



YEAR 3 GLOBAL REPORT
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Hologic Global Women's Health Index

Pathways to a Healthy
Future For Women

Global
Women's
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Index



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A Letter From Hologic's CEO

As a company focused on early detection, diagnosis and treatment of women's health conditions, Hologic knows firsthand that you can't improve what you don't measure. That's why we joined forces with leading independent research firm Gallup to create the Hologic Global Women's Health Index.

This annual survey, now in its third year, is one of the most comprehensive initiatives measuring the state of health for 97% of the world's women and girls aged 15 and older. Our Year 3 Index reflects the real-life experiences and opinions of more than 147,000 women and men from 143 countries.

Regrettably, this year's findings reveal that women's health globally has not only stagnated but is moving in the wrong direction. Last year, only 11% of women were screened for cancer and just 10% were tested for sexually transmitted diseases and infections, raising the risk of maternal and fetal mortality. At the same time, the gaps between rich and poor nations and urban and rural communities continued to grow. It is an experience that the United Nations has characterized as a "staggering backsliding" in women's health.

While the most recent survey results give us cause for concern, they also inspire us to redouble our efforts to enable healthier lives everywhere, every day. Working together, I am confident that we can do better. I invite you to read our report and join us in our quest.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "SP MacMillan".

Stephen P. MacMillan

Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer



About The Index

Hologic and Gallup launched the Hologic Global Women’s Health Index in response to an urgent need for more timely, comprehensive and actionable data on women’s health.

The inaugural report, conducted in 2020, provided a troubling baseline account of women’s health worldwide across five dimensions of health. It showed that even in the wealthiest countries, the health needs of many women were not being met.

The Year 3 survey included more than 147,000 participants from 143 countries and territories. It represents the voices of 97% of women and girls aged 15 and older, making it one of the most authoritative surveys of its kind. Men and boys were also surveyed to help identify gender gaps.

The Index score is a summary indicator of women’s answers to survey questions that, together, account for approximately 70% of the variance in a woman’s average life expectancy at birth. Scores on the Index range from 0 (worst) to 100 (best). Although the survey includes men, scores and rankings are based only on responses from women and girls.

Review the full findings and methodology at [WomensHealthIndex.com](https://www.WomensHealthIndex.com).

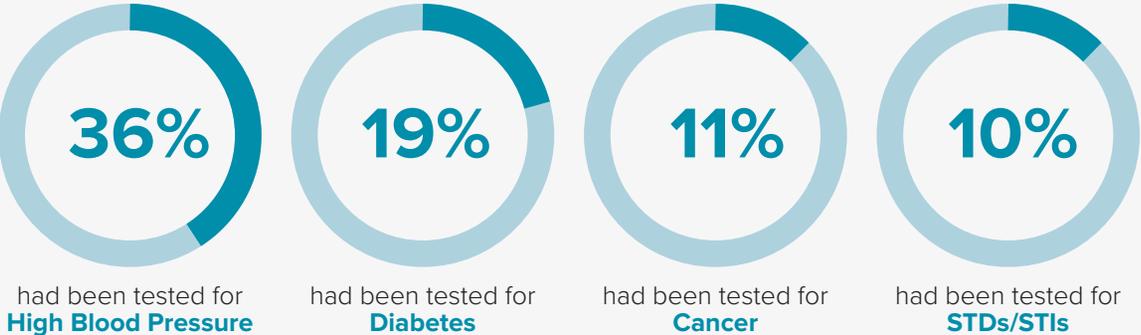
The Five Dimensions of the Hologic Global Women’s Health Index



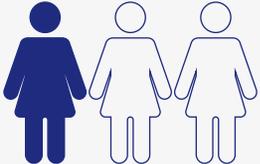
Key Findings

Despite global recovery from COVID-19, women’s health remains in state of emergency

Testing for conditions is low. Women told us that in the past 12 months:



Emotional health is getting worse, with notable gaps between men and women. Women told us that during “a lot of the day yesterday” they experienced:



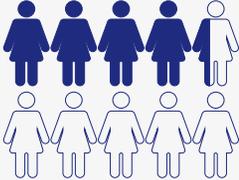
1 in 3 women

(Nearly one billion) spent a lot of the previous day in physical pain

The percentage of women struggling to afford food and shelter has increased by

+50%
in the last decade

More than **4 in 10 women**



aged 15-24 don’t feel safe walking alone at night

Global Scores and Rankings

Overall, the world scored 54 out of 100 on the Index in Year 3.

At the country level, Index scores ranged from a high of 72 in Taiwan to a low of 26 in Afghanistan.

Notably, not all high-income countries or countries with high healthcare expenditures have high Index scores. The United States has fallen seven places to number 30 in the overall country rankings, on par with Kazakhstan. Other countries with surprisingly low rankings include the United Kingdom (37), France (40) and Canada (61).

Top 20 Countries/Territories by Index Score

Rank	Country/Territory	Hologic Global Women's Health Index Score
1	Taiwan, Province of China	72
2	Kuwait	68
3	Austria	67
4	Germany	67
5	Switzerland	66
6	Israel	66
7	Japan	65
8	Denmark	64
9	Poland	64
10	Czech Republic	64
11	Finland	64
12	Netherlands	64
13	South Korea	64
14	Belgium	64
15	Vietnam	64
16	Norway	64
17	Singapore	64
18	United Arab Emirates	63
19	China	63
20	Latvia	63

Bottom 20 Countries/Territories by Index Score

Rank	Country/Territory	Hologic Global Women's Health Index Score
123	Cameroon	42
124	Peru	41
125	Niger	41
126	Ecuador	41
127	Togo	41
128	Mauritania	41
129	Gambia	40
130	Iraq	40
131	Côte d'Ivoire	40
132	The Comoros	40
133	Guinea	40
134	Morocco	39
135	Gabon	39
136	Liberia	38
137	Chad	37
138	Benin	37
139	The Democratic Republic of the Congo	36
140	The Republic of the Congo	35
141	Sierra Leone	34
142*	Afghanistan	26

*The Year 3 survey includes 143 countries. Several questions could not be asked in Ukraine due to the ongoing conflict. Because of these missing questions, Gallup could not calculate Ukraine's overall Index score and certain dimension scores. Some rankings in this report only include 142 countries.



PREVENTIVE CARE

Testing for Deadly Diseases is Low

Most women hadn't been tested for cancer, diabetes, high blood pressure or STDs/STIs in the past 12 months, meaning billions of women went untested for potentially life-threatening conditions.

HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE



36% of women were tested for high blood pressure — a major risk factor for heart disease and stroke.

CANCER



Just 11% of women say they were tested for any type of cancer.

DIABETES



Although diabetes is a leading cause of death for women, only 19% of women were tested.

STDs/STIs



Just 10% of women were tested for an STD/STI — leaving nearly 2 billion women of reproductive age at risk of infertility, increased maternal and fetal mortality and deadly diseases.

Scores and Rankings

The global score for Preventive Care was just 19 out of 100 in Year 3. This score has not changed since the first year of the Index, when many women could not access health testing due to COVID-19 restrictions.

▲ Highest Ranked Countries/Territories

Rank	Country/Territory	Score
1	Puerto Rico*	51
2	South Africa	42
3	Eswatini*	40
4	Lesotho*	38
5	Portugal	38

▼ Lowest Ranked Countries/Territories

Rank	Country/Territory	Score
139	Afghanistan	10
140	Vietnam	9
141	Togo	9
142	Benin	8
143	Ivory Coast	8

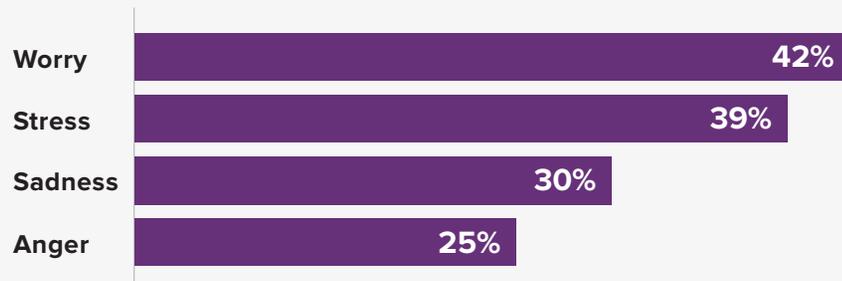
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EMOTIONAL HEALTH

Negative Emotions are Getting Worse, with Notable Gaps Between Men and Women

More women are sad, angry and worried now than they were three years ago. They are also much more likely than men to feel these emotions.



Women were **more likely** than men to report feeling negative emotions.

For example, women are

20%

more likely than men to say they experienced sadness a lot of the previous day

Scores and Rankings

The global score for Emotional Health was 66 in Year 3 — up from 64 in Year 2, but still not as high as Year 1 (68).

▲ Highest Ranked Countries/Territories

Rank	Country/Territory	Score
1	Vietnam	89
2	Kazakhstan	86
3	Taiwan, Province of China	86
4	Kuwait*	84
5	Poland	84

▼ Lowest Ranked Countries/Territories

Rank	Country/Territory	Score
139	Armenia	47
140	Sierra Leone	46
141	Northern Cyprus*	43
142	Iraq	43
143	Afghanistan	38

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OPINIONS OF HEALTH AND SAFETY

Many Women Feel Unsafe Walking Alone at Night; Many Dissatisfied with Healthcare

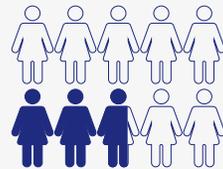
Many women — including more than 4 in 10 young women aged 15-24 — do not feel safe walking alone at night. And many women are dissatisfied with the availability of quality healthcare where they live.

More than

1 in 3 women

do not feel safe walking alone at night in their own community — meaning that nearly 1 billion women feel unsafe.

 Decreased from Year 2 to Year 3



Nearly
3 in 10 women

are dissatisfied with the availability of quality healthcare where they live.

 Increased from Year 2 to Year 3

Scores and Rankings

The global score for Opinions of Health and Safety was 70 in Year 3, which is up from 66 in Year 2, but unchanged from Year 1.

▲ Highest Ranked Countries/Territories

Rank	Country/Territory	Score
1	Kuwait*	97
2	United Arab Emirates	95
3	Singapore	93
4	Tajikistan	90
5	Taiwan, Province of China	89

▼ Lowest Ranked Countries/Territories

Rank	Country/Territory	Score
138	Peru	37
139	Ecuador	35
140	Gabon	33
141	Venezuela	32
142	Afghanistan	22

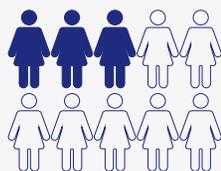
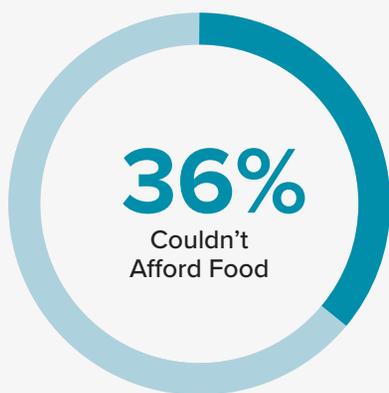
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BASIC NEEDS

Nearly 1 Billion Women Still Struggling to Afford Food

At least three in 10 women worldwide — nearly 1 billion women — cannot afford the food and shelter that they or their families need.



3 in 10 women

say there have been times in the past 12 months when they were unable to afford adequate shelter or housing for themselves or their families.

Scores and Rankings

The global score for Basic Needs was 67 in Year 3, which is statistically unchanged from Years 1 and 2.

▲ Highest Ranked Countries/Territories

Rank	Country/Territory	Score
1	Sweden	97
2	Israel	96
3	Netherlands	95
4	Taiwan, Province of China	94
5	Poland	94

▼ Lowest Ranked Countries/Territories

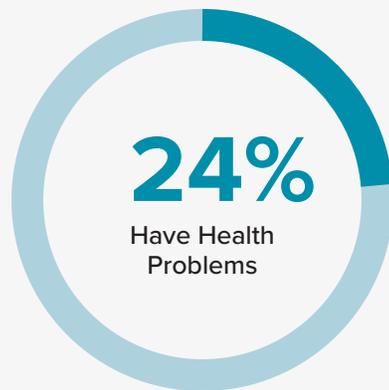
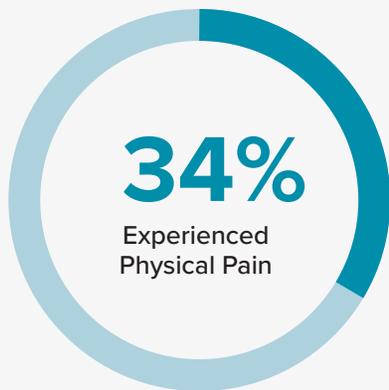
Rank	Country/Territory	Score
139	Kenya	31
140	The Democratic Republic of the Congo*	30
141	Niger*	28
142	Benin	27
143	Afghanistan	19

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Physical Pain Is a Significant Problem

Nearly a billion women – 1 in 3 – say they spent a lot of the previous day in physical pain. And nearly 700 million have health problems that keep them from doing normal activities.



Scores and Rankings

The global score for Individual Health was 71 in Year 3, which is unchanged from Year 2, but down from 75 in Year 1.

▲ Highest Ranked Countries/Territories

Rank	Country/Territory	Score
1	Vietnam	89
2	Poland	87
3	Israel	87
4	Kuwait*	86
5	Taiwan, Province of China	85

▼ Lowest Ranked Countries/Territories

Rank	Country/Territory	Score
139	Benin	48
140	Mauritania	47
141	Iraq	45
142	Sierra Leone	41
143	Chad*	39

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Call to Action for Women's Health

Findings from the Year 3 Report lead to an inescapable conclusion: women's health is in a state of emergency. Even where we're seeing improvements, the pace of progress is far too slow.

If we don't do more, and quickly, far too many women will suffer and die prematurely. The next generation will be at even greater risk. And any hope of achieving the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030 will be lost.

To reignite progress in women's health:

- Global leaders must make good on their commitments, including pledges to include women and girls in decision making.
- Countries must pass strong legislation and commit funding to advance women's health and safety.
- Women's health advocates must engage broader coalitions of partners to ensure that women's health and safety are prioritized across movements.

If we follow the roadmap set out in this Index, we can meaningfully improve the health and well-being of all women for generations to come. The data are clear. Now let's seize the opportunity.

For the full report, Year 3 data and other resources, please visit WomensHealthIndex.com.





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