If historic trends continue, the world won’t achieve gender equality until 2108. How is the United States performing on gender equality in the SDGs?

The SDG Gender Index covers 144 countries, 98% of the world’s girls and women, and 14 of 17 Sustainable Development Goals. It includes 56 indicators capturing gender-related measures across the 2030 Agenda.

2015 Index score 2020 Index score Global Rank Regional Rank
74 → 77 Fair Some progress out of 144 countries out of 45 countries
38 31

If current trends continue, a girl born this year will not in her lifetime see that all women in the United States say they feel safe walking alone at night

Best and worst performing indicators since 2015

Best
Proportion of ministerial/senior government positions held by women
Extent to which laws criminalise, protect or recognise sexual orientation and same-sex conducts
Extent to which the delegation representing the country at the COP meeting is gender balanced

Worst
Openness of statistics – indicator coverage and disaggregation
Extent to which a state is viewed as legitimate, open, and representative
Extent to which women can openly discuss political issues in private and in public spaces

Score by goal for 2015 and 2020

Scoring system
Fast progress: Increase by >3 points
Some progress: Increased by <3 points and >1 point
No progress: Less than +1 or -1 change in points
Decline or Wrong direction: Decline by more than -1 point