

# Côte d'Ivoire

*Women, Business and the Law 2024* (WBL2024) presents an index covering 190 economies and structured around the life cycle of a working woman. In total, 35 questions are scored across eight indicators. Overall scores are then calculated by taking the average of each indicator, with 100 representing the highest possible score. Data refer to the laws and regulations that are applicable to the main business city (Abidjan). Different rules may apply in other jurisdictions so local legislation should be reviewed. Based on this approach, **Côte d'Ivoire scores 95.0 out of 100.0**. The overall score for Côte d'Ivoire is higher than the regional average observed across Sub-Saharan Africa (74.0). Within the Sub-Saharan Africa region, the maximum score observed is 97.5 (Togo).

## Côte d'Ivoire - Scores for Women, Business and the Law 2024

Mobility	Workplace	Pay	Marriage	Parenthood	Entrepreneurship	Assets	Pension	WBL 2024 Index Score
100	100	100	80	80	100	100	100	95

### Relative Strengths

When it comes to constraints on freedom of movement, laws affecting women's decisions to work, laws affecting women's pay, constraints on women starting and running a business, gender differences in property and inheritance, and laws affecting the size of a woman's pension, Côte d'Ivoire gets a perfect score.

### Areas for Improvement

When it comes to constraints related to marriage, and laws affecting women's work after having children, Côte d'Ivoire could consider reforms to improve legal equality for women.

For example, one of the lowest scores for Côte d'Ivoire is on the indicator measuring constraints related to marriage (the WBL2024 Marriage indicator). To improve on the Marriage indicator, Côte d'Ivoire may wish to consider giving women the same rights to remarry as men.

### Recent Reforms

No reforms were observed during the past year (October 2nd, 2022 – October 1st, 2023).



Further data details for Côte d'Ivoire are available at:  
<https://wbl.worldbank.org/en/data/exploreconomies/cote-divoire/2024>



	QUESTION	ANSWER	LEGAL BASIS
Mobility	Can a woman choose where to live in the same way as a man?	Yes	Loi no. 2019-570 du 26 juin 2019 relative au mariage, Art. 56
	Can a woman travel outside her home in the same way as a man?	Yes	No restrictions could be located
	Can a woman apply for a passport in the same way as a man?	Yes	Arrêté interministériel no. 165 MI/MEF du 15 mai 2008, comme modifié en janvier 2013 ; Formulaire de demande de passeport
	Can a woman travel outside the country in the same way as a man?	Yes	No restrictions could be located
Workplace	Can a woman get a job in the same way as a man?	Yes	Loi no. 2019-570 du 26 juin 2019 relative au mariage, Art. 57
	Does the law prohibit discrimination in employment based on gender?	Yes	Code du Travail, Arts. 4 et 18.5
	Is there legislation on sexual harassment in employment?	Yes	Loi No. 2015-532 du 20 juillet 2015 portant Code du Travail, Art. 5; Code Pénal, Art. 419-1
	Are there criminal penalties or civil remedies for sexual harassment in employment?	Yes	<i>Criminal:</i> Code Pénal, Art. 419-1 <i>Civil:</i> Loi No. 2015-532 du 20 Juillet 2015 Portant Code du travail, Arts. 5 et 18.15
Pay	Does the law mandate equal remuneration for work of equal value?	Yes	Code du Travail, Art. 31.2
	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	No applicable provisions could be located
	Can a woman be head of household in the same way as a man?	Yes	Loi no. 2019-570 du 26 juin 2019 relative au mariage, Art. 51
	Is there legislation specifically addressing domestic violence?	Yes	Loi No. 2021-894, Art. 1; Code Pénal, Arts. 381 et 383
	Can a woman obtain a judgment of divorce in the same way as a man?	Yes	Loi n°2022-793 du 13 octobre 2022 relative au divorce et à la séparation de corps, Art. 1; Loi no. 2019-570 du 26 juin 2019 relative au mariage, Art. 103
Parenthood	Does a woman have the same rights to remarry as a man?	No	Loi n°2022-793 du 13 octobre 2022 relative au divorce et à la séparation de corps, Art. 41
	Is paid leave of at least 14 weeks available to mothers?	Yes	Code du Travail, Art. 23.6
	Does the government pay 100% of maternity leave benefits?	Yes	Code du Travail, Art. 23.11; Code de Prévoyance Sociale, Art. 53
	Is paid leave available to fathers?	Yes	Code du Travail, Art. 25.12
	Is there paid parental leave?	No	No applicable provisions could be located
Entrepreneurship	Is dismissal of pregnant workers prohibited?	Yes	Code du Travail, Art. 23.4
	Does the law prohibit discrimination in access to credit based on gender?	Yes	Code Pénal, Arts. 226(1) and 227(4) as amended by Loi No. 2021-893 du 21 décembre 2021
	Can a woman sign a contract in the same way as a man?	Yes	No restrictions could be located
	Can a woman register a business in the same way as a man?	Yes	No restrictions could be located
Assets	Can a woman open a bank account in the same way as man?	Yes	Loi no. 2019-570 du 26 juin 2019 relative au mariage, Art. 68
	Do men and women have equal ownership rights to immovable property?	Yes	Loi no. 2019-570 du 26 juin 2019 relative au mariage, Arts. 53 et 82
	Do sons and daughters have equal rights to inherit assets from their parents?	Yes	Loi no. 2019-573 du 26 juin 2019 relative aux successions, Arts. 26 et 28
	Do female and male surviving spouses have equal rights to inherit assets?	Yes	Loi no. 2019-573 du 26 juin 2019 relative aux successions, Arts. 26, 27 et 36
	Does the law grant spouses equal administrative authority over assets during marriage?	Yes	Loi no. 2019-570 du 26 juin 2019 relative au mariage, Arts. 53 et 82
	Does the law provide for the valuation of nonmonetary contributions?	Yes	Loi no. 2019-570 du 26 juin 2019 relative au mariage, Arts. 52 et 92
Pension	Is the age at which men and women can retire with full pension benefits the same?	Yes	Ordonnance No. 2012-03 du 11 janvier 2012, Art. 150
	Is the age at which men and women can retire with partial pension benefits the same?	Yes	Ordonnance No. 2012-03 du 11 janvier 2012, Art. 151
	Is the mandatory retirement age for men and women the same?	Yes	No applicable provisions could be located
	Are periods of absence due to childcare accounted for in pension benefits?	Yes	Loi Portant Code de Prévoyance Sociale 1999, Art. 153(4)