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What **UNECE** does for you



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social statistics with a
gender dimension

Gender equality is a human rights issue necessary for achieving sustainable and people-centred development.

«Empowerment of women and equality between women and men are prerequisites for achieving political, social, economic, cultural and environmental security among all peoples».

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United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women
Beijing, 4-15 September 1995



What is gender statistics?

Gender statistics is a field of statistics that cuts across traditional fields to identify, produce and disseminate statistics that reflect the realities of the lives of women and men and policy issues relating to gender.

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

- to formulate and monitor policies and plans
- to monitor changes
- to inform the public

Gender statistics are a valuable tool for gender advocates, policymakers, and others working on gender related issues. They provide an impartial and comparable basis for

evaluating progress towards the internationally agreed goals to improve the situation of women.

What does UNECE do for gender statistics?

We support countries in the UNECE region to strengthen their statistical systems through the provision of training and technical assistance. We provide an ongoing framework for the exchange of practices and development of gender statistics through annual work sessions, task forces and the gender focal point network.

What sort of standards do you develop?

We focus on areas where standards are lacking and where our member countries

have identified a need. Recent work on standards development includes:

- Indicators on violence against women – an expert group, jointly organized by UNECE, the United Nations Statistics Division and the United Nations Division for the Advancement of Women in 2007, has developed a core set of indicators to measure violence against women. These indicators were adopted by the Statistical Commission in 2009.
- A standard approach for calculating gender pay gap – a review of different methods and sources to calculate gender pay gap.

How do you achieve results?

Capacity building aims to improve the availability and comparability of gender statistics in the UNECE region. One way we help to build the capacity of member countries is through the joint World Bank Institute and UNECE project on engendering national statistical systems. This project currently involves countries in South-East Europe and Central Asia. We identify their specific needs for data to inform policies on gender equality and work with these countries to build the capacity of statisticians to produce the information and to ensure it is used. Recent work has focused on improving gender relevant data on employment, on upgrading capacities to measure violence

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against women and on disseminating and communicating gender statistics.

New training materials

- Additional support to countries is provided through training materials, activities and videos (multimedia presentations). There are now nine training videos available in both English and Russian. We are currently developing a repository for all UNECE training materials online.
- The handbook *Developing Gender Statistics – A Practical Tool* provides comprehensive guidance to producers and users of gender statistics. It will be finalized and available by 2010.

Where can I get information about women and men in the UNECE region?

The UNECE Gender Statistics Database provides official data from national statistical offices and international organizations in a user friendly environment.

New information is now available on:

- Gender country profiles
- Population
- Fertility, families and households
- Work and the economy
- Education
- Public life and decision-making
- Health and mortality
- Crime and violence
- Science and information and communication technologies
- Work-life balance

<http://www.unece.org/stats/data>

Where can I find out more about gender statistics?

The UNECE Gender Statistics Website provides useful information on country practices, definitions, methodology,

standards and training tools. The website covers a number of topics including time use surveys and gender-based violence against women.

Access the Gender Statistics Website at www.unece.org/stats/gender.



For more information about gender issues
and statistics, go to

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