

Women, Business and the Law (WBL) is a World Bank Group flagship project designed to improve women's labor force participation and entrepreneurship, driving job creation, productivity, and economic growth. By publishing data on laws and policy mechanisms in 190 economies, WBL identifies barriers and enablers to women's economic opportunities, guiding reforms and paving the way for more dynamic and resilient economies around the world.

 **10**
Indicators measuring
women's **economic opportunity**

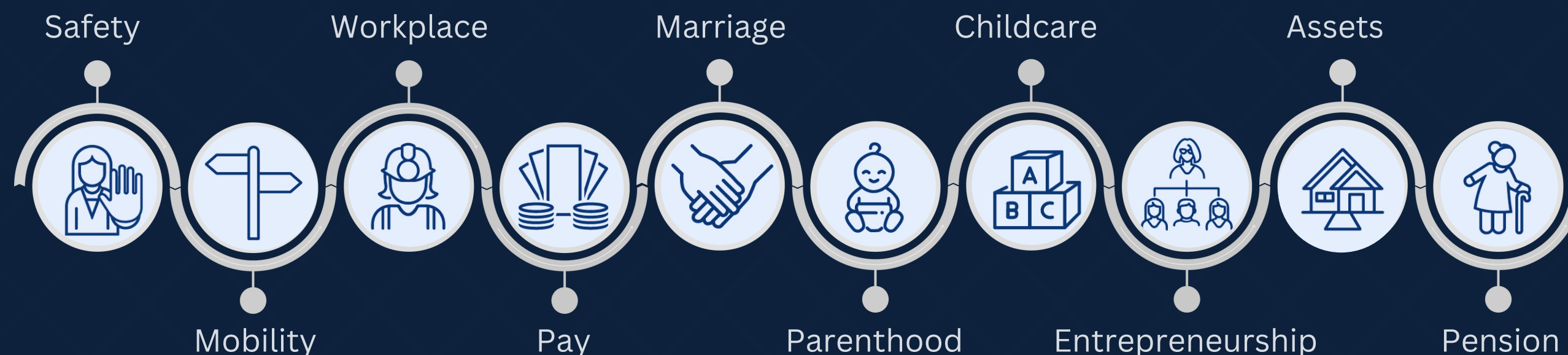
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Legal reforms recorded
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 Globally, women have just **two thirds** of the **legal rights** afforded to men.

3.9 billion women worldwide face legal barriers to their economic participation.

 Less than **40% of mechanisms** are in place to **support the implementation** of laws.

All economies can improve in **bridging the gap** between laws and their implementation.

Experts perceive **better outcomes for women** on the ground when countries' legal frameworks are **more gender-equal**.



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Reforms Database
covering 53 years

WBL 2024 Dataset
including legal and supportive
frameworks and expert opinions

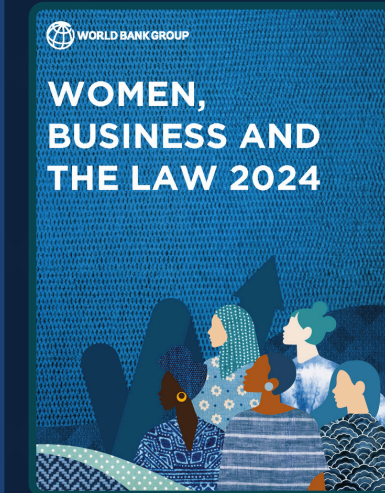
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Detailed analysis of the data and
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