

# Who is eligible for parental leave in Bulgaria?

Parental leave is granted to parents, usually after maternity and paternity leave, allowing mothers and fathers to take care of their young children without losing their jobs. Such a policy exists in all EU Member States and in Bulgaria it is called **Отпуск за отглеждане на дете до 2-годишна възраст**. The policy design and eligibility rules vary across the EU and not all women and men in the EU are eligible for parental leave.

## Parental leave in Bulgaria is:



Paid



14.6 months



Leave is transferable between parents

## 21 % of women and 17 % of men in employment are not eligible for parental leave

This factsheet is based on an eligibility study of how many women and men (aged 20-49) would be eligible for parental leave if they had a child in 2017 and the reasons behind their non-eligibility. (1)

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✓ **Employees**  
(with conditions)

✓ **Self-employed**  
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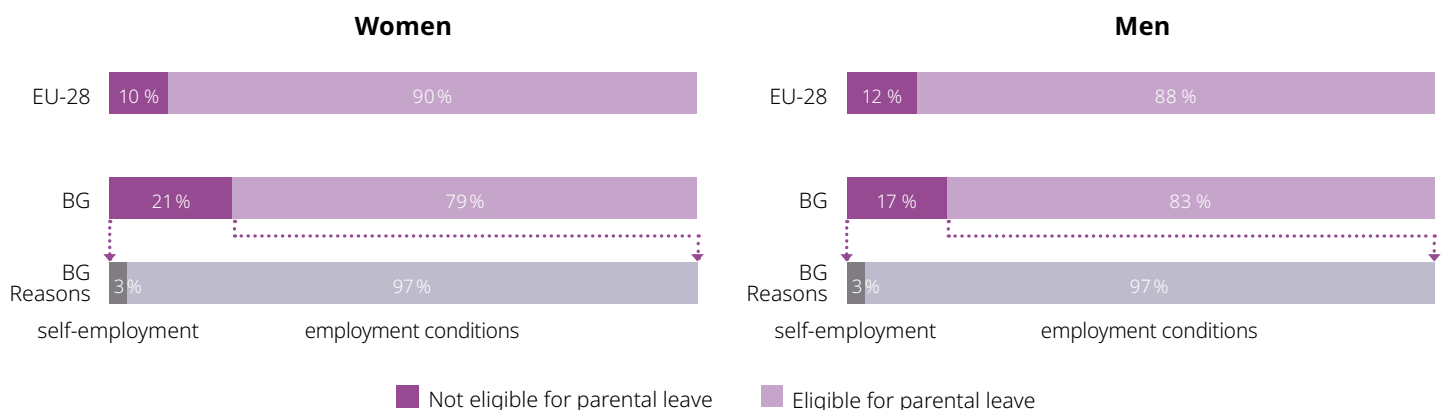
✓ **Same-sex parents**

✓ **Non-citizens (2)**

In the EU-28 (3):

- 15 countries restrict access to employees with short working duration before birth (including Bulgaria)
- The self-employed are not eligible in 10 countries (not Bulgaria but some conditions apply)
- 11 countries do not allow access for same-sex parents (not Bulgaria)
- 19 limit access to refugees or asylum seekers (not Bulgaria)

**In Bulgaria, duration conditions for the employees and the self-employed restrict the access to parental leave.**

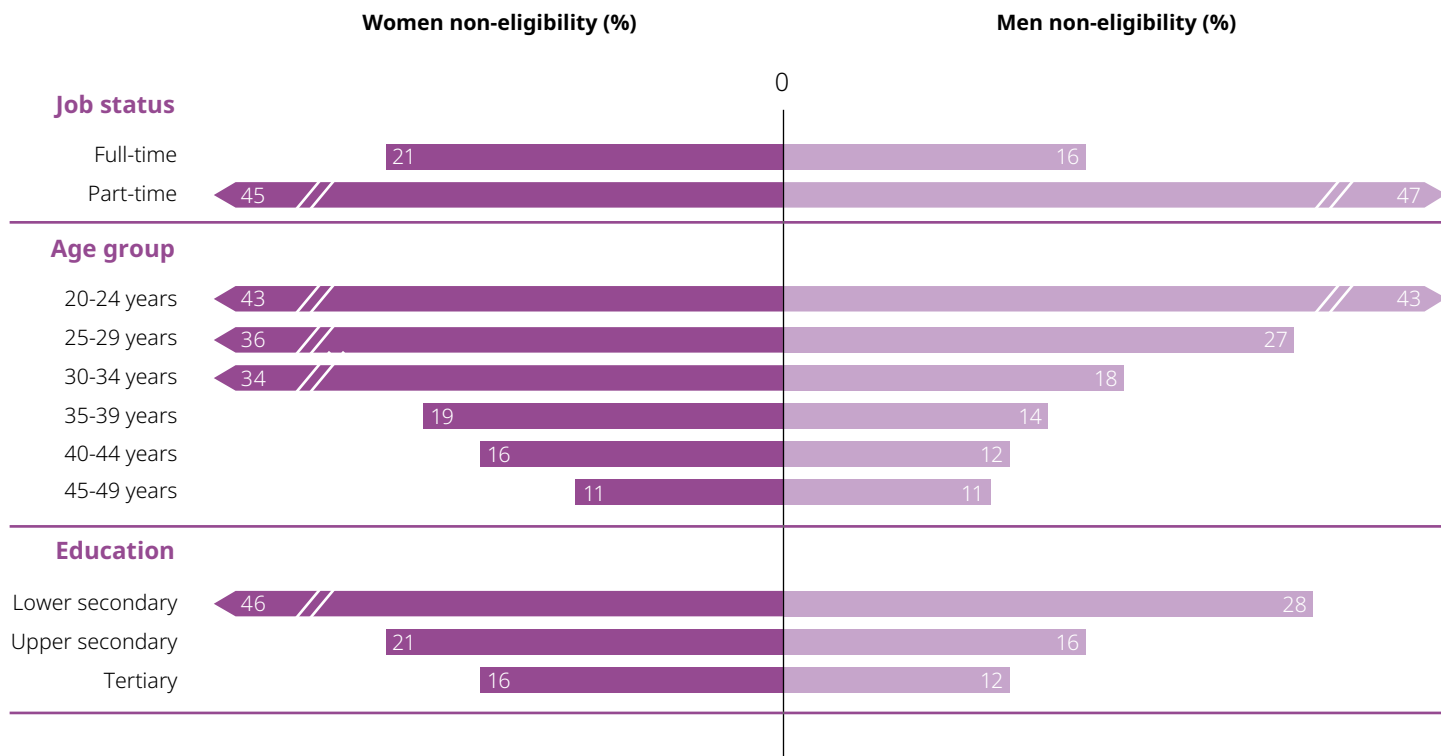


(1) Restrictions for same-sex couples, refugees and asylum seekers where they apply are not included in the simulations, so underestimates non-eligibility.

(2) The non-citizens category is multidimensional and cover other EU-28 citizens, 3rd country nationals, refugees and asylum seekers.

(3) The data was collected before the UK left the European Union.

## Who is not eligible for parental leave in Bulgaria?



Non-eligibility rates for parents not presented due to unreliable data  
Data on sector of employment not available

Source: Eurostat – EU LFS, EU-SILC, 2017. EIGE's calculations based on annual reviews on leave policies by the International Network on Leave Policies and Research.  
Note: EU-28, weighted average (population age 20-49, EU LFS 2017, (lfsa\_pganws)).

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