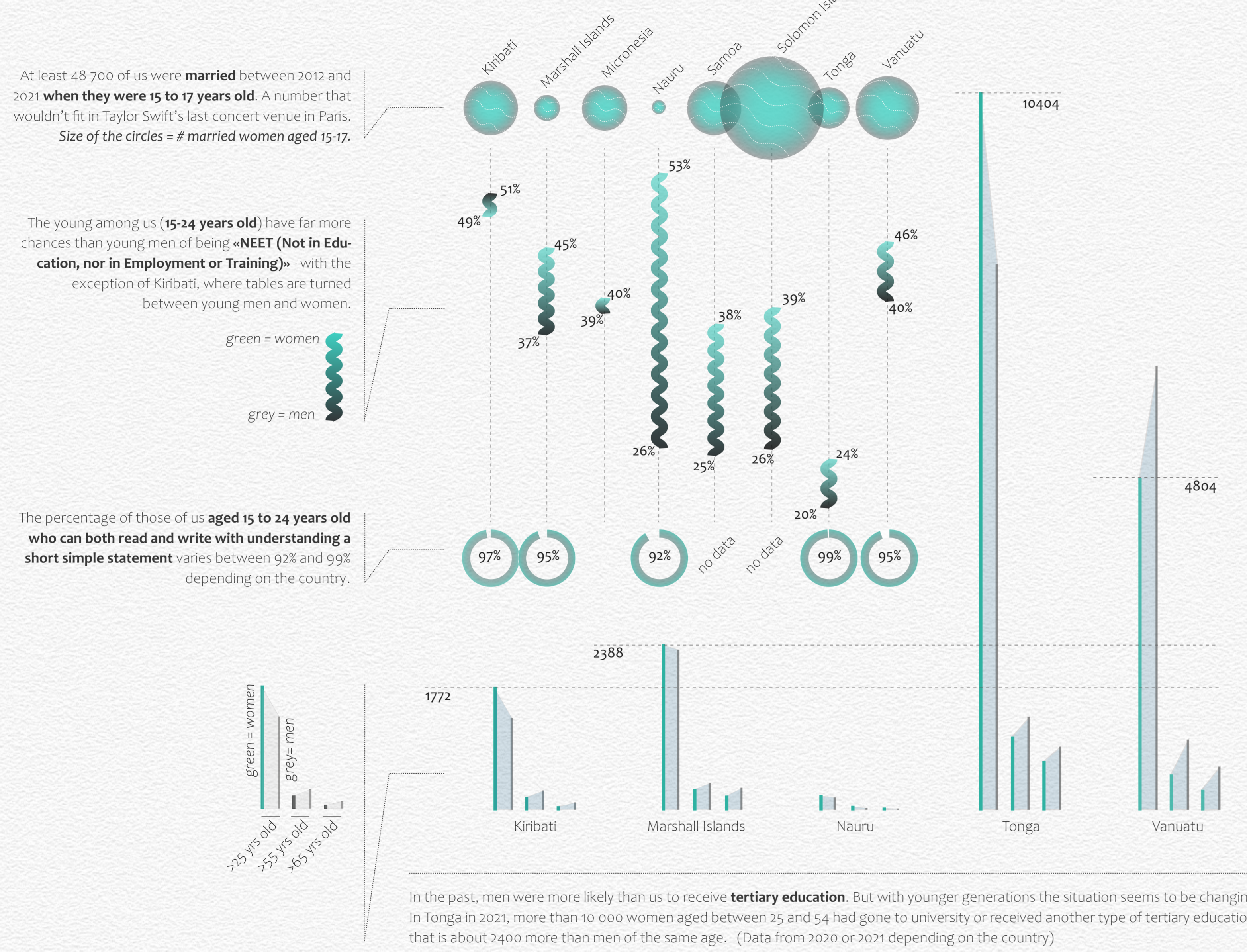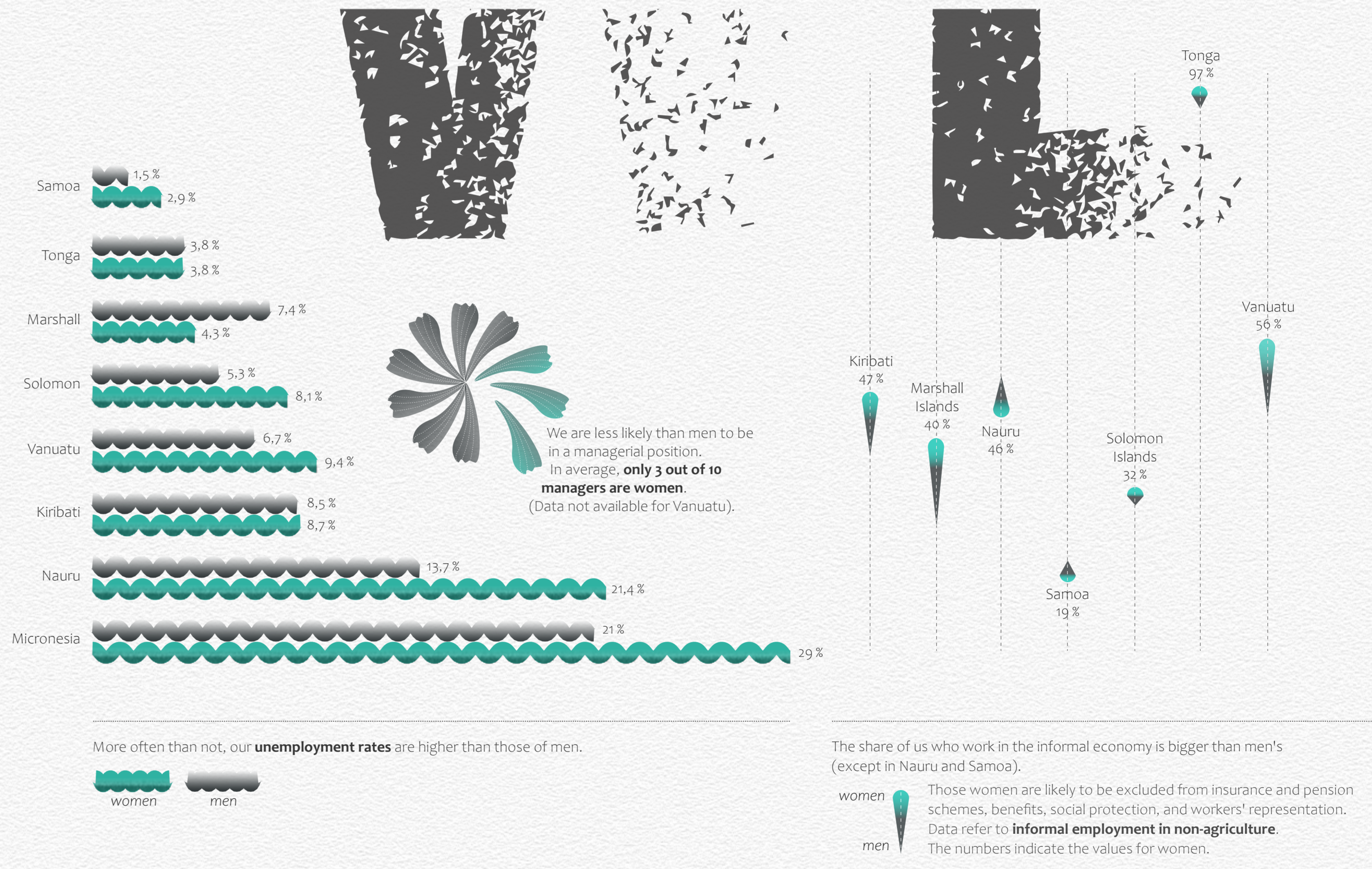This visual is an attempt to provide a glimpse into the lives of women in 8 Pacific Islands States through the data made available by the Pacific Data Hub. The 8 countries portrayed here are: Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Vanuatu, through years ranging from 2012 to 2021 depending on the country and on the indicator.

As for me, the author of this visualization, I'm a white European woman who's never had the chance of visiting anyone of these countries. I studied this data like someone who looks at a picture from a place far away and tries to retrace patterns, people and emotions in it, imagining how it would be like to be there, among them, listening to their stories. What would they tell?

PACIFIC WOMEN

At least 48 700 of us were married between 2012 and 2021 when they were 15 to 17 years old. A number that wouldn't fit in Taylor Swift's last concert venue in Paris.
Size of the circles = # married women aged 15-17.

Kiribati   Marshall Islands   Micronesia   Nauru   Samoa   Solomon Islands   Tonga   Vanuatu

The young among us (**15-24 years old**) have far more chances than young men of being «**NEET (Not in Education, nor in Employment or Training)**» - with the exception of Kiribati, where tables are turned between young men and women.

green = women

grey = men

49% 51%
45%
37% 40% 39%
53%
38% 39%
46%
26% 25% 26%
24%
20%
40%

The percentage of those of us **aged 15 to 24 years old who can both read and write with understanding a short simple statement** varies between 92% and 99% depending on the country.

97% 95%   92% no data   no data 99% 95%

green = women
grey = men

≥25 yrs old   ≥55 yrs old   ≥65 yrs old

10404

4804

1772   2388

Kiribati   Marshall Islands   Nauru   Tonga   Vanuatu

In the past, men were more likely than us to receive **tertiary education**. But with younger generations the situation seems to be changing. In Tonga in 2021, more than 10 000 women aged between 25 and 54 had gone to university or received another type of tertiary education - that is about 2400 more than men of the same age.   (Data from 2020 or 2021 depending on the country)

Samoa   1,5 %
2,9 %
Tonga   3,8 %
3,8 %
Marshall   7,4 %
4,3 %
Solomon   5,3 %
8,1 %
Vanuatu   6,7 %
9,4 %
Kiribati   8,5 %
8,7 %
Nauru   13,7 %
21,4 %
Micronesia   21 %
29 %

We are less likely than men to be in a managerial position.
In average, **only 3 out of 10 managers are women**.
(Data not available for Vanuatu).

More often than not, our **unemployment rates** are higher than those of men.

women   men

Tonga   97 %
Vanuatu   56 %
Kiribati   47 %
Marshall Islands   40 %
Nauru   46 %
Solomon Islands   32 %
Samoa   19 %

The share of us who work in the informal economy is bigger than men's (except in Nauru and Samoa).

women

men

Those women are likely to be excluded from insurance and pension schemes, benefits, social protection, and workers' representation.
Data refer to **informal employment in non-agriculture**.
The numbers indicate the values for women.