

# Gender Equality Index 2019: Bulgaria



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Progress in Bulgaria is slower than the EU average



Each year we score EU Member States and the EU as a whole to see how far they are from reaching gender equality. The Index uses a scale of 1 to 100 where 1 is for total inequality and 100 is for total equality. The scores are based on the gaps between women and men and levels of achievement in six core domains: work, money, knowledge, time, power and health. Two additional domains are integrated into the Index but do not have an impact on the final score. The domains of intersecting inequalities highlight how gender inequalities intersect in combination with age, disability, country of birth, education and family type. The domain of violence against women measures and analyses women's experiences of violence. In addition to providing a snapshot into the Index scores, the Gender Equality Index 2019 includes a thematic focus on work-life balance.



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Between 2005 and 2017, Bulgaria improved its Index score but had a much lower score than the EU in the entire period. Moreover, Bulgaria has moved towards gender equality at a slower rate, meaning that the gap with the EU has increased over time.

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