

# Gender Equality Index 2017: Italy



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### Progress in gender equality in Italy, 2005-2015

In the Gender Equality Index 2017, Italy achieved a score of **62.1 out of 100**, which is an increase of 10.9 points. This score is less than the EU 28 average of 66.2, but Italy has progressed the most out of all EU Member States. Italy has improved its score over 10 positions to reach 10th place.

All domains have improved except the domain of **time**, which has gone down by 1.8 points. The feminizing domains were **power** (+2.2 points) and **knowledge** (+7.5 points). Even though the score of **power** remains the lowest of all domains, the big leap forward in this area has brought Italy much closer to the EU average.

The situation in the domain of **money** has improved, but the distribution of income remains between women and men became more unequal. The domain of **work** has advanced with the inclusion of women's working time, catching up with men. Progress remains slow due to persisting inequality in sector and merit participation in the labour market and a gender-segregated workforce.

The domain of **health** shows a high score in Italy that has advanced little. Access to medical and dental services is high for both women and men, but the number of years women and men can expect to live in good health has decreased.

Along with 11 other Member States, Italy's score in the domain of **violence** decreased, pointing to persisting inequalities in the historical domain of violence between women and men.



**10.9** Change in score from 2005 to 2015

**62.1** Score in 2017

**7.5** Knowledge

**2.2** Power

**1.8** Time

[1] The Gender Equality Index 2017 is based on the data of Gender Equality Index, EU Gender Index Survey, European Health Interview Survey, EU Survey on Income and Living Conditions, Structure of Earnings Surveys, EU Survey on Knowledge of European Quality of Life Survey, European Working Conditions Survey, EU Violence Against Women Questionnaire and EU Violence Against Women and Intersecting Inequalities Survey. The year of reference is 2005-2008 for data on intersecting inequalities. Change of the violence indicators is calculated in relation to other 10-15 or 15-20 depending on the sector.

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