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WBL 2.0 legal frameworks score	WBL 2.0 supportive frameworks score	WBL 2.0 expert opinions score
<b>77.5</b>	<b>45.0</b>	<b>68.8</b>

*Women, Business and the Law 2024* (WBL 2024) identifies barriers for women’s economic empowerment in three areas: women’s legal rights, policy instruments designed to support the implementation of these rights, and how these rights are realized in practice. For that purpose, three new *Women, Business and the Law 2.0* indexes are presented for ten indicators: (1) legal frameworks, (2) supportive frameworks, and (3) expert opinions. For the WBL 2.0 legal frameworks index, 40 questions are scored across the ten indicators for 190 economies. For the WBL 2.0 supportive frameworks index, 30 questions are scored across the ten indicators for 190 economies. Overall economy level legal and supportive frameworks scores are then calculated by taking the average of each indicator, with 100 representing the highest possible score. The WBL 2.0 expert opinions index is created for a total of 164 economies. Expert opinion scores are not available for 26 economies due to an insufficient number of responses received from those economies during data collection. Individual responses at the economy level for 15 expert opinions questions across the ten indicators are scored by taking the median value of all responses per question. The economy level expert opinions index is equal to the simple unweighted average of the ten indicator scores.

For Albania, data refer to the legal frameworks, supportive frameworks, and expert opinions that are applicable to the main business city (Tirana). The scores for Albania are shown in the table below.

## Women, Business and the Law 2024 2.0 indicator scores

										
WBL 2.0	Safety	Mobility	Workplace	Pay	Marriage	Parenthood	Childcare	Entrepreneurship	Assets	Pension
Legal frameworks score	50.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	25.0	50.0	100.0	50.0
Supportive frameworks score	25.0	66.7	33.3	50.0	66.7	33.3	25.0	66.7	33.3	50.0
Expert opinions score	25.0	100.0	75.0	50.0	75.0	87.5	50.0	50.0	75.0	100.0

In summary, the **WBL 2.0 legal frameworks score** for Albania (77.5 out of 100.0) is higher than the global average (64.2) and higher than the Europe & Central Asia regional average (77.0). When it comes to constraints on freedom of movement, laws affecting women's decisions to work, laws affecting women's pay, constraints related to marriage, laws affecting women's work after having children and laws affecting women's property and inheritance, Albania obtains a perfect score (100.0 out of 100.0). As an example, one of the lowest scores for Albania is on the indicator measuring laws affecting childcare. To improve on the Childcare indicator, Albania may wish to consider legally establishing provision of childcare services in center-based settings, putting in place legislation on any form of support to non-state childcare providers and adopting legislation on quality standards for the provision of childcare services in center-based settings.

The **WBL 2.0 supportive frameworks score** for Albania (45.0 out of 100.0) is higher than the global average (39.5) and lower than the Europe & Central Asia regional average (51.3). Albania does not attain a perfect score on any of the WBL 2.0 supportive frameworks indicators. There is room for improvement across all ten indicators. As an example, one of the

lowest scores for Albania is on the indicator measuring supportive frameworks affecting women's safety. To improve on the Safety indicator, Albania may wish to consider putting in place special procedures for cases of sexual harassment, designating a government entity responsible for the monitoring and implementation of national services, plans and programmes addressing violence against women, providing an annual budgetary allocation towards violence against women risk mitigation and prevention and response programs.

The **WBL 2.0 expert opinions score** for Albania (68.8 out of 100.0) is higher than the global average (65.7) and lower than the Europe & Central Asia regional average (75.2). When it comes to expert opinions on freedom of movement and expert opinions on women's pensions, Albania obtains a perfect score (100.0 out of 100.0). As an example, one of the lowest scores for Albania is on the indicator measuring expert opinions on women's safety.

## WBL 2.0 legal frameworks data

QUESTION	ANSWER	LEGAL BASIS
<b>Safety</b>		
Is there legislation on domestic violence?	Yes	Law on Measures against Violence in Family Relations, Arts. 3(1-2) and 10; Penal Code, Arts. 102, 121/a and 130/a
Is there legislation on femicide?	No	No applicable provisions could be located
Is there comprehensive legislation on sexual harassment?	Yes	Labor Code, Arts. 32(2) and 202(7); Law on Protection from Discrimination, Arts. 12(2), 17(3) and 38; Criminal Code, Art. 108/a; Law on Gender Equality in Society, Art. 29
Is there legislation on child marriage?	No	No applicable provisions could be located
<b>Mobility</b>		
Can a woman travel internationally in the same way as a man?	Yes	Law on Providing Passports for Albanian Citizen, Arts. 6 and 7; Family Code, Arts. 1 and 50
Can a woman choose where to live in the same way as a man?	Yes	Family Code, Arts. 1, 50 and 55
Can a woman travel outside her home in the same way as a man?	Yes	No restrictions could be located
Do women and men have equal rights to confer citizenship to their spouses and their children?	Yes	Law No.113/2020 on Citizenship, Arts. 5 and 6; Law No.113/2020 on Citizenship, Art. 8(3)
<b>Workplace</b>		
Can a woman get a job in the same way as a man?	Yes	Family Code, Arts. 1 and 50
Does the law prohibit discrimination in employment based on gender?	Yes	Law No. 7961 of 12 July 1995, Art. 9
Does the law prohibit discrimination in recruitment based on marital status, parental status, and age?	Yes	Law No. 7961 of 12 July 1995, Art. 9
Does the law allow employees to request flexible work?	Yes	Law No. 7961 of 12 July 1995, Art. 15
<b>Pay</b>		
Does the law mandate equal remuneration for work of equal value?	Yes	Law No. 7961 of 12 July 1995, Art. 115
Can a woman work at night in the same way as a man?	Yes	No restrictions could be located
Can a woman work in an industrial job 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?	Yes	No restrictions could be located
<b>Marriage</b>		
Can a woman be "head of household" or "head of family" in the same way as a man?	Yes	Family Code, Arts. 1 and 50
Is the law free of legal provisions that require a married woman to obey her husband?	Yes	Family Code, Arts. 1 and 50
Can a woman obtain a judgment of divorce in the same way as a man?	Yes	Family Code, Art. 132
Does a woman have the same rights to remarry as a man?	Yes	Family Code, Art. 145

**Parenthood**

Is paid leave of at least 14 weeks available to mothers?	Yes	Law on Social Insurance, Art. 27
Are leave benefits for mothers paid solely by the government?	Yes	Law on Social Insurance, Arts. 6-8
Is there paid leave available to fathers?	Yes	Law No. 7961 of 12 July 1995, Art. 96
Is dismissal of pregnant workers prohibited?	Yes	Law No. 7961 of 12 July 1995, Art. 105/a(2) and 107

**Childcare**

Does the law establish provision of childcare services in center-based settings?	No	No applicable provisions could be located
Does the law establish any form of support to families for childcare services?	Yes	Decision of Tirana Municipality No. 158 of 26 December 2019, Arts. 64-66
Does the law establish any form of support to non-state childcare providers?	No	No applicable provisions could be located
Does the law establish quality standards for the provision of childcare services in center-based settings?	No	No applicable provisions could be located

**Entrepreneurship**

Can a woman undertake entrepreneurial activities in the same way as a man?	Yes	Family Code, Arts. 1 and 50; Law on Entrepreneurs and Commercial Companies, Art. 3
Does the law prohibit discrimination in access to credit based on gender?	Yes	Law on Protection from Discrimination, Art. 20(2)(e)
Does the law prescribe a gender quota on corporate boards?	No	No applicable provisions could be located
Does the law include gender-sensitive procurement provisions for public procurement processes?	No	No applicable provisions could be located

**Assets**

Do men and women have equal administrative power and ownership rights to immovable property, including land?	Yes	Family Code, Art. 90
Do sons and daughters have equal rights to inherit assets from their parents?	Yes	Civil Code, Arts. 360 and 361
Do male and female surviving spouses have equal rights to inherit assets?	Yes	Civil Code, Arts. 360 and 361
Does the law provide for the valuation of nonmonetary contributions?	Yes	Family Code, Arts. 73-78 and 103

**Pension**

Are the ages at which men and women can retire with full pension benefits equal?	No	Law on Social Insurance, Arts. 31 and 92
Are the ages at which men and women can retire with partial pension benefits equal?	No	Law on Social Insurance, Arts. 31/1, 31/5, 92 and 95
Is the mandatory retirement age for men and women equal?	Yes	No applicable provisions could be located
Are periods of absence due to childcare accounted for in pension benefits?	Yes	Law No. 7703 of 11 May 1993, Arts. 8 and 58

**WBL 2.0 supportive frameworks data**

QUESTION	ANSWER	SOURCE
<b>Safety</b>		
Has the government developed comprehensive mechanisms to address violence against women?	Yes	National Agenda on the Rights of the Child; Directory of Free Legal Aid; Liliun Centers
Are there special procedures for cases of sexual harassment?	No	Insufficient evidence located
Is there a government entity responsible for the monitoring and implementation of national services, plans and programmes addressing violence against women?	No	Insufficient evidence located
Is there an annual budgetary allocation towards violence against women risk mitigation, prevention and response programs?	No	Insufficient evidence located

**Mobility**

Are passport application processes the same for women and men?	Yes	Passport application procedures
Are the application processes for official identity documents the same for women and men?	Yes	ID application procedures
Is there a current policy or plan that explicitly considers the specific mobility needs of women in public transportation?	No	Insufficient evidence located

**Workplace**

Has the government published guidelines on non-discrimination based on gender in recruitment?	No	Insufficient evidence located
Has the government published guidelines on flexible work arrangements?	No	Insufficient evidence located
Is there a specialized body that receives complaints about gender discrimination in employment?	Yes	Law on Protection from Discrimination, Arts. 1 and 32

**Pay**

Are there pay transparency measures or enforcement mechanisms to address the gender pay gap?	No	Insufficient evidence located
Is sex-disaggregated data on employment in different industries or sectors published at least on an annual basis?	Yes	Republic of Albania Institute of Statistics: Men and Women 2023 Report

**Marriage**

Is there a fast-track process or procedure for family law disputes?	No	Insufficient evidence located
Are there specialized family courts?	Yes	Code of Civil Procedures, Art. 349; Sections for family disputes in the First Instance Courts
Is legal aid available for family law disputes?	Yes	Free Legal Aid Directorate

**Parenthood**

Is it possible to apply for maternity benefits through a single government application process?	Yes	Law no. 7703 "On Social Security in the Republic of Albania", Arts. 26-29
Are incentives in place to encourage fathers to take paternity leave on the birth of a child?	No	Insufficient evidence located
Has sex-disaggregated data on unpaid care work been published?	No	Insufficient evidence located

**Childcare**

Is there a publicly available registry or database of childcare providers?	Yes	Official Website of the Directorate of Nurseries and Kindergartens
Is there a clearly outlined application procedure to request financial support from the government for childcare services by parents?	No	Insufficient evidence located
Is there a clearly outlined application procedure to request financial support from the government for childcare services by non-state childcare providers?	No	Insufficient evidence located
Has the government published any reports on quality of childcare services within the last 3 years?	No	Insufficient evidence located

**Entrepreneurship**

Is sex-disaggregated data on business activities, entrepreneurship, or women-owned businesses published on a regular basis?	Yes	National Institute of Statistics
Are there government-led programs that provide support to female entrepreneurs such as access to finance or regarding agency and empowerment?	Yes	Several programs and projects under the National Action Plan supporting start-ups and women entrepreneurs
Is there a current national government plan or strategy with a focus on women's access to financial services?	No	Insufficient evidence located

**Assets**

Are there mechanisms or incentives to encourage women to register immovable property?	Yes	Law No. 111/2018 on Cadaster, Art. 45
Are there awareness measures in place to improve women's access to information about marital and inheritance rights?	No	Insufficient evidence located



Is anonymized sex-disaggregated data on property ownership published on a regular basis?	No	Insufficient evidence located
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**Pension**

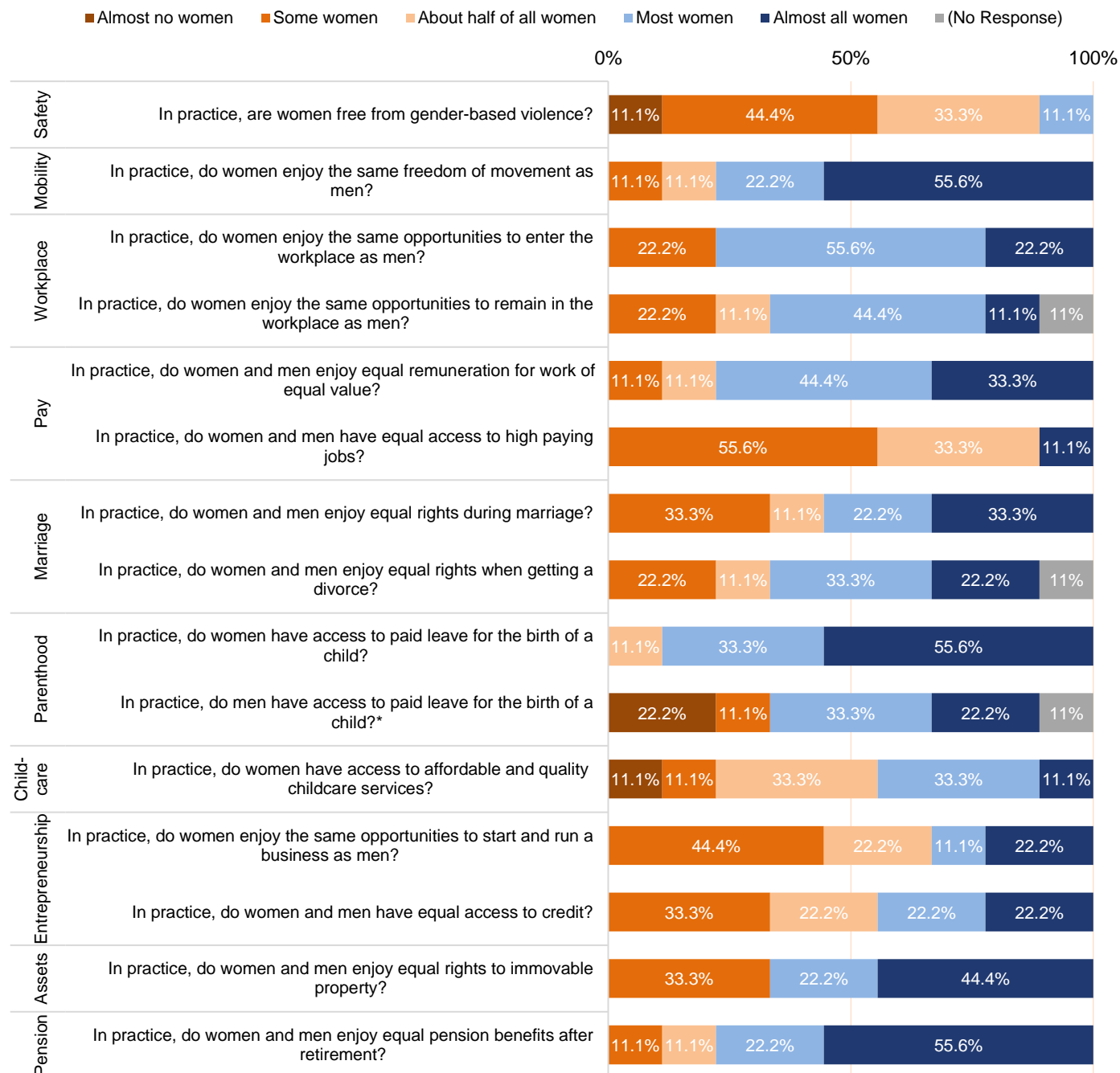
Are there incentives in place to increase women's retirement benefits?	No	Insufficient evidence located
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Is there a procedure in place for pension beneficiaries to challenge the decisions of the competent authority regarding their benefits?	Yes	e-Albania Portal
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## WBL 2.0 distribution of expert opinion responses



\*Note: The response options for the second Parenthood question above are formatted as almost no men, some men, about half of all men, most men, almost all men.