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Progress in gender equality in Sweden, 2005-2015

In the Gender Equality Index 2017, Sweden achieved a score of **82.6 out of 100**, which is an increase of 5.8 points since 2005. This score is the highest in the EU-28, but progress is happening at a slightly slower pace than in the EU on average. Sweden has remained the country with the highest score in the Gender Equality Index.

The gender equality score in the domain of **time** in Sweden is high and has remained stable. It shows good gender balance in the engagement of women and men in care and social activities.

Small improvements have been made in the domain of **health**, but there is still room to increase access to mental and cancer services.

The biggest improvements took place in the domains of **power** and **knowledge**. Women's representation in decision-making increased in the private sector, in voluntary, economic and civic participation as formal or non-formal volunteer activities.

The changes in the domain of **work** has slightly improved, but continued segregation of women and men in the labour market is holding the country back from achieving full gender equality.

The greatest challenge remains in the domain of **money**, where the distribution of income remains between women and men became more unequal. The risk of poverty also increased slightly.

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 Europe for age of household (Gender Equality), EU Survey on Women's Working Conditions Survey, EU Violence Against Women Survey and EU Survey on Intersecting Inequalities. The gender equality index is calculated as the average of the scores of the 14 domains. The score of 100 is the maximum possible score. The score of 0 is the minimum possible score. The score of 100 is the maximum possible score.

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