

# Health at a Glance: Europe 2018

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# PROMOTING MENTAL HEALTH IN EUROPE: WHY AND HOW?

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Theresa May's Chequers plan,

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## Mental health / Illness costs UK £94bn a year, OECD report says

Half of costs to British economy related to lower employment and productivity

England One in eight people aged under 19 have a mental health disorder

Analysis What is happening with children's mental health?

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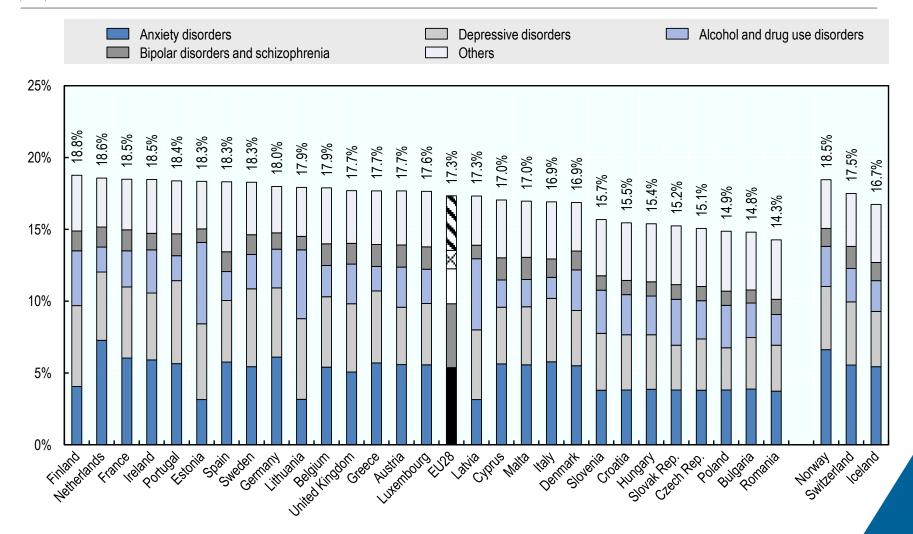
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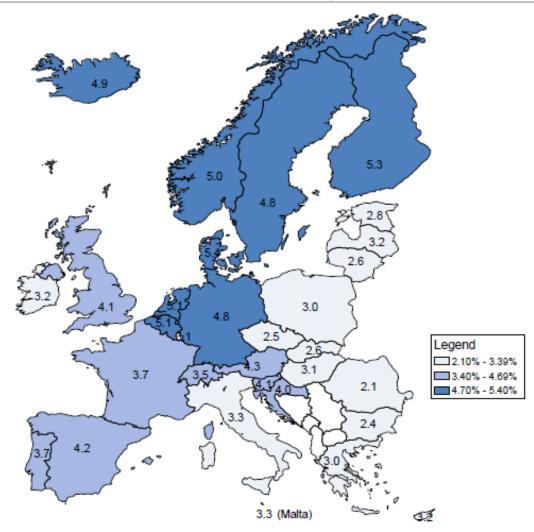
France / Posters of woman tied to train tracks not illegal, court rules

### More than one in six people in EU countries have a mental health problem in a given year (according to IHME estimates)



# Poor mental health costs more than 4% of GDP on average across the EU

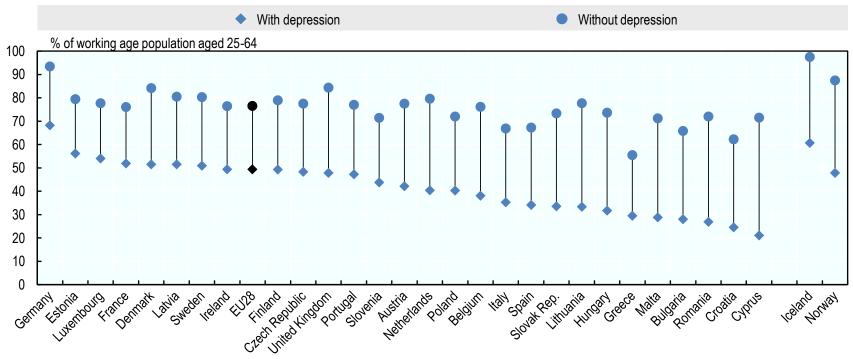
Estimated direct and indirect costs related to mental health problems across EU countries, as a % of GDP, 2015



Source: OECD estimates based on Eurostat Database and other data sources.

### People reporting chronic depression are much less likely to work

#### Employment rate of people aged 25 to 64

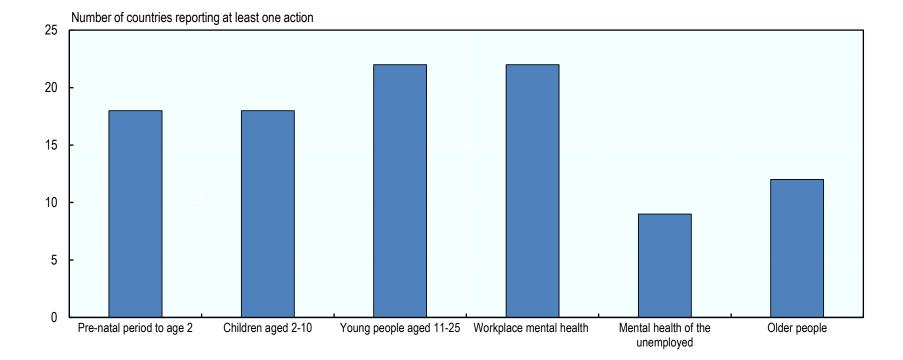


Note: Due to missing data, the assumption has been made that the situation in Ireland is the same as the EU average. Source: *Eurostat Database based on the European Health Interview Survey (2014)*.

...and when they work, people with depression or other mental health problems are often less productive → about 6% less productive on average

# Those in most need of help are often neglected

Number of countries reporting at least one promotion or prevention action, out of 31 EU and EFTA countries



Source: McDaid, Hewlett and Park (2017); EU Compass for Action on Mental Health and Wellbeing (2017); VHO (2018); EU Compass for Action on Mental Health and Wellbeing, 2018 (2018).

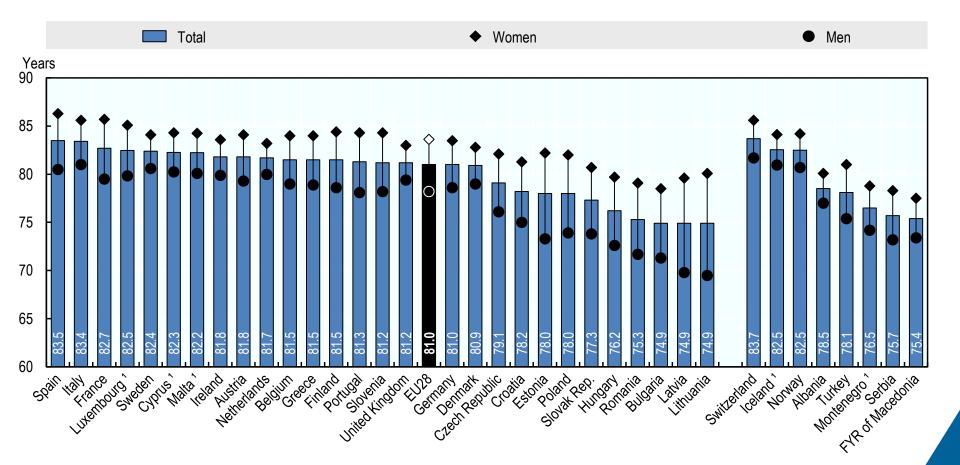




# TRENDS IN HEALTH STATUS (LIFE EXPECTANCY)



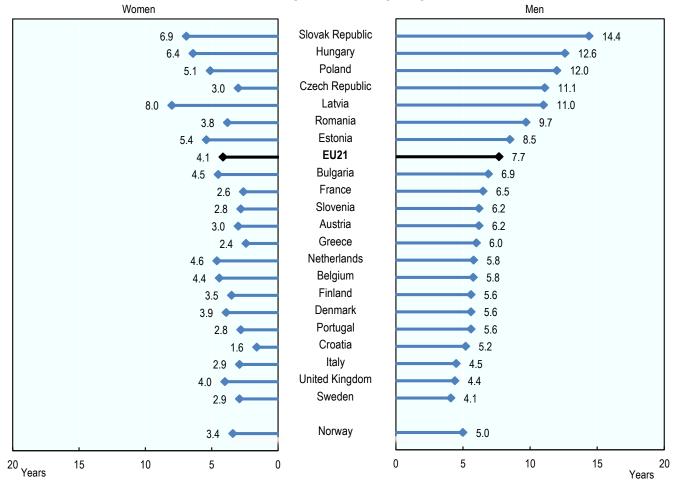
### Life expectancy exceeds 81 years in most EU countries, but persisting gender gaps



1. Three-year average (2014-16). Source: *Eurostat Database.* 

### Also "education gaps" in life expectancy: Low educated people live 6 years less than the most educated on average

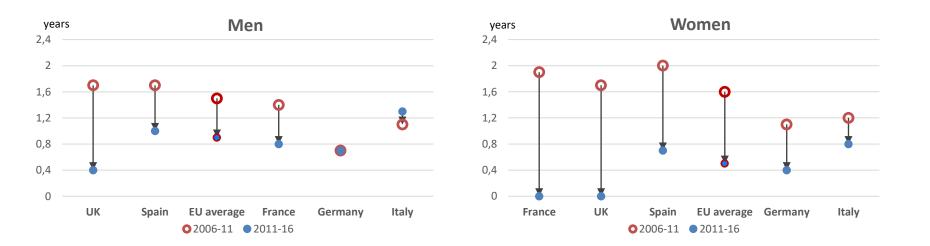
Gap in life expectancy at age 30 between people with the lowest and highest level of education, 2016 (or nearest year)



Note: Data refer to 2012 for France and Austria and to 2011 for Latvia, Belgium and United Kingdom (England). Source: *Eurostat Database; national sources or OECD calculations using national data for Austria, Belgium, France, Latvia, Netherlands and United Kingdom (England).* 

# Gains in life expectancy have slowed down in many countries since 2011

Changes in life expectancy at birth between 2011-16 compared with previous five years





# More information



http://www.oecd.org/health/health-at-a-glance-europe-23056088.htm https://ec.europa.eu/health/state/glance\_en