

Gender Equality Index 2020 **DENMARK**



Progress on gender equality in Denmark since 2010

With 77.4 out of 100 points, Denmark ranks 2nd in the EU on the Gender Equality Index. Denmark's score is 9.5 points above the EU's score.

Since 2010, its score has increased by 2.2 points, although its score has decreased by 0.1 point since 2017. Its ranking has remained the same since 2010.



Best performance

Denmark's scores are highest in the domains of health (89.7 points) and money (86.8 points). In the domain of work, it has one of the highest scores (ranking 2nd).

Most room for improvement

Gender inequalities are most pronounced in the domain of power (66.2 points), although this score has improved since 2010 (+ 8.2 points)..

Biggest improvement

Since 2010, Denmark's scores have improved the most in the domains of power (+ 8.2 points) and money (+ 3.2 points). Since 2017, Denmark has gained 1.3 points in the domain of power.

A step backwards

Since 2010, Denmark's score has decreased in the domain of knowledge (- 1.9 points). Progress has stalled in the domains of health (- 0.6 points) and work (- 0.1 points).

Explore Denmark's Index results

Scores		2010	2012	2015	2017	2018	Trends in scores 2010-2018 Country and EU trends
1—100		75.2	75.6	76.8	77.5	77.4	
							—●— Denmark —●— EU
Work		79.8	79.7	79.2	79.6	79.7	
2/3	Participation	88.5	88.3	87.2	88.3	88.7	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
	Segregation and quality of work	71.9	72.1	72.0	71.8	71.5	Denmark EU
Money							
one.	Financial resources	78.3	80.4	82.4	83.2 83.3		
•100•	Economic situation	89.3	91.4	91.1	91.2	90.5	Denmark — EU
Knowledg	e	73.2	71.3	73.6	72.3	71.3	
	Attainment and participation	81.7	80.5	82.1	81.8	79.5	
	Segregation	65.6	63.1	66.0	64.0	64.0	Denmark — EU
Time		80.4	85.4	83.1	83.1	83.1	
	Care activities	75.8	85.5	86.1	86.1	86.1	
	Social activities	85.3	85.3	80.2	80.2	80.2	Denmark — EU
Power		58.0	57.5	61.5	64.9	66.2	
	Political	75.1	76.1	71.2	74.2	76.0	
W. S.	Economic	47.5	45.6	55.7	56.5	56.0	
	Social	54.8	54.8	58.7	65.3	68.3	→ Denmark → EU
Health		90.3	90.2	89.6	89.9	89.7	
	Status	92.2	92.6	91.6	92.4	91.1	
	Behaviour	81.7	81.7	81.7	81.7	81.7	•
	Access	97.8	96.9	96.2	96.3	96.8	Denmark — EU

About the Index

Each year, we score the 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 – and **their subdomains. Two additional domains** are included in the Index but do not have an impact on the final score. The domain of intersecting inequalities highlights how gender inequalities manifest in combination with age, (dis)ability, country of birth, education and family type. The domain of violence against women measures and analyses women's experiences of violence. The Index is composed of **31 indicators**. The Gender Equality Index 2020 also includes **a thematic focus on digitalisation and the future of work**.

Key highlights



Improvements in economic decision-making

The percentage of women among members of boards of publicly listed companies has increased.



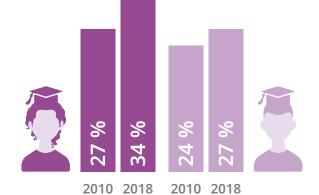
2010

17 %

2020

33 %





More graduates in tertiary education

Tertiary educational attainment is increasing among both women and men.

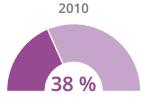


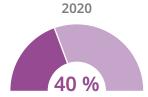
Improvements in political decision-making

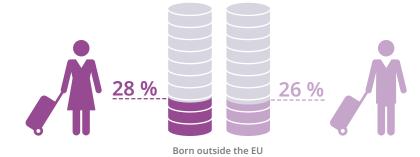
The share of women members of parliament has improved since 2010.



Women members of parliament







Inequality in economic situation

13 % of women and men are at risk of poverty. The people facing the highest risk of poverty are young people aged 15–24 (35 % of women and 27 % of men) and non-EU foreign-born women and men.



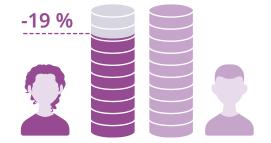
Uneven concentration of women and men in education is a persistent problem

More women than men are studying education, health and welfare, or humanities and the arts.









Gender inequalities in earnings persist

There is a big gender gap in mean monthly earnings. Women earn almost a fifth less than men.



Explore Denmark's performance by indicator

	Indicators		Denmark		EU		
				Women Men		Women Mei	
Vork							
	Participation	Full-time equivalent (FTE) employment rate* (15 +, %, 2018)	47	58	42	57	
52		Duration of working life (15 +, years, 2018)	38	42	34	39	
	Segregation and quality of work	Segregation in employment (15 +, %, 2018)	44	13	31	8	
		Flexibility (15 +, %, 2015)	32	50	23	27	
		Career Prospects Index (15 +, points, 0–100, 2015)	70	73	63	64	
loney							
	Financial resources	Mean monthly earnings (16 +, euro in purchasing power standard, 2014)	2 719	3 347	2 249	2 80	
aa.		Mean yearly household net income** (16 +, euros in purchasing power standard, 2018)	23 712	25 105	17 860	18 6	
•100•	Economic conditions	At risk of poverty (16 +, %, 2018)	13	13	17	16	
		Income distribution (16 +, %, 2018)	24	22	20	19	
nowledg	ge						
	Attainment and participation	Graduates from tertiary education (15 +, %, 2018)	34	27	26	25	
		Participation in lifelong learning (15 +, %, 2018)	34	27	17	16	
	Segregation	Segregation in education (15 +, %, 2017)	53	28	43	21	
me	Care activities	Caring for children, grandchildren, older people or people with disabilities	25	21	38	25	
		(18 +, %, 2016) Cooking and/or housework every day	82	55	79	34	
1.	Social activities	(18 +, %, 2016) Sporting, cultural or leisure activities	53	51	28	32	
		(15 +, %, 2015) Voluntary or charitable activities	17			11	
		(15 +, %, 2015)					
ower	Political	Ministers	35	65	32	68	
		(%, second quarter of 2020) Members of parliament (both houses)	40	60	32	68	
		(%, second quarter of 2020) Members of regional assemblies/local municipalities	38	62	29	71	
	Economic	(%, 2019) Board members of largest companies	33	67	29	71	
表		(%, first semester of 2020) Board members of central bank	24	76	25	75	
	Social	(%, 2019) Board members of research funding organisations	41	51 28 20 12 65 32 60 32 62 29 67 29 76 25 59 38 50 37 82 17	62		
		(%, 2019) Board members of public broadcasting organisations	50			63	
		(%, 2019) Board members of national Olympic sport organisations	18	82	17	83	
		(%, 2019)					
ealth	Status	People in good health	68	75	67	72	
		(16 +, %, 2018) Life expectancy	83	79	84	78	
		(years, 2018) Healthy life years	59	63	64	63	
	Behaviour	(years, 2018) Healthy life years (years, 2018) Smoking and drinking**	59 39	63 56	64 28	63 48	
	Behaviour	(years, 2018) Healthy life years (years, 2018) Smoking and drinking** (16 +, %, 2014) Physical activity and/or consuming fruit and vegetables**					
	Behaviour Access	(years, 2018) Healthy life years (years, 2018) Smoking and drinking** (16 +, %, 2014)	39	56	28	48	

Why is there no score for the violence domain?

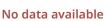
There is no new data to update the score for violence, which is why no figure is given. Eurostat is currently coordinating an EU-wide survey on gender-based violence, with results expected in 2023. EIGE will launch a second round of administrative data collection on intimate partner violence, rape and femicide in 2022. Both data sources will be used to update the domain of violence in the Gender Equality Index 2024.

Unlike the other domains of the Index, the domain of violence does not measure differences between women's and men's situations; rather, it examines women's experiences of violence (prevalence, severity and disclosure). The overall objective is not to reduce the gaps in violence between women and men, but to eradicate violence completely.

Data gaps mask the true scale of violence.

The EU needs comprehensive, up-to-date and comparable data to develop effective policies that combat violence against women.







No data available



6 % of women experienced online harassment

Source: Eurofound, European Quality of Life Survey



During the COVID-19 lockdowns, women in violent relationships were stuck at home and exposed to their abuser for long periods of time, putting them at greater risk of domestic violence. Even without a pandemic, women face the greatest danger from people they know.

Istanbul Convention: state of play

The Istanbul Convention is the most comprehensive international human rights treaty on violence against women and domestic violence. Denmark signed the Istanbul Convention in October 2013 and ratified it in April 2014. The treaty entered into force in August 2014.



Thematic focus on digitalisation and the future of work

The Gender Equality Index 2020 focuses on digitalisation and the future of work. The thematic focus looks at three areas:

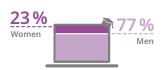
- use and development of digital skills and technologies;
- digital transformation of the world of work (segregation, working conditions, work-life balance);
- broader consequences of digitalisation for human rights, violence against women, and caring activities.

Above basic digital skills





ICT graduates



Gender pay gap in ICT



Main indicators	Denr	Denmark		
Main indicators	Women	Men	Women	Men
Digital skills				
Internet daily users (16–74, %, 2019)	92	92	78	80
Above basic digital skills (16–74, %, 2019)	45	52	31	36
Information skills	90	91	71	71
Communications skills	87	84	67	66
Problem-solving skills	69	76	56	63
Software skills	51	59	39	44
Training to improve digital skills (16–74, %, 2018)	32	38	18	22
Segregation in education and labour market				
ICT graduates (%, 2018)	23	77	20	80
ICT specialists (15 +, %, 2019)	20 (s)	80 (s)	18 (s)	82 (s)
Scientists and engineers in high-technology sectors (25–64, %, 2019)	22	78	20	80
Working in ICT				
ICT at work and activities performed (16–74, %, 2018)				
Used computer, laptop, smartphone, etc.	47	55	37	42
Used other computerised equipment	14	23	8	13
Exchanged emails	39	47	32	36
Created or edited electronic documents	28	36	24	28
Used social media	13	16	9	11
Used applications to receive tasks or instructions	7	15	10	14
Used occupation-specific software	15	27	19	24
Developed or maintained IT systems or software	5	12	3	7
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(20–64, %, 2018)
Working time arrangements among ICT specialists (20–64, %, 2015, national-level data not available)

In the EU, 21 % of women and 22 % of men entirely determined their working hours themselves, compared with 13 % of women and 18 % of men in other occupations

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Gender pay gap in ICT (%, 2014)

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Source: Eurostat (education statistics, digital economy and society statistics, European Union Labour Force Survey, Structure of Earnings Survey), Eurofound (European Working Conditions Survey)

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Part-time in ICT

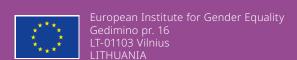
Some areas of concern (e.g. platform work and artificial intelligence) are not covered by the indicators owing to a lack of EU-wide comparable data.

Read more about the Gender Equality Index at http://eige.europa.eu/gender-equality-index

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