

# Senegal

*Women, Business and the Law 2023* (WBL2023) presents an index covering 190 economies and structured around the life cycle of a working woman. In total, 35 questions are scored across 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 (Dakar). Different rules may apply in other jurisdictions so local legislation should be reviewed. Based on this approach, **Senegal scores 72.5 out of 100**. The overall score for Senegal is lower than the regional average observed across Sub-Saharan Africa (72.6). Within the Sub-Saharan Africa region, the maximum score observed is 95 (Côte d'Ivoire and Gabon).

## Senegal - Scores for Women, Business and the Law 2023



### Relative Strengths

When it comes to laws affecting women's decisions to work, and laws affecting the size of a woman's pension, Senegal gets a perfect score.

### Areas for Improvement

However, when it comes to constraints on freedom of movement, laws affecting women's pay, constraints related to marriage, laws affecting women's work after having children, constraints on women starting and running a business, and gender differences in property and inheritance, Senegal could consider reforms to improve legal equality for women.

For example, one of the lowest scores for Senegal is on the indicator measuring gender differences in property and inheritance (the WBL2023 Assets indicator). To improve on the Assets indicator, Senegal may wish to consider equalizing inheritance rights for sons and daughters, equalizing inheritance rights for male and female surviving spouses, and recognizing the value of nonmonetary contributions.

### Recent Reforms

During the past year (October 2nd, 2021 to October 1st, 2022), Senegal removed restrictions on women's employment in industrial jobs. Senegal prohibited the dismissal of pregnant workers.



Further data details for Senegal are available at:  
<https://wbl.worldbank.org/en/data/exploreconomies/senegal/2023>



	QUESTION	ANSWER	LEGAL BASIS
Mobility	Can a woman choose where to live in the same way as a man?	No	Code de la famille, Art. 153
	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	Procédures de demande de passeport
	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	Code de la famille, Art. 371
	Does the law prohibit discrimination in employment based on gender?	Yes	Code du Travail, Arts. L.29-1 et L.29-2; Convention Collective Nationale Interprofessionnelle du 30 Décembre 2019, Art. 19
	Is there legislation on sexual harassment in employment?	Yes	Code Pénal, Art. 319 bis
	Are there criminal penalties or civil remedies for sexual harassment in employment?	Yes	<i>Criminal:</i> Code Pénal, Art. 319 bis <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 a woman work at night in the same way as a man?	Yes	No restrictions could be located
	Can a woman work in a job deemed dangerous in the same way as a man?	No	Code du Travail, Art. L.146; Arrêté Relatif au Travail des Femmes et des Femmes Enceintes, Arts. 1 et 15
	Can a woman work in an industrial job in the same way as a man?	Yes	No restrictions could be located
Marriage	Is the law free of legal provisions that require a married woman to obey her husband?	Yes	Code de la famille, Art. 151
	Can a woman be head of household in the same way as a man?	No	Code de la famille, Art. 152
	Is there legislation specifically addressing domestic violence?	Yes	Code Pénal, Arts. 297 et 297 bis
	Can a woman obtain a judgment of divorce in the same way as a man?	Yes	Code de la famille, Art. 165
Parenthood	Does a woman have the same rights to remarry as a man?	No	Code de la famille, Art. 112
	Is paid leave of at least 14 weeks available to mothers?	Yes	Code du Travail, Art. 143
	Does the government pay 100% of maternity leave benefits?	Yes	Code de la Sécurité Sociale, Art. 132
	Is paid leave available to fathers?	Yes	Convention Collective Nationale Interprofessionnelle du 30 Décembre 2019, Art. 27
	Is there paid parental leave?	No	No applicable provisions could be located
Entrepreneurship	Is dismissal of pregnant workers prohibited?	Yes	Code du Travail, Arts. L142 bis et 143
	Does the law prohibit discrimination in access to credit based on gender?	No	No applicable provisions could be located
	Can a woman sign a contract in the same way as a man?	Yes	Code de la famille, Art. 371
	Can a woman register a business in the same way as a man?	Yes	No restrictions could be located
Assets	Can a woman open a bank account in the same way as a man?	Yes	Code de la famille, Art. 374
	Do men and women have equal ownership rights to immovable property?	Yes	Code de la famille, Arts. 371 et 380
	Do sons and daughters have equal rights to inherit assets from their parents?	No	Code de la famille, Arts. 572-604
	Do female and male surviving spouses have equal rights to inherit assets?	No	Code de la famille, Arts. 601, 603 et 609
	Does the law grant spouses equal administrative authority over assets during marriage?	Yes	Code de la famille, Arts. 368 and 380
	Does the law provide for the valuation of nonmonetary contributions?	No	No applicable provisions could be located
Pension	Is the age at which men and women can retire with full pension benefits the same?	Yes	Code du Travail, Art. 69; Accord interprofessionnel national sur la retraite à soixante (60) ans dans le secteur privé, Arts. 1 et 3
	Is the age at which men and women can retire with partial pension benefits the same?	Yes	Règlement intérieur No. 1 de l'IPRES relatif au régime général de retraite, Art. 13
	Is the mandatory retirement age for men and women the same?	Yes	Accord interprofessionnel national sur la retraite à soixante (60) ans dans le secteur privé, Art. 5; Code du Travail, Art. 69
	Are periods of absence due to childcare accounted for in pension benefits?	Yes	Règlement Intérieur No. 2, Art. 16(b)