




Gender Disparities and Health Inequity in Bangladesh

Domain	Population group	Indicator	Male vs Female	Data Source
Health, Nutrition, and Morbidity	 Newborn	Life expectancy at birth (Year)	 71%  74%	SVRS, 2021
	 Children under 5 year	Under-five mortality rate (per 1000 live birth)	 30%  27%	SVRS, 2021
	 Children under 5 year	Stunting among children	 24%  23%	BDHS, 2022
	 Adult	Obesity among adult (%)	 2%  9%	STEPS Survey, 2018
	 Adult	Hypertension among adult (%)	 18%  24%	STEPS Survey, 2018
	 Adult	Diabetes among adult (%)	 9%  8%	STEPS Survey, 2018
	 Adult	Disability prevalence	 3%  2%	NSPD, 2021
Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR)	 Adult	Contraceptive use by method (%)	 8% (Condoms)  4% (Male sterilization)  41% (Pill, injectables, IUD, implants)  4% (Female sterilization)	BDHS, 2022
	 Children	Child marriage prevalence (%)	 5%  59%	BDHS 2016-17
	 Adult women	Violence against women prevalence (%)	 50% (Physical)  27% (Sexual)	VAW Survey 2015
Educational Attainment	 Children	Primary completion rate (%)	 85%  87%	APSC, 2021
	 Children	Secondary completion rate (%)	 67%  60%	APSC, 2021
	 Adolescent	Higher-secondary completion rate (%)	 79%  78%	APSC, 2021
Economic Participation and Opportunity	 Adult	Household headship rate (%)	 84%  16%	SVRS, 2021
	 Adult	Labour force participation (%)	 80%  43%	LFS, 2022
	 Adult	Employment in high status occupation (%)	 90%  10%	LFS 2016-17
Political Participation	 Adult	Seats held in national parliament (%)	 79%  21%	Bangladesh Parliament Secretariat
	 Adult	Ministerial position (%)	 92%  8%	Cabinet Division
Access to Resources	 Adult and Adolescent	Mobile phone ownership (%)	 73%  71%  51%  52% (ever-married)  22% (unmarried)	ICT Survey, 2021 BAHWS, 2019-20
	 Adult and Adolescent	Internet use (%)	 45%  47%  33%  21% (ever-married)  22% (unmarried)	ICT Survey, 2021 BAHWS, 2019-20
	 Adult	Bank account ownership (%)	 59%  37%	SVRS 2021