

Gender Equality Index 2017: Spain



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Progress in gender equality in Spain, 2005-2015

In the Gender Equality Index 2017 Spain achieved a score of **68.3 out of 100**. This is slightly above the EU28 score of 64.2. Progress is happening at a faster pace than in the EU on average. Spain's score has increased by 5.1 points, to 68.3 in the EU, which represents a step of two positions since 2005.

All the domain scores have increased.

The gender equality score in the domain of **health** is the highest in Spain and has slightly increased. It shows work-gender balance in terms of workload and unpaid work.

The biggest improvement took place in the domain of **power** it has become significantly more gender equal, though its score has remained the lowest in Spain. Women's representation in decision-making positions in the economic sector has increased significantly, whereas it has decreased in the political sector. Spain's score in the political sub-domain is the 4th highest in the EU28.

The state of the domain of **money** is the second highest in Spain. Although the score has slightly increased, Spain still lags behind in these problems to (1) Portugal, due to some problems in income distribution and in the care of poverty.

The situation in the domain of **work** has improved, but sustained gender segregation has impeded progress. Spain's score in the sub-domain of participation of the labour market works among the lowest in the EU28.

In Spain, gender equality in the domain of **knowledge** has improved since 2005. As in the domain of work, gender segregation remains a relevant issue.

The score in the domain of **time** has also increased. Women are still doing most of the caring, including, cooking, and cleaning, but gender gaps have narrowed. On the other hand, the situation has deteriorated in the private domain of the time allocated to sex or gender.

14 Change in score from 2005 to 2015



1) The Gender Equality Index 2017 is based on the data of: European Education Indicator; EU Labour Force Survey; European Health Interview Survey; EU Statistics on Income and Living Conditions; European Survey of Health and Safety Working Conditions; Survey of the Gender Equality Database (Women and Men in Decision-Making) and the European Agency for Gender Equality; Institute of Statistics, Madrid. The year of reference is 2005 unless otherwise stated. The age of the interview population for the indicator is under 65, 65+, 65-74, 75+ depending on the indicator.

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