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General

	MALES	FEMALES	YEAR
Total population under 15	96,582	91,296	2017
Total population over 15	519,216	498,481	2017

** ALL DATA FROM CIA, 2017*

Health

Maternal mortality rate per 100,000 live birth	7	2015 est.	CIA, 2017
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births	8.1	2016 est.	CIA, 2017
Under-five mortality rate for males per 1,000 live births	3	2012	UN Statistics, 2015
Under-five mortality rate for females per 1,000 live births	3.3	2012	UN Statistics, 2015
Births attended by a skilled health professional	97	2014	WHO, 2016
Prevalence of HIV among adults aged 15–49	No Data	2015	WHO, 2017
Life expectancy for men	75.8	2016 est.	CIA, 2017
Life expectancy for women	81.6	2016 est.	CIA, 2017

Education

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Youth literacy rate, ages 15-24	99.84%	99.88%	2015
Adult literacy rate, ages 15+	99.46%	98.64%	2015
Net enrolment rate in primary education	97.08%	97.67%	2015
Gross enrolment ratio in secondary education	100.13%	99.41%	2015
Gross enrolment ratio in tertiary education	51.11%	69.4%	2015

** ALL DATA FROM UNESCO INSTITUTE OF STATISTICS, 2017*

- Female graduates from tertiary education (2012) (UNESCO Institute of Statistics, 2015): 60.3%
- Female students in engineering construction and manufacturing tertiary education programs (2012) (UNESCO Institute of Statistics, 2015): 26.5%
- Female teachers in primary education (2012) (UNESCO Institute of Statistics, 2015): 82.8%

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- Female teachers in secondary education (2012) (UNESCO Institute of Statistics, 2015): 64.7%
- Female teachers in tertiary education (2012) (UNESCO Institute of Statistics, 2015): 39.8%

Economic Activity

- Males over 15 who are active in the labour force (2014) (World Bank, 2017): 69.9%
- Females over 15 who are active in the labour force (2014) (World Bank, 2017): 57.3%
- Proportion of adults (15 years and older) with an account at a bank or other financial institution, or with a money mobile service provider (2011) (UN Statistics, 2017): 88.39%

Decision-Making

- Proportion of seats held by women in National Parliament (2016) (World Bank, 2017): 18

Human Rights

- Girls married before 15 (UNICEF, 2016): Insufficient data
- Females married between 15 and 19 (World Economic Forum, 2013): Insufficient data
- Women subjected to physical/sexual violence by an intimate partner during their lifetime (UN Women, 2016): 15%
- Women subjected to physical/sexual violence by an intimate partner or a non-partner during the last 12 months (UN Women, 2016): 3%

Gender and Development Trends in Cyprus

Health

Abortion laws in Cyprus enacted in 1974 and amended in 1986, prohibit abortion except under certain conditions. For instance, abortion is allowed in cases where at least two medical doctors agree that continuation of the pregnancy would constitute a serious physiological or emotional hazard to the mother or child, including foetal malformation (European Parliament Directorate General for Internal Policies, 2012).

Education

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Secondary education is more common for Cypriot women (73.6%) than for the EU-27 average (70.9%). College/university (tertiary education) attainment of Cypriot women equals 37.5% - clearly above EU-27 average (25.8%) (European Commission, 2013).

In Cyprus, young men are almost four times more likely to leave school prematurely (11.2%) than young women (2.9%) (European Commission, 2015).

Economy

In 2012, the employment rate of women in Cyprus was 59.4%, which is slightly higher than the EU-27 average of 58.6%. However, the difference between the male (70.4%) and female employment rate in Cyprus was 11% in 2012 and unemployment of women in Cyprus was 11.2% in 2012 (European Commission, 2013).

Governance

According to a European Parliament report (2012), approximately 38% of judges in Cyprus are women and only 20.8% are senior level civil servants (European Parliament Directorate General for Internal Policies, 2012, p. 10).

Following the Cyprus European Parliament election of 2014, the participation of women in the European Parliament fell from 33% to 16%. The participation of women on the candidate list was 23% (Susana, 2015).

Human Rights

Between January and September, police responded to 424 domestic violence cases--285 against women, 99 against men, and 78 against children. Of those, 172 were investigated and 86 referred to court (U.S. Department of State, 2016).

Cyprus SDG Progress Profile

- Cyprus is currently ranked 45th for overall performance under the SDGs, with a median rank of 48th.
- Cyprus has ranked 33rd in the UN's 2015 Gender Inequality Index (GII) (UNDP, 2015).

SDG 4: Achieve universal access to affordable and quality education at all levels. (Data retrieved from SDG indicator profiles, 2016)

- Expected years of schooling (years): 14 (SDG threshold met)
- Literacy rate of 15-24 years old (%): 99.8 (SDG threshold met)
- Net primary school enrolment rate (%): 97.9 (significant challenges remain)

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SDG 5: Achieve gender equality, protect and empower women, the youth and persons in vulnerable situations.

(Data retrieved from SDG indicator profiles, 2016)

- Women in national parliaments (%): 12.5 (major challenges must be overcome)
- Female years of schooling (% male): 96.6 (SDG threshold met)
- Female labor force participation (% male): 84.3 (SDG threshold met)
- Unmet demand for contraceptives (%): Insufficient data.

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