

WOMEN IN TÜRKİYE: **A STATISTICAL OVERVIEW**

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Population and Fertility

Definitions

Adolescent fertility rate: The average number of live births per thousand women in 15-19 age group.

Age specific fertility rate: The average number of live births per certain age group of a woman.

General fertility rate: The number of births per 1000 females in 15-44 age group in a given year.

Live birth: Regardless of the duration of pregnancy, the births where the child lives at least a few minutes and shows evidence of life like crying, breathing or moving.

Total fertility rate: The average number of live births that a woman would have under the assumption that she survived to the end of her reproductive life (15 to 49 years of age) and bore according to a given age specific fertility rate.

Resources


Hacettepe University Institute of Population Studies, Turkey Demographic and Health Survey, 2018

TurkStat, The results of Address Based Population Registration System, 2025

TurkStat, Birth Statistics, 2024

Population and Fertility

POPULATION OF TÜRKIYE, 2025

 **49.98%**
43.032.734

 **50.02%**
43.059.434

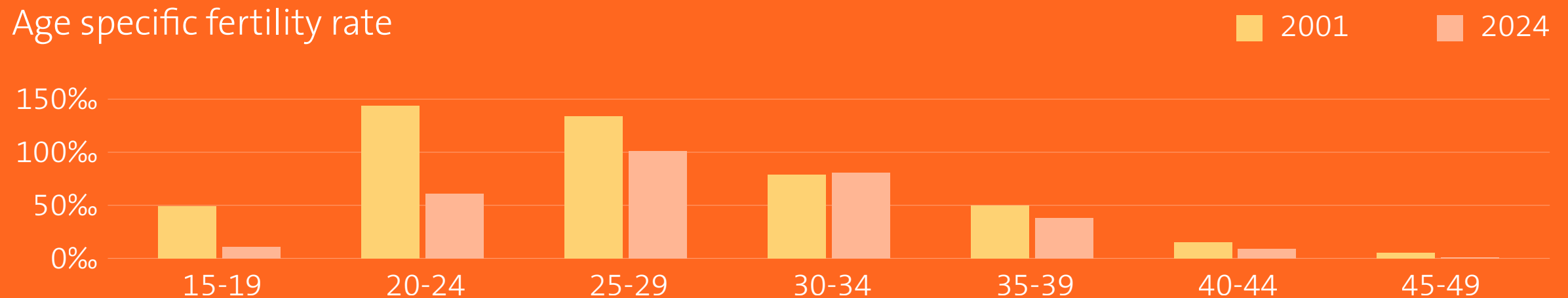


BASIC FERTILITY INDICATORS

	2001	2024
Total fertility rate (number of children)	2.38	1.48
General fertility rate (‰)	82.7	49.5
Adolescent fertility rate (‰)	49	10
	2014	2024
Mean age of mother at birth of first child	25.5	27.3



Age specific fertility rate



FAMILY PLANNING

Rate of women in reproductive age (15-49 years) who are able to meet their own family planning needs through modern methods, 2018

60.6%



Health

Definitions

Antenatal care coverage: It is the percentage of women aged 15-49 with a live birth in a given time period that received antenatal care provided by a skilled health personnel (generally doctors nurses or midwives) at least once during pregnancy.

Healthy Life Years: It is defined as the number of years of life at a certain age without serious or moderate health problems.

Life Expectancy at birth: It is the average number of years a newborn is expected to live having been exposed to age specific mortality rates at certain periods through his/her life.

Maternal Mortality Ratio: It is obtained by multiplying 100.000 with the proportion of the number of mothers who die due to pregnancy in one year to the number of live born babies in the same society by the same year.

Resources

European Statistical Office (EUROSTAT), 2015-2023

World Health Organization (WHO), 2020

Ministry of Health, Health Statistics, 2024

TurkStat, Life Tables, 2024

Health

LIFE EXPECTANCY AT BIRTH, 2022-2024

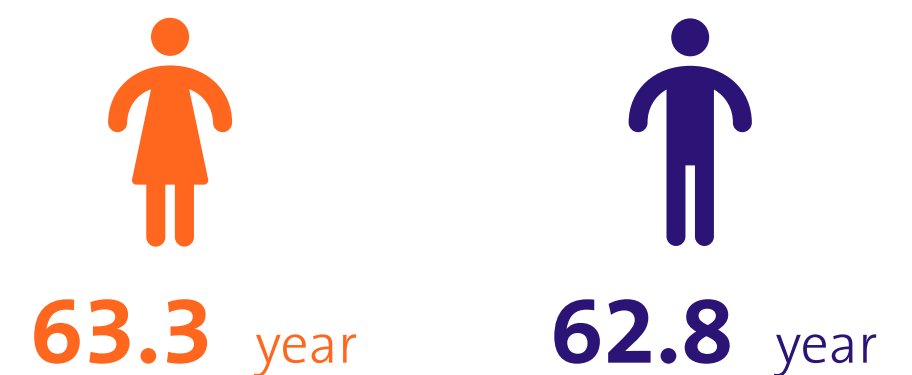


HEALTHY LIFE YEARS AT BIRTH

Türkiye, 2022-2024



27 Member States of the European Union, 2023



HEALTH SERVICES

Antenatal care coverage, 2024

99.6%

Proportion of births in hospitals, 2024

99.4%



MATERNAL MORTALITY RATIO (PER 100,000 LIVE BIRTHS)



Türkiye, 2024

11.5



27 Member States of the European Union, 2020

6.0



Disability

Definitions

Individuals with hearing problems: Includes those who, despite using assistive devices, have great difficulty hearing or cannot hear at all.

Individuals with learning and memory difficulties: Includes those who have great difficulty or are completely unable to learn new things/acquire new skills, remember, or concentrate.

Individuals with stair-climbing difficulties: Includes those who have great difficulty going up or down stairs or cannot do so at all.

Individuals with vision problems: Includes those who, despite using assistive devices, have great difficulty seeing or cannot see at all.

Individuals with walking difficulties: Includes those who, without using assistive devices (e.g., a cane), have great difficulty walking 500 meters or cannot walk at all.

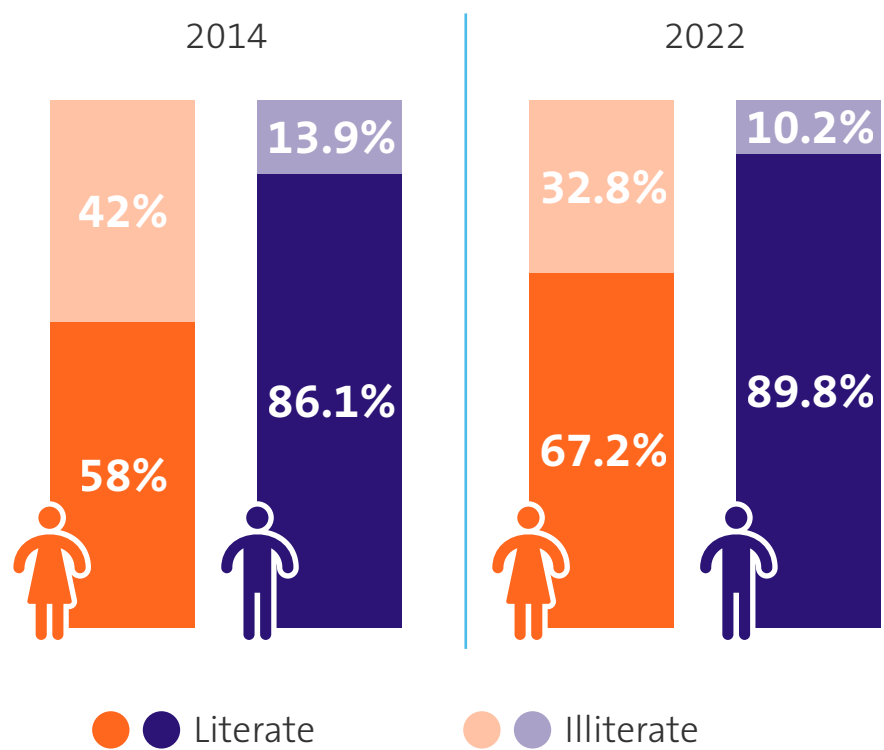
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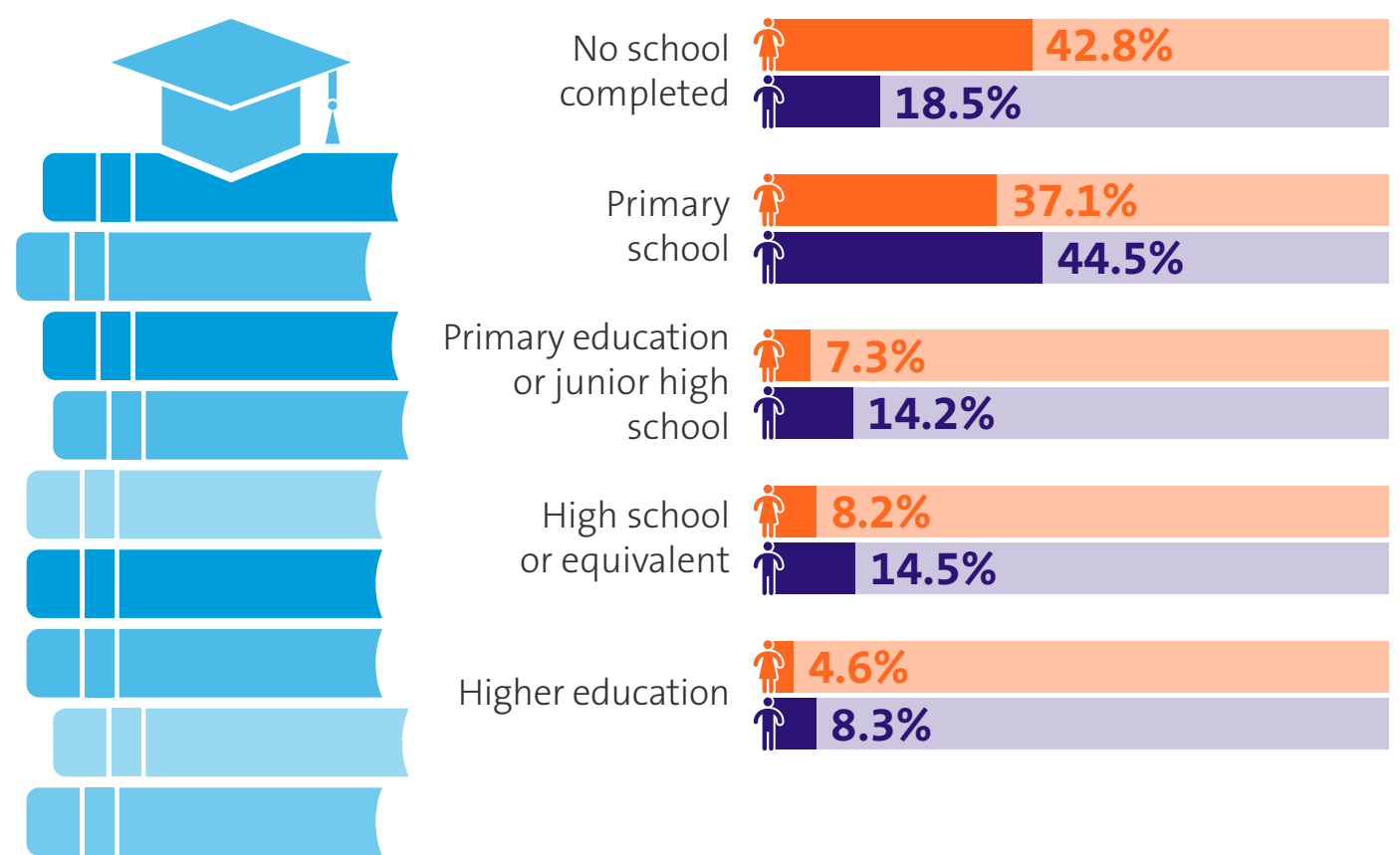
Disability

DISABLED INDIVIDUALS BY LITERACY STATUS AND LEVEL OF EDUCATION

Literacy status (15+), 2022



Level of education (15+), 2022



EMPLOYMENT STATUS FOR DISABLED INDIVIDUALS (15+), 2022

Employed women

7.9%

Employed men

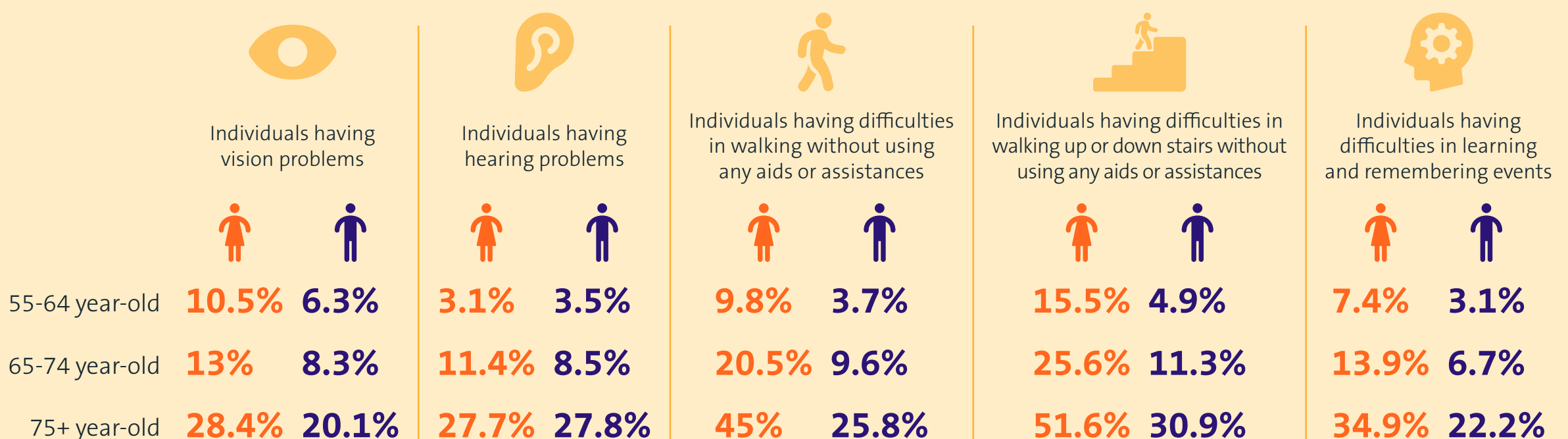
27.8%



Disabled Individuals by Position at Work (15+)

Position	Women (%)	Men (%)
Regular, waged or casual	75%	69.7%
Employer	2.7%	5.7%
Self employed	6%	21.5%
Unpaid family worker	16.3%	3%

INDICATORS RELATED WITH DISABILITY AND OLD AGE, 2022



Education

Definitions

Graduates in the fields of education, health and welfare, humanities and art at the tertiary level: It is produced from the number of graduates under the titles of “Education”, “Health and Welfare” and “Arts and Humanities” in the classification of fields of education and training, which is the content of higher education statistics.

Graduates in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics at the tertiary level: It is produced from the number of graduates under the titles of "Information and Communication Technologies", "Natural Sciences, Mathematics and Statistics" and "Engineering, Manufacturing and Construction" in the classification of fields of education and training, which is the content of higher education statistics.

Gross enrolment rate: It is obtained by dividing the number of students enrolled in a specific level of education by the population in that level’s theoretical age group.

Illiterate population: The person who was absent from school or who know how to illiterate.

Mean years of schooling: Mean years of schooling is average number of completed years of education of a country’s population aged 25 years and older, excluding years spent repeating individual grades.

Net enrollment rate: It is obtained by dividing the number of students of a theoretical age group enrolled in a specific level of education by the population in that age group.

Resources

Ministry of National Education, National Education Statistics, Formal Education, 2024-2025

TurkStat, National Education Statistics, 2024

Higher Education Council, 2024-2025 Academic Year Higher Education Statistics

Education

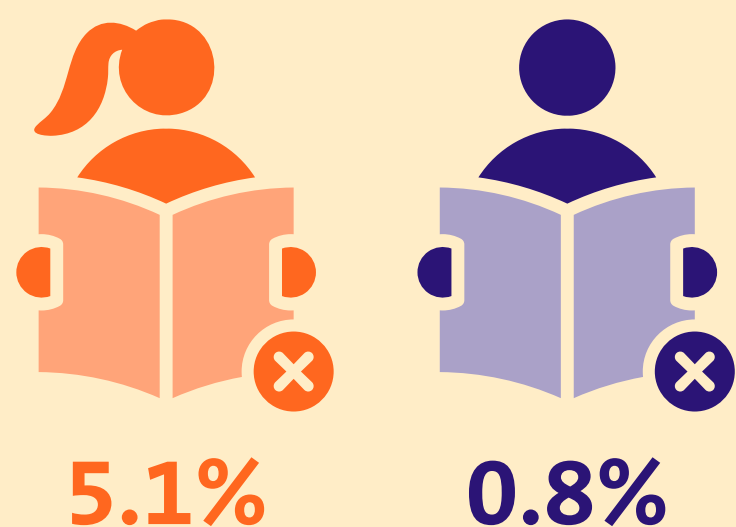
THE LEVEL OF EDUCATION COMPLETED

Proportion of individuals aged 25 and over who have completed at least one level of education, 2024

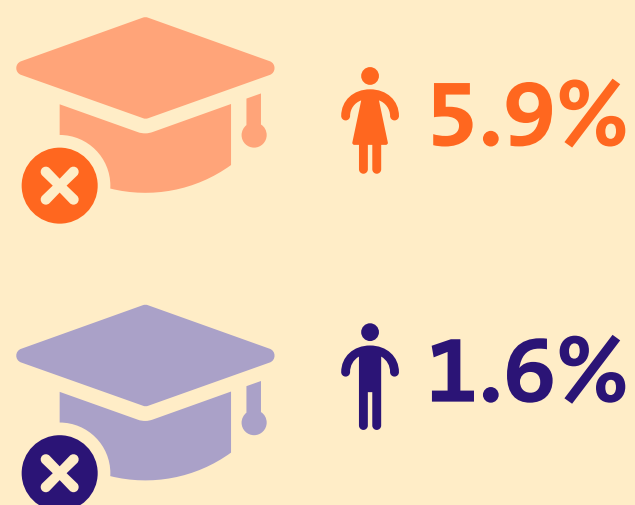


Distribution of the population 25 years of age and over by the level of education completed, 2024

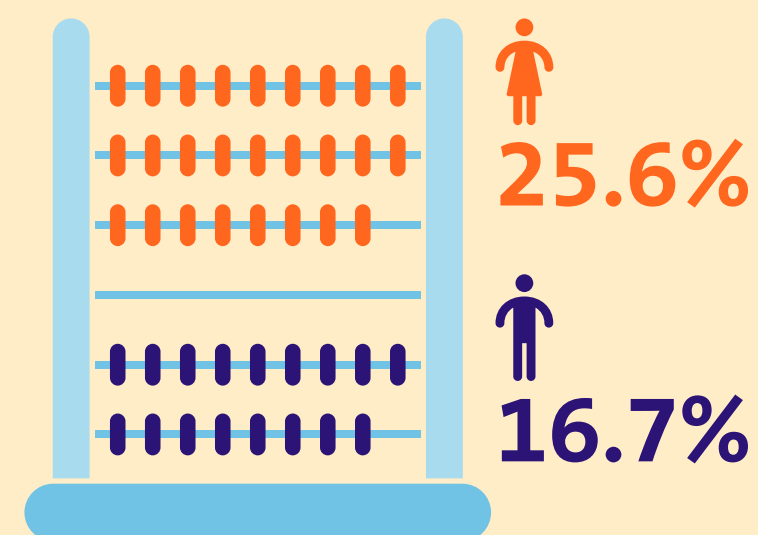
Illiterate



Literate without diploma



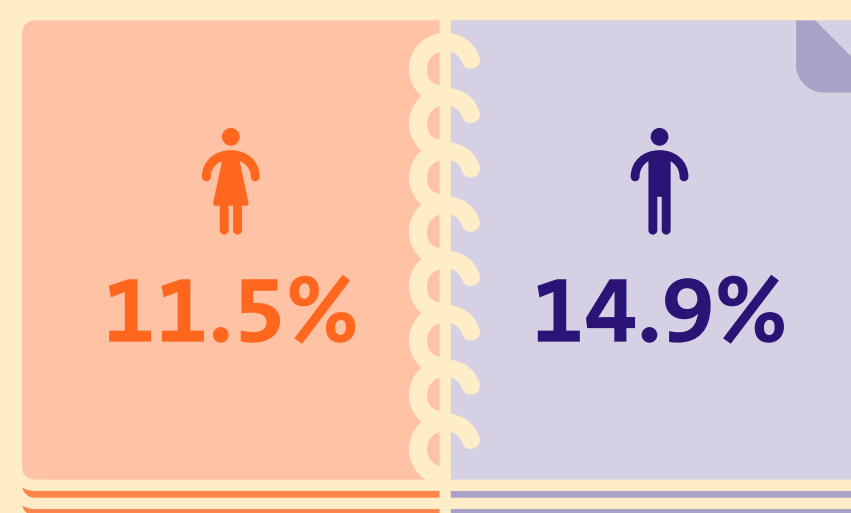
Primary school



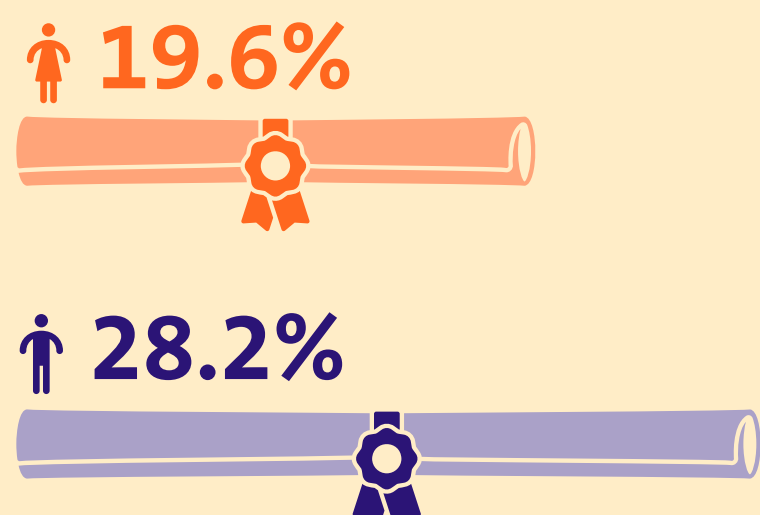
Primary education



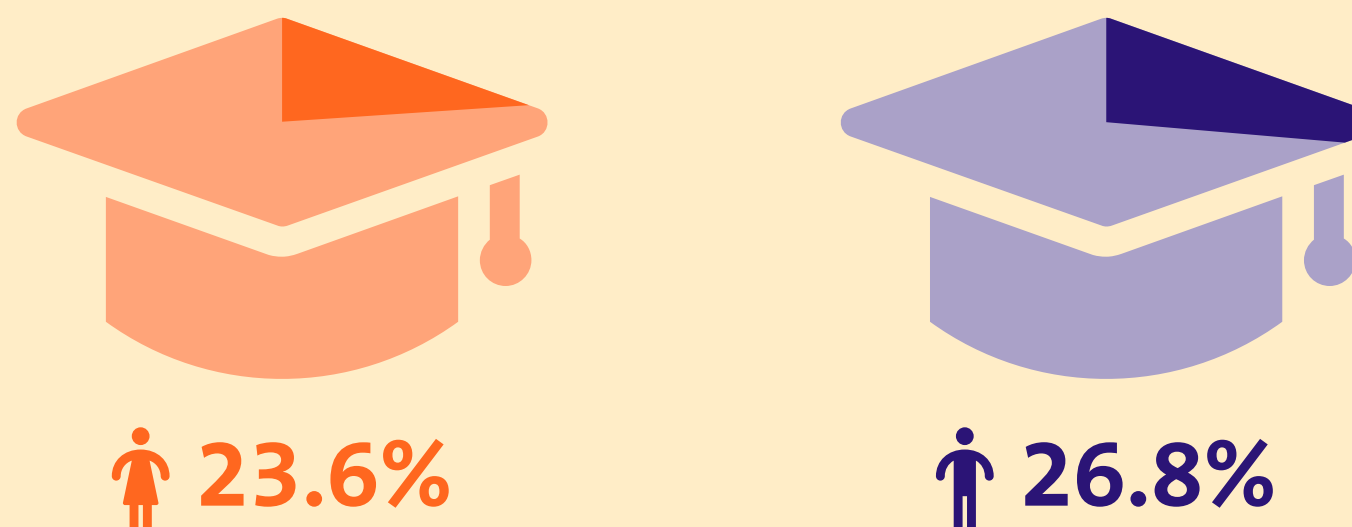
Lower secondary school



Upper secondary school

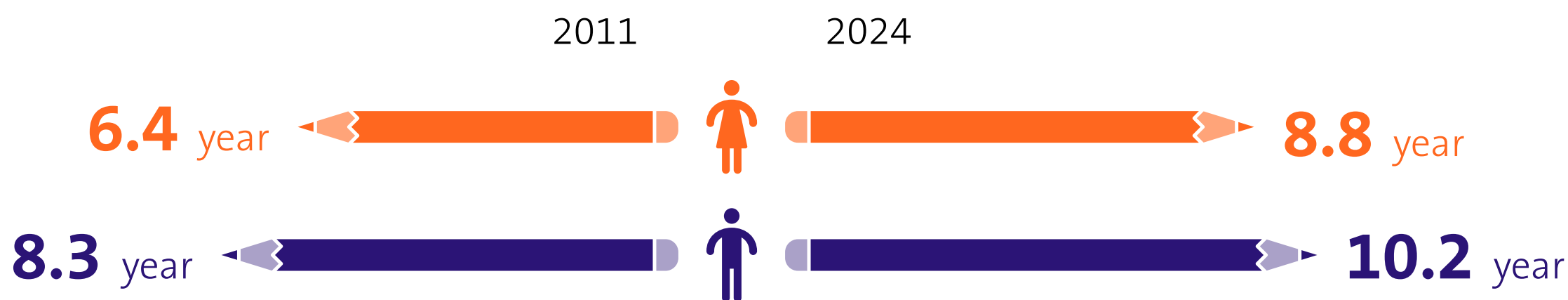


Tertiary education

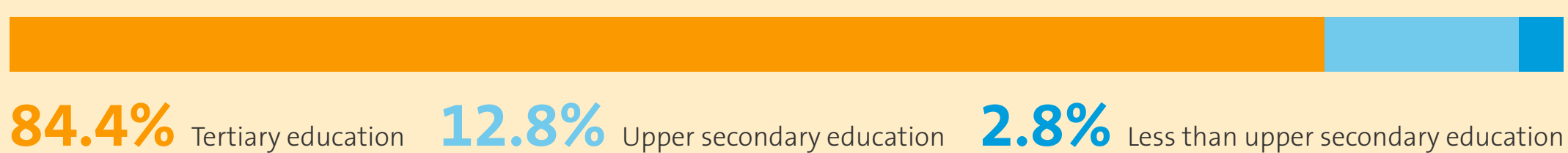


Education

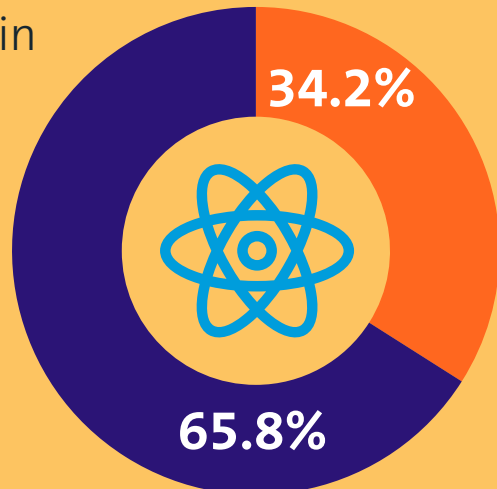
MEAN YEARS OF SCHOOLING



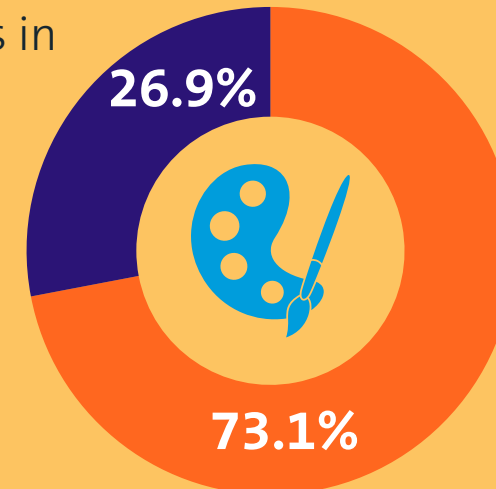
The highest level of education completed by individuals whose mother are higher education graduates (25+), 2024



Proportion of graduates in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics at the tertiary level, 2023-2024

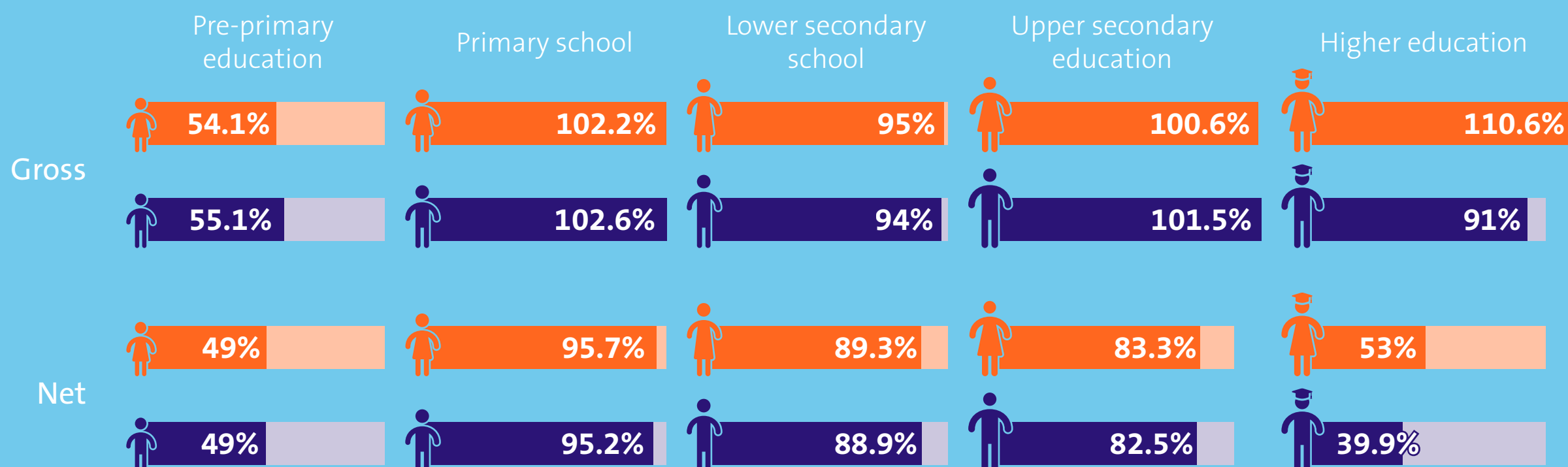


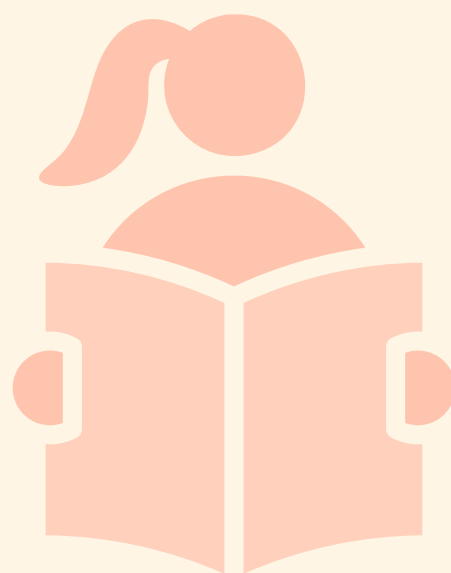
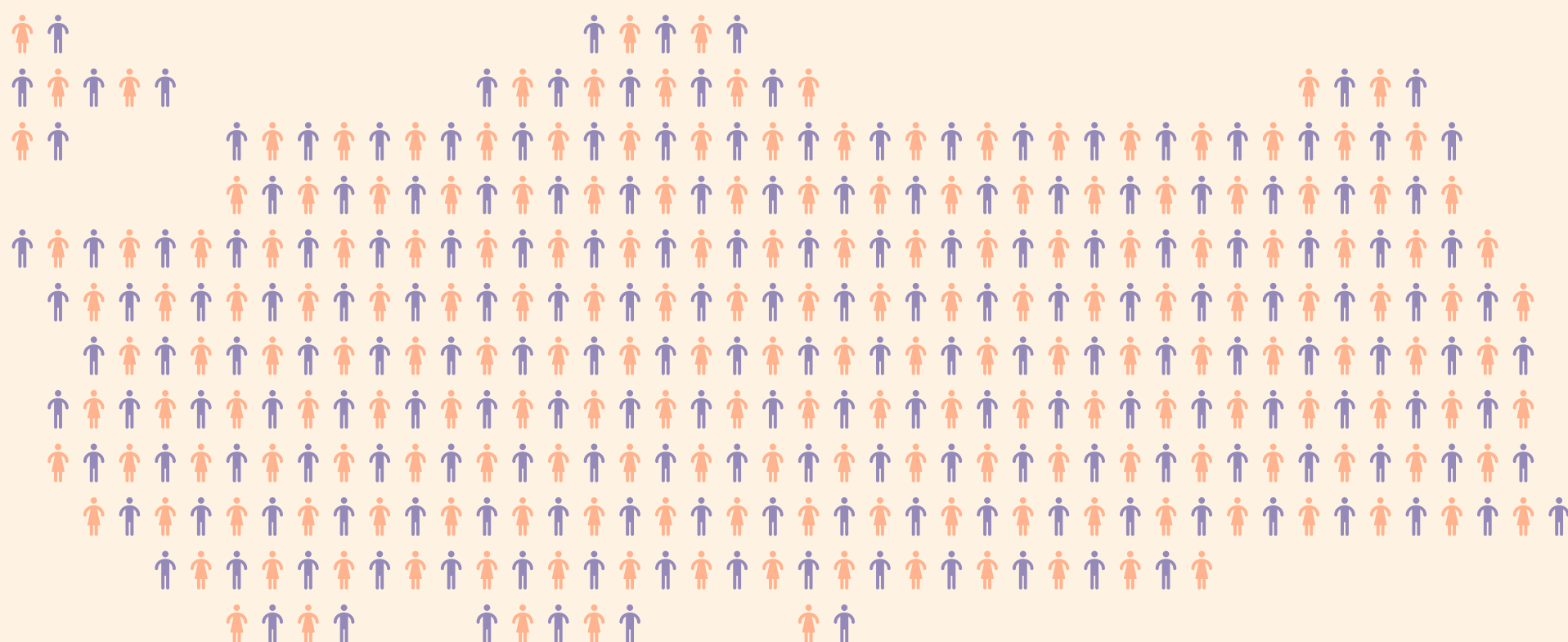
Proportion of graduates in the fields of education, health and welfare, humanities and art at the tertiary level, 2023-2024



● Women ● Men

ENROLMENT RATE BY LEVEL OF EDUCATION, 2024-2025





Labour Force and Employment

Definitions

Duration of working life: The indicator measures the number of years a person aged 15 and over is expected to be active in the labour market during his or her lifetime.

Employment rate: Employment rate is the ratio of employed persons to the non-institutional working age population.

Gender pay gap: Percentage of the difference between all men's gross wages/salaries and all women's gross wages/salaries working in listed classifications (such as education, occupation etc.) over all men's gross wages/salaries in the reference period.

Labour force participation rate: Indicates the ratio of the labour force to non-institutional working age population.

Neither in employment nor education and training (NEET) rate: It is the ratio of young population that are neither in employment nor education and training to the total young population.

Unemployment rate: Is the ratio of unemployed persons to the labour force.

Unregistered employment: Persons who are not registered to any social security institution due to main job worked in reference week.

Resources

European Statistical Office (EUROSTAT), 2024

TurkStat, Labour Force Statistics, 2015-2024

TurkStat, Structure of Earnings Statistics, 2023

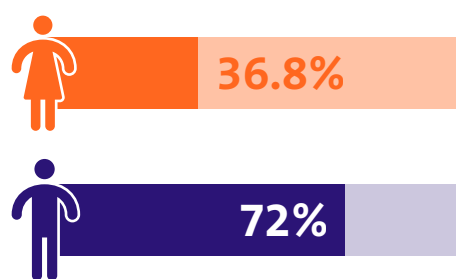
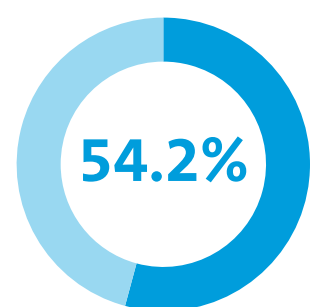
Labour Force and Employment

LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF POPULATION, 2024

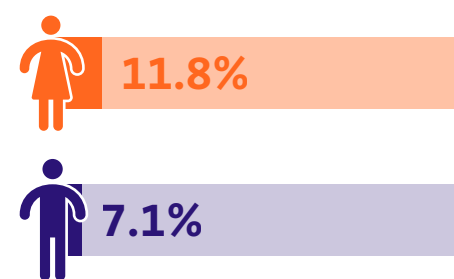
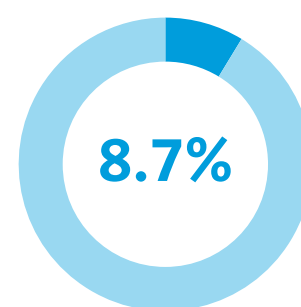


15+
year-old

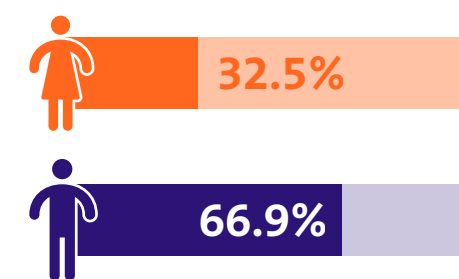
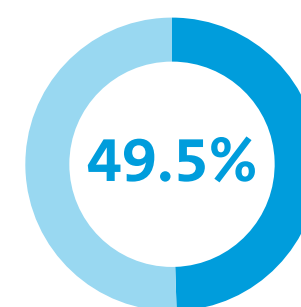
Labour force participation rate



Unemployment rate

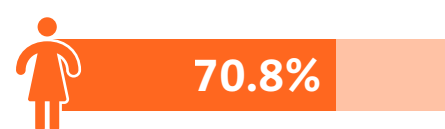


Employment rate

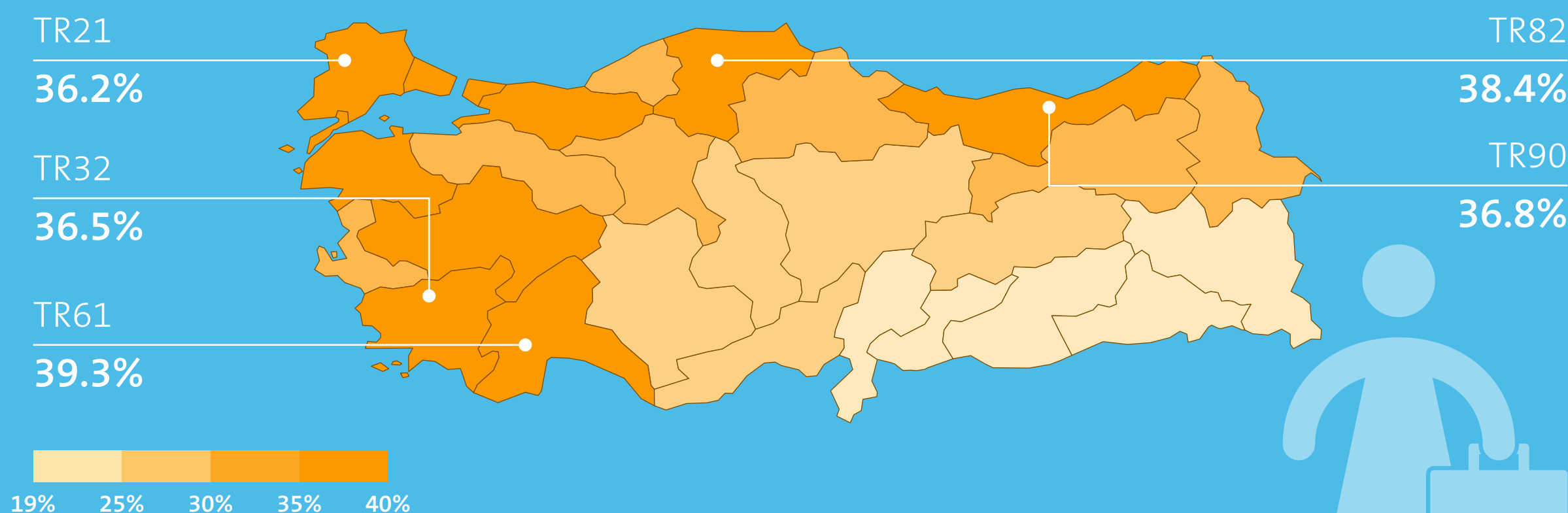


Employment rate in
27 EU member states

75.8%



Women's employment rate by the classification of Statistical Region, SR Level 2 (26 Region) (15+), 2024



Informal employment as a percentage of agriculture and non-agricultural employment (15+), 2024

Agriculture

91.1%



75.4%



Non-agriculture

19.4%

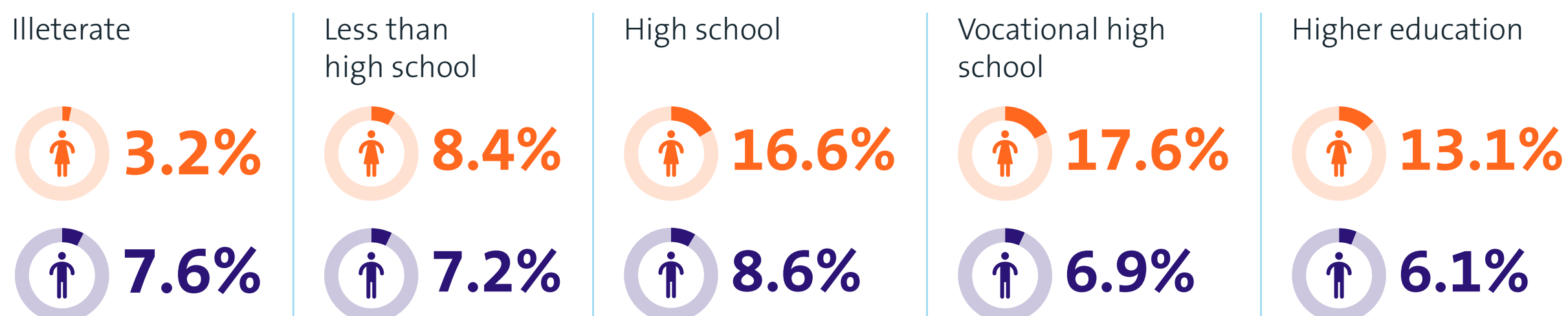


15.7%

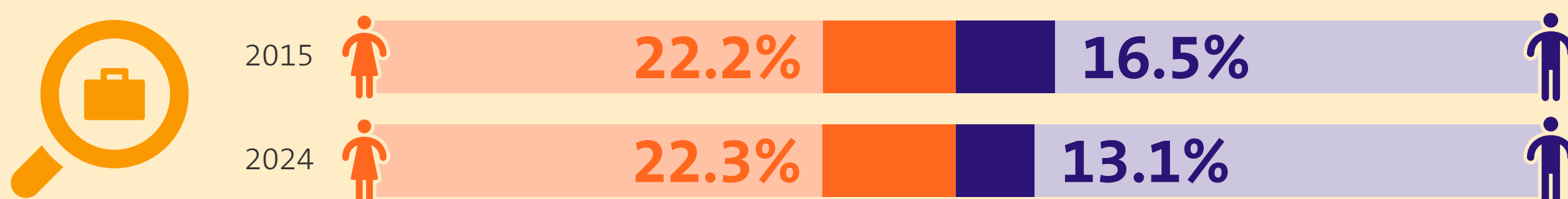


Labour Force and Employment

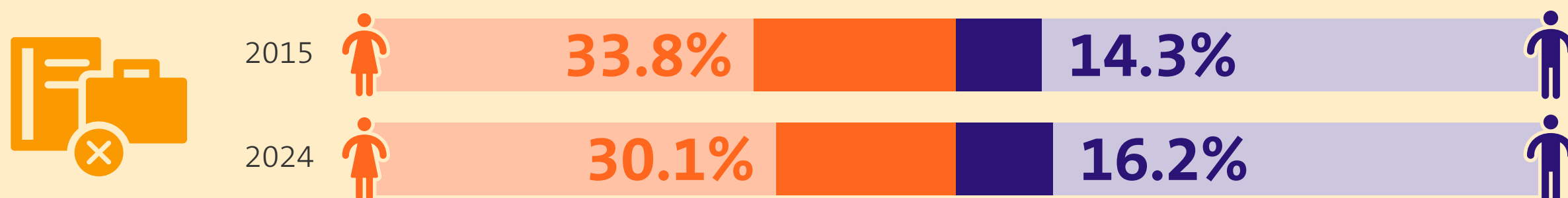
Unemployment rates level of education (15+), 2024



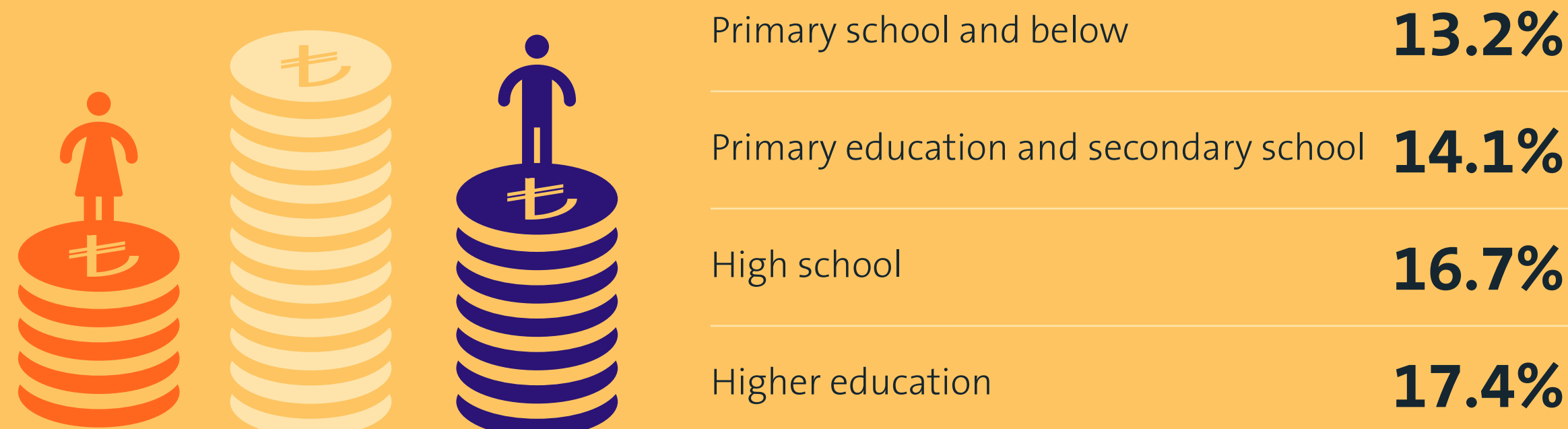
Youth unemployment rate for ages 15-24



Proportion of young people aged 15-24 who are neither in education nor employment (NEET)



Gender pay gap by level of education, 2023

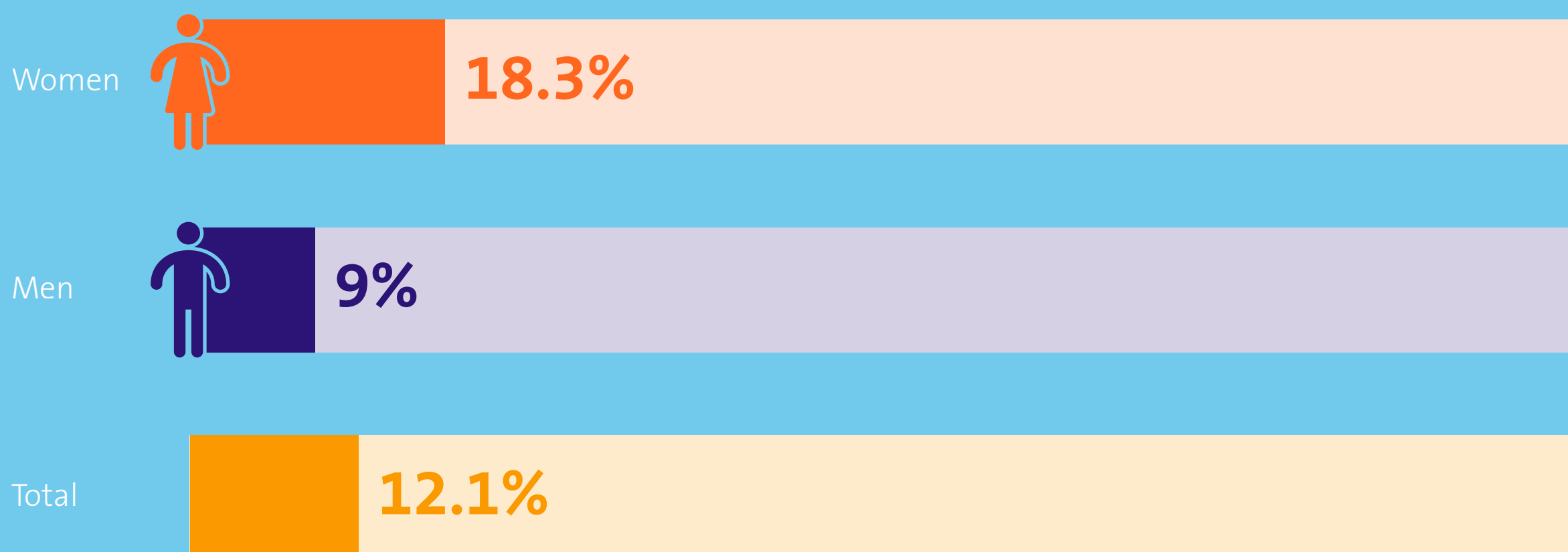


Labour Force and Employment

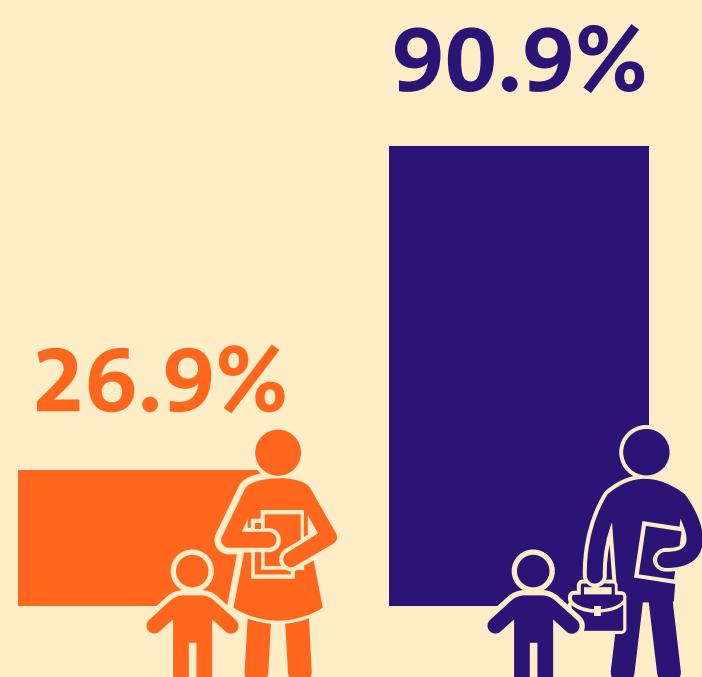
DURATION OF WORKING LIFE, 2024



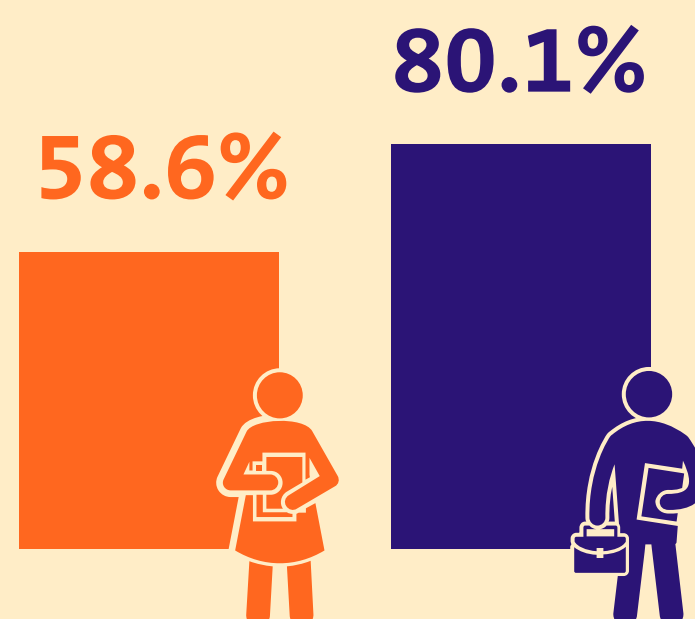
Part time employment rate (% of total employment) (15+), 2024



Employment rate of individuals aged 25-49 with children below 3 years old in the household, 2024



Employment rate of individuals aged 25-49 without children below 3 years old in the household, 2024



The share of domestic work among the reasons for women's non-participation in the labour force (15+), 2024

35%



Participation in Decision-Making Mechanism

Definitions

Deputies: The number of representatives has been increased to 550 from 450 in 1995 by changing the article 3 of the Law No. 2839 on General Election with the article 8 of the Law No. 4125 and the number of representatives has been increased to 600 from 550 in 2017 by changing the Constitutional amendment.

Individuals in senior and middle management positions: This indicator refers to the proportion of females to the total number of persons employed in senior and middle management. Sub-groups “11- Presidents, senior executives and legislators”, “12- Commercial and administrative managers” and “13- Production and specialized service managers” are covered under the main group 1 of the International Standard Classification of Occupation (ISCO-08). Sub-group 14 (hospitality, retail and other services managers) is excluded from the main group 1 since these sub-groups comprise mainly managers of small enterprises.

Local governments: It refers to constitutional organizations established in order to meet the common and local needs of people living in communities of different sizes within national borders and within the legal order.

Mayor: A mayor is the highest ranking officer in the municipal government of town or a large urban city.

Resources

European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE), 2024

Borsa İstanbul, 2025

Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change-Directorate General for Local Authorities, 2024

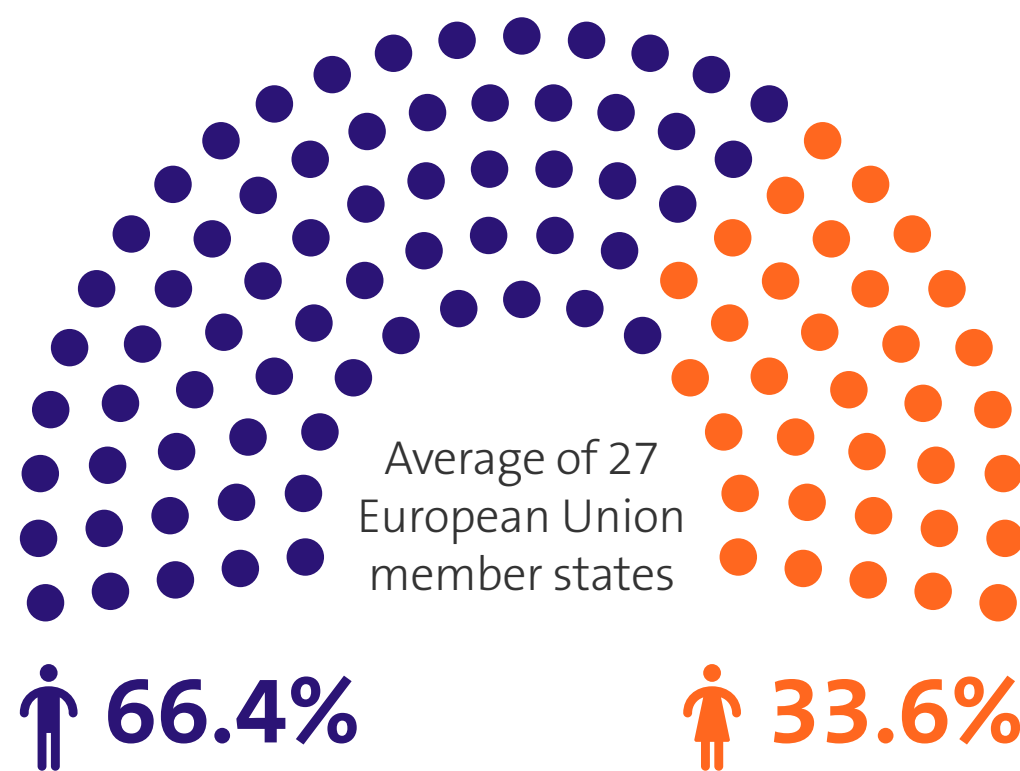
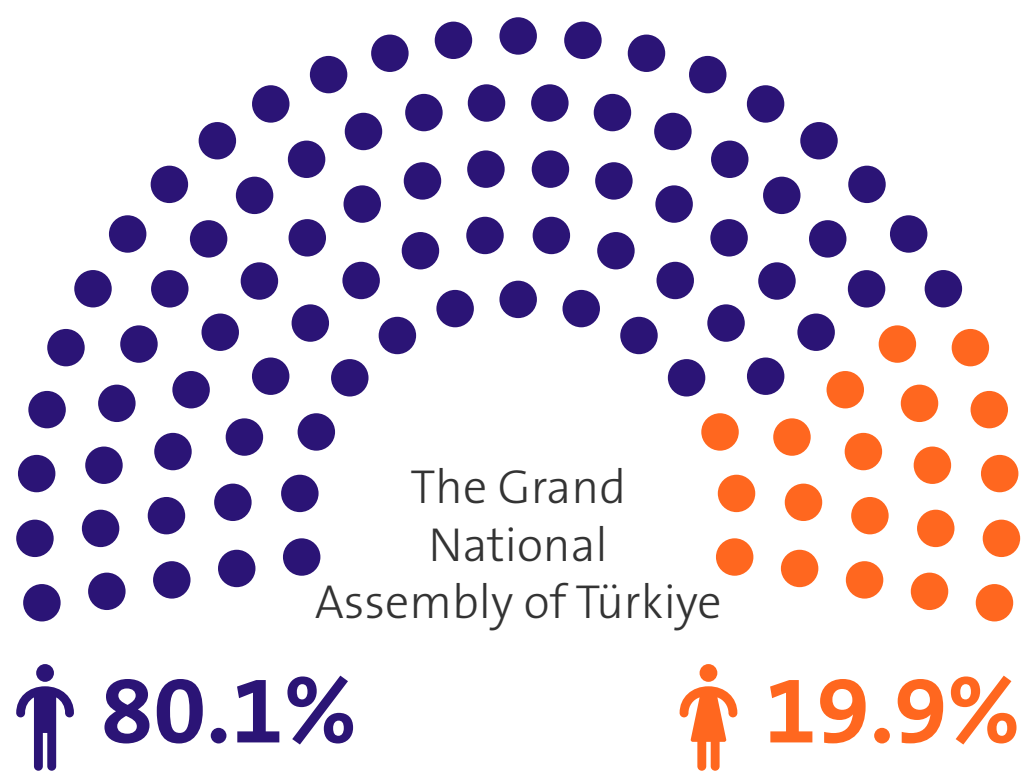
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TurkStat, Household Labour Force Survey, 2024

The Grand National Assembly of Türkiye, 2025

Participation in Decision-Making Mechanism

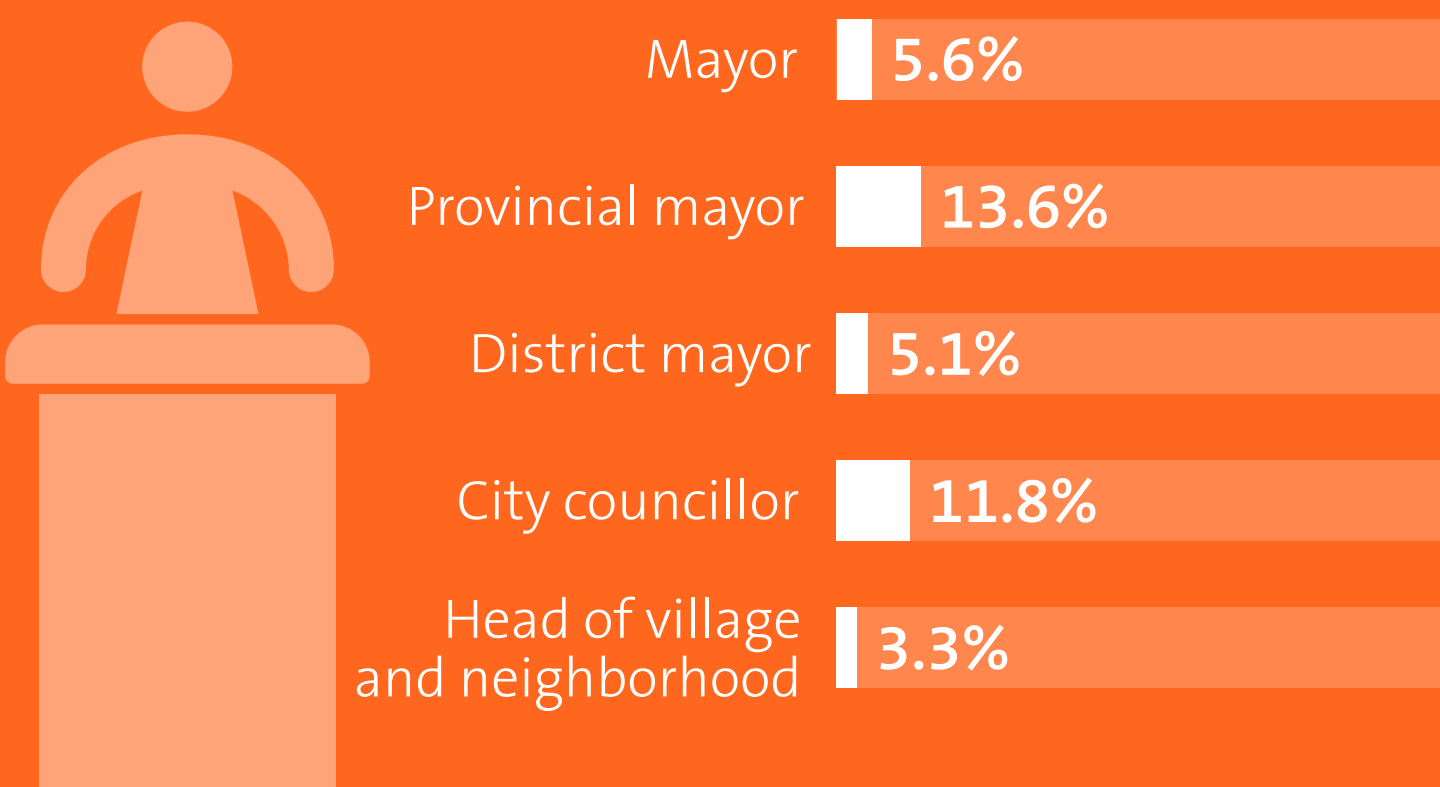
PROPORTION OF MEMBERS OF THE PARLIAMENT, 2025



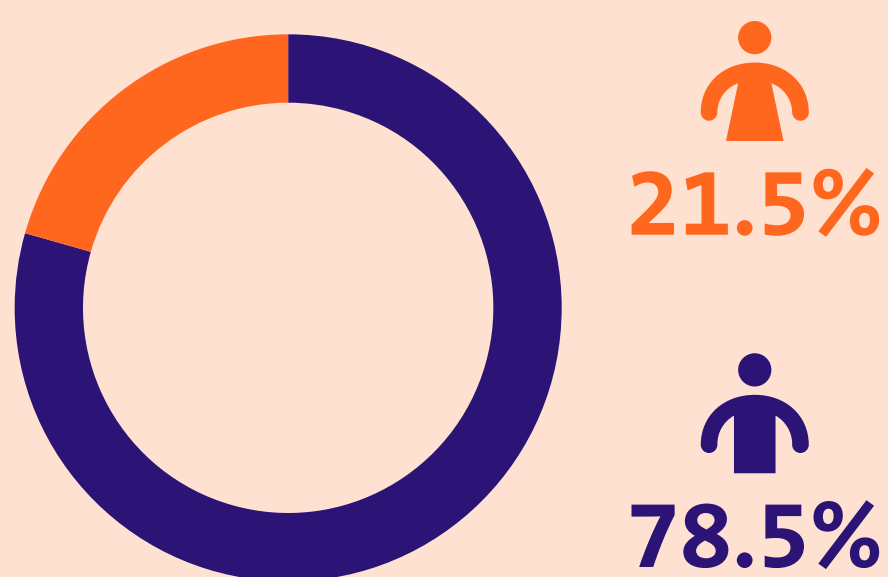
NUMBER OF MINISTERS, 2025



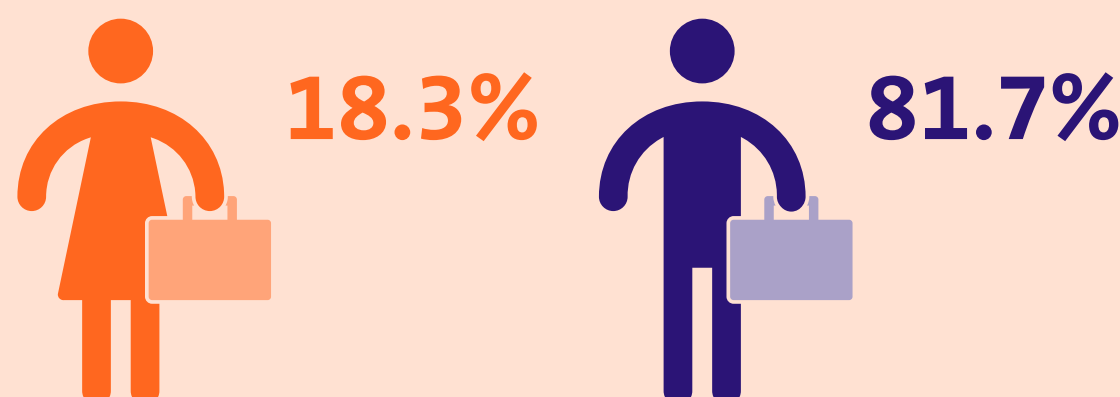
PROPORTION OF WOMEN REPRESENTATION IN LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, 2024



INDIVIDUALS IN SENIOR AND MIDDLE MANAGEMENT POSITIONS, 2024



Board members of the largest 50 companies traded on Borsa Istanbul (BIST 50), 2025



Occupations

Definitions

Proportion of governor and district governor: Indicates the distribution of the total number of governors and district governors by sex.

Proportion of prosecutors and judges: Indicates the distribution of the total number of prosecutors and judges by sex.

Proportion of university rectors: Indicates the distribution of the total number of university rectors by sex.

Proportion of women ambassadors: Indicates the proportion of women among all ambassadors.

Resources

Ministry of Justice, Justice Statistics, 2006, 2024

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 2000, 2005, 2010, 2015, 2020, 2025

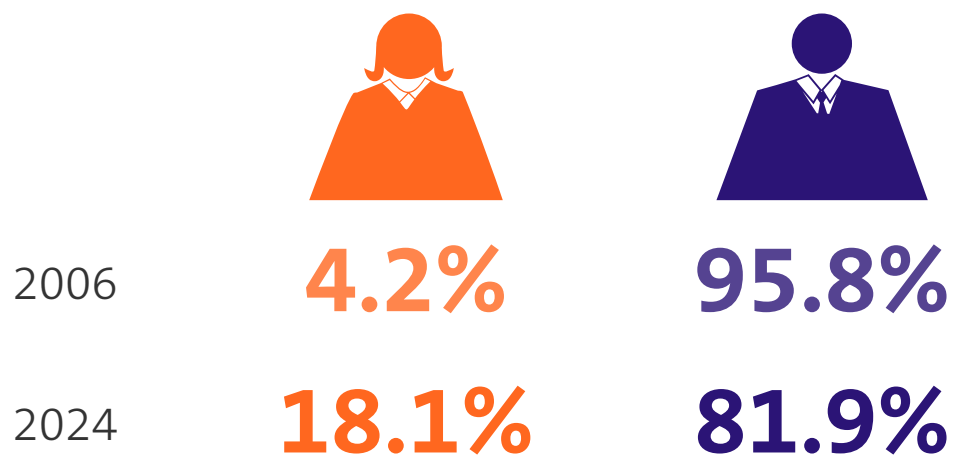
Ministry of Interior, 2010, 2025

Higher Education Council, 2024-2025

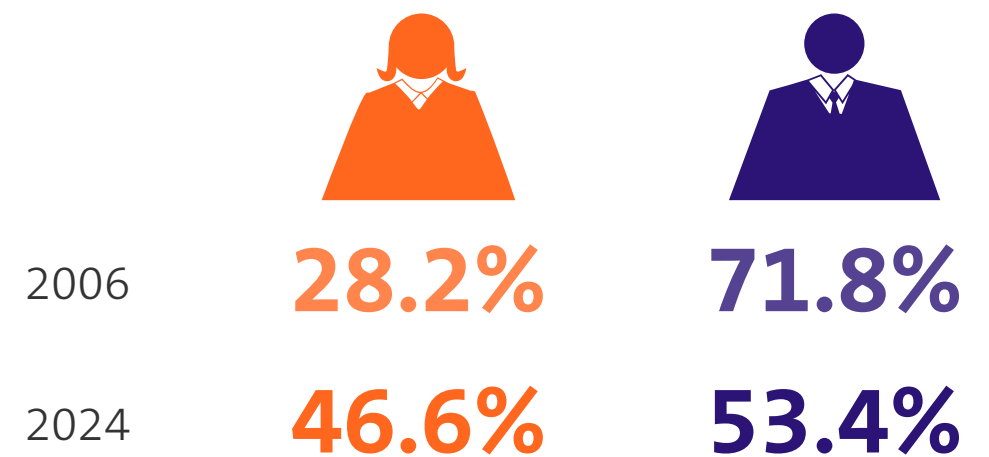
Occupations

PROPORTION OF PUBLIC PROSECUTORS AND JUDGES

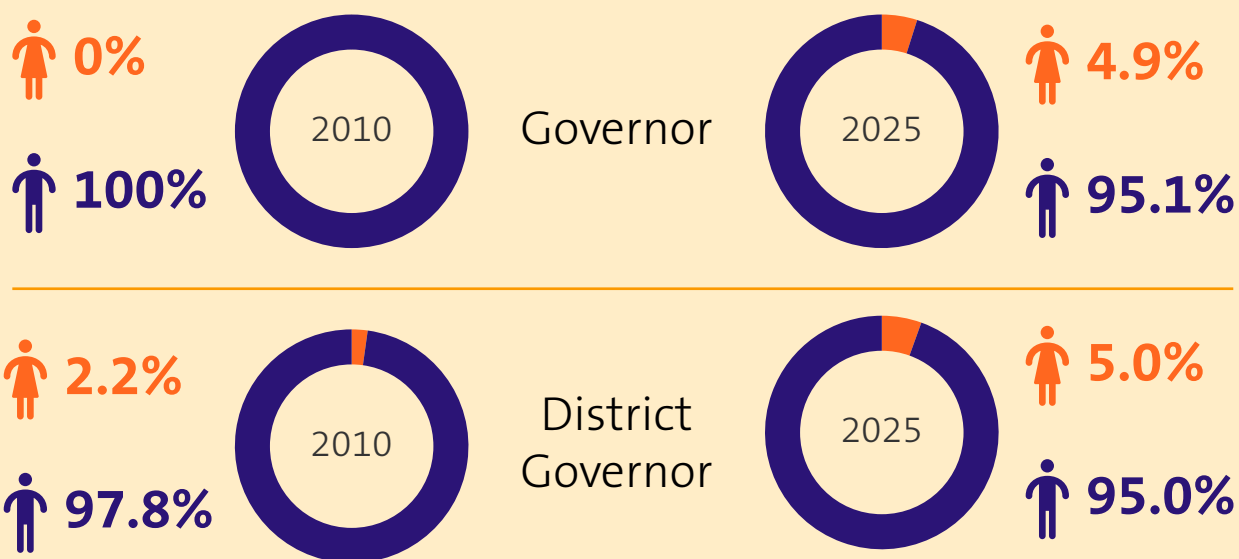
Public Prosecutor



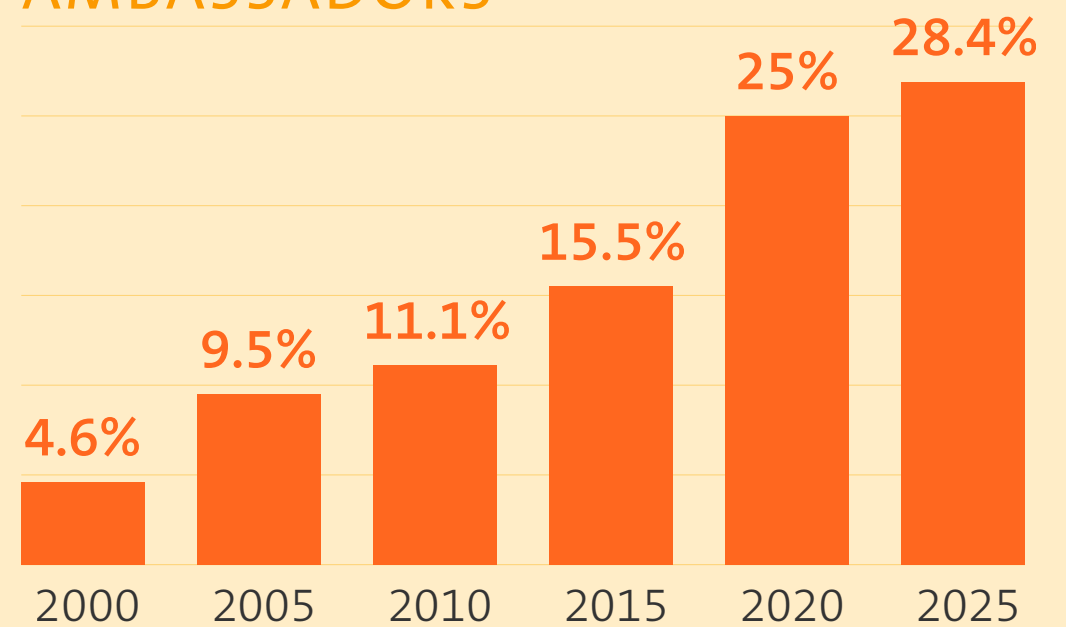
Judge



PROPORTION OF GOVERNORS AND DISTRICT GOVERNORS

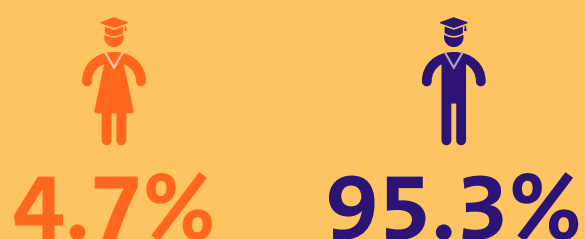


PROPORTION OF WOMEN AMBASSADORS

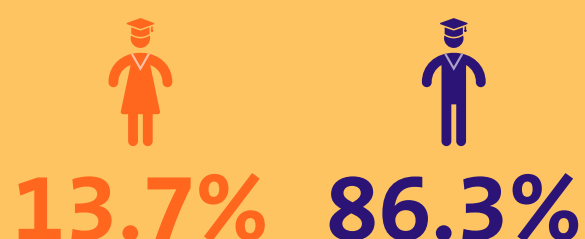


PROPORTIONS OF RECTORS AND ACADEMICS IN HIGHER EDUCATION

Proportion of state university rectors, 2024-2025



Proportion of foundation university rectors, 2024-2025



(For the 2024-2025 academic year)

Proportion of women among professors in higher education

34.9%

Proportion of women among associate professors in higher education

43.3%



Marriage

Definitions

Child marriage: It refers to both formal and informal unions in which at least one of the parties is under the age of 18.

Marriage: In accordance with the Turkish Civil Code, is a contract made between a man and woman to live together, sanctioned by a legal authority.

Mean age at first marriage: It is the mean age of men and women when they get married for the first time in a given year.

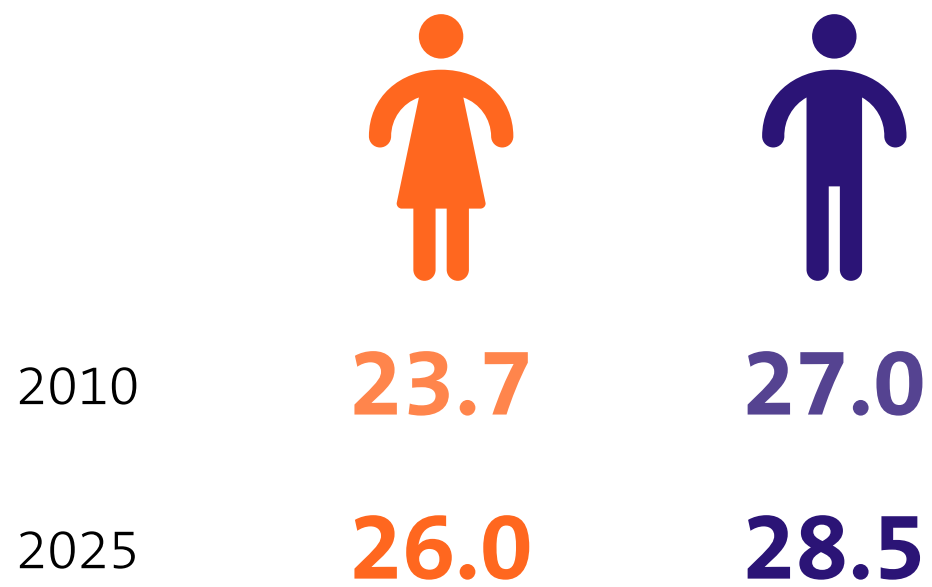
Resources

TurkStat, Marriage Statistics, 2010, 2025

TurkStat, Türkiye Family Structure Survey, 2021

Marriage

MEAN AGE AT FIRST MARRIAGE

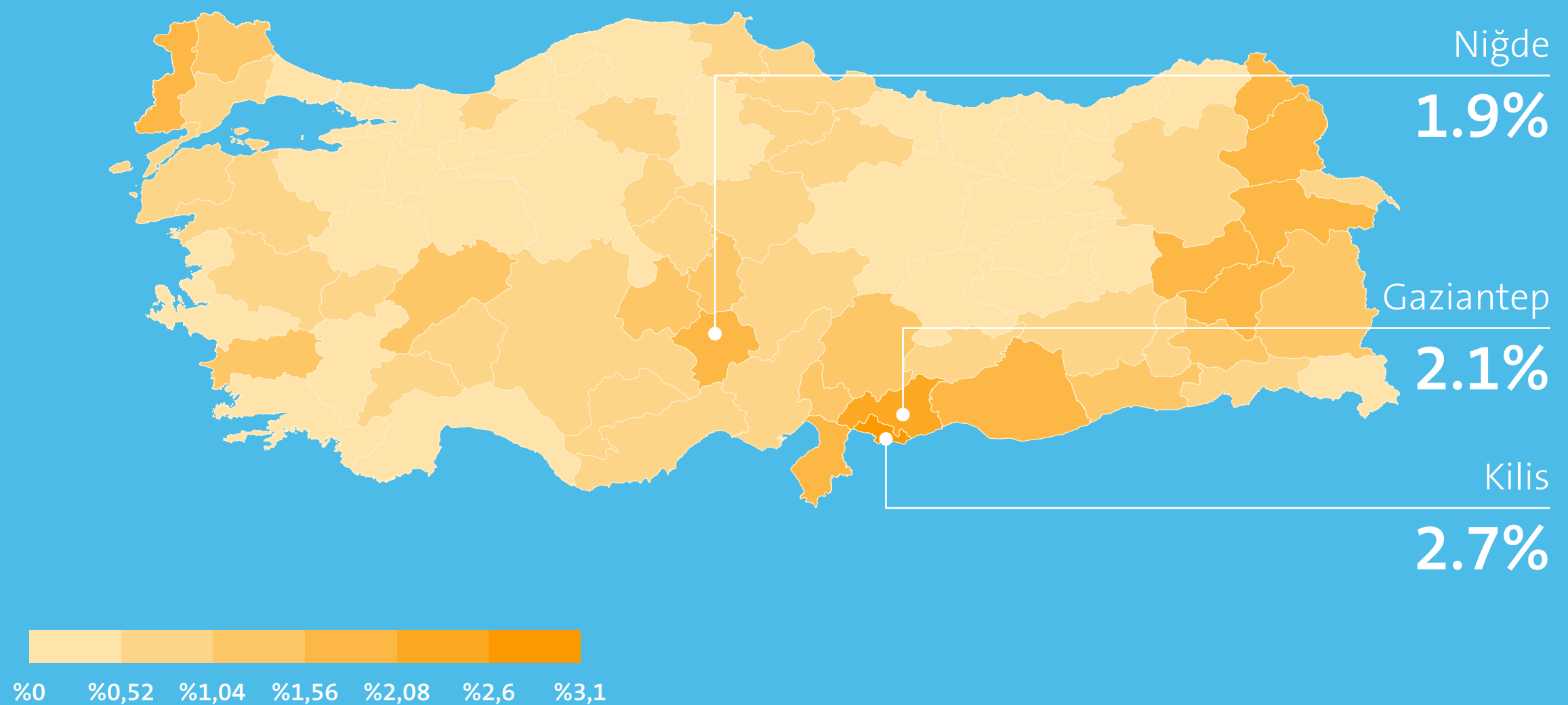


Proportion of individuals who experienced arranged marriages with the decision of their family without taking their opinion, 2021



CHILD MARRIAGE (AGE GROUP OF 16-17)

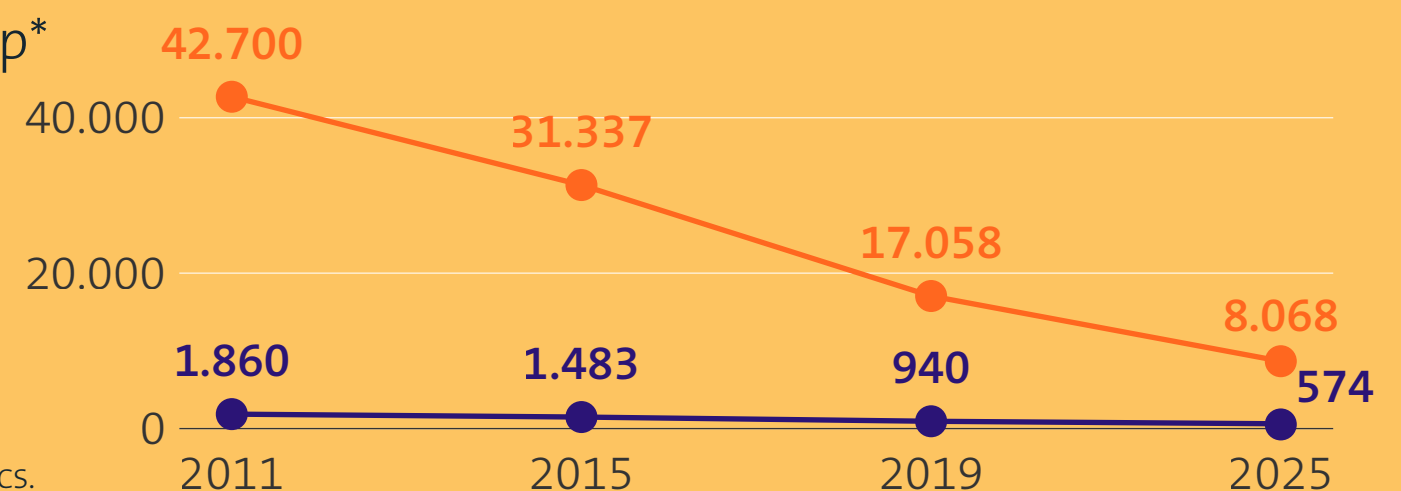
Proportion of girls who got married in the 16-17 age group to the girl child population in the same age group by province and the highest 3 provinces, 2025*



Married individuals in the 16-17 age group*

 0,6%

 0,04%



*Note: Only officially registered marriages covered in the statistics.

Family Life

Definitions

Average activity time: Average value in 24 hours of total time spent by individuals aged 15 and above for any activity. This period is average taken over all people and all year(work days and weekends as well as period of the holiday).

Individuals usually responsible for household chores: Individuals responsible for household chores are classified as either non-household members or household members. This indicator represents the gender ratio among those who are household members.

Resources

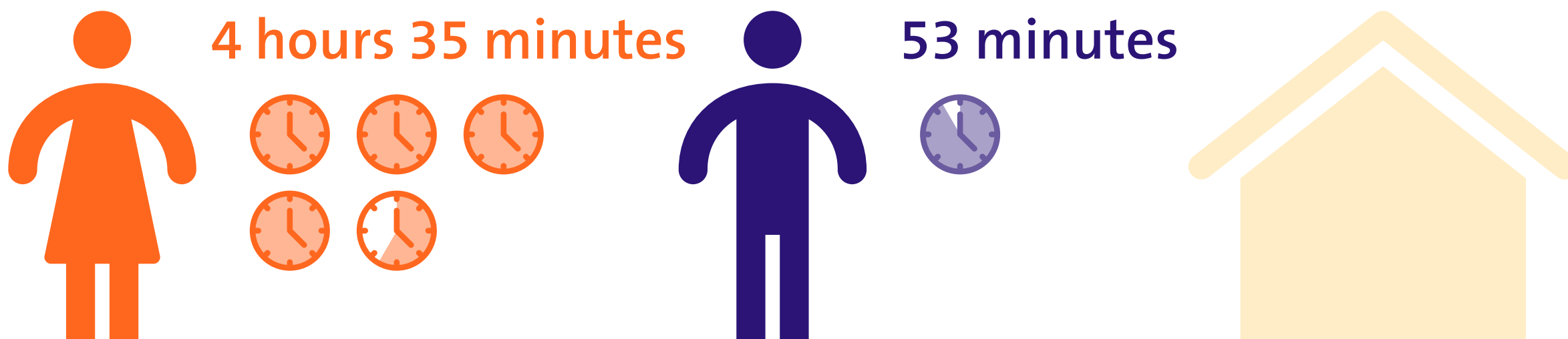
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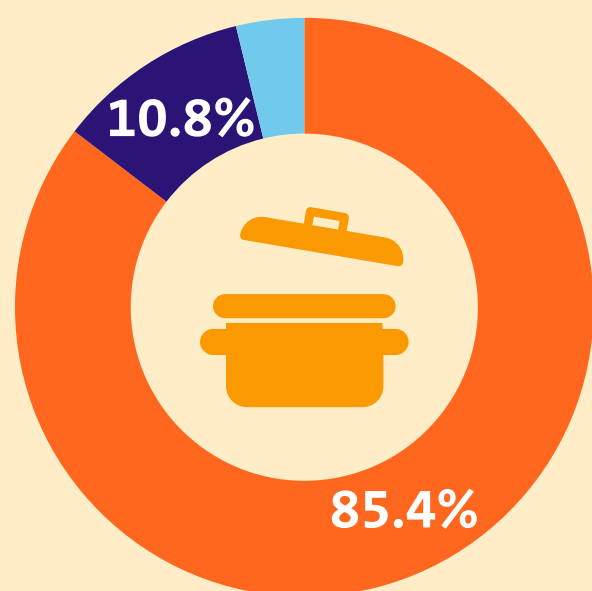
Family Life

AVERAGE ACTIVITY TIME PER PERSON FOR HOUSEHOLD AND FAMILY CARE, 2014-2015

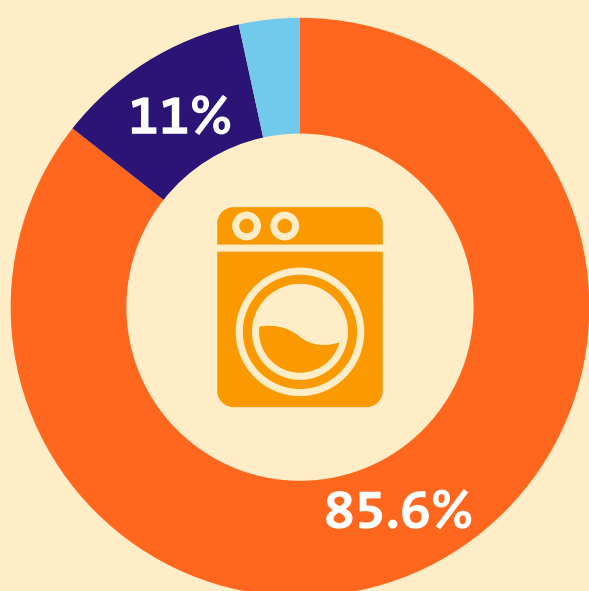


PROPORTION OF WOMEN AND MEN TAKING RESPONSIBILITY FOR HOUSEHOLD CHORES, 2021

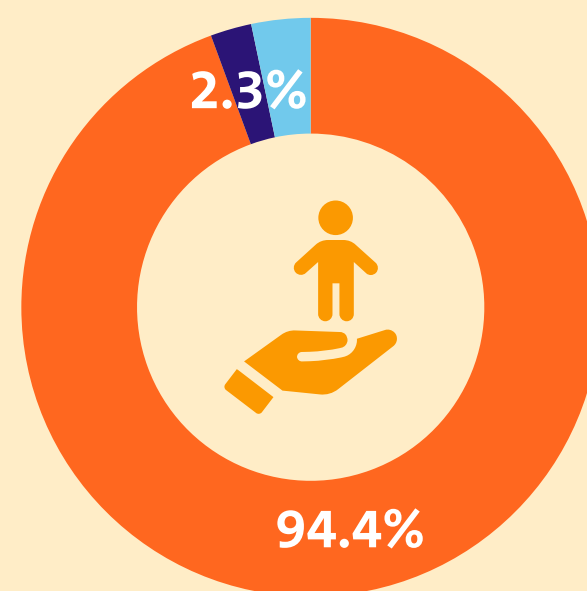
Cooking



Doing the laundry



Child care



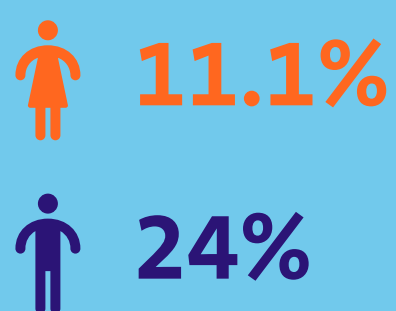
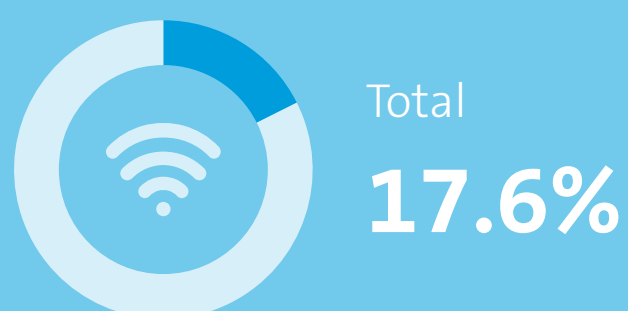
● Women ● Men ● Not a household member

Proportion of time spent on unpaid housework and caregiving to total time, 2014-2015

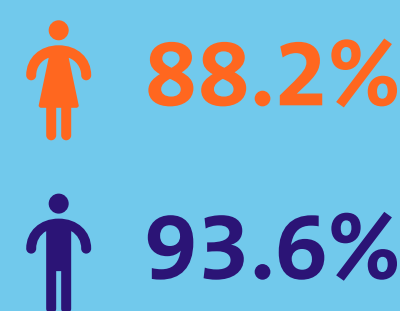
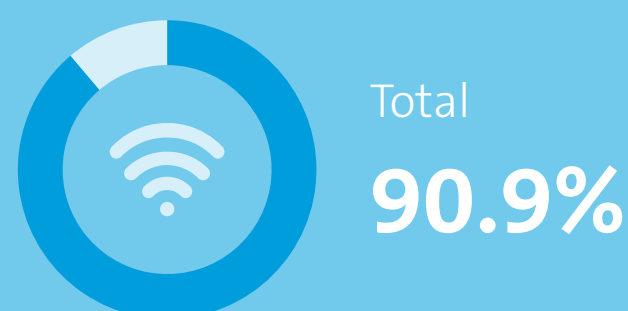


PROPORTION OF THE INTERNET USAGE (AGE GROUP OF 16-74)

2005



2025



Violence and Safety*

Definitions

Digital violence: Try to communicate with or follow the person via internet or social media tools such as Facebook, X (Twitter), Instagram, even if the woman does not want to.

- Insulting or swearing at a person on the internet or social media, or engaging in insulting or humiliating words and behavior
- Sending unsolicited sexually explicit written, audio or video messages via the internet or social media
- Getting hold of a woman's private information (phone, address, ID number) via the internet or social media
- Sharing the woman's private information (phone, address, identification number) on the internet or social media to cause third parties to disturb the woman
- Threatening to share sexually explicit/private images of a woman on the internet or social media
- Sharing sexually explicit/private images of a woman on the internet or social media
- Creating fake accounts in the woman's name on social media and making posts from these accounts without the woman's consent

Economic violence: Preventing her from working even if she wants to work or causing her to leave a job, Preventing her from attending school even if she wants to study or causing her to leave school, Take away person's income, money or property even if the person does not want to, Although she/he has money for other expenses, she/he does not meet the needs of the house (food, clothing, bills, etc.) and leave her in a difficult situation.

Emotional violence: Upset by insulting or swearing, Belittling or humiliation in front of others, Threaten to harm her or relatives, Banning/preventing contact with her family or close relatives, Always wanting to know where she is, constantly checking and trying to keep under pressure, Blame spouse of cheating, accuse.

Physical violence: Pushing, punching or pulling hair, Slap or threw something that could hurt, Hit with a fist or something else that could hurt, Kicking or dragging, Squeeze throat or burn some part of body, Attack using tools such as knives, guns.

Sexual violence: Touching for unwanted sexual purposes or engaging in sexual behavior, Forcing to perform an unwanted and uncomfortable sexual act (except sexual intercourse) by threatening or using physical force, Ask to perform sexual acts against her will in order to get hired, protect job, or get promoted, Ask to perform sexual acts against her will in order to pass an exam or get a good grade, Engage in forced sexual intercourse using physical force even if it is not desired, Have sexual intercourse even if it is unwanted because she is afraid of what someone will do.

Stalking: All repetitive, intentional and threatening behaviors by recognized or unrecognized people that cause a person to fear for their own safety are defined as persistent stalking. In this survey, information about persistent stalking was obtained through questions related to persistent stalking behaviors.

*The definitions used are those adopted in the Türkiye Violence Against Women Survey, 2024.

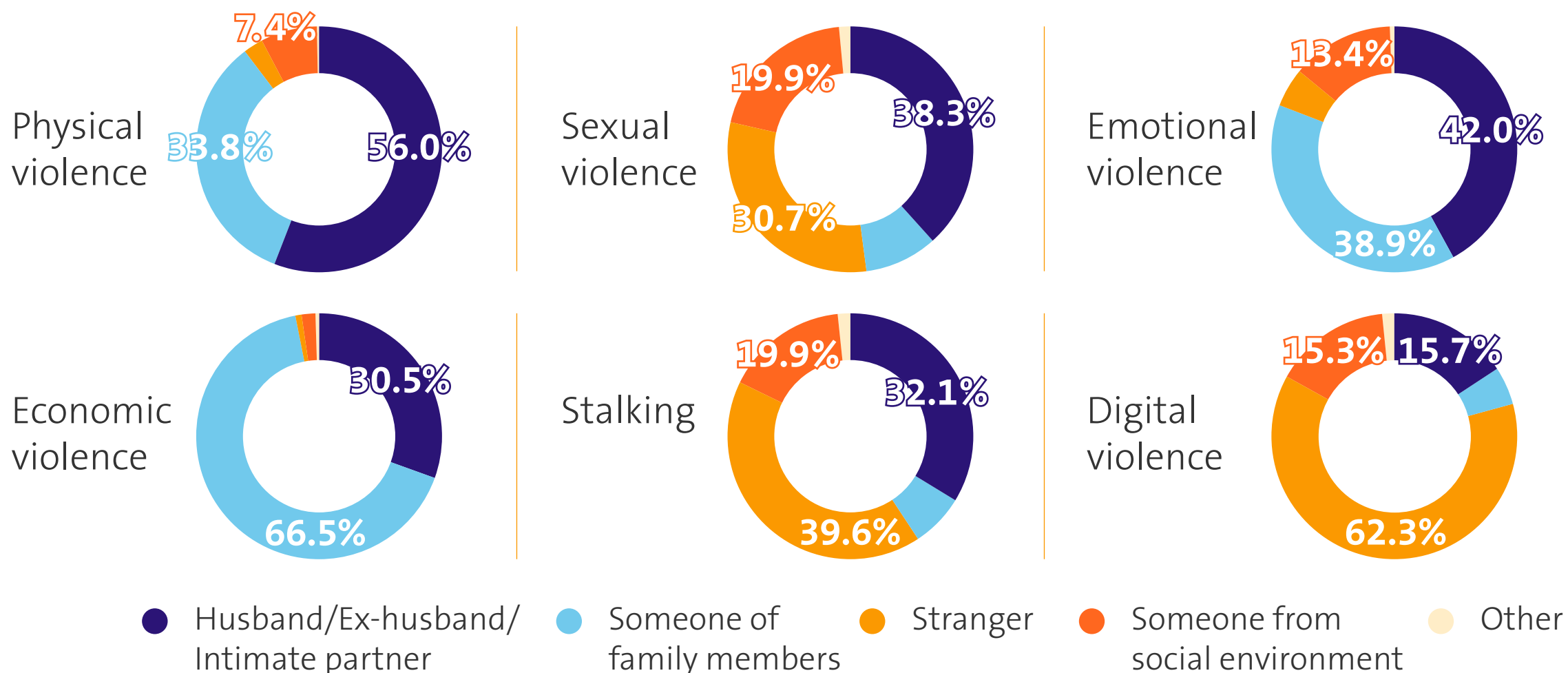
Resources

Türkiye Violence Against Women Survey, 2024

TurkStat, Life Satisfaction Survey, 2024-2025

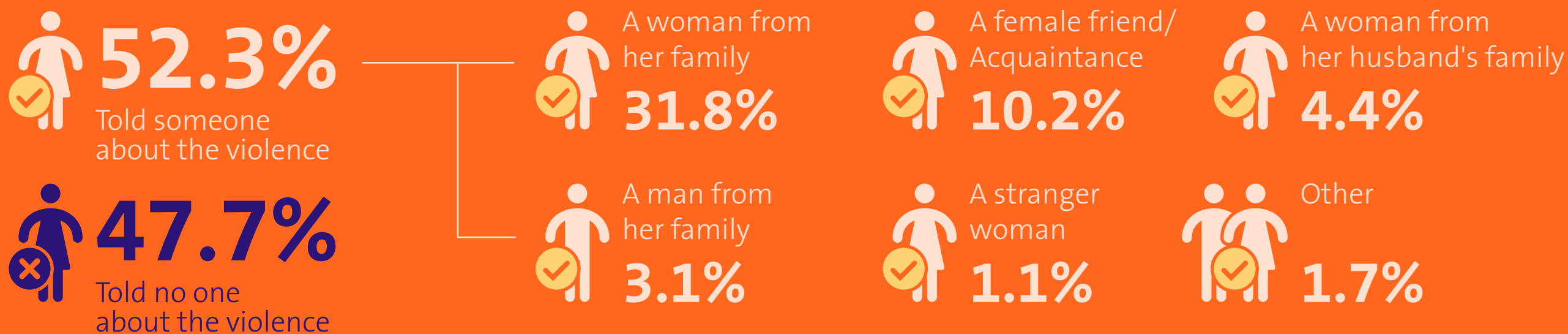
Violence and Safety

PERCENTAGES OF PERPETRATORS AND TYPE OF VIOLENCE, 2024*

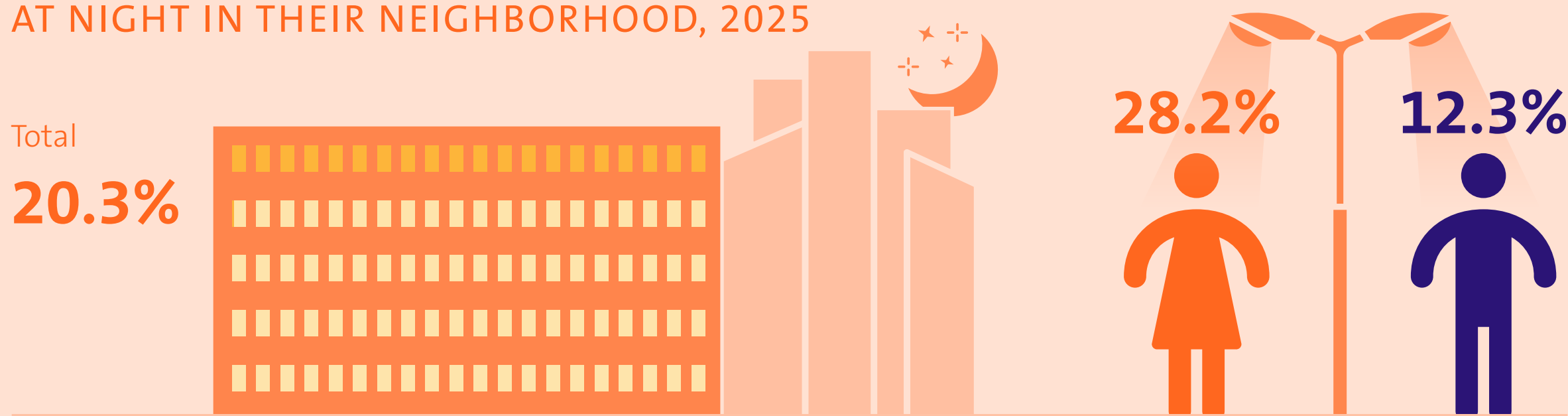


*The Survey covers the 15–59 age group. The data encompass violence experienced from the age of 15 until the date of the survey interview.

PERCENTAGE OF WOMEN BY WHETHER THEY TOLD THE MOST RECENT VIOLENCE BY THEIR HUSBAND OR PARTNER AND THE FIRST PERSON WITH WHOM THEY SHARED IT , 2024



THE PROPORTION OF INDIVIDUALS WHO FEEL UNSAFE OR VERY UNSAFE WHEN WALKING ALONE AT NIGHT IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD, 2025



Poverty

Definitions

60% of the median income: It is defined as 60% of equivalised household disposable median income.

Equivalised household disposable income: Equivalised individual income to the specific household in other words, equivalised household disposable income, can be calculated total of household income divided by equivalised household size. This indicator has been calculated for individuals aged 15 and over.

Poverty rate: It is defined as the proportion of the poor within the total population. This indicator has been calculated for individuals aged 15 and over.

Resources

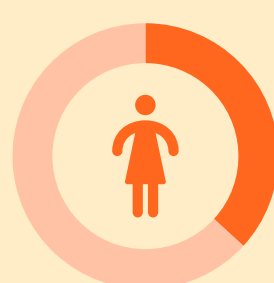
TurkStat, Income and Living Conditions Survey, 2025

Poverty

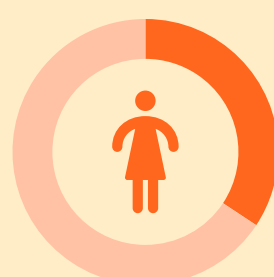
POVERTY RATE OF HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS (15+), 2025



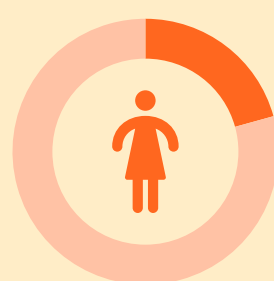
POVERTY RATE OF HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS BY EDUCATIONAL LEVEL, 2025



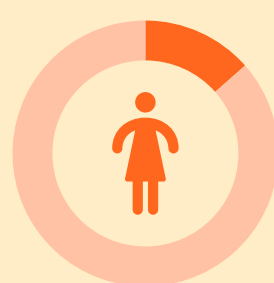
Literate with no degree



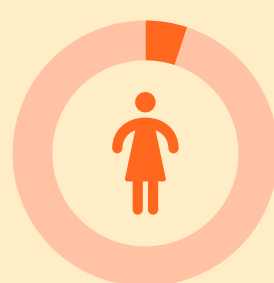
Less than high school



High school or equivalent



Higher education



Elderly Population

Definitions

Labour force participation rate of the elderly population: Indicates the labour force participation rate among those aged 65 and over.

Literacy status of the elderly population: Indicates the literacy rate among those aged 65 and over, and the distribution of this rate by sex.

Poverty rate of the elderly population: Indicates the poverty rate among those aged 65 and over.

Proportion of the elderly population: Indicates the proportion of those aged 65 and over within the total population, and the distribution of this proportion by sex.

Proportion of the elderly population living in one-person households: Among households with members aged 65 and over, indicates the proportion of those aged 65 and over who live in single-person households, as well as the distribution of this proportion by sex.

Resources

TurkStat, The results of Address Based Population Registration System, 2025

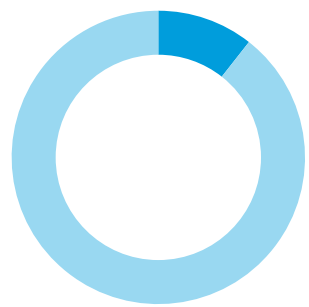
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TurkStat, Labour Force Statistics, 2024

TurkStat, National Education Statistics, 2024

Elderly Population

PROPORTION OF THE ELDERLY POPULATION WITHIN THE TOTAL POPULATION (65+), 2025



11.1%
9.583.059

Proportion of the elderly population by gender (65+), 2025

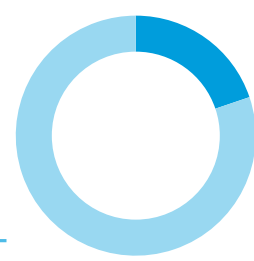


55.3%

44.7%



Proportion of the elderly population living in one-person households(65+), 2024



Total
19.5%



1.350.094

73.5%



486.402

26.5%



LITERACY STATUS OF THE ELDERLY POPULATION (65+), 2025

Proportion of illiteracy in total elderly population



Total
11.4%



88.6%



11.4%



Proportion of literacy without diploma in total elderly population



Total
11.8%



78.5%



21.5%



LABOUR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE OF THE ELDERLY POPULATION, 2024



6.5%



21.4%

POVERTY RATE OF THE ELDERLY POPULATION

2019



15.9%

12.1%

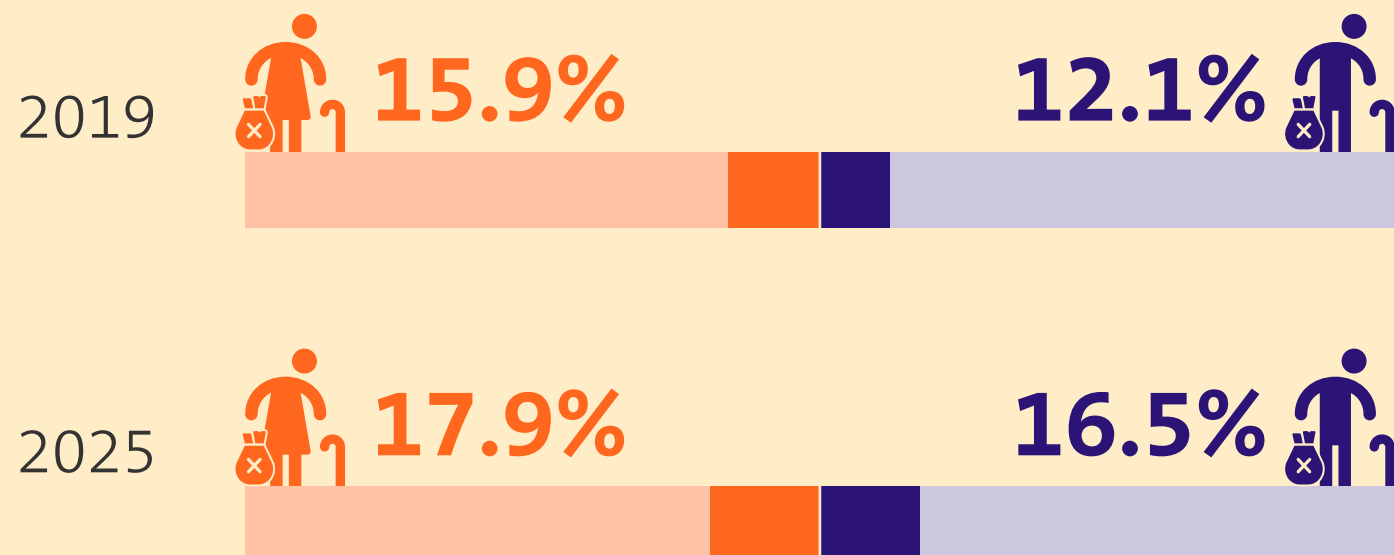


2025



17.9%

16.5%



Sport

Definitions

National Athlete: An athlete who is given the duty of representation and actually competes in international sports competitions included in the annual activity programs of federations and the international organizations to which these federations are members.

10 National Olympic Sports Federations: It covers Athletics, Basketball, Boxing, Wrestling, Handball, Judo, Table Tennis, Taekwondo, Volleyball, and Swimming Federations.

Resources

Ministry of Youth and Sports, 2025

Sport

BOARD MEMBERS OF THE 10 NATIONAL OLYMPIC SPORTS FEDERATIONS, 2025*



*The members of the executive boards of the athletics, basketball, boxing, wrestling, handball, judo, table tennis, taekwondo, volleyball and swimming federations were included in the calculation.

PROPORTION OF NATIONAL ATHLETES

	Total	Female	Male
Number of National Athletes	3092	47.0%	53.0%
Number of Athletes with Disabilities	75	37.3%	62.7%
Number of Olympic National Athletes	1901	44.9%	55.1%
Number of Paralympic National Athletes	75	37.3%	62.7%

MEDALS WON IN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS, 2025





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