

Italy

Rank Score (0.000 = inequality, 1.000 = equality)

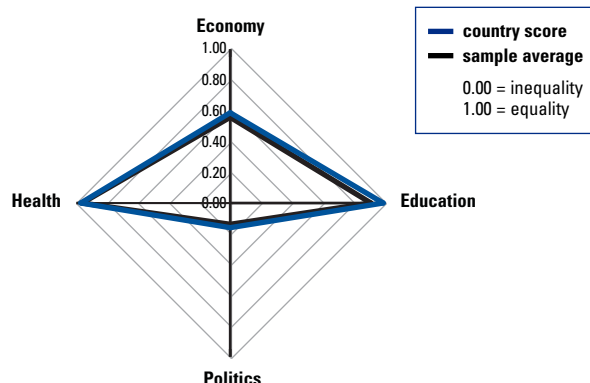
Gender Gap Index 2008 (out of 130 countries) **67** **0.679**

Gender Gap Index 2007 (out of 128 countries) **84** **0.650**

Gender Gap Index 2006 (out of 115 countries) **77** **0.646**

Key Indicators

Total population (millions), 2006	59.38
Population growth (%)	0.40
GDP (US\$ billions), 2006	1,157.04
GDP (PPP) per capita	28,156
Mean age of marriage for women (years)	28
Fertility rate (births per woman)	1.40
Year women received right to vote	1945
Overall population sex ratio (male/female)	0.96



Gender Gap Subindexes

	Rank	Score	Sample average	Female	Male	Female-to-male ratio	
Economic Participation and Opportunity	85	0.587	0.587				
Labour force participation	81	0.69	0.69	51	74	0.69	
Wage equality for similar work (survey)	111	0.54	0.64	—	—	0.54	
Estimated earned income (PPP US\$)	88	0.47	0.51	18,501	39,163	0.47	
Legislators, senior officials, and managers	36	0.49	0.28	33	67	0.49	
Professional and technical workers	68	0.88	0.72	47	53	0.88	
Educational Attainment	43	0.996	0.929				
Literacy rate	54	1.00	0.87	99	99	1.00	
Enrolment in primary education	84	0.99	0.97	98	99	0.99	
Enrolment in secondary education	1	1.00	0.92	94	93	1.01	
Enrolment in tertiary education	1	1.00	0.86	78	56	1.38	
Health and Survival	83	0.972	0.958				
Sex ratio at birth (female/male)	112	0.93	0.92	—	—	0.93	
Healthy life expectancy	68	1.06	1.04	75	71	1.06	
Political Empowerment	46	0.160	0.163				
Women in parliament	47	0.27	0.21	21	79	0.27	
Women in ministerial positions	31	0.32	0.17	24	76	0.32	
Years with female head of state (last 50)	40	0.00	0.13	0	50	0.00	

Additional Data

Maternity and Childbearing

Births attended by skilled health staff (%)	99.00
Contraceptive prevalence, married women (%)	60
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	3
Length of paid maternity leave	5 months
Maternity leave benefits (% of wages paid)	80
Provider of maternity coverage	Social security
Maternal mortality rate (per 100,000 live births)	3
Adolescent fertility rate (births per 1,000 women aged 15-19)	6.44

Education and Training

Female teachers, primary education (%)	96
Female teachers, secondary education (%)	67
Female teachers, tertiary education (%)	34

Employment and Earnings

Female adult unemployment rate (%)	10.10
Male adult unemployment rate (%)	6.20
Women in non-agricultural paid labour (% of total labour force)	41
Ability of women to rise to enterprise leadership*	3.65

Basic Rights and Social Institutions**

Paternal versus maternal authority	0.00
Female genital mutilation	0.00
Polygamy	0.00
Existence of legislation punishing acts of violence against women	0.42

*Survey data, responses on a 1-to-7 scale (1 = worst score, 7 = best score)

**Data on a 0-to-1 scale (1 = worst score, 0 = best score)