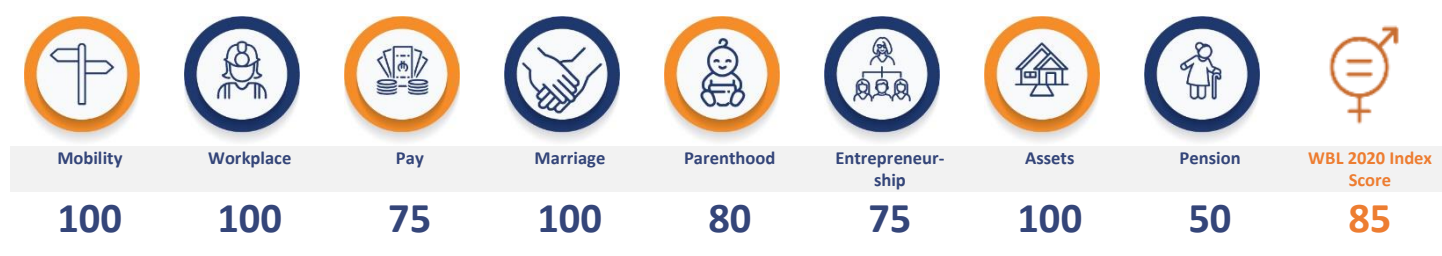


# Venezuela, RB

*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 (Caracas). Different rules may apply in other jurisdictions so local legislation should be reviewed. Based on this approach, **Venezuela, RB scores 85 out of 100**. The overall score for Venezuela, RB is higher than the regional average observed across Latin America & Caribbean (79.2).

## Venezuela, RB - 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 related to marriage, and gender differences in property and inheritance, Venezuela, RB gets a perfect score.

### Areas for Improvement

However, when it comes to laws affecting women's pay, laws affecting women's work after having children, constraints on women's starting and running a business, and laws affecting the size of a women's pension, Venezuela, RB could consider reforms to improve legal equality for women.

For example, one of the lowest scores for Venezuela, RB is on the indicator related to laws affecting the size of a women's pension (the WBL2020 Pension Indicator). To improve on the Pension Indicator, Venezuela, RB may wish to consider equalizing the ages at which men and women can retire with full pension benefits, and accounting for periods of absence from work due to childcare in pension benefits.

### 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	Código Civil, Arts. 140 y 140A
	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. 1412 Ley Orgánica de Identificación, Art. 28; Passport application form
	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	Ley Orgánica del Trabajo, los Trabajadores y las Trabajadoras, Arts. 18(7), 2 y 21; Ley Orgánica sobre el Derecho de las Mujeres a una Vida Libre de Violencia, Arts. 15(11) y 49
	Is there legislation on sexual harassment in employment?	Yes	Ley Orgánica Sobre el Derecho de las Mujeres a una Vida Libre de Violencia, Arts. 15(10) y 48; Ley Orgánica del Trabajo, Art. 165
	Are there criminal penalties or civil remedies for sexual harassment in employment?	Yes	<i>Criminal:</i> Ley Orgánica Sobre el Derecho de las Mujeres a una Vida Libre de Violencia, Arts. 15(10) y 48 <i>Civil:</i> Ley Orgánica Sobre el Derecho de las Mujeres a una Vida Libre de Violencia, Art. 63
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
	Is there no legal provision that requires a married woman to obey her husband?	Yes	Código Civil, Art. 137
Marriage	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 Orgánica sobre el Derecho de las Mujeres a una Vida Libre de Violencia, Art. 15(5)
	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?	Yes	No restrictions could be located
	Is paid leave of at least 14 weeks available to mothers?	Yes	Ley Orgánica del Trabajo, los Trabajadores y las Trabajadoras, Art. 336
Parenthood	Does the government pay 100% of maternity leave benefits?	Yes	Ley del Seguro Social, Art. 11; Reglamento General de La Ley del Seguro Social, Art. 141
	Is there paid paternity leave?	Yes	Ley Orgánica del Trabajo, los Trabajadores y las Trabajadoras, Art. 339
	Is there paid parental leave?	No	No applicable provisions could be located
	Is dismissal of pregnant workers prohibited?	Yes	Ley Orgánica del Trabajo, los Trabajadores y las Trabajadoras, Arts. 335
	Does the law prohibit discrimination in access to credit based on gender?	No	No applicable provisions could be located
Entrepreneurship	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
	Do men and women have equal ownership rights to immovable property?	Yes	Código Civil, Arts. 154, 155 y 168
Assets	Do sons and daughters have equal rights to inherit assets from their parents?	Yes	Código Civil, Art. 822
	Do female and male surviving spouses have equal rights to inherit assets?	Yes	Código Civil, Art. 825
	Does the law grant spouses equal administrative authority over assets during marriage?	Yes	Código Civil, Arts. 154, 155 y 168
	Does the law provide for the valuation of nonmonetary contributions?	Yes	Código Civil, Arts. 148-153
	Are the ages at which men and women can retire with full pension benefits equal?	No	Women: Ley del Seguro Social, Art. 27 Men: Ley del Seguro Social, Art. 27
Pension	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?	No	No applicable provisions could be located