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

In the Gender Equality Index 2017 Ireland achieved a score of **66.5 out of 100**. This is an increase of 7.6 points since 2005, which shows better progress than all EU level Ireland's score three points ahead of the EU average. From 2005 to 2015, Ireland's rank went up by 106 to eighth place. All domains except time increased with the exception of the domain of time which saw no improvement.

The domain of **power** shows significant improvements due to progress in equality, employment and representation in the workplace as well as Women's representation in political decision-making, also improved, albeit more modestly.

The domain of **knowledge** shows solid progress in educational attainment and participation for both sexes and both. However, strong segregation of study fields along traditional gender lines remains a challenge. Inequality also persists in the domain of **time**, especially when it comes to social activities.

The situation in the domain of **work** has slightly improved due to a combination of women's and men's increased participation in the labour market, less segregation and higher quality of work.

In the domain of **money**, more progress is evident, partly due to more equal income distribution and decreasing gender gaps in savings and income.

The gender equality score in the domain of **health** is high, showing good gender balance in access to services and overall health status. However, there are important differences in the health-care behaviour of women and men.



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

1) The Gender Equality Index 2017 is based on the data of Gender Decision Equality, EU Gender Mainstreaming, European Health Interview Survey, EU Survey on Gender and Living Conditions, Structure of Europe for age of household (European Quality of Life Survey), European Working Conditions Survey, EU Gender Equality Index (Women and Men in Decision-making role of non-indigenous people), Agency for Gender Studies, Survey on the use of violence in 2005-2015 for data on violence against women, European Survey of Health and Living Conditions, and the Survey on the use of violence in 2005-2015 for data on violence against men.

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