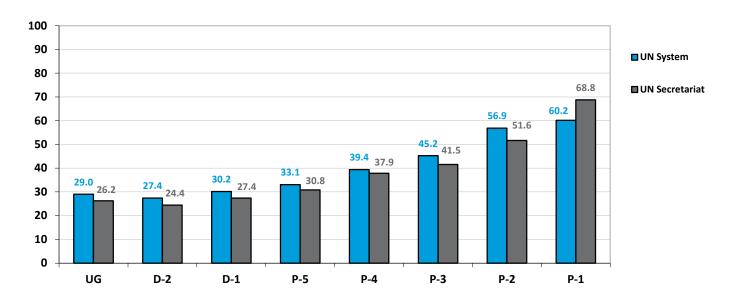


The Status of Women in the United Nations System

Percentage of women in the professional and higher categories with appointments of one year or more in the United Nations System (Dec. 2011) and UN Secretariat (Dec. 2011)



Trends in the Representation of Women in the Professional and Higher Categories – 2001 to 2011

THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM						UN SECRETARIAT				
During the period 2001-2011 in the UN System , the proportion of women increased by						During the period 2001-2011 in the UN Secretariat , the proportion of women increased by				
6.8 percentage points, from 33.9% (6,533 out of 19,296) in 2001 to 40.7% (12,086 out of					4.3 percentage points, from 34.4 % (2,250 out of 6,534) in 2001 to 38.7 % (3,734 out of					
29,665	29,665) in 2011.					9,651) in 2011.				
Level	% of women	% of women	Total change	Avg. annual change	Level	% of women	% of women	Total change	Avg. annual change	
	as of	as of	2001-2011	2001-2011		as of	as of	2001-2011	2001-2011	
	31 December 2001	31 December 2011	(percentage points)	(percentage points)		31 December 2001	31 December 2011	(percentage points)	(percentage points)	
UG	15.6	29.0	13.4	1.3	UG	10.0	26.2	16.2	1.6	
D-2	20.8	27.4	6.6	0.7	D-2	21.2	24.4	3.2	0.3	
D-1	21.3	30.2	8.8	0.9	D-1	25.9	27.4	1.5	0.2	
P-5	24.1	33.1	8.9	0.9	P-5	26.4	30.8	4.5	0.4	
P-4	31.3	39.4	8.1	0.8	P-4	30.6	37.9	7.3	0.7	
P-3	40.3	45.2	5.0	0.5	P-3	37.6	41.5	4.0	0.4	
P-2	53.3	56.9	3.6	0.4	P-2	48.0	51.6	3.7	0.4	
P-1	63.6	60.2	-3.4	-0.3	P-1	75.0	68.8	-6.2	-0.6	

Source: CEB (2001), UN System Entities (2011). Prepared by the Focal Point for Women, Coordination Division, UN Women, December 2012.

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As of 31 December 2011, women in the **UN System** constituted:

- **40.7%** (12,086 out of 29,665) of all staff in the professional and higher categories with appointments of one year or more
- 29.5% (787 out of 2,672) of all staff D-1 to UG
- 41.9% (11,299 out of 26,993) of all staff P-1 to P-5
- Gender parity achieved: P-1: 60.2% (71 out of 118); P-2: 56.9% (1,746 out of 3,070)
- Largest increase: **UG**: 13.4% (from 15.6% in Dec. 2001 to 29.0% in Dec. 2011)
- Largest decrease: P-1: -3.4% (from 63.6% in Dec. 2001 to 60.2% in Dec. 2011)

As of 31 December 2011, women in the **UN Secretariat** constituted:

- **38.7%** (3,734 out of 9,651) of all staff in the professional and higher categories with appointments of one year or more
- 26.5% (202 out of 761) of all staff D-1 to UG
- 39.7% (3,532 out of 8,890) of all staff P-1 to P-5
- Gender parity achieved: **P-1**: 68.8% (11 out of 16); **P-2**: 51.6% (567 out of 1,098)
- Largest increase: **UG**: 16.2% (from 10.0% in Dec. 2001 to 26.2% in December 2011)

At the P-2 level 61.2% (131 out of 214) of women separated because of appointment

expirations and 30.8% (66 out of 214) because of resignation; At P-3, 62.0% (258 out of 416)

because of appointment expirations, and 25.7% (107 out of 416) because of resignation.

• Largest decrease: P-1: -6.2% (from 75.0% in Dec. 2001 to 68.8% in December 2011)

Representation of Women in Appointments, Promotions and Separations (P-1 to UG): 1 January 2010 to 31 December 2011

THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM	UN SECRETARIAT							
APPOINTMENTS APPOINTMENTS								
 All Appointments (P-1 to UG): 42.1% (2,899 out of 6,885) D-1 to UG Appointments: 29.1% (123 out of 422) P-1 to P-5 Appointments: 43.0% (2,776 out of 6,463) Gender parity in Appointments achieved: P-1: 64.1% (59 out of 92); P-2: 58.0% (728 out of 1,255) Highest proportion of female Appointments: P-1: 64.1% (59 out of 92) Lowest proportion of female Appointments: D-2: 28.5% (35 out of 123) 	 All Appointments (P-1 to UG): 41.7% (1,114 out of 2,674) D-1 to UG Appointments: 25.3% (48 out of 190) P-1 to P-5 Appointments: 42.9% (1,066 out of 2,484) Gender parity in Appointments achieved at: P-1: 70.0% (14 out of 20); P-2: 50.9% (288 out of 566) Highest proportion of female Appointments: P-1: 70.0 % (14 out of 20) Lowest proportion of female Appointments: ASG: 24.2% (8 out of 33) 							
PROMOTIONS								
 All Promotions (P-2 to D-2): 42.6% (1,495 out of 3,507) D-1 and D-2 Promotions: 29.1% (141 out of 485) P-2 to P-5 Promotions: 44.9% (1,354 out of 3,013) Gender parity in Promotions achieved: P-1: 66.7% (6 out of 9); P-2: 58.6% (116 out of 198); P-3: 54.0% (379 out of 702) Highest proportion of female Promotions: P-1: 66.7% (6 out of 9) Lowest proportion of female Promotions: D-2: 25.5% (28 out of 110) 	 All Promotions (P-2 to D-2): 41.0% (644 out of 1,572) D-1 and D-2 Promotions: 32.4% (55 out of 170) P-2 to P-5 Promotions: 42.0% (589 out of 1,402) Gender parity in Promotions achieved at: P-2: 53.1% (26 out of 49) Highest proportion of female Promotions: P-2: 53.1% (26 out of 49) Lowest proportion of female Promotions: D-2: 24.1% (7 out of 29) 							
SEPARATIONS								
 Women constituted 39.8% (2,583 out of 6,488) of all Separations (P-1 to UG), which is lower than their representation in the UN System (40.7%) The proportion of female separations was higher than the proportion of women at these levels: P-2: 46.8% separations vs. 45.2% representation; P-3: 60.7% vs. 56.9% Major causes of separations at these levels: 	 Women constituted 39.8% (1,079 out of 2,713) of Separations (P-1 to UG), which is higher than their representation in the Secretariat (38.7%) The proportion of female separations was higher than the proportion of women at these levels: P-2: 58.6% separations vs. 51.6% representation; P-3: 47.5% vs. 41.5% Major causes of separations at these levels: 							

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