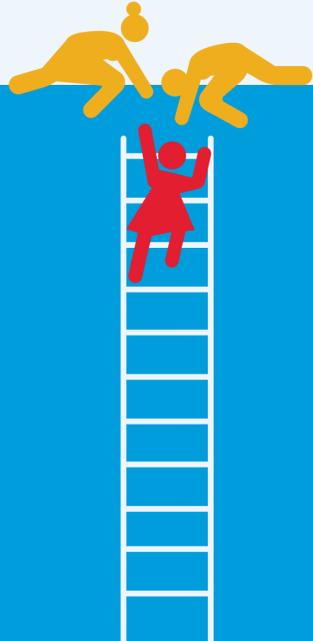


# KENYA'S FIRST WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT INDEX

The Women's Empowerment Index provides the first comprehensive and systematic measure for women and girl's empowerment in Kenya. It represents a major milestone in the country's evidence-based policymaking and sets a baseline for monitoring the government's progress toward Sustainable Development Goal 5 (SDG5) on achieving gender equality and empowerment of all women and girls.



**29%**

of women in Kenya are considered empowered,

**71%**

of women in Kenya are considered disempowered.

Less than a third of women in Kenya are considered empowered

Younger women show higher levels of empowerment

**30%**

of women aged 15-19 are empowered



**29%**

of women aged 20-39 are empowered

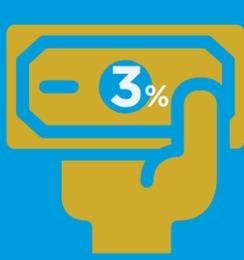


**24%**

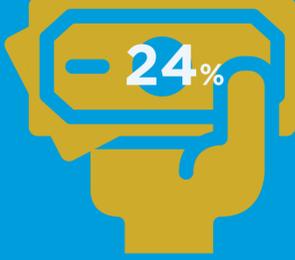
of women aged 40-49 are empowered



Women from high-income households are more empowered than those from low-income households



Women from **low** income households who feel empowered



Women from **middle** income households who feel empowered



Women from **high** income households who feel empowered

**10%**

of women are empowered among households where the household head has no education

**18%**

of women are empowered among households where the household head has only a primary education

**39%**

of women are empowered among households where the household head has at least a secondary education

**62%**

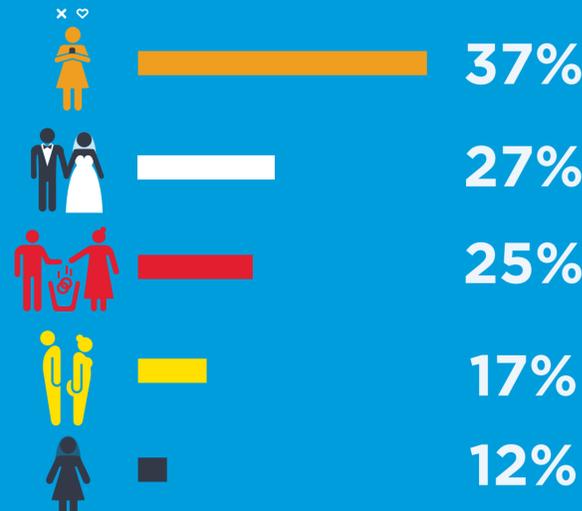
of women are empowered among households where the household head has higher than secondary education



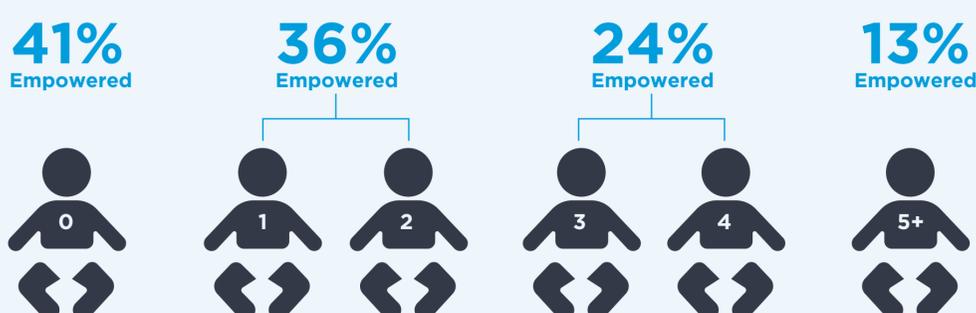
Higher educated households in Kenya have more empowered women

Single women are more empowered than married, divorced or separated women, and widows

The rate of empowerment is the highest among single women (37%) followed by married women and those living with parents (27%). Only 25% of divorced women and 17% of separated women are empowered, with the lowest rate of empowerment among widowed women (12%).

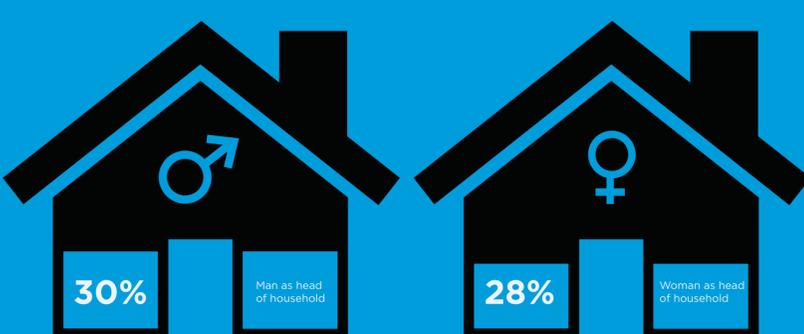


Women with fewer children are more likely to be empowered



Among women with no children, 41% are empowered compared to 36%, 24% and 13% among women with 1-2 children, 3-4 children and 5+ children respectively.

Women living in households headed by men are slightly more empowered than those living in households headed by women



30% of women living in households headed by men are empowered, compared to 28% of women in households headed by women.

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