Women’s Status and Domestic Violence: Results from the 2012 KgDHS

The 2012 Kyrgyz Republic Demographic and Health Survey (KgDHS) provides up-to-date information on the population and health situation in the Kyrgyz Republic. The 2012 KgDHS is the second national demographic and health survey conducted in the country.

The 2012 KgDHS included questions on women’s and men’s education and employment, decision-making, and experiences with violence.

### Education

**Percent distribution of women and men age 15–49 by highest level of education**

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### Employment by Age

**Percent of married women and men 15–49 who were employed in the last 12 months**

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### Payment for Employment

**Percent distribution of employed women and men 15-49**

- **Cash only**
  - Women: 88%
  - Men: 80%
- **Cash and in-kind**
  - Women: 3%
  - Men: 12%
- **Not paid**
  - Women: 8%
  - Men: 7%

Women are more likely to be paid in cash than men.

### Women’s Cash Earnings Compared to Husband

**Percent distribution of married women with cash earnings**

- About the same as husband: 39%
- Less than husband: 48%
- More than husband: 10%
- Husband has no earnings, 2%
- Missing, 1%

### Women’s Participation in Decisionmaking

**Percent of married women 15-49 who participate in the following decisions**

- Woman’s own health care: 90%
- Making major household purchases: 84%
- Visits to her family or relatives: 86%
- All 3 decisions: 79%
- None of the 3 decisions: 6%

### Women’s Decisionmaking by Education

**Percent of married women 15-49 who participate in all 3 specific decisions**

- Basic general: 59%
- Secondary: 77%
- Professional primary/middle: 88%
- Higher: 85%

### Home and Land Ownership

**Percent of married women and men 15-49 who own a home or land, alone or jointly**

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- 90%

### Making major household purchases

- 84%

### Visits to her family or relatives

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### All 3 decisions

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- 6%

### Attitudes Toward Wife Beating

**Percent of women and men 15-49 who agree that a husband is justified in beating his wife for the following reasons:**

- Burning the food: 6%
- Arguing with him: 17%
- Going out without telling him: 24%
- Neglecting the children: 23%
- Refusing to have sex with him: 26%
- Agree with any reason above: 34%
- Agree with any reason above: 50%
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Spousal Violence

Percent of ever-married women age 15-49 who have experienced the following types of spousal violence

- Physical and/or sexual violence: 25%
- Physical violence: 23%
- Sexual violence: 17%
- Emotional violence: 17%

Help Seeking to Stop Violence

Percent distribution of ever-married women who have experienced spousal violence

- Sought help to stop violence: 39%
- Never sought help but told someone: 17%
- Never told anyone: 40%
- Don’t know/missing: 4%

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