

What are the expected developments?

The current website has been created as a prototype and will provide a benchmark for gender performance in the region - a way for countries to measure their progress individually and in relation to each other.

As countries develop their own gender websites, users will have access to a network of interconnected national and regional websites. Together they will constitute the most comprehensive source of gender information at different levels of details, as well as offer an overview of ongoing work world-wide.

On your visit, you will be able to:

Browse through our set of common indicators that help monitor women's progress relative to men's in each of the chosen policy areas.

Search our statistical database by country, indicator, policy, or metadata. Alternatively, you may look up a gender term in our glossary.

Read our collection of discussion papers and publications on gender issues. Some of the material is written by our staff, some by national experts and there will also be links provided to other websites with interesting articles on the subject.

Plan your agenda with the help of our conference calendar. We will let you know who is meeting where and when so that you too can be on top of the current work in gender relations.

Submit your comments and suggestions online. Perhaps you have access to a new and interesting data series you would like others to know about. Our site strives to be as interactive as you require.

Learn how to disseminate gender statistics. We offer tips on publishing and presenting your own findings, whether online or in print.

Link to other websites profiling gender statistics as well as the National Statistical Office in your own country.

Statistics and indicators on the situation of women and men are needed to:

- Formulate policies
- Monitor changes
- Inform the public
- Eliminate gender-based stereotypes

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We welcome your comments and suggestions

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the differences between women and men*

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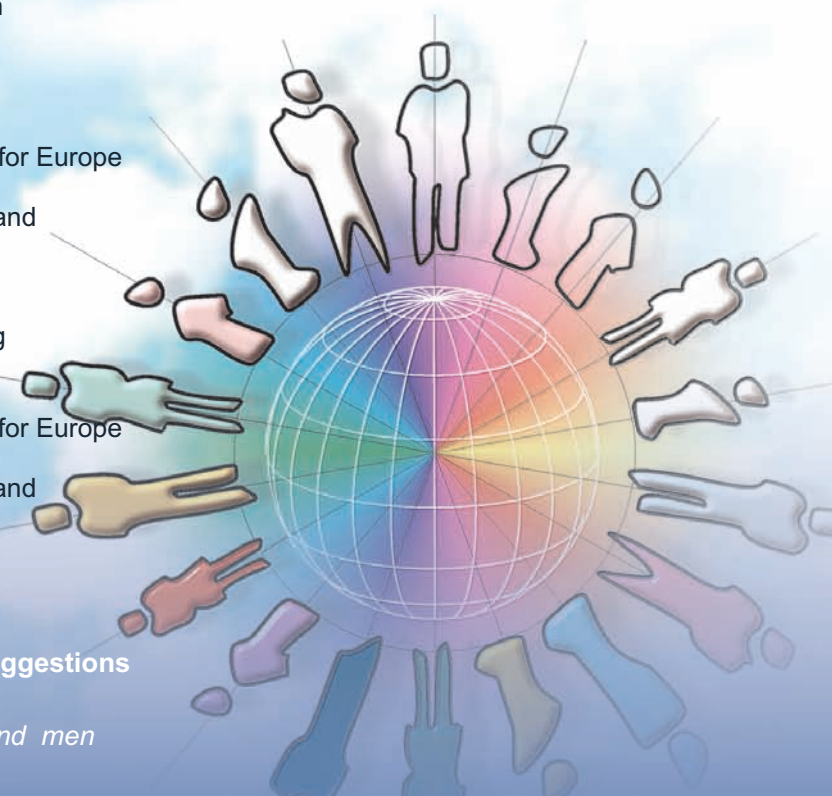
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Monitoring Progress for

Women and Men

Gender Statistics
for Europe and North America

Website



Factual and comparable evidence on the situation of women and men in the ECE region

A little background :

'Gender Statistics' is a relatively new field that cuts across all traditional areas of statistical production and pertains to the whole statistical system. Gender statistics reflects the situation of women and men in all policy areas, and address gender concerns and relations in the society.

The **Economic Commission for Europe** has been involved in the gender statistics field since the early 1980s and regularly holds experts meetings on this topic. The 'gender profiles' from the ECE publication *Women and Men in Europe and North America* are available from its website, <http://www.unece.org/stats/gender/web>

Why have a Regional Gender Statistics Website for Europe & North America?

This website is in response to a growing demand for improved access to gender related information and statistics, both at the national and the regional level. Developed by the **United Nations Economic Commission for Europe** in collaboration with **National Statistical Offices** in the region and the **UNDP**, the site aims to:

Promote the use of gender statistics and indicators for policy use and encourage the elimination of gender-based stereotypes.

Provide access to international and regional information on gender issues.

Improve intra-regional dialogue on policy issues and gender main-streaming.

Increase the adoption of standards and guidelines, to increase comparability of data across countries.

Enable policy monitoring and decision-making substantiated by factual data.

What will the website contain?

- A set of key indicators with which to monitor progress towards gender equality.
- An overview of common gender issues in the region.
- Information on important gender policies and legislation.
- Easy access to international standards and guidelines, key gender studies and websites.
- A network of gender experts and a calendar of activities and meetings for the region.

Who is hosting this site?

This site is established and maintained by the **UNECE** with support from **UNDP's** Regional Bureau for Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States.

Who is this site for?

The website is for all who are interested in gender issues and policies, e.g. users and producers of gender statistics, policy makers and planners, NGOs and other gender equality advocates, the media, and the general public.

Why should this site be the prime online resource for Gender Statistics and cross-country comparisons?

Currently, there is no other website that profiles Gender Statistics for the 55 countries of the **ECE** region. The common indicators were selected by a group of national experts for their policy relevance. Other information on the website will assist users in analysing and presenting gender issues.

Key areas covered by the indicators:

- Population
- Families & households
- Work & the economy
- Education & communication
- Public life & decision making
- Health
- Crime & violence
- Indicators for gender values & stereotypes
- General indicators

Where does the information come from?

The data and information essentially come from National Statistical Offices and women's mechanisms in member countries; databases of the **WHO, ILO, UNESCO, UNDP, ECE**, and other international organisations active in the region.

How good is the data quality?

All the indicators and other information on the website have been reviewed by internationally and nationally renowned experts in the areas of gender issues, policies, and statistics. In order to provide you with the most current information, our website is regularly updated.



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