

HEALTH

Although until the last few decades it has not been taken into account or has been taken for non-existent, gender inequality has always been a thing. Gender inequality is the phenomenon that occurs when one group has privileges over the other, disregarding the rights of the latter, such as a man having more opportunities than a woman. This phenomenon occurs in many areas, such as health care.

The right to non-discrimination, equal treatment and the principle of equal opportunities between men and women is reflected in our Constitution in Article 14, which states: "Spaniards are equal before the law, and no discrimination may prevail on the grounds of birth, race, sex, religion, opinion or any other personal or social condition or circumstance." Furthermore, Spain has got a whole ministry dedicated to equality, which is led by the politician Irene Montero. This ministry fights for equality between all of the Spanish citizens by pushing the creation of new laws or other measures.

Here we can see statistics regarding health care workers in Spain:

Number of doctors graduating in Spain in 2018 and 2019.

- In 2018, a total of 260,588 registered doctors were registered of which 127,446 are men and 133,142 are women.
- In 2019, a total of 267,995 registered physicians were registered, of which 129,745 are men and 138,250 are women.

If we compare these data with those of 19 years ago, we find a big difference in terms of female doctors as there were 67,713 registered female physicians which is an increase of 88% today.

Number of registered nurses in Spain in 2016 and 2018:

- In 2016, a total of 291,297 nurses were registered, of which 45,691 are men and 245,606 are women.
- In 2018 a total of 307,762 nurses were registered of which 48,633 are men and 259,129 women.

According to these data we can see the abundant inequality between both sexes in a profession that is historically linked to women.

Both men and women have the right to live without discrimination in all aspects of life, including health care, education and equal pay for work of equal value.

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