

Gender Equality Index 2017: Latvia



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Progress in gender equality in Latvia, 2005-2015

In the Gender Equality Index 2017 Latvia achieved a score of **77.8 out of 100**, which is an increase of 14 points. Progress is in line with the EU28 average. Latvia's best result has moved up one position to 17th place. Latvia has progressed in all domains, mostly at a faster pace than in the other Member States.

The scores in the domains of **health and work** are the highest. Latvia has improved significantly in gender equality for access to unpaid and caring activities. However, when compared with the rest of the EU28, access remains among the lowest. Latvia still lags in the domain of work, with participation for women and men scoring the 15th best position in the EU28.

Latvia's performance in the domain of **time** is in line with the EU28. The domain of time is an excellent place for Latvia among the most gender equal countries in the EU28 (as ranked according to their time to raise their children) for improvements in the use of social facilities.

The greatest challenges are in the domains of **money and knowledge**, where Latvia ranks among the lowest in the EU28. The economic situation of women and men has improved since 2005. Access to financial resources has improved but at a slightly slower pace than in the other Member States. Latvia's scores in knowledge are far below the EU28 average for the sub-domain of employment and participation. Latvia ranks ten stepping high positions.

Progress in the domain of **power** is slow. Gender equality in decision-making remains a challenge in all areas. Only in the economic area is the score above the EU28 average.

14 Change in score from 2005 to 2015

77.8 EU 28
LV
17th
+14

1) The Gender Equality Index 2017 is based on the data of Gender Equality Index, EU Gender Main Survey, European Health Interview Survey, EU Survey on Income and Living Conditions, Structure of Earnings by sex of household (Gender Equality) of the Survey, European Working Conditions Survey, EU Gender Equality Index (EIGE) and EU Gender Equality Index of the Commission. EIGE Agency's Gender Agency reports scores. The year of reference is 2005 (2004 for data on intersecting inequalities). Change of the indicator calculated by the indicator's value in 2015 minus the indicator's value in 2005.

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