

# Kyrgyz Republic

WBL 2.0 legal  
frameworks score

**65.0**

WBL 2.0 supportive  
frameworks score

**51.7**











WBL 2.0 expert  
opinions score

**N/A**

*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 Kyrgyz Republic due to an insufficient number of responses received from this economy during data collection.

For Kyrgyz Republic, data refer to the legal frameworks and supportive frameworks that are applicable to the main business city (Bishkek). The scores for Kyrgyz Republic 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	<b>25.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>75.0</b>	<b>25.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>50.0</b>	<b>75.0</b>	<b>50.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>50.0</b>
Supportive frameworks score	<b>0.0</b>	<b>66.7</b>	<b>33.3</b>	<b>50.0</b>	<b>66.7</b>	<b>66.7</b>	<b>50.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>33.3</b>	<b>50.0</b>
Expert opinions score	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>

In summary, the **WBL 2.0 legal frameworks score** for Kyrgyz Republic (65.0 out of 100.0) is higher than the global average (64.2) and lower than the Europe & Central Asia regional average (77.0). When it comes to constraints on freedom of movement, constraints related to marriage and laws affecting women's property and inheritance, Kyrgyz Republic obtains a perfect score (100.0 out of 100.0). As an example, one of the lowest scores for Kyrgyz Republic is on the indicator measuring laws affecting women's safety. To improve on the Safety indicator, Kyrgyz Republic may wish to consider putting in place legislation on domestic violence, introducing legislation on femicide and adopting comprehensive legislation on sexual harassment.

The **WBL 2.0 supportive frameworks score** for Kyrgyz Republic (51.7 out of 100.0) is higher than the global average (39.5) and higher than the Europe & Central Asia regional average (51.3). When it comes to supportive frameworks related to women starting and running a business, Kyrgyz Republic obtains a perfect score (100.0 out of 100.0). As an example, one of the lowest scores for Kyrgyz Republic is on the indicator measuring supportive frameworks affecting women's safety. To improve on the Safety indicator, Kyrgyz Republic may wish to consider developing comprehensive mechanisms to address violence against women, 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.

## WBL 2.0 legal frameworks data

QUESTION	ANSWER	LEGAL BASIS
<b>Safety</b>		
Does the law address child marriage?	Yes	Family Code, Arts. 14(1)(3), 28(1), and 29; Criminal Code, Art. 175
Does the law address sexual harassment?	No	No applicable provisions could be located
Does the law address domestic violence?	No	No applicable provisions could be located
Does the law address femicide?	No	No applicable provisions could be located
<b>Mobility</b>		
Can a woman choose where to live in the same way as a man?	Yes	Family Code, Arts. 1(3), 3(1) and 32
Can a woman travel internationally in the same way as a man?	Yes	Decree No. 238 of April 21, 2017, Art. 14; Family Code, Arts. 1(3), 3(1) and 32
Can a woman travel outside her home in the same way as a man?	Yes	Family Code, Arts. 1(3), 3(1) and 32
Do a woman and a man have equal rights to confer citizenship on their spouses and their children?	Yes	Law on Citizenship, Arts. 12, 13 and 20
<b>Workplace</b>		
Can a woman get a job in the same way as a man?	Yes	Family Code, Arts. 1(3), 3(1) and 32
Does the law explicitly prohibit discrimination in recruitment based on marital status, parental status, and age?	No	No applicable provisions could be located
Does the law prohibit discrimination in employment based on gender?	Yes	Labor Code 2004, Art. 9
Does the law allow employees to request flexible work?	Yes	Labor Code 2004, Arts. 105, 358 and 360-1
<b>Pay</b>		
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	Labor Code 2004, Arts. 218 and 303
Can a woman work in an industrial job in the same way as a man?	No	Labor Code 2004, Art. 303; Resolution No. 158 of 24 March 2000
<b>Marriage</b>		
Is the law free of legal provisions that require a married woman to obey her husband?	Yes	Family Code, Arts. 1(3) and 3(1)
Can a woman be "head of household" or "head of family" in the same way as a man?	Yes	Family Code, Arts. 1(3) and 3(1)
Can a woman obtain a judgment of divorce in the same way as a man?	Yes	Family Code, Art. 17
Does a woman have the same rights to remarry as a man?	Yes	Family Code, Arts. 17-27
<b>Parenthood</b>		
Is paid leave of at least 14 weeks available to mothers?	Yes	Labor Code 2004, Art. 307
Are leave benefits for mothers paid solely by the government?	No	Regulation adopted by the Decree of the KR Government No. 434 dated 18.09.2018, Art. 63
Is paid leave available to fathers?	No	No applicable provisions could be located
Is dismissal of pregnant workers prohibited?	Yes	Labor Code 2004, Art. 310
<b>Childcare</b>		
Does the law establish the provision of center-based childcare services?	Yes	Law on Education, Arts. 15 and 43(1); Law on Preschool Education, Arts. 1, 3, 7 and 9
Does the law establish any form of support for families for childcare services?	Yes	Presidential Decree No. УП-48 of 12 February 1992; Tax Code, Art. 195

Does the law establish any form of support for nonstate childcare providers?	Yes	Official Website of the Public-Private Partnership Center; Tax Code, Arts. 239(7), 311, 364(4) and 411(2)
Does the law establish quality standards for the provision of center-based childcare services?	No	No applicable provisions could be located
<b>Entrepreneurship</b>		
Can a woman undertake entrepreneurial activities in the same way as a man?	Yes	Family Code, Arts. 1(3), 3(1) and 32; Civil Code, Art. 56; Law on State Registration of Legal Entities, Art. 6
Does the law prohibit discrimination in access to credit based on gender?	Yes	Law on State Guarantees of Equal Rights and Equal Opportunities for Men and Women, Arts. 2, 5 and 14
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
<b>Assets</b>		
Do a woman and a man have equal administrative power and ownership rights to immovable property, including land?	Yes	Family Code, Art. 36; Land Code, Arts. 6 and 25
Do sons and daughters have equal rights to inherit assets?	Yes	Civil Code, Art. 1142
Do male and female surviving spouses have equal rights to inherit assets?	Yes	Civil Code, Art. 1142
Does the law provide for the valuation of nonmonetary contributions?	Yes	Family Code, Art. 35(3)
<b>Pension</b>		
Are the ages at which a woman and a man can retire with full pension benefits the same?	No	Law No. 57 of 21 July 1997, Art. 9
Are the ages at which a woman and a man can retire with partial pension benefits the same?	No	Law No. 57 of 21 July 1997, Art. 10
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. 57 of 21 July 1997, Art. 8(2)(b)

## WBL 2.0 supportive frameworks data

QUESTION	ANSWER	SOURCE
<b>Safety</b>		
Has the government developed comprehensive mechanisms to address violence against women?	No	Insufficient evidence located
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
<b>Mobility</b>		
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
<b>Workplace</b>		
Does a specialized body receive complaints about gender discrimination in employment?	Yes	Law on the Ombudsman, Art. 10

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
<b>Pay</b>		
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	National Statistical Committee: Women and Men of the Kyrgyz Republic
<b>Marriage</b>		
Is there a fast-track process or procedure for family law disputes?	Yes	Family Code, Arts. 19-20; Civil Procedure Code, Arts. 245-246 and 250
Are there specialized family courts?	No	Insufficient evidence located
Is legal aid available for family law disputes?	Yes	Centers for Providing Legal Aid; Official website of the Ombudsman
<b>Parenthood</b>		
Is it possible to apply for maternity benefits through a single government application process?	Yes	Regulation adopted by the Decree of the KR Government No. 434 dated 18.09.2018
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?	Yes	National Statistical Committee: Women and men of the Kyrgyz Republic
<b>Childcare</b>		
Is there a publicly available registry or database of childcare providers?	No	Insufficient evidence located
Is there a clearly outlined application procedure to request financial support from the government for childcare services by parents?	Yes	Resolution of the Bishkek City Council No. 84 of 30 June 2009, Arts. 2.1 and 3.1
Is there a clearly outlined application procedure to request financial support from the government for childcare services by nonstate childcare providers?	Yes	Official Website of the Public-Private Partnership Center
Has the government published any reports on the quality of childcare services?	No	Insufficient evidence located
<b>Entrepreneurship</b>		
Have sex-disaggregated data on business activities, entrepreneurship, or women-owned businesses been published?	Yes	National Statistical Committee of the Kyrgyz Republic
Are government-led programs supporting female entrepreneurs providing access to finance and training, coaching, or business development?	Yes	Guarantee Fund; Mentoring Program
Does a current national government plan or strategy focus on women's access to financial services?	Yes	Program for the Support and Development of Women's Entrepreneurship in the Kyrgyz Republic for 2022-2026
<b>Assets</b>		
Are mechanisms or incentives in place to encourage women to register immovable property (including joint titling)?	Yes	Decree of the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic No. 49 of 15 February 2011, Arts. 2 and 98-100; Law on State Registration of Immovable Property Rights and Transactions, Art. 2
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
<b>Pension</b>		
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	Law No. 57 of 1997, Arts. 25-1 and 25-2