

## POPULATION

- According to the 2014 population estimate, share of women in total population is **51%**.
- Out of the total number of livebirths, **48%** are female newborns.
- Mean age of women in Republika Srpska is **46** years.
- Mean age of women at first childbirth is **27** years.
- Share of households with single mother and children is **6%** of total number of households.
- On the average, women marry for the first time at the age of **27**. Out of the total number of women of age 15 and over, **55%** are married or live in an informal marriage, **19%** are single, **3%** of women are divorced or separated, and **24%** of them are widows.
- Mean age of women at divorce is **38** years.

## HEALTH

- Women participate with **79%** in the total number of health workers. Women comprise **63%** of total number of doctors and **87%** of total numbers of nurses and medical technicians.
- Main causes of women's morbidity are neoplasms and diseases of the circulatory system. These groups of diseases participate with **19%** and **10%** respectively in the total morbidity of women.
- Mean age of women at death is **76** years.

## EDUCATION

- In the total population of women of 15 years of age and over, the share of women with primary school education or lower is **51%**, women with secondary school education comprise **40%**, while the share of women who completed two-year college or university, or obtained a master or a doctoral degree is **9%**.
- In the total number of enrolled pupils, girls participate with **48%** in preschool education, **49%** in primary and **50%** in secondary education.
- Out of the total number of enrolled students, **56%** are women.
- Somewhat more than one third of all female students is enrolled at study programmes in the education field Social sciences, business and law (**37%**), followed by the fields of Health and social welfare with **18%** and Education with **12%**.
- Fields of education with predominant female students are Health and social welfare (**73%** of all students in this field), Education (**73%**), Humanities and Arts (**60%**) and Social sciences, business and law (**58%**).
- There are more women than men among graduated students – three out of five (**59%**) graduated students are women.
- In the total number of students enrolled at specialist and master studies, women participate with **56%**, and **52%** of graduated specialists and masters are women.
- Out of the total number of doctoral candidates **40%** are women. Women comprise **42%** of all persons who obtained a doctoral degree in 2014.
- Around two thirds of students who were awarded scholarships by the Ministry of education and culture for the first and second cycle of study are women (**69%** and **67%** respectively), while **56%** of scholarships for the third cycle of study was awarded to female doctoral candidates.
- Regarding the scholarships of the Fund dr Milan Jelić, for the first cycle of study **62%** scholarships were awarded to women, **73%** for the second cycle, while less than one third of scholarships for the third cycle (**30%**) was awarded to women.
- In preschool institutions, **98%** of all teachers are women. Four out of five directors of preschool institutions (**81%**) are women.
- In primary schools, **70%** of total teaching staff are women. Fairly more than one third (**36%**) of all directors of primary schools are women.
- Around two thirds of teaching staff in secondary schools (**62%**) are women, and the number of female directors is around one third (**35%**) of all secondary school directors.
- Women account for **42%** of all teachers and assistants at higher education institutions. Around one fifth (**22%**) of university rectors are women. A woman is a dean of one out of five faculties or art academies (**20%**), and there are **27%** female directors of higher education schools.

## SOCIAL WELFARE

- In **99%** of cases, users of maternity/parental leave are women.
- Out of the total number of parents who work one half of the full working time, due to intensified care for a child with mental and physical handicaps, **88%** are women.

## USE OF ICT

- Around **43%** of female population of age 16–74 years use a computer. Out of that number, **74%** of women use a computer on a daily basis or almost every day.
- Two out of five women (**42%**) are internet users.

## EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, WAGES

- Employment rate for women in 2014 was **26.7%**, while unemployment rate was **28.4%**
- A woman spends on average **40.9** hours per week at her main job.
- Women account for **44%** of all employed persons.
- In business entities, **43%** of all employed persons are women, while slightly more than half (**52%**) of entrepreneurs and their employees are women.
- Sections of economic activity in which women predominate in the total number of employed persons in business entities are Human health and social work activities (**74%**), Education (**67%**) and Financial and insurance activities (**64%**)
- Section of economic activity with the lowest average net wage for women in 2014 is the section Accommodation and food service activities (**508 KM**), while the highest average net wages in the same year were received by women in activities classified into the section Financial and insurance activities (**1,182 KM**).
- Of the total number of registered persons seeking employment, **48%** are women.

## PENSIONS

- Of the total number of old-age pension beneficiaries, slightly over one third (**36%**) are women. Average old-age pension for female beneficiaries amounted to **300.72 KM** in 2014.
- Women account for **28%** of all disability pension beneficiaries, and their average pension in 2014 amounted to **250.88 KM**.
- **Twenty years** is the average number of years during which women exercise their right to personal pension.

## POWER AND INFLUENCE

- Of the total number of voters registered for the 2014 General Elections in Republika Srpska, **49%** are women. The turnout of women in the 2014 General Elections in Republika Srpska was **56%**.
- The percentage of female candidates for the Serbian member of the BiH Presidency in the 2014 General Elections in Republika Srpska is **33%**. Women also accounted for **11%** of the presidential and vice-presidential candidates in Republika Srpska. In these elections, two in five candidates (**40%**) for representatives in the Parliamentary Assembly of BiH from the Republika Srpska territory are women, while women also account for approximately one fifth (**21%**) of officials elected for this level of government. Women also accounted for somewhat more than two fifths (**43%**) of candidates for representatives at the Republika Srpska National Assembly, while one fifth (**19%**) of all elected representatives are women.
- The Prime Minister in the Republika Srpska Government is a **woman**. Of the sixteen Government ministers, three (**19%**) are women.
- Of the total number of those employed in the Republika Srpska public administration, **58%** are women, while women also account for **53%** of all assistant ministers and heads of republic administrative institutions.
- Women are directors – managers of about a fifth (**24%**) of all business entities in Republika Srpska that were established in 2014.
- Average age of women who are directors of business entities established in 2014 is **38** years.
- The President of the Trade Union Confederation of Republika Srpska is a **woman**, while one fifth (**20%**) of all presidents of branch trade unions are women.

# WOMEN OF REPUBLIKA SRPSKA IN NUMBERS

March 8<sup>th</sup>, the International Women's Day, is globally celebrated in 2016 by a series of events under the unique theme: "Planet 50-50 by 2030: Step it up for gender equality". The United nation's programme for intensifying the promotion and the achievement of gender equality by year 2030 comprises a number of activities and 91 member countries have pledged their commitment to realise different activities – from adopting new and improving the existing laws or creating programmes for eradicating violence against women, encouraging women to take more participation in decision-making and promoting gender equality.

On the occasion of Women's Day, the Republika Srpska Institute of Statistics has prepared a review of **100 indicators**<sup>1)</sup> on participation and situation of women of Republika Srpska in different fields.

## VIOLENCE AND CRIME

- Of the total number of persons reported for criminal offences, **11%** are female. Two thirds of victims (**67%**) of reported criminal offences are female.
- According to the Study on the prevalence and characteristics of violence against women in BiH, carried out in 2012 on a sample of 1,187 women in Republika Srpska, almost every second respondent (**47%**) has experienced some form of violence during her lifetime.
- During the 12 months prior to the survey, some form of violence was experienced by one in ten women (**11%**).
- During the lifetime, **39%** of respondents have experienced mental violence, **27%** physical abuse, **6%** sexual violence, while **7%** of respondents have experienced economic violence.
- Of the total number of domestic violence victims, reported over the SOS phone, **99%** are adult and minor female persons.
- In safe houses, all accommodated adult persons are women (**100%**), while slightly under two thirds of accommodated minor persons (**61%**) are female.

<sup>1)</sup> All indicators refer to 2014 (school year 2014/2015 for data on education), except indicators on violence obtained through the Study on the prevalence and characteristics of violence against women in BiH, which refer to 2012, and indicators on the use of information and communication technologies and the composition of the National Assembly and the Government, which refer to 2015. Indicators were taken over from the gender statistics publications and they are obtained through regular surveys of the Republika Srpska Institute of Statistics and from other administrative sources. Additional information about indicators and data sources may be found in the publication "Women and Men in Republika Srpska".