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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 14 points since 2005. The 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 sexual services.

The biggest improvements took place in the domains of **power** and **knowledge**. Greater representation in decision-making allowed in the economic sector, in education, research, and merit participation in formal or non-formal education increased.

The situation 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 economic resources between women and men became more unequal. The role of power is also becoming slightly

14 Change in score from 2005 to 2015

12 The Gender Equality Index 2017 is based on the data of Gender Equality Indicators for Europe from Survey, European Health Interview Survey, EU Survey on Gender and Living Conditions, Survey of Living Conditions, Survey of European Quality of Life Survey, European Working Conditions Survey, EU Gender Equality Indicators and Data in Decision-Making and the Gender Equality Indicators Survey. The use of primary data collected for this reporting requires the use of the information available to the relevant EU-28 EU-27 or EU-25 countries at the time.

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