The leaky pipeline: women remain a minority in research worldwide.

Share of women in higher education and research, 2013 (%)

Female bachelor's graduates 53
Female master's graduates 53
Female PhD graduates 43
Female researchers 28

There are wide variations from one country and one region to another.

Share of female researchers by country, 2013 or closest year (%)

Regional shares of female researchers, 2013 (%)
Southeast Europe 48.5
Caribbean 44.4
Central Asia 44.3
Latin America 44.3
Eastern Europe 40.2
Arab States 36.8
European Free Trade Association 34.2
European Union 33.1
Sub-Saharan Africa 30.0
West Asia 27.2
Southeast Asia 22.5
South Asia 16.9

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