Overall scores are then calculated by taking the average of each indicator, with 100 representing the highest possible score. Data refer to the laws and regulations that are applicable to the main business city (San Salvador). Different rules may apply in other jurisdictions so local legislation should be reviewed. Based on this approach, **El Salvador scores 88.8 out of 100**. The overall score for El Salvador is higher than the regional average observed across Latin America & Caribbean (79.2).

El Salvador - Scores for Women, Business and the Law 2020



Relative Strengths

When it comes to constraints on freedom of movement, laws affecting women's decisions to work, constraints on women's starting and running a business, and gender differences in property and inheritance, El Salvador gets a perfect score.

Areas for Improvement

However, when it comes to laws affecting women's pay, constraints related to marriage, laws affecting women's work after having children, and laws affecting the size of a women's pension, El Salvador could consider reforms to improve legal equality for women.

For example, one of the lowest scores for El Salvador is on the indicator related to laws affecting women's pay (the WBL2020 Pay Indicator). To improve on the Pay Indicator, El Salvador may wish to consider mandating equal remuneration for work of equal value.

Recent Reforms (2018-2019)

No reforms impacting the WBL2020 indicators have been observed during the past two years.



	QUESTION	ANSWER	LEGAL BASIS
Mobility	Can a woman choose where to live in the same way as a man?	Yes	No restrictions could be located
	Can a woman travel outside her home in the same way as a man?	Yes	No restrictions could be located
	Can a woman apply for a passport in the same way as a man?	Yes	Decreto No.1020 Ley de Expedición y Revalidación de Pasaportes y Autorizaciones de Entrada a la República, Arts. 20, 21 y 24
	Can a woman travel outside the country in the same way as a man?	Yes	No restrictions could be located
Workplace	Can a woman get a job in the same way as a man?	Yes	No restrictions could be located
	Does the law prohibit discrimination in employment based on gender?	Yes	Código del Trabajo, Art. 30(12); Código Penal, Art. 246
	Is there legislation on sexual harassment in employment?	Yes	Código Penal, Art. 165; Ley General de Prevención de Riesgos en Lugares de Trabajo, Art. 7
	Are there criminal penalties or civil remedies for sexual harassment in employment?	Yes	<i>Criminal:</i> Código Penal, Art. 165 <i>Civil:</i> No applicable provisions could be located
Pay	Does the law mandate equal remuneration for work of equal value?	No	No applicable provisions could be located
	Can women work the same night hours as men?	Yes	No restrictions could be located
	Can women work in jobs dangerous in the same way as men?	Yes	Jobs deemed hazardous: No restrictions could be located Jobs deemed arduous: No restrictions could be located Jobs deemed morally inappropriate: No restrictions could be located
	Are women able to work in the same industries as men?	Yes	Mining: No restrictions could be located Construction: No restrictions could be located Factories: No restrictions could be located Agriculture: No restrictions could be located Energy: No restrictions could be located Water: No restrictions could be located Transportation: No restrictions could be located Other: No restrictions could be located
Marriage	Is there no legal provision that requires a married woman to obey her husband?	Yes	No applicable provisions could be located
	Can a woman be head of household in the same way as a man?	Yes	No restrictions could be located
	Is there legislation specifically addressing domestic violence?	Yes	Ley Contra la Violencia Intrafamiliar; Ley Especial Integral para una Vida Libre de Violencia para las Mujeres, Art. 8(k)
	Can a woman obtain a judgment of divorce in the same way as a man?	Yes	No restrictions could be located
	Does a woman have the same rights to remarry as a man?	No	Código de Familia, Arts. 17 , 115(1) and 23(5)
Parenthood	Is paid leave of at least 14 weeks available to mothers?	Yes	Código del Trabajo, Art. 309
	Does the government pay 100% of maternity leave benefits?	Yes	Ley del Seguro Social, Arts. 1 y 12
	Is there paid paternity leave?	Yes	Código del Trabajo, Art. 29(6)(d)
	Is there paid parental leave?	No	No applicable provisions could be located
	Is dismissal of pregnant workers prohibited?	Yes	Código del Trabajo, Art. 113
Entreprene.	Does the law prohibit discrimination in access to credit based on gender?	Yes	Decreto No. 776 Ley de Protección al Consumidor, Arts. 3, 18(e), 19-21
	Can a woman sign a contract in the same way as a man?	Yes	No restrictions could be located
	Can a woman register a business in the same way as a man?	Yes	No restrictions could be located
	Can a woman open a bank account in the same way as man?	Yes	No restrictions could be located
Assets	Do men and women have equal ownership rights to immovable property?	Yes	Código de Familia, Art. 70
	Do sons and daughters have equal rights to inherit assets from their parents?	Yes	Código Civil, Arts. 983 y 988(1)
	Do female and male surviving spouses have equal rights to inherit assets?	Yes	Código Civil, Arts. 983 y 988(1)
	Does the law grant spouses equal administrative authority over assets during marriage?	Yes	Código de Familia, Art. 70
	Does the law provide for the valuation of nonmonetary contributions?	Yes	Código de Familia, Arts. 38 y 42
Pension	Are the ages at which men and women can retire with full pension benefits equal?	No	Women: Ley del Sistema de Ahorro para Pensiones, Art. 147 Men: Ley del Sistema de Ahorro para Pensiones, Art. 147
	Are the ages at which men and women can retire with partial pension benefits equal?	Yes	Women: No applicable provisions could be located Men: No applicable provisions could be located
	Are the mandatory retirement ages for men and women equal?	Yes	Women: No applicable provisions could be located Men: No applicable provisions could be located
	Are periods of absence due to child care accounted for in pension benefits?	Yes	Ley del Sistema de Ahorro para Pensiones, Art. 14