

Gender Equality Index 2017: Bulgaria



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Progress in gender equality in Bulgaria, 2005-2015

In the Gender Equality Index 2017 Bulgaria achieved a score of **58.0 out of 100**. This score is lower than the EU-28 average and puts Bulgaria in 18th position. Progress towards gender equality has been slower than in other Member States, with Bulgaria's score increasing by 2.0 points. Challenges persist in all areas, especially in knowledge and time.

The domain of **health** has the highest score in Bulgaria. Gender equality in this field has slightly progressed, but Bulgaria remains in 27th position in the EU-28. Access to medical and mental services has improved significantly.

In the domain of **work** Bulgaria has slightly progressed, mostly due to women's and men's increased participation in the labour market. On the other hand, the career concentration of women and men in certain fields has increased.

The biggest improvements took place in the domains of **money** and **power**. Gender equality has improved in terms of earnings and incomes, but poverty and wealth inequalities have become more unequal.

Bulgaria has progressed in power and obtained the seventh highest score in the EU-28. The improvement has been driven by more gender equality in the sphere of economic power.

Gender equality in **knowledge** has stabilised. Women and men have become more engaged in study fields. On the other hand, attainment and participation in education has slightly improved for women and men.

The utilization of **time** in care activities and social activities has become more gender unequal. It is the domain with the lowest score in Bulgaria, and is the lowest in the EU-28.

14 Change in score from 2005 to 2015



1. The Gender Equality Index 2017 is based on the data of Gender Equality Index, EU Gender Year Survey, European Health Interview Survey, EU Survey on Income and Living Conditions, Structure of Earnings by sex, EU Knowledge of European Quality of Life Survey, European Working Conditions Survey, EU Violence Against Women Survey and EU Violence Against Men Survey. The use of primary or secondary data on intersecting inequalities through the intersection approach for the indicators is either 0% or 10% depending on the sector.

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