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It's just happened ...

Gender Statistics Database



The UNECE Statistical Division has launched the **Gender Statistics Database**, a central database for sex-disaggregated social data providing Common Gender Indicators for the UNECE region and the detailed data series which are used to calculate these indicators. The Database is an integral part of the UNECE/UNDP Gender Statistics Website for Europe and North America that has been developed in collaboration with National Statistical Offices in the region and UNDP. Currently there is no other website that profiles Gender Statistics for the 55 countries of the UNECE 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. It can be accessed directly from:

<http://www.unece.org/stats/gender/web/database.htm>

“Gender Statistics” is a relatively new field that cuts across all traditional areas of statistical production and pertains to the whole statistical system. The Gender Statistics Database helps monitor the

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More men than women are employed in the UNECE region, with the exception of Lithuania and the Republic of Moldova, where employment among women and men is more or less equal. In Central and Southeast Europe (CSEE) women are on average 45 of every 100 persons employed, and in North America the ratio is 47 women to 53 men.

situation of women and men and the main social trends in the UNECE region by providing official data on women and men in Europe, North America, the CIS, and Israel. Data are presented by country, year, and by social and demographic breakdowns for seven policy areas selected by the UNECE/UNDP Gender Statistics Website Task Force in order to reflect gender issues specific to the UNECE region: crime and violence; education; families & households; health; population; public life & decision-making; and work & the economy.

Data are available for the years 1980, 1990, 1995, and from 2000 onwards on an annual basis. The latest year for which data is currently available is in most cases 2001. Most of the data available in the UNECE Gender Statistics Database have been supplied by National Statistical Offices through the network of *Gender Statistics Focal Points*. To ensure comparability, the data provided are in most cases in line with international standard definitions. However, for data not in line with international standard definitions, additional information about the data, or *metadata*, is provided. The metadata indicates when data between countries are not fully comparable. The following is an example of the trends described:

Based on data from three CIS countries, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan and the Republic of Moldova, women's employment ranges from 44 to 51 % of all persons employed. Compared to the aforementioned regions, women form the smallest share of employed people in five EU countries, or 44%.

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Energy efficiency and energy security

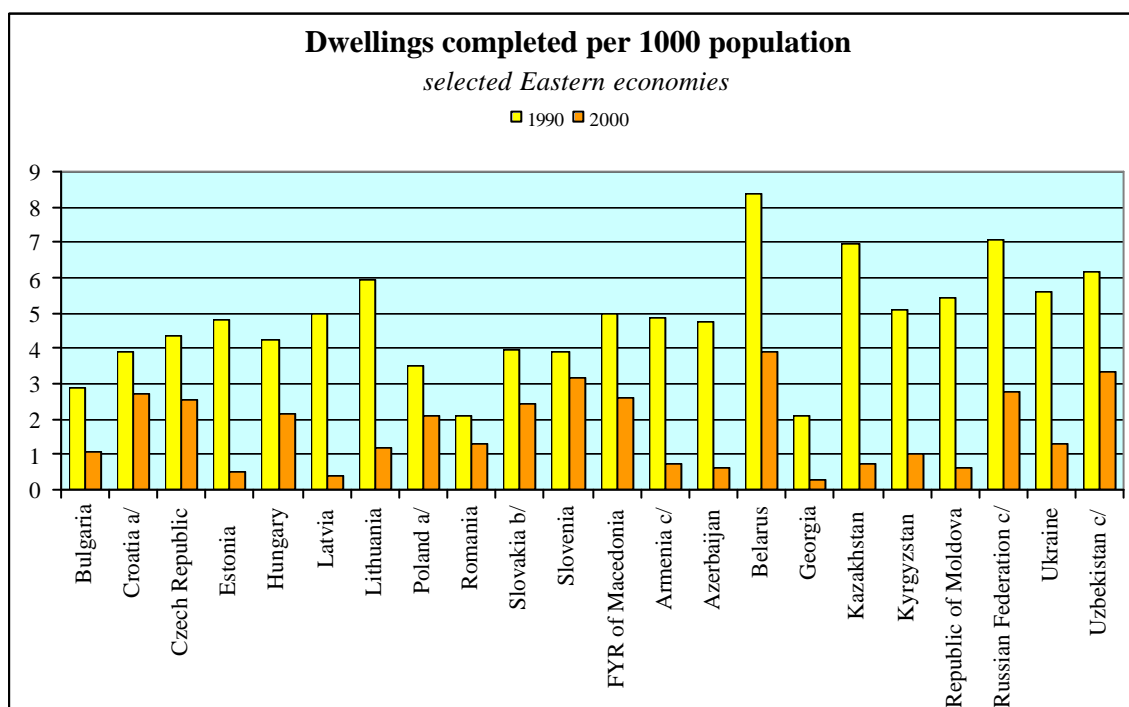
The 3rd Sub-regional Meeting of the Project “Energy Efficiency and Energy Security of CIS Participating Countries”, conducted within the framework of the 12th Session of the PWG-Energo (Bishkek, 8-10 July), approved a work programme on implementation of the Agreement on Collaboration of CIS participating countries in the field of energy efficiency and energy conservation; the programme will be submitted to the Governments of the CIS Member States for their consideration. The meeting approved the 6th edition of the Strategy of regional

cooperation on rational and efficient use of energy and water resources in Central Asia, and will take part in elaborating the concept for Water-Energy Consortium activities of Central Asian countries. It also requested the UNECE and ESCAP secretariats to investigate the possibility of including a new project on “Regional Cooperation on Dam Safety in Central Asia” in the Special Programme for Economies of Central Asia (SPECAs); they will prepare project proposals for consideration by participating countries.

Coming up soon ...

The Economic Commission for Europe is organizing an informal seminar on “**Policies for achieving the Millennium Development Goals in the ECE Region: Reducing extreme income disparities**”, which will be held in Geneva on 2-3 October 2003. Sessions will focus on (i) poverty in the UNECE region; (ii) the role of institutions and domestic targeted policies (housing, health, labour market, social protection, etc.); and (iii) country experiences with MDGs and poverty reduction initiatives, including national experiences in poverty reduction and the role of international institutions in support of national initiatives.

Facts and figures:



Source: UNECE Statistical Division, based on data from the Housing Database of the UNECE Environment and Human Settlements Division.

Notes: a/ Data for year 2000 refers to 1999.
b/ Data for year 1990 refers to 1991.
c/ Data for year 2000 refers to 1998.

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