

Albania

WBL 2.0 legal frameworks score	WBL 2.0 supportive frameworks score	WBL 2.0 expert opinions score
77.5	45.0	68.8

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
Safety		
Does the law address child marriage?	No	No applicable provisions could be located
Does the law address 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
Does the law address 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
Does the law address femicide?	No	No applicable provisions could be located
Mobility		
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 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 travel outside her home in the same way as a man?	Yes	No restrictions could be located
Do a woman and a man have equal rights to confer citizenship on 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)
Workplace		
Can a woman get a job in the same way as a man?	Yes	Family Code, Arts. 1 and 50
Does the law explicitly 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 prohibit discrimination in employment based on gender?	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
Pay		
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 a job deemed dangerous 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
Marriage		
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 be "head of household" or "head of family" in the same way as a man?	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 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 the provision of center-based childcare services?	No	No applicable provisions could be located
Does the law establish any form of support for 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 for nonstate childcare providers?	No	No applicable provisions could be located
Does the law establish quality standards for the provision of center-based childcare services?	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 for 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 a woman and a man 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?	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 a woman and a man can retire with full pension benefits the same?	No	Law on Social Insurance, Arts. 31 and 92
Are the ages at which a woman and a man can retire with partial pension benefits the same?	No	Law on Social Insurance, Arts. 31/1, 31/5, 92 and 95
Is the mandatory retirement age for a woman and a man the same?	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

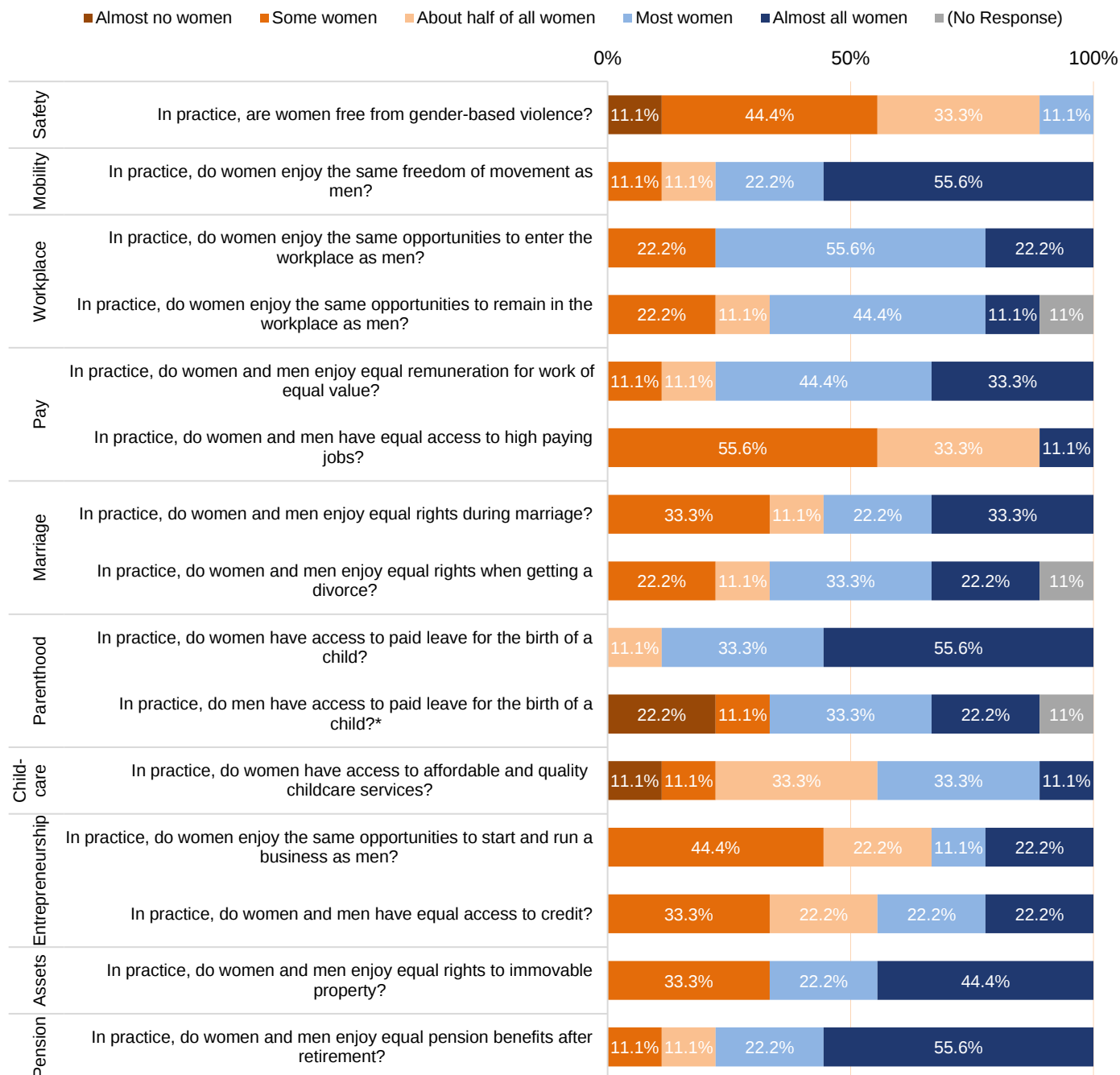
QUESTION	ANSWER	SOURCE
Safety		
Has the government developed comprehensive mechanisms to address violence against women?	Yes	National Agenda on the Rights of the Child; Directory of Free Legal Aid; Lilium Centers
Are special procedures in place for cases of sexual harassment?	No	Insufficient evidence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



Are passport application processes the same for a woman and a man?	Yes	Passport application procedures
Are the application processes for official identity documents the same for a woman and a man?	Yes	ID application procedures
Does a current policy or plan explicitly consider the specific mobility needs of women in public transportation?	No	Insufficient evidence located
Workplace		
Does a specialized body receive complaints about gender discrimination in employment?	Yes	Law on Protection from Discrimination, Arts. 1 and 32
Has the government published guidelines on nondiscrimination based on gender in recruitment?	No	Insufficient evidence located
Has the government published guidelines on flexible work arrangements?	No	Insufficient evidence located
Pay		
Are pay transparency measures or enforcement mechanisms in place to address the pay gap?	No	Insufficient evidence located
Have sex-disaggregated data on employment in different industries or sectors been published?	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
Have 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 nonstate childcare providers?	No	Insufficient evidence located
Has the government published any reports on the quality of childcare services?	No	Insufficient evidence located
Entrepreneurship		
Have sex-disaggregated data on business activities, entrepreneurship, or women-owned businesses been published?	Yes	National Institute of Statistics
Are government-led programs supporting female entrepreneurs providing access to finance and training, coaching, or business development?	Yes	Several programs and projects under the National Action Plan supporting start-ups and women entrepreneurs
Does a current national government plan or strategy focus on women's access to financial services?	No	Insufficient evidence located
Assets		
Are mechanisms or incentives in place to encourage women to register immovable property (including joint titling)?	Yes	Law No. 111/2018 on Cadaster, Art. 45
Are awareness measures in place to improve women's access to information about marital and inheritance rights?	No	Insufficient evidence located
Have anonymized sex-disaggregated data on property ownership been published?	No	Insufficient evidence located
Pension		

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

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.