

The World Literacy Atlas

Who can read & write around the world — adult literacy for 173 countries, with the male–female gap in every nation. One page per country. UNESCO data.



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WHAT THIS IS

Can the world read?

Literacy — the share of adults 15+ who can **read and write a simple statement** — is the foundation every other outcome rests on. This atlas gives **each country its own page** with its overall rate and, crucially, the **gap between men and women**.

■ Male ■ Female

A NEAR-UNIVERSAL SKILL — BUT NOT EVERYWHERE

Global adult literacy has climbed to **87.74%**, up from ~76% in the mid-1990s. Dozens of countries are effectively universal. But in parts of the Sahel and South Asia, fewer than half of adults can read — and **women are far more likely to be left behind**, a gap that runs 15–30 points in the lowest-literacy nations.

ON EACH PAGE

- **Overall literacy** — % of adults 15+ who can read & write
- **Male & female rates** — the gender gap, shown as bars
- **World rank** — of 173 countries with reported data

Source. UNESCO Institute for Statistics & World Bank (adult literacy, latest available year per country; some high-income nations report an assumed ~99%). Definitions vary slightly by country.



LITERACY — RANK 01 OF 173

Uzbekistan

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	100%
Male	100%
Female	100%
World rank	#1 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Uzbekistan has an overall adult literacy of **100%** — **#1** worldwide — with a negligible gender gap (men ahead).

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North Korea

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	100%
Male	100%
Female	100%
World rank	#2 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



North Korea has an overall adult literacy of **100%** — **#2** worldwide — with a negligible gender gap (men ahead).

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Norway

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	100%
Male	N/R
Female	N/R
World rank	#3 of 173

A NOTE

Norway reports an overall adult literacy of **100%**, ranking **#3** of 173. As a high-income country it does not report a UNESCO gender breakdown; near-universal literacy is assumed across both sexes.

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Finland

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	100%
Male	N/R
Female	N/R
World rank	#4 of 173

A NOTE

Finland reports an overall adult literacy of **100%**, ranking **#4** of 173. As a high-income country it does not report a UNESCO gender breakdown; near-universal literacy is assumed across both sexes.

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Luxembourg

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	100%
Male	N/R
Female	N/R
World rank	#5 of 173

A NOTE

Luxembourg reports an overall adult literacy of **100%**, ranking **#5** of 173. As a high-income country it does not report a UNESCO gender breakdown; near-universal literacy is assumed across both sexes.

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Andorra

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	100%
Male	100%
Female	100%
World rank	#6 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Andorra has an overall adult literacy of **100%** — **#6** worldwide — with a negligible gender gap (men ahead).

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Greenland

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	100%
Male	100%
Female	100%
World rank	#7 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Greenland has an overall adult literacy of **100%** — **#7** worldwide — with a negligible gender gap (men ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 08 OF 173

Liechtenstein

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	100%
Male	N/R
Female	N/R
World rank	#8 of 173

A NOTE

Liechtenstein reports an overall adult literacy of **100%**, ranking **#8** of 173. As a high-income country it does not report a UNESCO gender breakdown; near-universal literacy is assumed across both sexes.



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Palau

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	100%
Male	100%
Female	100%
World rank	#9 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Palau has an overall adult literacy of **100%** — **#9** worldwide — with a negligible gender gap (men ahead).

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Tuvalu

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	100%
Male	100%
Female	100%
World rank	#10 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Tuvalu has an overall adult literacy of **100%** — **#10** worldwide — with a negligible gender gap (men ahead).

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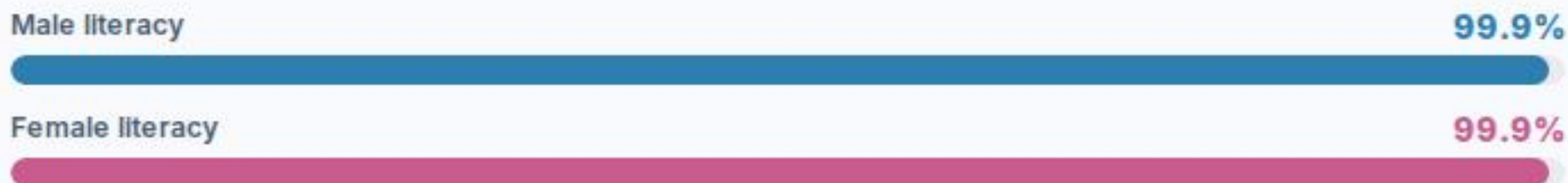
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Russia

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	99.9%
Male	99.9%
Female	99.9%
World rank	#11 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Russia has an overall adult literacy of **99.9%** — **#11** worldwide — with a negligible gender gap (men ahead).

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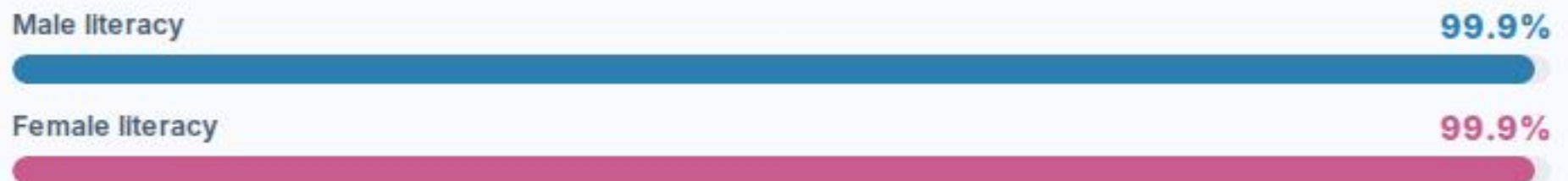
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San Marino

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	99.9%
Male	99.9%
Female	99.9%
World rank	#12 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



San Marino has an overall adult literacy of **99.9%** — **#12** worldwide — with a negligible gender gap (men ahead).

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Turkmenistan

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	99.9%
Male	99.9%
Female	99.9%
World rank	#13 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Turkmenistan has an overall adult literacy of **99.9%** — **#13** worldwide — with a negligible gender gap (men ahead).

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Latvia

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	99.9%
Male	99.9%
Female	99.9%
World rank	#14 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Latvia has an overall adult literacy of **99.9%** — **#14** worldwide — with a negligible gender gap (men ahead).

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Estonia

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	99.9%
Male	99.9%
Female	99.9%
World rank	#15 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Estonia has an overall adult literacy of **99.9%** — **#15** worldwide — with a negligible gender gap (men ahead).

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Belarus

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	99.9%
Male	99.9%
Female	99.9%
World rank	#16 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Belarus has an overall adult literacy of **99.9%** — **#16** worldwide — with a negligible gender gap (men ahead).

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Armenia

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	99.8%
Male	99.8%
Female	99.9%
World rank	#17 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Armenia has an overall adult literacy of **99.8%** — **#17** worldwide — with a negligible gender gap (women ahead).

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Lithuania

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	99.8%
Male	99.8%
Female	99.8%
World rank	#18 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Lithuania has an overall adult literacy of **99.8%** — **#18** worldwide — with a negligible gender gap (men ahead).

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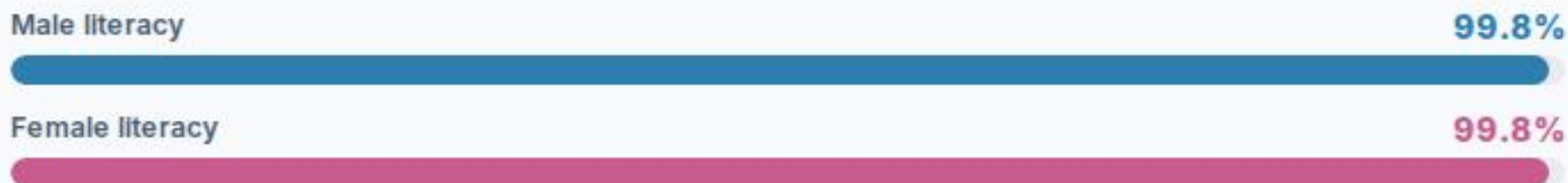
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Poland

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	99.8%
Male	99.8%
Female	99.8%
World rank	#19 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Poland has an overall adult literacy of **99.8%** — **#19** worldwide — with a negligible gender gap (men ahead).

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Tajikistan

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	99.8%
Male	100%
Female	94.6%
World rank	#20 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Tajikistan has an overall adult literacy of **99.8%** — **#20** worldwide — with a wide 5.4-point gender gap (men ahead).

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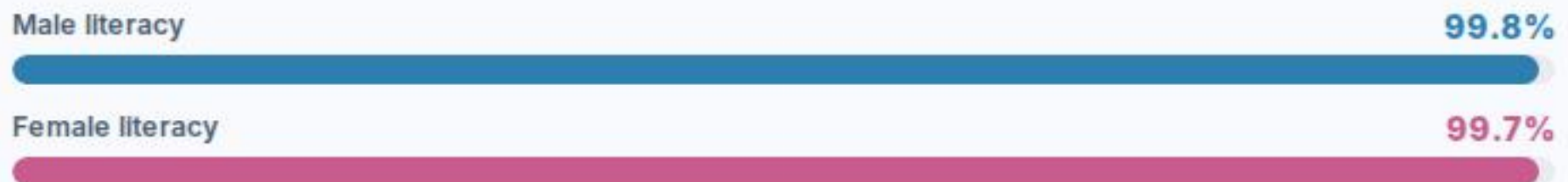
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Azerbaijan

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	99.8%
Male	99.8%
Female	99.7%
World rank	#21 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Azerbaijan has an overall adult literacy of **99.8%** — **#21** worldwide — with a negligible gender gap (men ahead).

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Kazakhstan

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	99.7%
Male	99.8%
Female	99.7%
World rank	#22 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Kazakhstan has an overall adult literacy of **99.7%** — **#22** worldwide — with a negligible gender gap (men ahead).

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Spain

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	99.7%
Male	99.8%
Female	99.6%
World rank	#23 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Spain has an overall adult literacy of **99.7%** — **#23** worldwide — with a negligible gender gap (men ahead).

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Georgia

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	99.7%
Male	99.8%
Female	99.6%
World rank	#24 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Georgia has an overall adult literacy of **99.7%** — **#24** worldwide — with a negligible gender gap (men ahead).

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Barbados

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	99.6%
Male	99.6%
Female	99.6%
World rank	#25 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Barbados has an overall adult literacy of **99.6%** — **#25** worldwide — with a negligible gender gap (men ahead).

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Slovenia

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	99.5%
Male	99.6%
Female	99.5%
World rank	#26 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Slovenia has an overall adult literacy of **99.5%** — **#26** worldwide — with a negligible gender gap (men ahead).

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Ukraine

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	99.4%
Male	99.7%
Female	99.2%
World rank	#27 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Ukraine has an overall adult literacy of **99.4%** — **#27** worldwide — with a negligible gender gap (men ahead).

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Moldova

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	99.4%
Male	99.6%
Female	99.1%
World rank	#28 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Moldova has an overall adult literacy of **99.4%** — **#28** worldwide — with a negligible gender gap (men ahead).

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Italy

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	99.4%
Male	99.5%
Female	99.2%
World rank	#29 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Italy has an overall adult literacy of **99.4%** — **#29** worldwide — with a negligible gender gap (men ahead).

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Serbia

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	99.3%
Male	99.6%
Female	99.1%
World rank	#30 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Serbia has an overall adult literacy of **99.3%** — **#30** worldwide — with a negligible gender gap (men ahead).



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LITERACY — RANK 31 OF 173

Kyrgyzstan

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	99.2%
Male	99.5%
Female	99%
World rank	#31 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Kyrgyzstan has an overall adult literacy of **99.2%** — **#31** worldwide — with a negligible gender gap (men ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 32 OF 173

Romania

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	99.2%
Male	99%
Female	99.3%
World rank	#32 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Romania has an overall adult literacy of **99.2%** — **#32** worldwide — with a negligible gender gap (women ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 33 OF 173

Argentina

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	99.1%
Male	99.1%
Female	99.2%
World rank	#33 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Argentina has an overall adult literacy of **99.1%** — **#33** worldwide — with a negligible gender gap (women ahead).



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LITERACY — RANK 34 OF 173

Hungary

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	99.1%
Male	99.1%
Female	99.1%
World rank	#34 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Hungary has an overall adult literacy of **99.1%** — **#34** worldwide — with a negligible gender gap (men ahead).

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Fiji

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	99.1%
Male	99.1%
Female	92.4%
World rank	#35 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Fiji has an overall adult literacy of **99.1%** — **#35** worldwide — with a wide 6.7-point gender gap (men ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 36 OF 173

United States

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	99%
Male	N/R
Female	N/R
World rank	#36 of 173

A NOTE

United States reports an overall adult literacy of **99%**, ranking **#36** of 173. As a high-income country it does not report a UNESCO gender breakdown; near-universal literacy is assumed across both sexes.



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LITERACY — RANK 37 OF 173

Japan

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	99%
Male	N/R
Female	N/R
World rank	#37 of 173

A NOTE

Japan reports an overall adult literacy of **99%**, ranking **#37** of 173. As a high-income country it does not report a UNESCO gender breakdown; near-universal literacy is assumed across both sexes.

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LITERACY — RANK 38 OF 173

Germany

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	99%
Male	N/R
Female	N/R
World rank	#38 of 173

A NOTE

Germany reports an overall adult literacy of **99%**, ranking **#38** of 173. As a high-income country it does not report a UNESCO gender breakdown; near-universal literacy is assumed across both sexes.

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LITERACY — RANK 39 OF 173

United Kingdom

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	99%
Male	N/R
Female	N/R
World rank	#39 of 173

A NOTE

United Kingdom reports an overall adult literacy of **99%**, ranking **#39** of 173. As a high-income country it does not report a UNESCO gender breakdown; near-universal literacy is assumed across both sexes.

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LITERACY — RANK 40 OF 173

Netherlands

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	99%
Male	N/R
Female	N/R
World rank	#40 of 173

A NOTE

Netherlands reports an overall adult literacy of **99%**, ranking **#40** of 173. As a high-income country it does not report a UNESCO gender breakdown; near-universal literacy is assumed across both sexes.

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Sweden

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	99%
Male	N/R
Female	N/R
World rank	#41 of 173

A NOTE

Sweden reports an overall adult literacy of **99%**, ranking **#41** of 173. As a high-income country it does not report a UNESCO gender breakdown; near-universal literacy is assumed across both sexes.

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LITERACY — RANK 42 OF 173

Czechia

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	99%
Male	99%
Female	99%
World rank	#42 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Czechia has an overall adult literacy of **99%** — **#42** worldwide — with a negligible gender gap (men ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 43 OF 173

Ireland

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	99%
Male	N/R
Female	N/R
World rank	#43 of 173

A NOTE

Ireland reports an overall adult literacy of **99%**, ranking **#43** of 173. As a high-income country it does not report a UNESCO gender breakdown; near-universal literacy is assumed across both sexes.

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LITERACY — RANK 44 OF 173

New Zealand

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	99%
Male	N/R
Female	N/R
World rank	#44 of 173

A NOTE

New Zealand reports an overall adult literacy of **99%**, ranking **#44** of 173. As a high-income country it does not report a UNESCO gender breakdown; near-universal literacy is assumed across both sexes.



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LITERACY — RANK 45 OF 173

Antigua and Barbuda

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	99%
Male	98.4%
Female	99.4%
World rank	#45 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Antigua and Barbuda has an overall adult literacy of **99%** — **#45** worldwide — with a modest 1-point gender gap (women ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 46 OF 173

Uruguay

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	98.9%
Male	98.6%
Female	99.2%
World rank	#46 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Uruguay has an overall adult literacy of **98.9%** — **#46** worldwide — with a negligible gender gap (women ahead).



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United Arab Emirates

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	98.8%
Male	99%
Female	98.4%
World rank	#47 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



United Arab Emirates has an overall adult literacy of **98.8%** — **#47** worldwide — with a negligible gender gap (men ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 48 OF 173

Cyprus

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	98.7%
Male	99.3%
Female	98.1%
World rank	#48 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Cyprus has an overall adult literacy of **98.7%** — **#48** worldwide — with a modest 1.2-point gender gap (men ahead).

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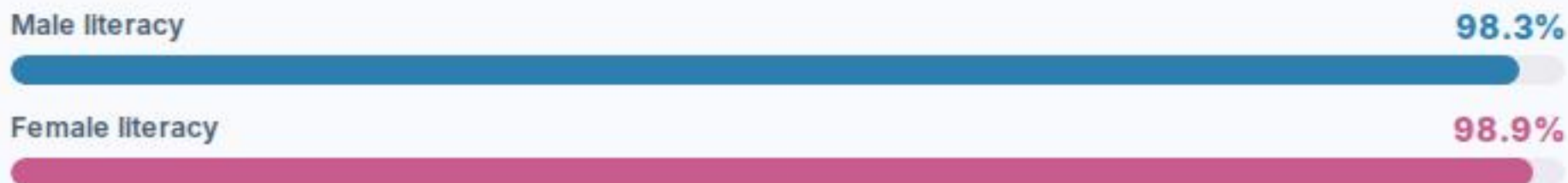
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Mongolia

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	98.6%
Male	98.3%
Female	98.9%
World rank	#49 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Mongolia has an overall adult literacy of **98.6%** — **#49** worldwide — with a negligible gender gap (women ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 50 OF 173

Kiribati

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	98.6%
Male	98.6%
Female	99%
World rank	#50 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Kiribati has an overall adult literacy of **98.6%** — **#50** worldwide — with a negligible gender gap (women ahead).

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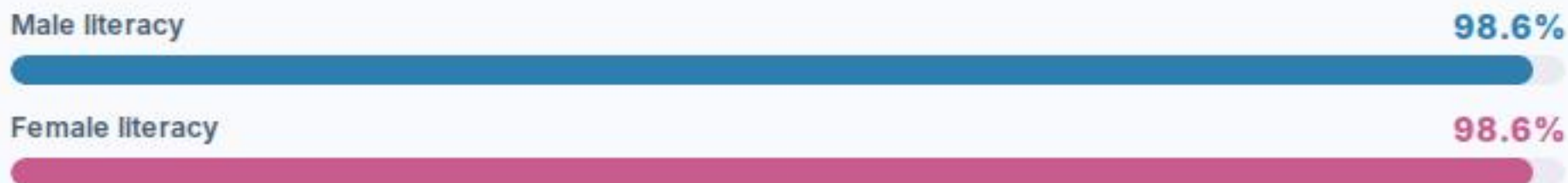
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Grenada

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	98.6%
Male	98.6%
Female	98.6%
World rank	#51 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Grenada has an overall adult literacy of **98.6%** — **#51** worldwide — with a negligible gender gap (men ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 52 OF 173

Montenegro

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	98.5%
Male	99.2%
Female	98%
World rank	#52 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Montenegro has an overall adult literacy of **98.5%** — **#52** worldwide — with a modest 1.2-point gender gap (men ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 53 OF 173

Taiwan

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	98.5%
Male	99.7%
Female	97.3%
World rank	#53 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Taiwan has an overall adult literacy of **98.5%** — **#53** worldwide — with a modest 2.4-point gender gap (men ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 54 OF 173

Philippines

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	98.5%
Male	98.4%
Female	97%
World rank	#54 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Philippines has an overall adult literacy of **98.5%** — **#54** worldwide — with a modest 1.4-point gender gap (men ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 55 OF 173

Bulgaria

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	98.4%
Male	98.8%
Female	98%
World rank	#55 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Bulgaria has an overall adult literacy of **98.4%** — **#55** worldwide — with a negligible gender gap (men ahead).

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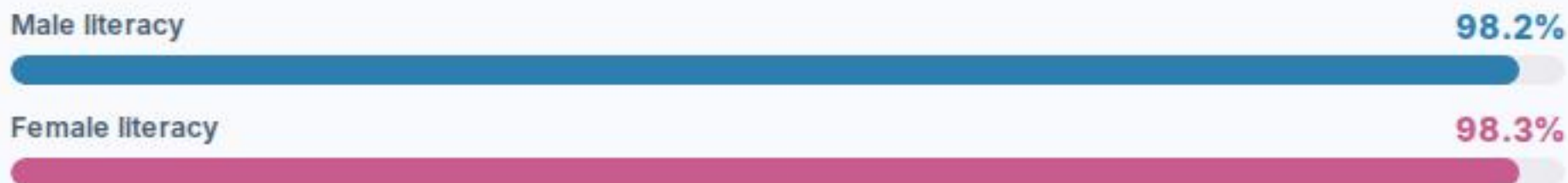
LITERACY — RANK 56 OF 173

Maldives

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	98.2%
Male	98.2%
Female	98.3%
World rank	#56 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Maldives has an overall adult literacy of **98.2%** — **#56** worldwide — with a negligible gender gap (women ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 57 OF 173

Croatia

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	98.2%
Male	99.3%
Female	97.1%
World rank	#57 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Croatia has an overall adult literacy of **98.2%** — **#57** worldwide — with a modest 2.2-point gender gap (men ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 58 OF 173

Palestine

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	98%
Male	99.6%
Female	96.9%
World rank	#58 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Palestine has an overall adult literacy of **98%** — **#58** worldwide — with a modest 2.7-point gender gap (men ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 59 OF 173

Samoa

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	98%
Male	98.3%
Female	97.7%
World rank	#59 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Samoa has an overall adult literacy of **98%** — **#59** worldwide — with a negligible gender gap (men ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 60 OF 173

South Korea

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	98%
Male	98.3%
Female	97.6%
World rank	#60 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



South Korea has an overall adult literacy of **98%** — **#60** worldwide — with a negligible gender gap (men ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 61 OF 173

Saudi Arabia

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	97.9%
Male	98.6%
Female	96.7%
World rank	#61 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Saudi Arabia has an overall adult literacy of **97.9%** — **#61** worldwide — with a modest 1.9-point gender gap (men ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 62 OF 173

Bahrain

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	97.8%
Male	98.7%
Female	96.3%
World rank	#62 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Bahrain has an overall adult literacy of **97.8%** — **#62** worldwide — with a modest 2.4-point gender gap (men ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 63 OF 173

Israel

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	97.8%
Male	98.7%
Female	96.8%
World rank	#63 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Israel has an overall adult literacy of **97.8%** — **#63** worldwide — with a modest 1.9-point gender gap (men ahead).

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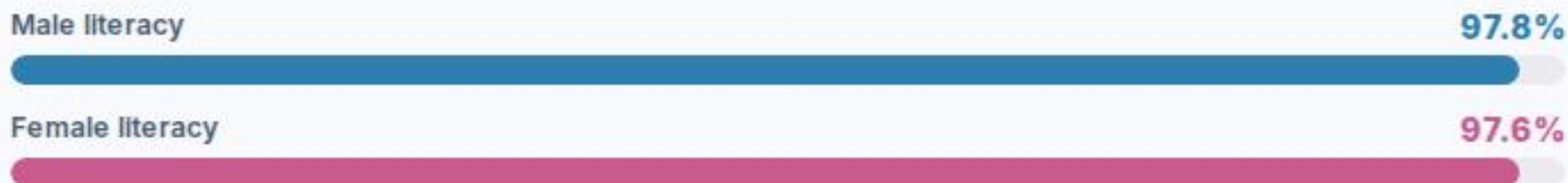
LITERACY — RANK 64 OF 173

Qatar

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	97.8%
Male	97.8%
Female	97.6%
World rank	#64 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Qatar has an overall adult literacy of **97.8%** — **#64** worldwide — with a negligible gender gap (men ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 65 OF 173

Albania

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	97.7%
Male	98.2%
Female	97.2%
World rank	#65 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Albania has an overall adult literacy of **97.7%** — **#65** worldwide — with a modest 1-point gender gap (men ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 66 OF 173

Cuba

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	97.7%
Male	99%
Female	96.4%
World rank	#66 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Cuba has an overall adult literacy of **97.7%** — **#66** worldwide — with a modest 2.6-point gender gap (men ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 67 OF 173

Singapore

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	97.7%
Male	98.9%
Female	96.4%
World rank	#67 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Singapore has an overall adult literacy of **97.7%** — **#67** worldwide — with a modest 2.5-point gender gap (men ahead).



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LITERACY — RANK 68 OF 173

Costa Rica

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	97.4%
Male	97.3%
Female	94.1%
World rank	#68 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Costa Rica has an overall adult literacy of **97.4%** — **#68** worldwide — with a modest 3.2-point gender gap (men ahead).

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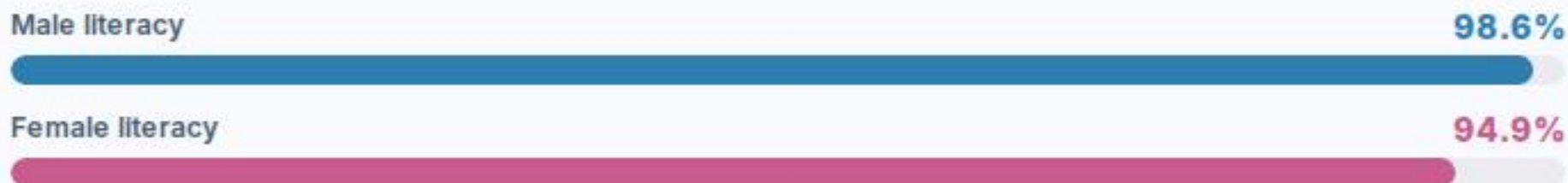
LITERACY — RANK 69 OF 173

Oman

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	97.3%
Male	98.6%
Female	94.9%
World rank	#69 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Oman has an overall adult literacy of **97.3%** — **#69** worldwide — with a modest 3.7-point gender gap (men ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 70 OF 173

Turkey

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	97.3%
Male	99.3%
Female	95.3%
World rank	#70 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Turkey has an overall adult literacy of **97.3%** — **#70** worldwide — with a modest 4-point gender gap (men ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 71 OF 173

Venezuela

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	97.2%
Male	97.2%
Female	97.3%
World rank	#71 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Venezuela has an overall adult literacy of **97.2%** — **#71** worldwide — with a negligible gender gap (women ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 72 OF 173

Bosnia and Herzegovina

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	97%
Male	99.2%
Female	94.9%
World rank	#72 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Bosnia and Herzegovina has an overall adult literacy of **97%** — **#72** worldwide — with a modest 4.3-point gender gap (men ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 73 OF 173

Aruba

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	96.8%
Male	96.9%
Female	96.7%
World rank	#73 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Aruba has an overall adult literacy of **96.8%** — **#73** worldwide — with a negligible gender gap (men ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 74 OF 173

China

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	96.7%
Male	98.4%
Female	95.1%
World rank	#74 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



China has an overall adult literacy of **96.7%** — **#74** worldwide — with a modest 3.3-point gender gap (men ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 75 OF 173

Nauru

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	96.6%
Male	93.4%
Female	99.7%
World rank	#75 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Nauru has an overall adult literacy of **96.6%** — **#75** worldwide — with a wide 6.3-point gender gap (women ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 76 OF 173

Macau

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	96.5%
Male	98.2%
Female	95%
World rank	#76 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Macau has an overall adult literacy of **96.5%** — **#76** worldwide — with a modest 3.2-point gender gap (men ahead).



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LITERACY — RANK 77 OF 173

Kuwait

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	96.5%
Male	97.1%
Female	95.4%
World rank	#77 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Kuwait has an overall adult literacy of **96.5%** — **#77** worldwide — with a modest 1.7-point gender gap (men ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 78 OF 173

Chile

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	96.4%
Male	96.5%
Female	96.3%
World rank	#78 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Chile has an overall adult literacy of **96.4%** — **#78** worldwide — with a negligible gender gap (men ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 79 OF 173

Ecuador

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	96.3%
Male	96.9%
Female	95.7%
World rank	#79 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Ecuador has an overall adult literacy of **96.3%** — **#79** worldwide — with a modest 1.2-point gender gap (men ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 80 OF 173

Panama

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	96.3%
Male	97.3%
Female	96%
World rank	#80 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Panama has an overall adult literacy of **96.3%** — **#80** worldwide — with a modest 1.3-point gender gap (men ahead).

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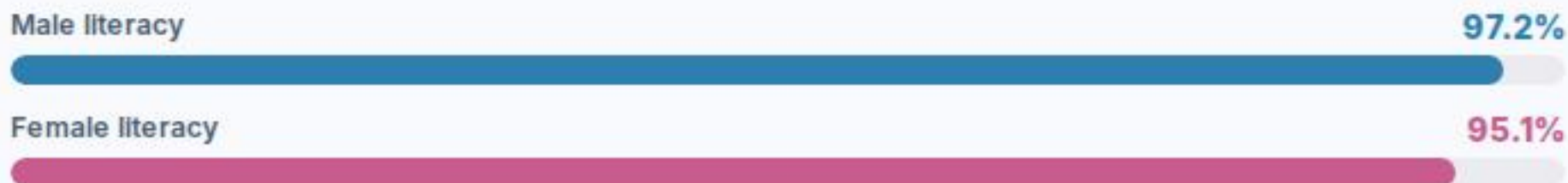
LITERACY — RANK 81 OF 173

Vietnam

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	96.1%
Male	97.2%
Female	95.1%
World rank	#81 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Vietnam has an overall adult literacy of **96.1%** — **#81** worldwide — with a modest 2.1-point gender gap (men ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 82 OF 173

Brunei

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	96.1%
Male	97.4%
Female	94.7%
World rank	#82 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Brunei has an overall adult literacy of **96.1%** — **#82** worldwide — with a modest 2.7-point gender gap (men ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 83 OF 173

Indonesia

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	96%
Male	97.5%
Female	94.6%
World rank	#83 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Indonesia has an overall adult literacy of **96%** — **#83** worldwide — with a modest 2.9-point gender gap (men ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 84 OF 173

Marshall Islands

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	95.8%
Male	95.7%
Female	96.4%
World rank	#84 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Marshall Islands has an overall adult literacy of **95.8%** — **#84** worldwide — with a negligible gender gap (women ahead).

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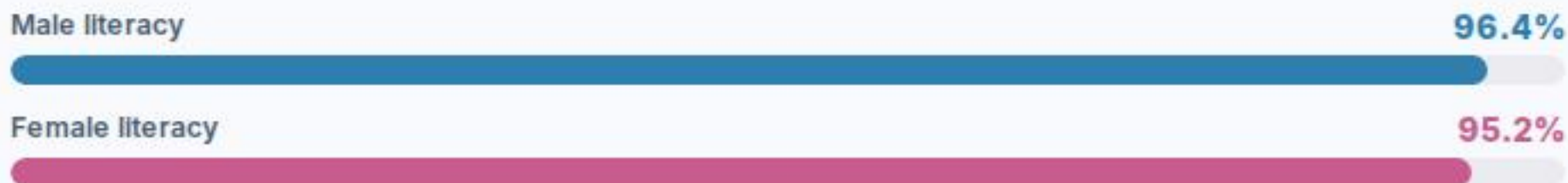
LITERACY — RANK 85 OF 173

Mexico

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	95.8%
Male	96.4%
Female	95.2%
World rank	#85 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Mexico has an overall adult literacy of **95.8%** — **#85** worldwide — with a modest 1.2-point gender gap (men ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 86 OF 173

Malaysia

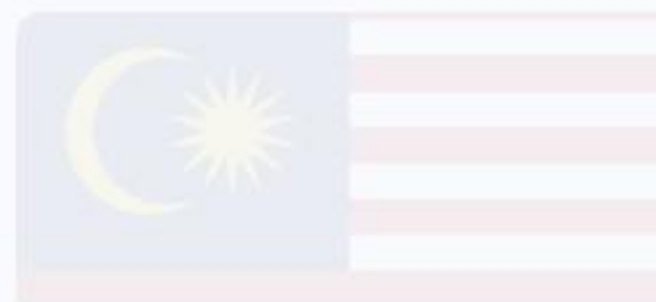
ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	95.8%
Male	96.8%
Female	94.7%
World rank	#86 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Malaysia has an overall adult literacy of **95.8%** — **#86** worldwide — with a modest 2.1-point gender gap (men ahead).



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LITERACY — RANK 87 OF 173

Bolivia

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	95.6%
Male	97.8%
Female	93.5%
World rank	#87 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Bolivia has an overall adult literacy of **95.6%** — **#87** worldwide — with a modest 4.3-point gender gap (men ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 88 OF 173

Colombia

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	95.3%
Male	95%
Female	95.7%
World rank	#88 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Colombia has an overall adult literacy of **95.3%** — **#88** worldwide — with a negligible gender gap (women ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 89 OF 173

Paraguay

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	94.9%
Male	95.4%
Female	94.3%
World rank	#89 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Paraguay has an overall adult literacy of **94.9%** — **#89** worldwide — with a modest 1.1-point gender gap (men ahead).



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LITERACY — RANK 90 OF 173

Jordan

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	94.9%
Male	97.5%
Female	92.3%
World rank	#90 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Jordan has an overall adult literacy of **94.9%** — **#90** worldwide — with a wide 5.2-point gender gap (men ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 91 OF 173

Brazil

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	94.8%
Male	94.5%
Female	95.1%
World rank	#91 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Brazil has an overall adult literacy of **94.8%** — **#91** worldwide — with a negligible gender gap (women ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 92 OF 173

Portugal

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	94.5%
Male	96.3%
Female	92.9%
World rank	#92 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Portugal has an overall adult literacy of **94.5%** — **#92** worldwide — with a modest 3.4-point gender gap (men ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 93 OF 173

Syria

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	94.4%
Male	97.2%
Female	91.8%
World rank	#93 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Syria has an overall adult literacy of **94.4%** — **#93** worldwide — with a wide 5.4-point gender gap (men ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 94 OF 173

Mauritius

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	94.3%
Male	96.3%
Female	92.8%
World rank	#94 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Mauritius has an overall adult literacy of **94.3%** — **#94** worldwide — with a modest 3.5-point gender gap (men ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 95 OF 173

Dominican Republic

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	94%
Male	93.6%
Female	94.4%
World rank	#95 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Dominican Republic has an overall adult literacy of **94%** — **#95** worldwide — with a negligible gender gap (women ahead).

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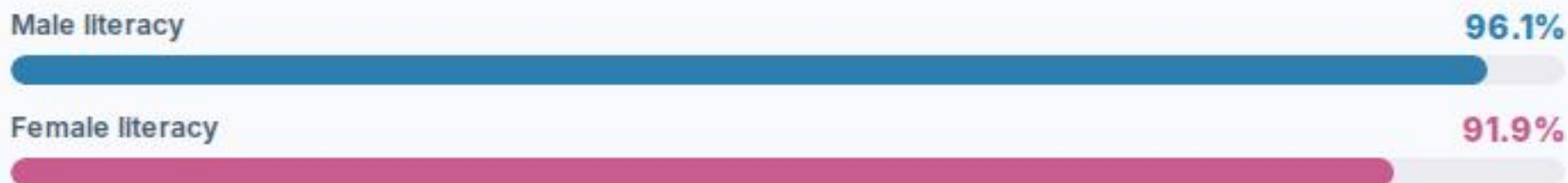
LITERACY — RANK 96 OF 173

Greece

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	93.9%
Male	96.1%
Female	91.9%
World rank	#96 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Greece has an overall adult literacy of **93.9%** — **#96** worldwide — with a modest 4.2-point gender gap (men ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 97 OF 173

Peru

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	93.7%
Male	97%
Female	90.7%
World rank	#97 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Peru has an overall adult literacy of **93.7%** — **#97** worldwide — with a wide 6.3-point gender gap (men ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 98 OF 173

Myanmar

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	93.6%
Male	94.7%
Female	92.7%
World rank	#98 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Myanmar has an overall adult literacy of **93.6%** — **#98** worldwide — with a modest 2-point gender gap (men ahead).

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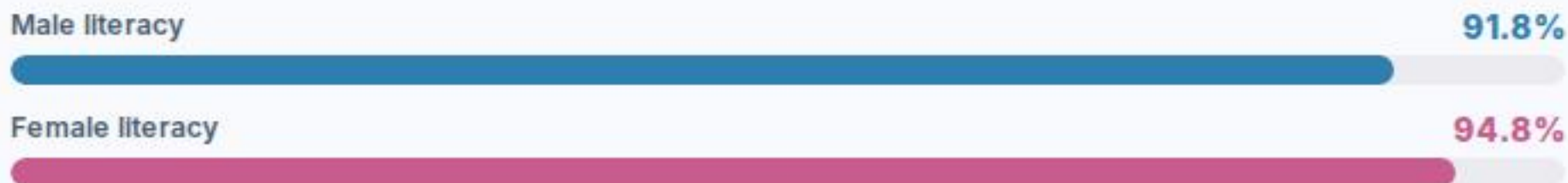
LITERACY — RANK 99 OF 173

Malta

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	93.3%
Male	91.8%
Female	94.8%
World rank	#99 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Malta has an overall adult literacy of **93.3%** — **#99** worldwide — with a modest 3-point gender gap (women ahead).



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LITERACY — RANK 100 OF 173

Zimbabwe

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	93.2%
Male	93.1%
Female	93.4%
World rank	#100 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Zimbabwe has an overall adult literacy of **93.2%** — **#100** worldwide — with a negligible gender gap (women ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 101 OF 173

Sri Lanka

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	92.7%
Male	93.5%
Female	92%
World rank	#101 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Sri Lanka has an overall adult literacy of **92.7%** — **#101** worldwide — with a modest 1.5-point gender gap (men ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 102 OF 173

Lebanon

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	92%
Male	94.8%
Female	89.5%
World rank	#102 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Lebanon has an overall adult literacy of **92%** — **#102** worldwide — with a wide 5.3-point gender gap (men ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 103 OF 173

South Africa

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	91.2%
Male	91.5%
Female	90.8%
World rank	#103 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



South Africa has an overall adult literacy of **91.2%** — **#103** worldwide — with a negligible gender gap (men ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 104 OF 173

Thailand

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	91.1%
Male	90.7%
Female	91.5%
World rank	#104 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Thailand has an overall adult literacy of **91.1%** — **#104** worldwide — with a negligible gender gap (women ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 105 OF 173

Tonga

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	91.1%
Male	83.8%
Female	97.6%
World rank	#105 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Tonga has an overall adult literacy of **91.1%** — **#105** worldwide — with a wide 13.8-point gender gap (women ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 106 OF 173

Libya

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	91%
Male	96.7%
Female	85.6%
World rank	#106 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Libya has an overall adult literacy of **91%** — **#106** worldwide — with a wide 11.1-point gender gap (men ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 107 OF 173

Eswatini

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	90.8%
Male	91.1%
Female	90.4%
World rank	#107 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Eswatini has an overall adult literacy of **90.8%** — **#107** worldwide — with a negligible gender gap (men ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 108 OF 173

Lesotho

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	90.5%
Male	83.2%
Female	96.6%
World rank	#108 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Lesotho has an overall adult literacy of **90.5%** — **#108** worldwide — with a wide 13.4-point gender gap (women ahead).



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LITERACY — RANK 109 OF 173

El Salvador

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	89.8%
Male	91.6%
Female	88.3%
World rank	#109 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



El Salvador has an overall adult literacy of **89.8%** — **#109** worldwide — with a modest 3.3-point gender gap (men ahead).



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LITERACY — RANK 110 OF 173

Iran

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	88.9%
Male	92.8%
Female	85.1%
World rank	#110 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Iran has an overall adult literacy of **88.9%** — **#110** worldwide — with a wide 7.7-point gender gap (men ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 111 OF 173

Gabon

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	88.9%
Male	90.8%
Female	87.1%
World rank	#111 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Gabon has an overall adult literacy of **88.9%** — **#111** worldwide — with a modest 3.7-point gender gap (men ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 112 OF 173

Cape Verde

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	88.5%
Male	92.9%
Female	84.1%
World rank	#112 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Cape Verde has an overall adult literacy of **88.5%** — **#112** worldwide — with a wide 8.8-point gender gap (men ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 113 OF 173

Honduras

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	88.3%
Male	87.6%
Female	88.8%
World rank	#113 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Honduras has an overall adult literacy of **88.3%** — **#113** worldwide — with a modest 1.2-point gender gap (women ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 114 OF 173

Vanuatu

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	88%
Male	87.7%
Female	88.2%
World rank	#114 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Vanuatu has an overall adult literacy of **88%** — **#114** worldwide — with a negligible gender gap (women ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 115 OF 173

Belize

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	87.9%
Male	87.9%
Female	87.9%
World rank	#115 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Belize has an overall adult literacy of **87.9%** — **#115** worldwide — with a negligible gender gap (men ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 116 OF 173

Namibia

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	87.6%
Male	87.9%
Female	87.4%
World rank	#116 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Namibia has an overall adult literacy of **87.6%** — **#116** worldwide — with a negligible gender gap (men ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 117 OF 173

Sao Tome and Principe

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	87.4%
Male	92.5%
Female	82.8%
World rank	#117 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Sao Tome and Principe has an overall adult literacy of **87.4%** — **#117** worldwide — with a wide 9.7-point gender gap (men ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 118 OF 173

Nicaragua

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	87.4%
Male	86.9%
Female	88.2%
World rank	#118 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Nicaragua has an overall adult literacy of **87.4%** — **#118** worldwide — with a modest 1.3-point gender gap (women ahead).



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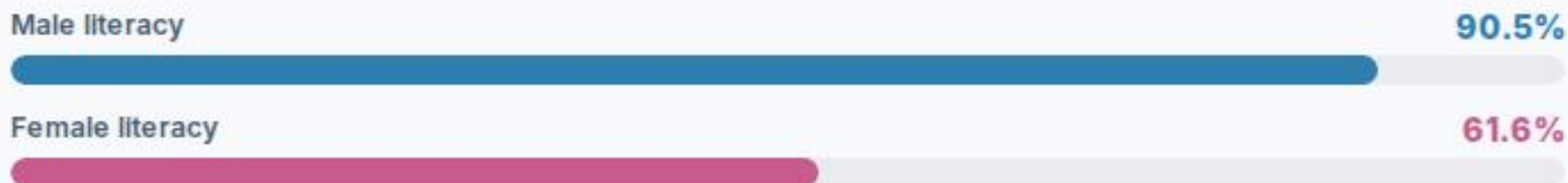
LITERACY — RANK 119 OF 173

Papua New Guinea

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	87.1%
Male	90.5%
Female	61.6%
World rank	#119 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Papua New Guinea has an overall adult literacy of **87.1%** — **#119** worldwide — with a wide 28.9-point gender gap (men ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 120 OF 173

Tunisia

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	86.3%
Male	92.7%
Female	80.1%
World rank	#120 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Tunisia has an overall adult literacy of **86.3%** — **#120** worldwide — with a wide 12.6-point gender gap (men ahead).

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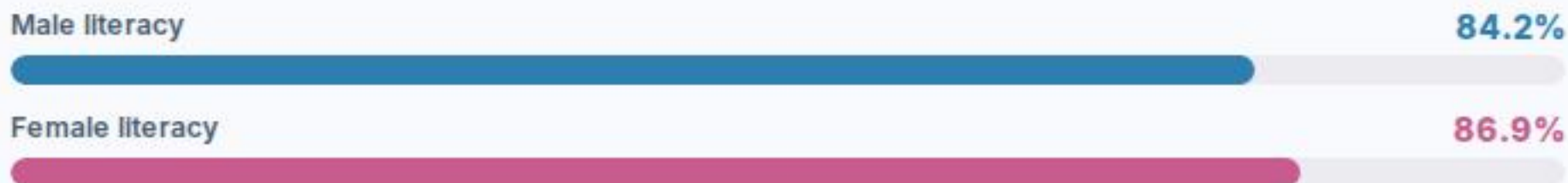
LITERACY — RANK 121 OF 173

Guyana

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	85.6%
Male	84.2%
Female	86.9%
World rank	#121 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Guyana has an overall adult literacy of **85.6%** — **#121** worldwide — with a modest 2.7-point gender gap (women ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 122 OF 173

Iraq

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	84.1%
Male	90.3%
Female	77.8%
World rank	#122 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Iraq has an overall adult literacy of **84.1%** — **#122** worldwide — with a wide 12.5-point gender gap (men ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 123 OF 173

Kenya

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	82.2%
Male	87.5%
Female	77.9%
World rank	#123 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Kenya has an overall adult literacy of **82.2%** — **#123** worldwide — with a wide 9.6-point gender gap (men ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 124 OF 173

Guatemala

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	82.1%
Male	86.9%
Female	78.5%
World rank	#124 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Guatemala has an overall adult literacy of **82.1%** — **#124** worldwide — with a wide 8.4-point gender gap (men ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 125 OF 173

Zambia

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	82%
Male	87.2%
Female	77.2%
World rank	#125 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Zambia has an overall adult literacy of **82%** — **#125** worldwide — with a wide 10-point gender gap (men ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 126 OF 173

India

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	81.7%
Male	88.3%
Female	74.9%
World rank	#126 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



India has an overall adult literacy of **81.7%** — **#126** worldwide — with a wide 13.4-point gender gap (men ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 127 OF 173

Botswana

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	81.2%
Male	80.4%
Female	81.8%
World rank	#127 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Botswana has an overall adult literacy of **81.2%** — **#127** worldwide — with a modest 1.4-point gender gap (women ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 128 OF 173

Jamaica

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	79.9%
Male	74.1%
Female	90.8%
World rank	#128 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Jamaica has an overall adult literacy of **79.9%** — **#128** worldwide — with a wide 16.7-point gender gap (women ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 129 OF 173

Egypt

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	79.5%
Male	85.3%
Female	73.3%
World rank	#129 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Egypt has an overall adult literacy of **79.5%** — **#129** worldwide — with a wide 12-point gender gap (men ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 130 OF 173

Uganda

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	79.1%
Male	84.7%
Female	73.9%
World rank	#130 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Uganda has an overall adult literacy of **79.1%** — **#130** worldwide — with a wide 10.8-point gender gap (men ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 131 OF 173

Bangladesh

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	79%
Male	81.4%
Female	76.5%
World rank	#131 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Bangladesh has an overall adult literacy of **79%** — **#131** worldwide — with a modest 4.9-point gender gap (men ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 132 OF 173

Rwanda

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	78.8%
Male	81%
Female	76.7%
World rank	#132 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Rwanda has an overall adult literacy of **78.8%** — **#132** worldwide — with a modest 4.3-point gender gap (men ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 133 OF 173

Tanzania

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	78.2%
Male	84.3%
Female	73.1%
World rank	#133 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Tanzania has an overall adult literacy of **78.2%** — **#133** worldwide — with a wide 11.2-point gender gap (men ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 134 OF 173

Ghana

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	76.5%
Male	81.3%
Female	72.1%
World rank	#134 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Ghana has an overall adult literacy of **76.5%** — **#134** worldwide — with a wide 9.2-point gender gap (men ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 135 OF 173

Comoros

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	75.8%
Male	79.9%
Female	72.3%
World rank	#135 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Comoros has an overall adult literacy of **75.8%** — **#135** worldwide — with a wide 7.6-point gender gap (men ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 136 OF 173

Laos

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	75.6%
Male	85.1%
Female	66.7%
World rank	#136 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Laos has an overall adult literacy of **75.6%** — **#136** worldwide — with a wide 18.4-point gender gap (men ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 137 OF 173

Algeria

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	75.1%
Male	82.6%
Female	74.2%
World rank	#137 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Algeria has an overall adult literacy of **75.1%** — **#137** worldwide — with a wide 8.4-point gender gap (men ahead).



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LITERACY — RANK 138 OF 173

Madagascar

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	74.7%
Male	77.9%
Female	71.8%
World rank	#138 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Madagascar has an overall adult literacy of **74.7%** — **#138** worldwide — with a wide 6.1-point gender gap (men ahead).

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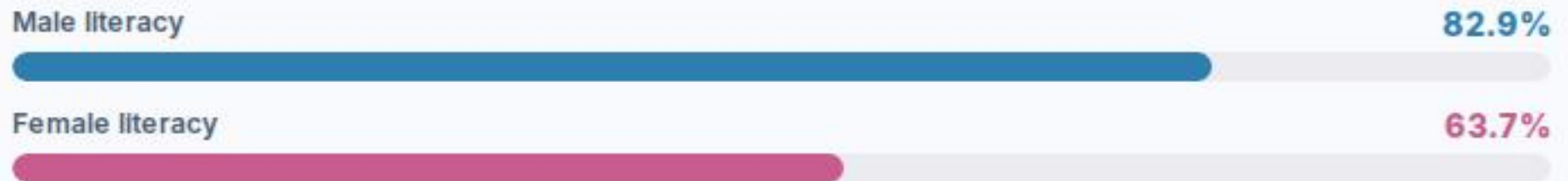
LITERACY — RANK 139 OF 173

Togo

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	72.6%
Male	82.9%
Female	63.7%
World rank	#139 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Togo has an overall adult literacy of **72.6%** — **#139** worldwide — with a wide 19.2-point gender gap (men ahead).

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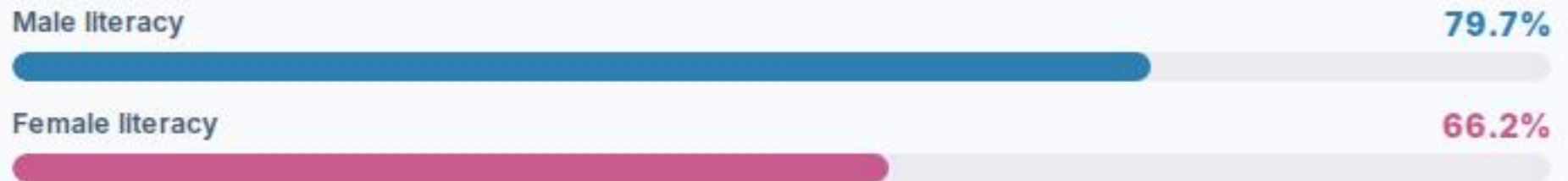
LITERACY — RANK 140 OF 173

Cameroon

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	72.6%
Male	79.7%
Female	66.2%
World rank	#140 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Cameroon has an overall adult literacy of **72.6%** — **#140** worldwide — with a wide 13.5-point gender gap (men ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 141 OF 173

Timor-Leste

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	72.5%
Male	73.1%
Female	71.8%
World rank	#141 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Timor-Leste has an overall adult literacy of **72.5%** — **#141** worldwide — with a modest 1.3-point gender gap (men ahead).

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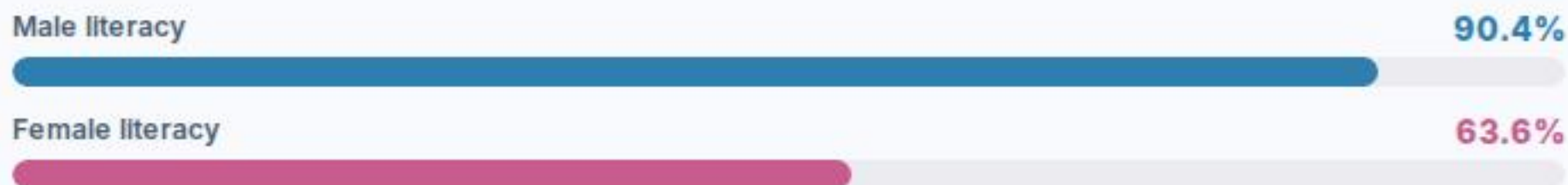
LITERACY — RANK 142 OF 173

Cambodia

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	71.9%
Male	90.4%
Female	63.6%
World rank	#142 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Cambodia has an overall adult literacy of **71.9%** — **#142** worldwide — with a wide 26.8-point gender gap (men ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 143 OF 173

Burundi

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	71.4%
Male	78.2%
Female	66.2%
World rank	#143 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Burundi has an overall adult literacy of **71.4%** — **#143** worldwide — with a wide 12-point gender gap (men ahead).

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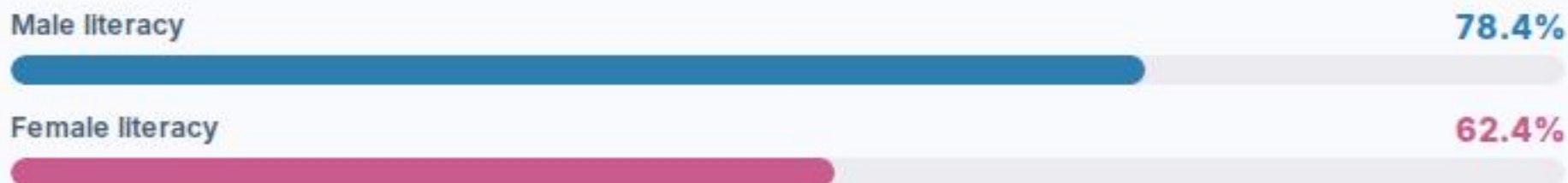
LITERACY — RANK 144 OF 173

Nigeria

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	70.4%
Male	78.4%
Female	62.4%
World rank	#144 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Nigeria has an overall adult literacy of **70.4%** — **#144** worldwide — with a wide 16-point gender gap (men ahead).

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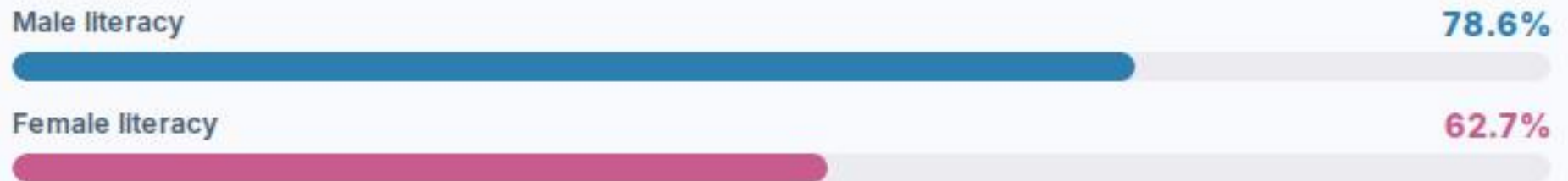
LITERACY — RANK 145 OF 173

Malawi

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	70.2%
Male	78.6%
Female	62.7%
World rank	#145 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Malawi has an overall adult literacy of **70.2%** — **#145** worldwide — with a wide 15.9-point gender gap (men ahead).

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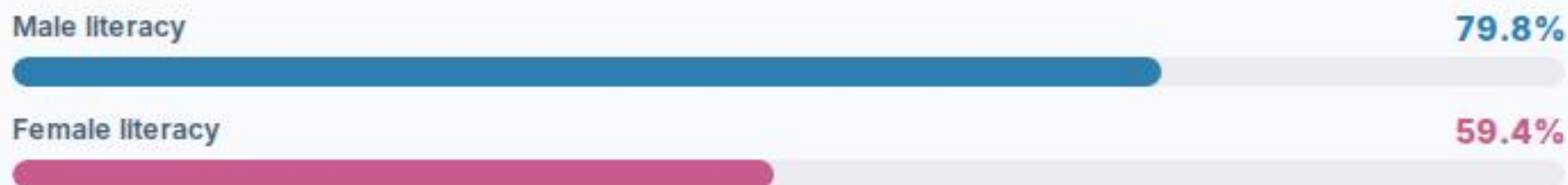
LITERACY — RANK 146 OF 173

Nepal

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	68.7%
Male	79.8%
Female	59.4%
World rank	#146 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Nepal has an overall adult literacy of **68.7%** — **#146** worldwide — with a wide 20.4-point gender gap (men ahead).

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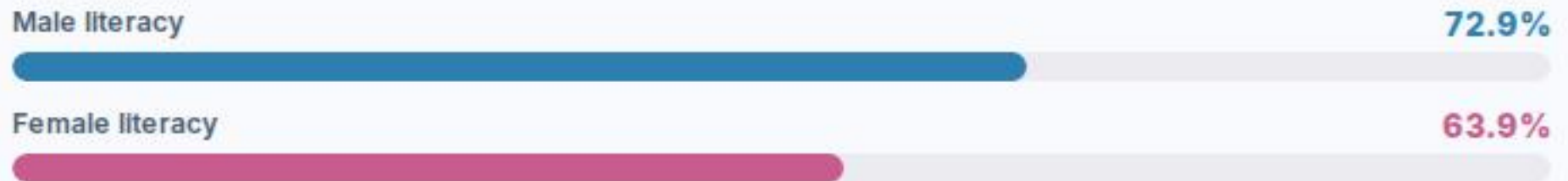
LITERACY — RANK 147 OF 173

Haiti

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	68%
Male	72.9%
Female	63.9%
World rank	#147 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Haiti has an overall adult literacy of **68%** — **#147** worldwide — with a wide 9-point gender gap (men ahead).



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LITERACY — RANK 148 OF 173

Angola

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	66.2%
Male	83.8%
Female	51.9%
World rank	#148 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Angola has an overall adult literacy of **66.2%** — **#148** worldwide — with a wide 31.9-point gender gap (men ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 149 OF 173

DR Congo

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	65.7%
Male	87.5%
Female	56.1%
World rank	#149 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



DR Congo has an overall adult literacy of **65.7%** — **#149** worldwide — with a wide 31.4-point gender gap (men ahead).

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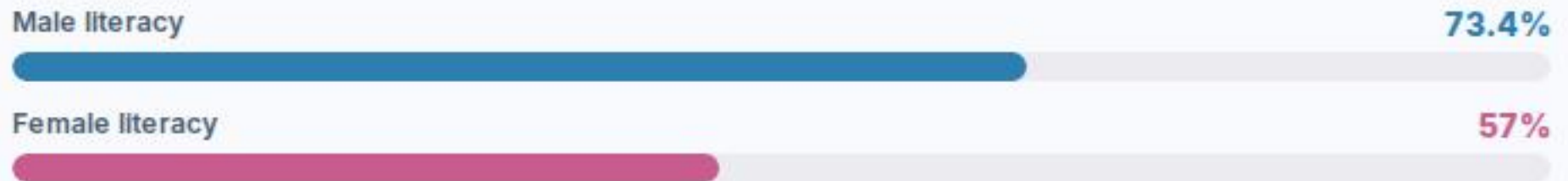
LITERACY — RANK 150 OF 173

Bhutan

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	64.9%
Male	73.4%
Female	57%
World rank	#150 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Bhutan has an overall adult literacy of **64.9%** — **#150** worldwide — with a wide 16.4-point gender gap (men ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 151 OF 173

Eritrea

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	64.7%
Male	75.1%
Female	54.8%
World rank	#151 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Eritrea has an overall adult literacy of **64.7%** — **#151** worldwide — with a wide 20.3-point gender gap (men ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 152 OF 173

Morocco

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	64.3%
Male	75.4%
Female	53.4%
World rank	#152 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Morocco has an overall adult literacy of **64.3%** — **#152** worldwide — with a wide 22-point gender gap (men ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 153 OF 173

Guinea-Bissau

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	63.9%
Male	77.3%
Female	52.2%
World rank	#153 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Guinea-Bissau has an overall adult literacy of **63.9%** — **#153** worldwide — with a wide 25.1-point gender gap (men ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 154 OF 173

Mozambique

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	61.7%
Male	74.1%
Female	50.9%
World rank	#154 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Mozambique has an overall adult literacy of **61.7%** — **#154** worldwide — with a wide 23.2-point gender gap (men ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 155 OF 173

Ethiopia

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	60.5%
Male	71%
Female	50%
World rank	#155 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Ethiopia has an overall adult literacy of **60.5%** — **#155** worldwide — with a wide 21-point gender gap (men ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 156 OF 173

Mauritania

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	59.5%
Male	70.1%
Female	51.8%
World rank	#156 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Mauritania has an overall adult literacy of **59.5%** — **#156** worldwide — with a wide 18.3-point gender gap (men ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 157 OF 173

Liberia

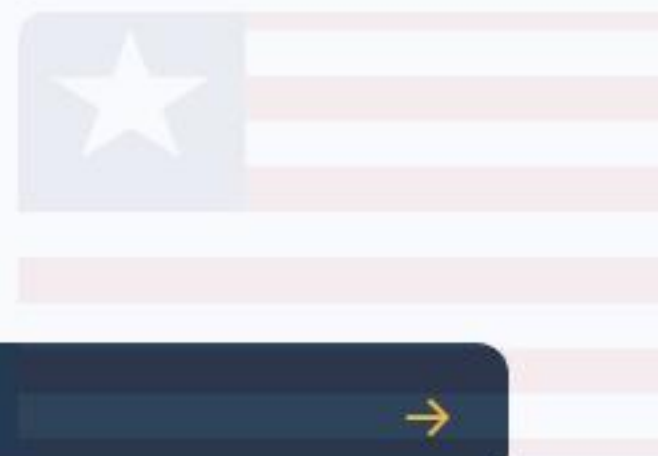
ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	59.4%
Male	72.5%
Female	47.8%
World rank	#157 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Liberia has an overall adult literacy of **59.4%** — **#157** worldwide — with a wide 24.7-point gender gap (men ahead).



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LITERACY — RANK 158 OF 173

Pakistan

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	58.9%
Male	69.1%
Female	48.5%
World rank	#158 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Pakistan has an overall adult literacy of **58.9%** — **#158** worldwide — with a wide 20.6-point gender gap (men ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 159 OF 173

Somalia

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	54.1%
Male	64.5%
Female	43.9%
World rank	#159 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Somalia has an overall adult literacy of **54.1%** — **#159** worldwide — with a wide 20.6-point gender gap (men ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 160 OF 173

Sudan

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	53.5%
Male	59.8%
Female	46.7%
World rank	#160 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Sudan has an overall adult literacy of **53.5%** — **#160** worldwide — with a wide 13.1-point gender gap (men ahead).

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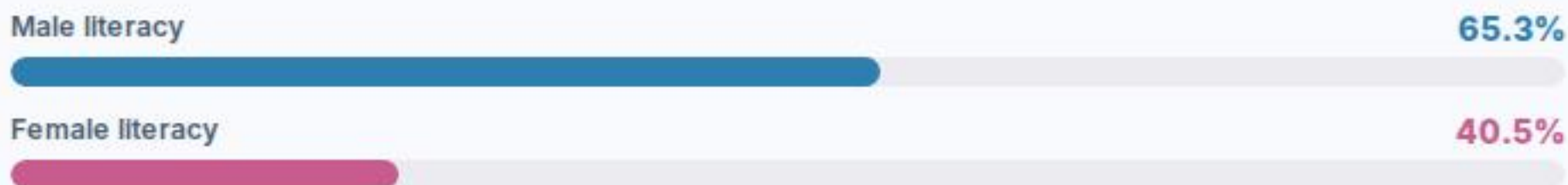
LITERACY — RANK 161 OF 173

Gambia

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	51.6%
Male	65.3%
Female	40.5%
World rank	#161 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Gambia has an overall adult literacy of **51.6%** — **#161** worldwide — with a wide 24.8-point gender gap (men ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 162 OF 173

Benin

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	51.4%
Male	62.6%
Female	41.5%
World rank	#162 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Benin has an overall adult literacy of **51.4%** — **#162** worldwide — with a wide 21.1-point gender gap (men ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 163 OF 173

Senegal

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	50.4%
Male	61.5%
Female	41.5%
World rank	#163 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Senegal has an overall adult literacy of **50.4%** — **#163** worldwide — with a wide 20-point gender gap (men ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 164 OF 173

Ivory Coast

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	50%
Male	68%
Female	40.3%
World rank	#164 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Ivory Coast has an overall adult literacy of **50%** — **#164** worldwide — with a wide 27.7-point gender gap (men ahead).

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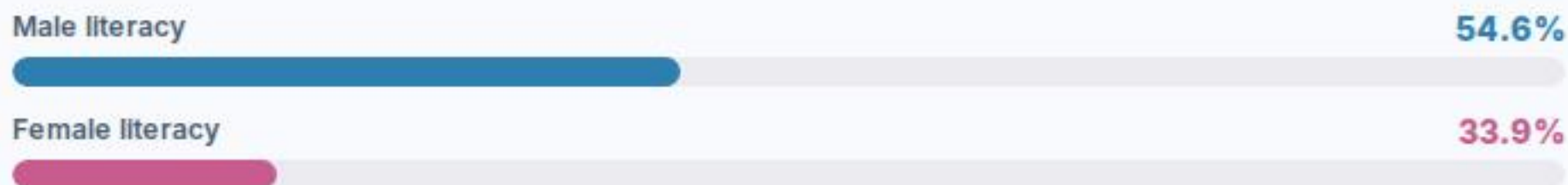
LITERACY — RANK 165 OF 173

Sierra Leone

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	43.6%
Male	54.6%
Female	33.9%
World rank	#165 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Sierra Leone has an overall adult literacy of **43.6%** — **#165** worldwide — with a wide 20.7-point gender gap (men ahead).

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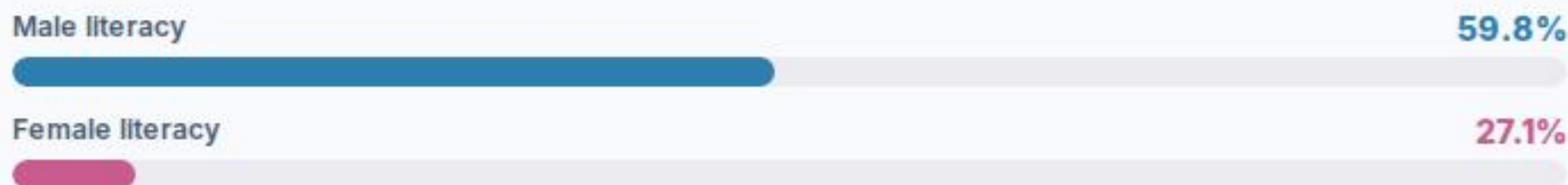
LITERACY — RANK 166 OF 173

Central African Republic

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	42.4%
Male	59.8%
Female	27.1%
World rank	#166 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Central African Republic has an overall adult literacy of **42.4%** — **#166** worldwide — with a wide 32.7-point gender gap (men ahead).

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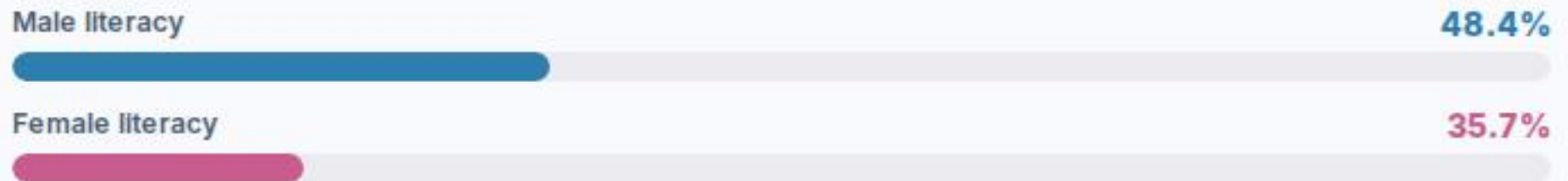
LITERACY — RANK 167 OF 173

Burkina Faso

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	41.4%
Male	48.4%
Female	35.7%
World rank	#167 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Burkina Faso has an overall adult literacy of **41.4%** — **#167** worldwide — with a wide 12.7-point gender gap (men ahead).

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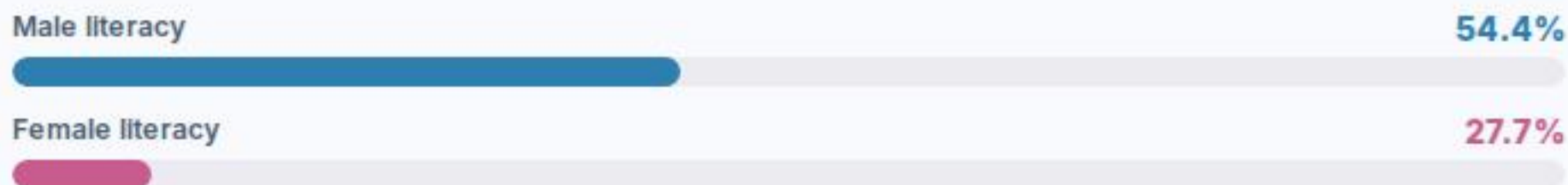
LITERACY — RANK 168 OF 173

Guinea

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	39.6%
Male	54.4%
Female	27.7%
World rank	#168 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Guinea has an overall adult literacy of **39.6%** — **#168** worldwide — with a wide 26.7-point gender gap (men ahead).

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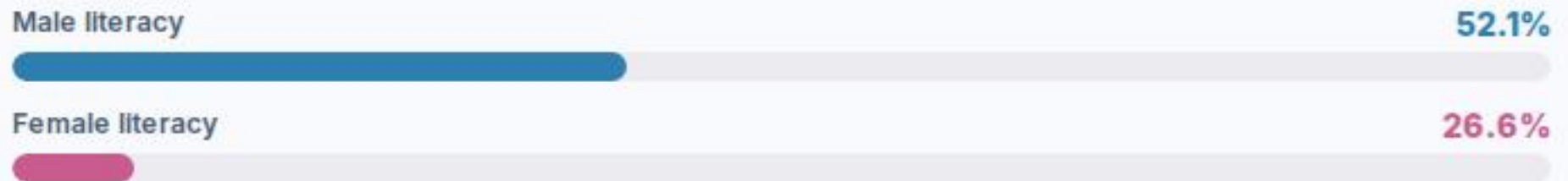
LITERACY — RANK 169 OF 173

Afghanistan

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	37.3%
Male	52.1%
Female	26.6%
World rank	#169 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Afghanistan has an overall adult literacy of **37.3%** — **#169** worldwide — with a wide 25.5-point gender gap (men ahead).

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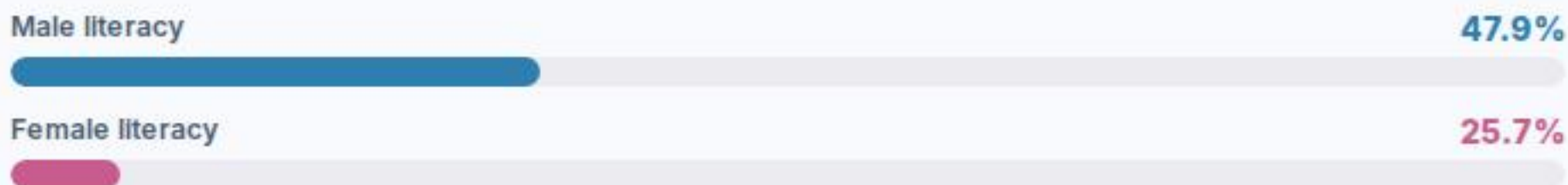
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Niger

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	35.6%
Male	47.9%
Female	25.7%
World rank	#170 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Niger has an overall adult literacy of **35.6%** — **#170** worldwide — with a wide 22.2-point gender gap (men ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 171 OF 173

Mali

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	35.5%
Male	46.2%
Female	25.7%
World rank	#171 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Mali has an overall adult literacy of **35.5%** — **#171** worldwide — with a wide 20.5-point gender gap (men ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 172 OF 173

Chad

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	30.6%
Male	44.5%
Female	18.6%
World rank	#172 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



Chad has an overall adult literacy of **30.6%** — **#172** worldwide — with a wide 25.9-point gender gap (men ahead).

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LITERACY — RANK 173 OF 173

South Sudan

ADULT LITERACY (15+) — AT A GLANCE

Overall literacy	26.8%
Male	34.8%
Female	19.2%
World rank	#173 of 173

MALE VS. FEMALE



South Sudan has an overall adult literacy of **26.8%** — **#173** worldwide — with a wide 15.6-point gender gap (men ahead).

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