

Eurostat: Women teachers largely over-represented in primary education in the EU

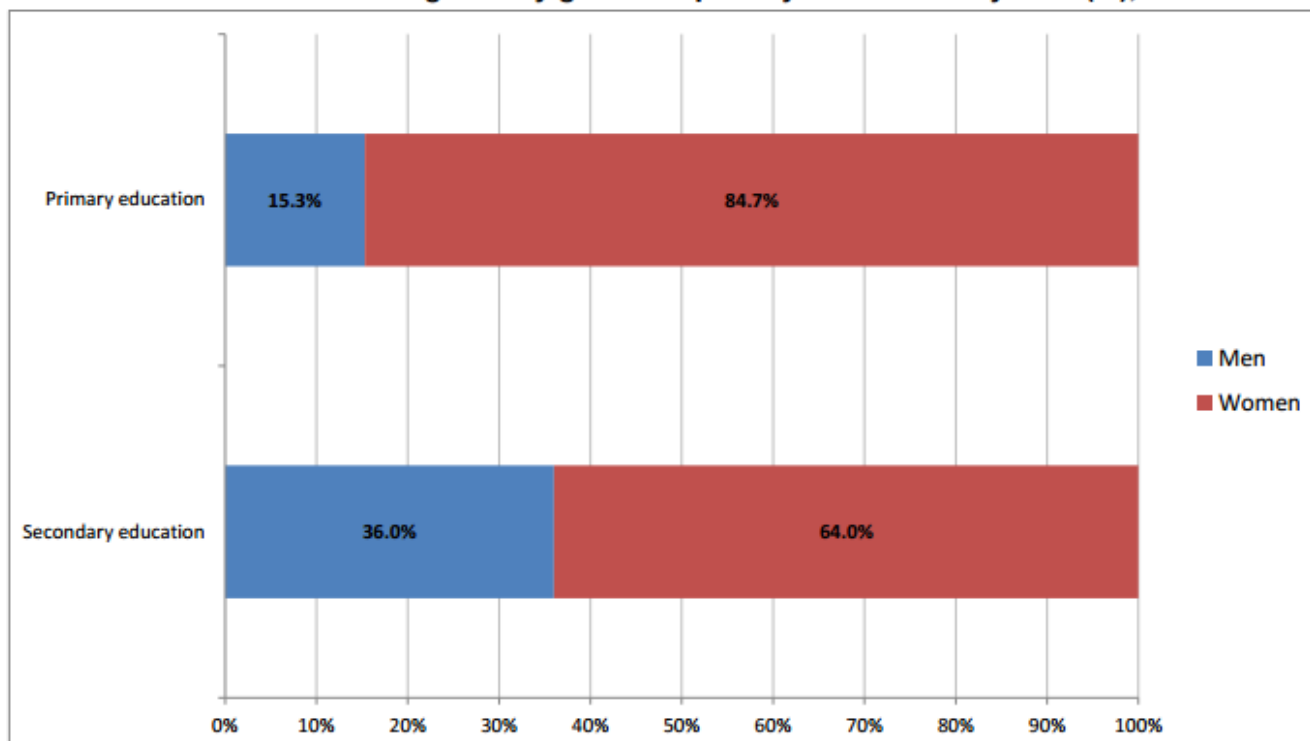
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In 2014, 2.1 million persons worked as primary school teachers in the European Union (EU). Women were largely predominant, accounting for 85% (1.7 million teachers). In secondary schools, including both lower secondary and upper secondary levels, there were 3.6 million teachers, of which 64% (2.3 million) were female.

Of the primary school teachers working in the EU, 0.2 million persons (11% of the total) were under 30 years old, while 0.7 million (around 32%) were aged 50 or older.

In secondary schools, the share of teachers aged 50 or older was higher – 38% or 1.4 million people –, and the share of young teachers under 30 was lower – 8% or 0.3 million people. On the occasion of the World Teachers' Day, celebrated each year on 5 October, Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union, publishes data on the gender and age structure of the teaching staff in the EU.

Distribution of teaching staff by gender at primary and secondary level (%), 2014



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