

## Gender statistics

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Sex equality and inequality are one of the most actual problems of political, economic and social life of the society.

In Russia the principle of the equal rights and equal possibilities of women and men is fixed in item 3, article 19 of the Constitution of the Russian Federation "**Men and women have the equal rights and freedom and equal possibilities for their realization**". Exactly on this statement the legal norms are based ensuring the absence of one or another sex discrimination.

The legislation of the Russian Federation that has been formed during the last years in the field of politics and economy is aimed on the creation of the basis for gender oriented and gender balanced policy.

Main targets of this policy in Russia are the following:

- contribution to the observation of women rights in their uniformity with rights and freedom of men;
- provision of conditions for full-fledged participation of women and men in making decisions at all levels of the management;
- promotion of equal rights and equal possibilities in labour market, business activity and financial spheres;
- protection of women and men health, prolongation of life expectancy;
- creation of conditions for the active participation of men in up-bringing and education of children and housekeeping;
- prevention of any violence toward women and men.



To realize above stated goals the regular, detailed and trustworthy information is needed and that is a new inter-branch field of statistics, which is being formed in many countries – **the gender statistics**.

**Gender statistics** – statistical data on women and men reflecting their status at all spheres of the life of the society.

This is one of the important instruments permitting to take into account peculiarities of women and men as specific social and demographic groups to elaborate optimal socio-demographic policy, to implement equal rights and equal possibilities for women and men.

According to the article 206a of "Platform of Actions" of the IV World Conference on the Status of Women (Peking, October 1995) national statistical services must ensure collection, processing, analysis and presentation of statistical data on people by sex and age breakdown to reflect problems and questions connected with the status of women and men in the society.

Russia's joining to "Platform of Actions" of the Conference obliges state statistical bodies to develop gender statistics in the country. This handbook presents the next publication of Federal State Statistics Service in this field.

