

# Gender Equality Index 2017: The Netherlands



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**Progress in gender equality in the Netherlands, 2005-2015**

In the Gender Equality Index 2017, the Netherlands achieved a score of **72.9 out of 100**, which is an increase of 5.1 points. This score is higher than the EU-28 score of 66.2, and progress is happening at a slightly faster pace than in the EU on average. The Netherlands has moved from 10th to fourth place in the EU based ranking.

The gender equality score in the domain of **health** in the Netherlands is high, showing a pro-gender balance in scores in men and women. Indeed, the Netherlands holds the best score here among the EU-28.

The biggest improvement has taken place in the domain of **power** through it remains the Netherlands' lowest score. Improvements in this domain in the Netherlands are largely due to progress in women's representation in decision-making positions in the economic sector.

The situation in the domain of **money** has improved with regard to gender equality in the distribution of income resources between women and men.

The situation in the domain of **work** has slightly improved, but continued gender segregation has impeded progress and participation in the labour market in 2015 in the EU. In the domain of **knowledge**, the Netherlands has improved its educational attainment and participation has improved in many fields across national gender lines generally.

The greatest challenge for the Netherlands is in the domain of **time**. In the Netherlands, as well as in 11 other Member States, gender equality in this domain has improved a little. Women are still doing the bulk of the cooking, caring, errand running and the similar but essential unpaid work.

**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 Earnings Surveys, EU Survey of Knowledge, Attitudes and Practices, European Working Conditions Survey, EU Survey on Gender Equality, European Survey on Living Conditions, and EU Survey on the Gender Equality Index. The year of reference is 2005-2008 for data on intersecting inequalities. Coverage of the indicators associated with indicators is either 100% or 95% depending on the indicator.

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