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Progress in gender equality in Germany, 2005-2015

In the Gender Equality Index 2017, Germany achieved a score of **65.5 out of 100**. This is less than the EU-28 score of 66.2, but progress is happening at a slightly faster pace than in the EU on average. Germany's score has increased by 5.5 points and it has kept its position in the EU ranking.

The gender equality score in the domain of **health** in Germany is high and on the rise, showing good gender balance in access to services and overall health status.

The biggest improvements took place in the domain of **money**. Though some signs of discrimination are visible in the distribution of economic resources, with inequality among the population slightly increasing.

The situation in the domain of **work** has improved, but continued gender segregation has impeded progress in Germany, as well as in 11 other Member States, gender equality in the domain of **time** improved. Women are still doing the bulk of the cooking, caring and cleaning and this situation barely changed between 2005 and 2015.

The greatest challenge remains in the domain of **knowledge**, where Germany is ranked 25th in the EU-28, due to the persisting and increasing segregation of study fields across traditional gender lines.



+5.5 Change in score from 2005 to 2015

1. The Gender Equality Index 2017 is based on the data of Gender & Innovation Monitor, the Gender Youth Survey, European Health Interview Survey, EU Survey on Gender and Living Conditions, Structure of Europe for days of household (European Quality of Life Survey), European Working Conditions Survey, EU Gender Equality Index (Measures and Indicators) (European Working Conditions Survey), European Survey of Income and Health, and the European Survey of Living Conditions. The use of primary or secondary data is not intended to imply that the data are not subject to the usual caveats that apply to the use of secondary data.

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