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General

	MALES	FEMALES	YEAR
Total population under 15	5,761,311	5,476,649	2017
Total population over 15	26,897,514	26,294,954	2017

** ALL DATA FROM CIA, 2017*

Health

Maternal mortality rate per 100,000 live birth	9	2015 est.	CIA, 2017
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births	4.3	2016 est.	CIA, 2017
Under-five mortality rate for males per 1,000 live births	4.7	2012	UN Statistics, 2015
Under-five mortality rate for females per 1,000 live births	3.8	2012	UN Statistics, 2015
Births attended by a skilled health professional	No Data	2014	WHO, 2016
Prevalence of HIV among adults aged 15–49	No Data	2015	WHO, 2017
Life expectancy for men	78.5	2016 est.	CIA, 2017
Life expectancy for women	83	2016 est.	CIA, 2017

Education

	Males	Females	Year
Youth literacy rate, ages 15-24	99.80%	99.84%	2011
Adult literacy rate, ages 15+	99.29%	98.12%	2011
Total net enrolment rate in primary education	99.85%		2014
Gross enrolment ratio in secondary education	125.34%	130.4%	2014
Gross enrolment ratio in tertiary education	49.04%	64.12%	2014

** ALL DATA FROM UNESCO INSTITUTE OF STATISTICS, 2015 AND 2017*

- Female graduates from tertiary education (2014): 59.61%
- Female students enrolled in engineering, construction and manufacturing tertiary education programs (2012) (UNESCO Institute of Statistics, 2015): 19%
- Female teachers in primary education (2012) (UNESCO Institute of Statistics, 2015): 87%

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- Female teachers in secondary education (2008) (UNESCO Institute of Statistics, 2015): 62.2%
- Female teachers in tertiary education (2012) (UNESCO Institute of Statistics, 2015): 43.8%

Economic Activity

- Males over 15 who are active in the labour force (2016) (World Bank, 2017): 68.8%
- Females over 15 who are active in the labour force (2016) (World Bank, 2017): 59.6%
- 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): 99.37%

Decision-Making

- Proportion of seats held by women in National Parliament (2016) (World Bank, 2017): 30

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): 29%
- Women subjected to physical/sexual violence by an intimate partner or a non-partner during the last 12 months (UN Women, 2016): 5%

Gender and Development Trends in the United Kingdom

Health

A quarter of young women in the UK have suffered from anxiety and depression, according to a 2015 survey released by the Office for National Statistics (ONS). Despite an increase in the number of those who said their quality of life had improved since 2009, one in four young women said they had faced symptoms linked to poor mental wellbeing in 2014-15 (ONS, 2017).

Education

Women in the UK outnumber men in almost two-thirds of degree subjects; among students who started degree courses last autumn, women outnumbered men in 112 out of 180 subjects, while men were ahead in 65 and there was equal representation in three (UCAS, 2016).

Economy

According to a March 2017 House of Commons report, 70.0% of women aged 16-64 were in

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employment in October-December 2016, marking the highest proportion since 1971 (Powell & Mur, 2017 p. 3). Recent increases in the rate are partly due to ongoing changes to the State Pension age for women. This compares to a male employment rate of 79.3% (Powell & Mur, 2017, p. 3).

Governance

191 women MPs were elected at the 2015 General Election, 29% of all MPs. A record high. 207 women (26%) are Members of the House of Lords (Apostolova & Cracknell, 2017:3).

Human Rights

There are an estimated 137,000 women and girls affected by FGM in England and Wales; over 100 girls were identified as having, or were having treatment for, FGM in England in 2015/16 (NSPCC, 2017).

United Kingdom SDG Progress Profile

- The U.K. is currently ranked 10th for overall performance under the SDGs, with a median rank of 10th.
- The U.K. has ranked 16th 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): 16.2 (SDG threshold met)
- Literacy rate of 15-24 years old (%): Insufficient data
- Net primary school enrolment rate (%): 99.9 (SDG threshold met)

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 (%): 29.4 (significant challenges remain)
- Female years of schooling (% male): 98.3 (SDG threshold met)
- Female labor force participation (% male): 83.1 (SDG threshold met)
- Unmet demand for contraceptives (%): 7.4 (SDG threshold met)

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