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Introduction

Demographic developments in the Western Balkans and Turkey — 2021 edition

The 2021 edition of the Demographic developments in the Western Balkans and Turkey presents, for five candidate countries and two potential candidates, same or similar statistical indicators as Eurostat's Demographic change in Europe — Country factsheets that contain information on the EU Member States. The factsheets on the Member States accompanied the Report from the Commission on the impact of demographic change. Although in the selection of the indicators a maximum country coverage has been sought, there is missing information for Albania (Population by education level), Bosnia and Herzegovina (Population by age group (pyramid); Population age structure; Total fertility rate; Life expectancy at birth and at age 65; Median age; Old-age dependency ratio; Share of single households; Young adults neither in employment nor in education or training (NEET); Population by education level) and Kosovo (Consumption per capita; Population by education level).

The candidate countries, at the time of writing, were: Montenegro, North Macedonia, Albania, Serbia and Turkey, while the potential candidates were Bosnia and Herzegovina and Kosovo.

Eurostat collects data from national statistical authorities and releases a range of publications, all of which are free of charge, on its website in PDF format: https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/main/publications/all-publications.

More details on the statistical cooperation with the Western Balkans and Turkey, and links to the websites of their national statistical authorities and to the data sources of the figures and graphs can be found at the end of the publication.

Statistics Explained

Statistics Explained (https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained/index.php) is a wiki-based system that presents statistical topics in an easy to understand way; it is composed of articles that together make up an encyclopaedia of statistics. There is a wide range of articles on enlargement countries: https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained/index.php/Enlargement_countries_-_statistical_overview

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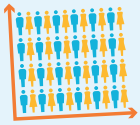
Montenegro

Population, 2020 (million, 1 January)

0.6

Corresponds to 0.13 % of the EU population

Population density, 2019 (persons per km²)



45.7

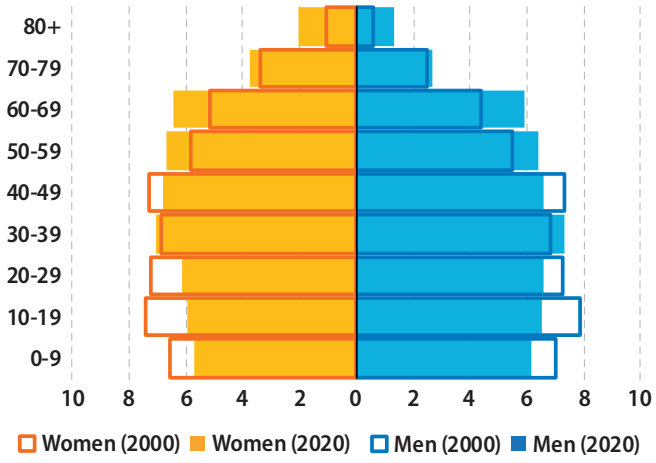
Consumption per capita, 2019

60 %

of the EU average (in PPP)

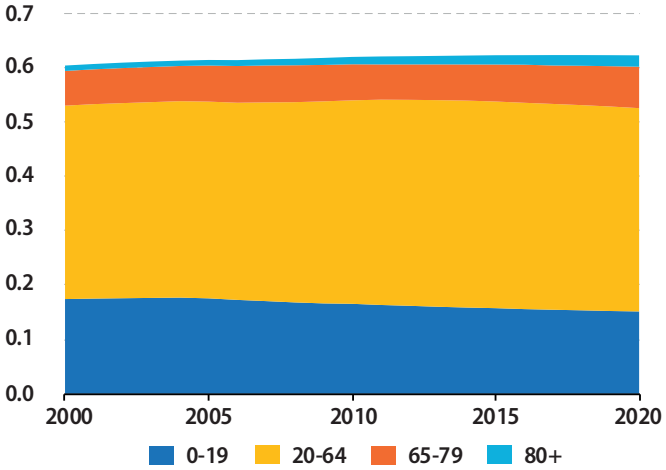
Population by age group, 2000 and 2020

(% of total population, 1 January)



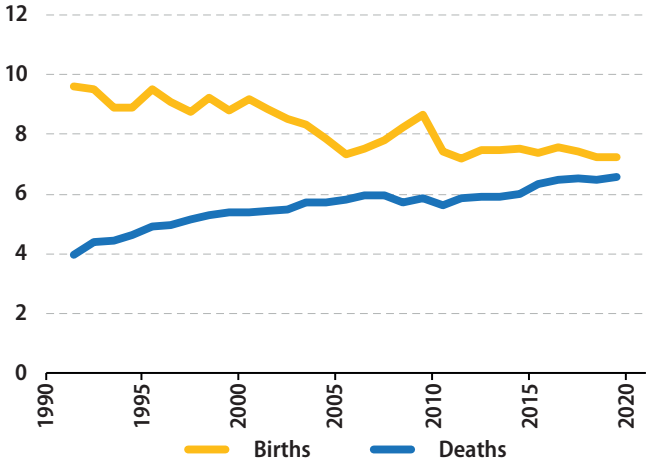
Population age structure, age groups

(million)



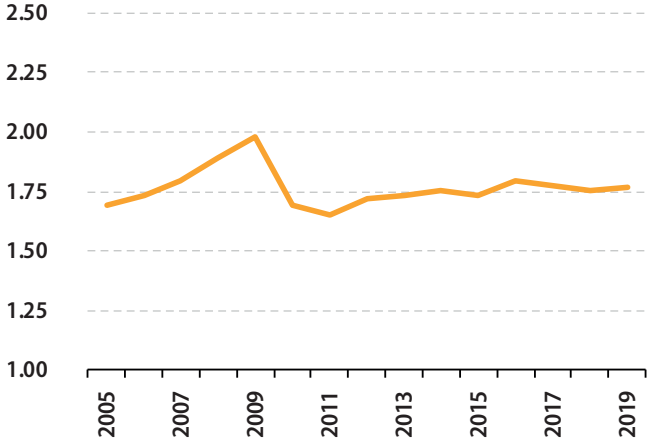
Live births and deaths

(thousand)



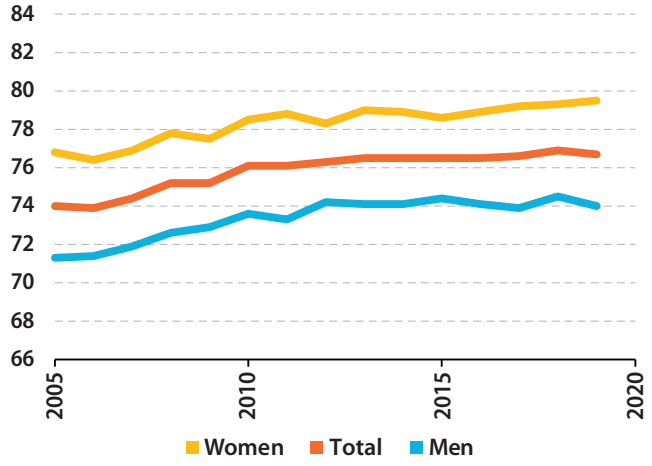
Total fertility rate

(live births per woman)



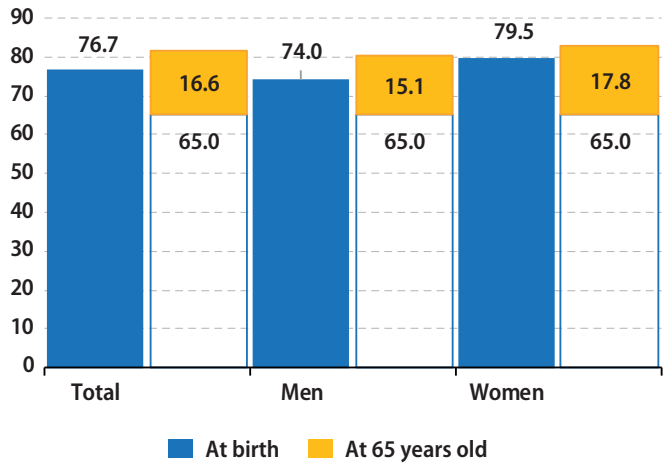
Life expectancy at birth

(years)



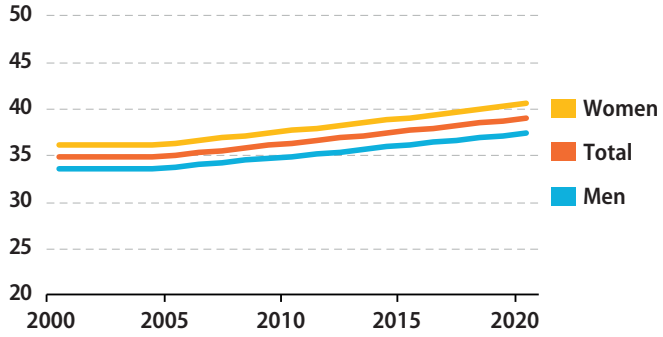
Life expectancy, at birth and at 65 years old, 2019

(years)



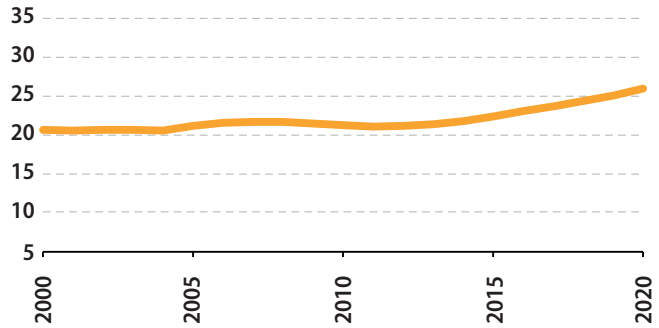
Median age

(years)



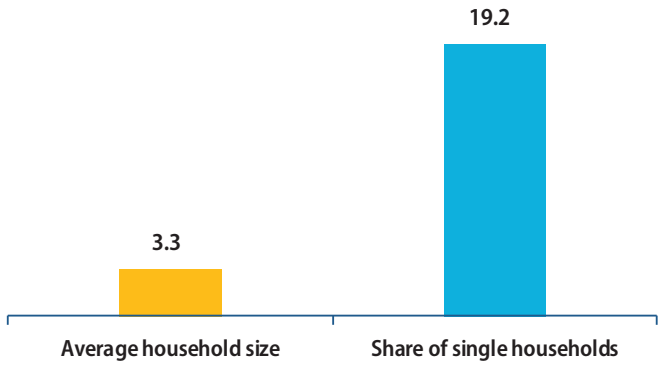
Old-age dependency ratio

(%)



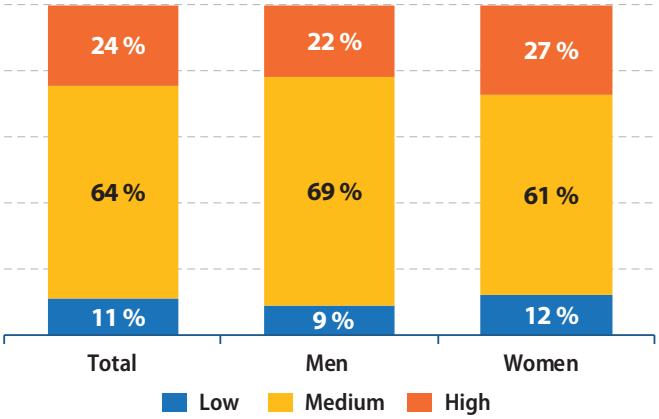
Household structure, 2019

(persons per household; % of households)



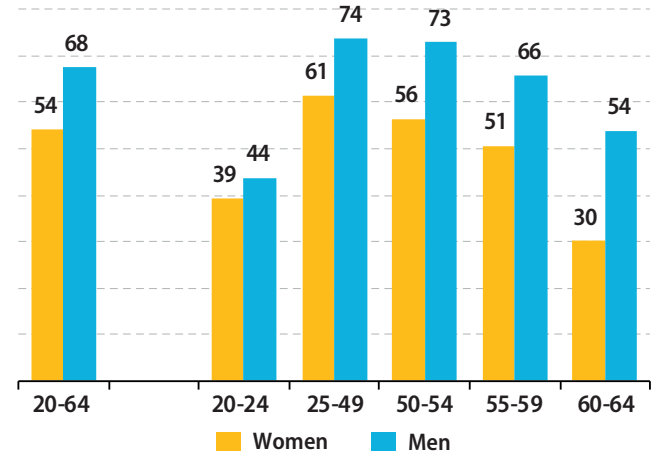
Population by education level, 2019

(% of population aged 20-64)



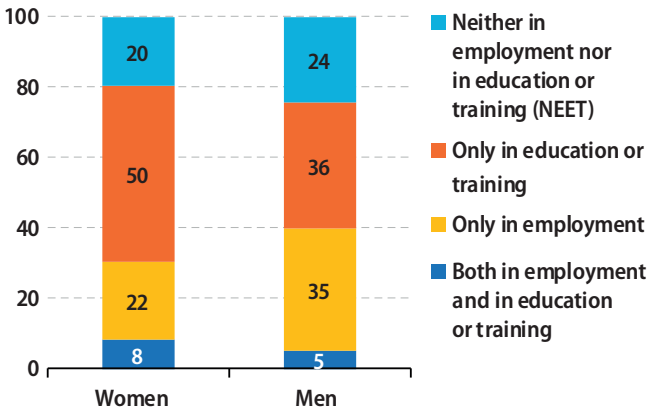
Employment rate by age and sex, 2019

(%)



Education and employment status of young adults (18-24 years), 2019

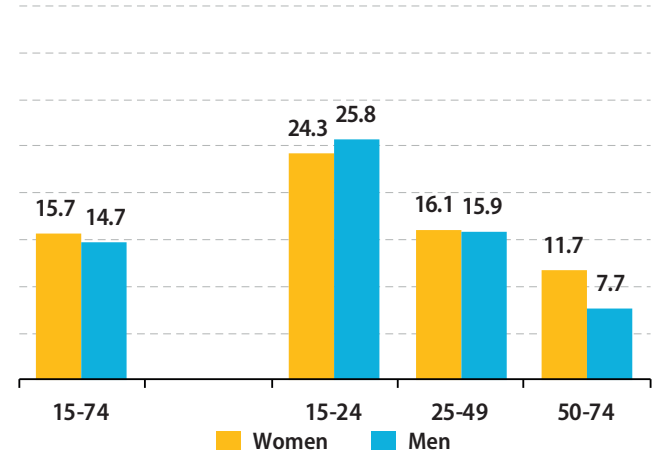
(%)



Note: Men: 'Both in employment and in education or training': low reliability.

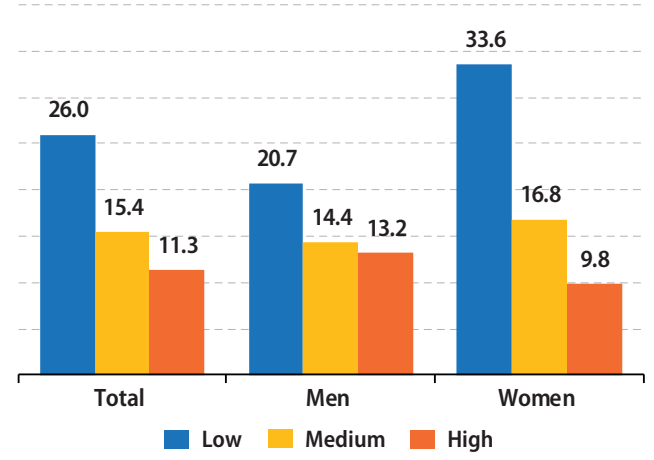
Unemployment rate by age and sex, 2019

(%)



Unemployment rate by education level and sex, 2019

(% of active population 15-74 years old)



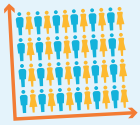
North Macedonia

Population, 2020 (million, 1 January)

2.1

Corresponds to 0.5 % of the EU population

Population density, 2019 (persons per km²)



83.4

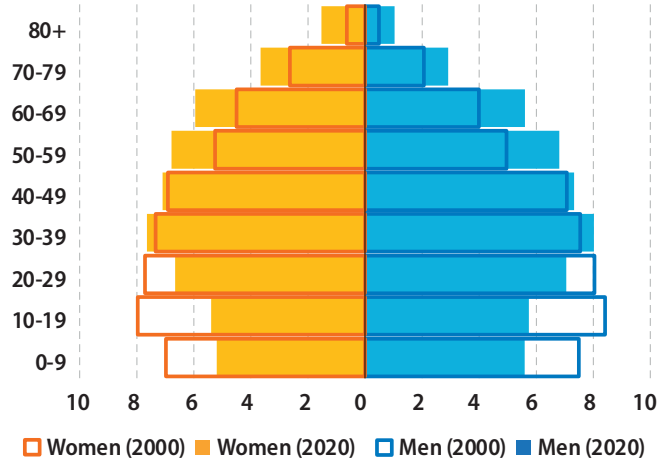
Consumption per capita, 2019

42 %

of the EU average (in PPP)

Population by age group, 2000 and 2020

(% of total population, 1 January)



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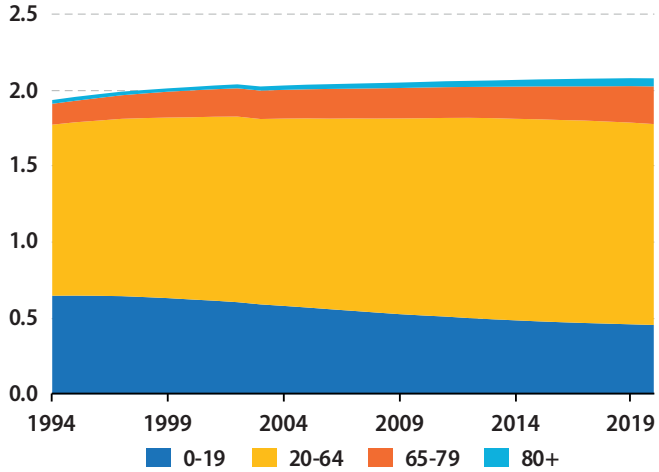
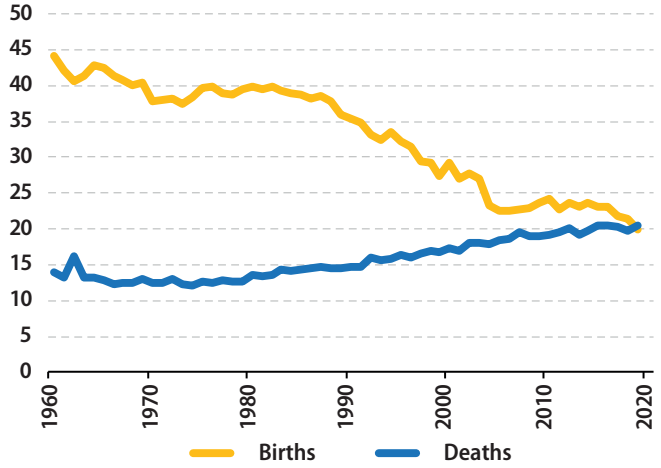


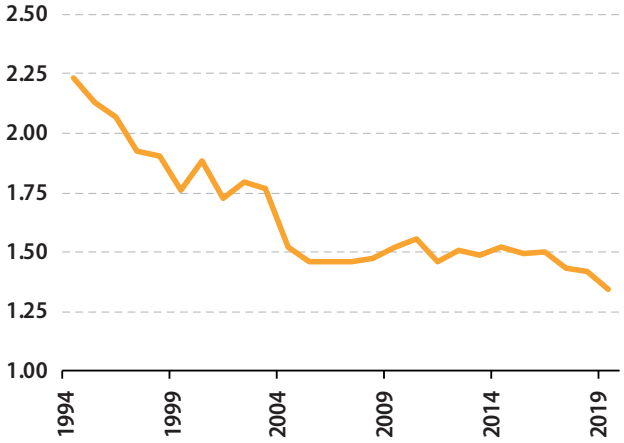
Live births and deaths

(thousand)



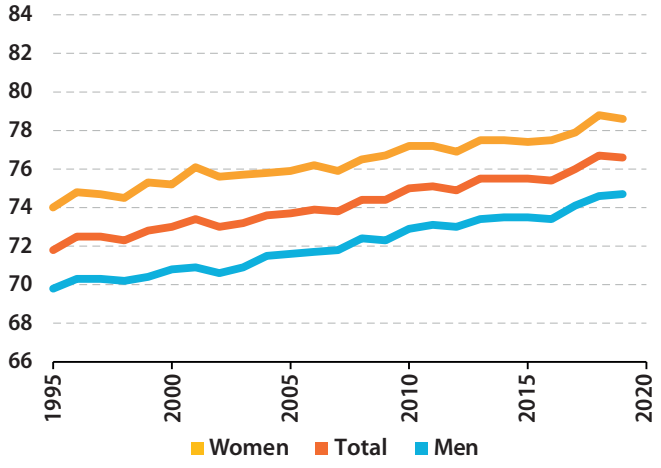
Total fertility rate

(live births per woman)



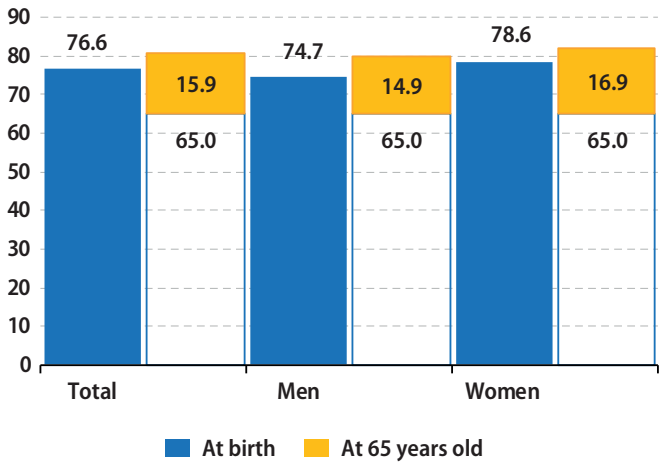
Life expectancy at birth

(years)



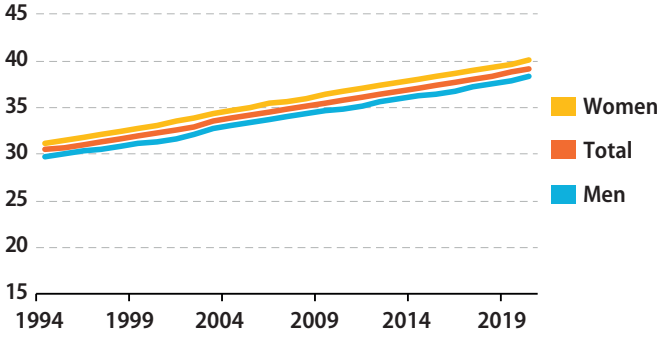
Life expectancy, at birth and at 65 years old, 2019

(years)



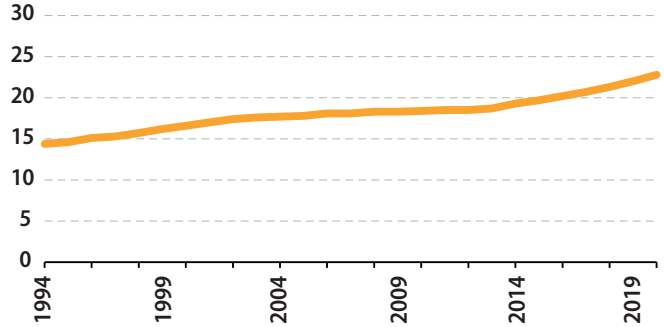
Median age

(years)



Old-age dependency ratio

(%)



Household structure, 2019

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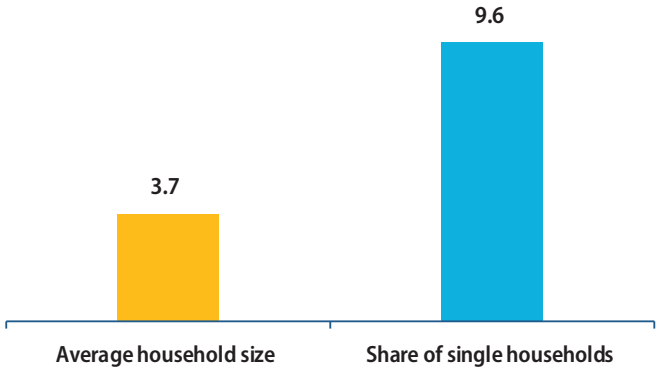

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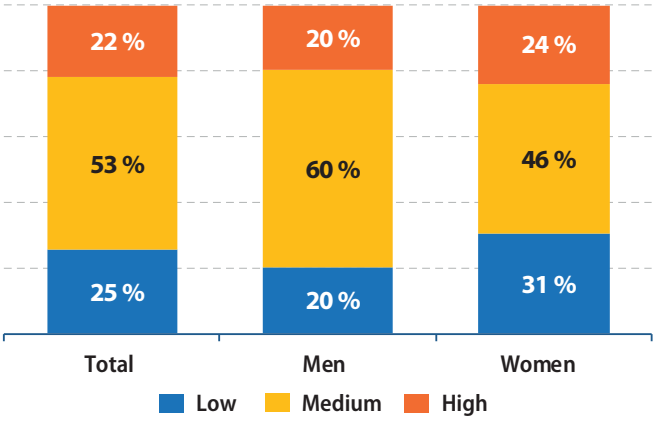
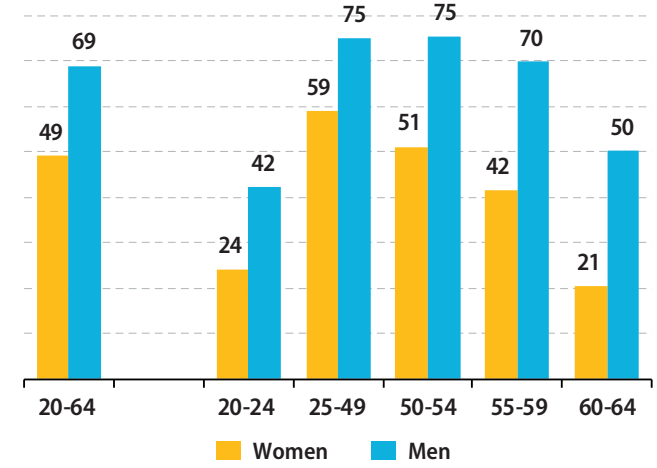


Employment rate by age and sex, 2020

(%)



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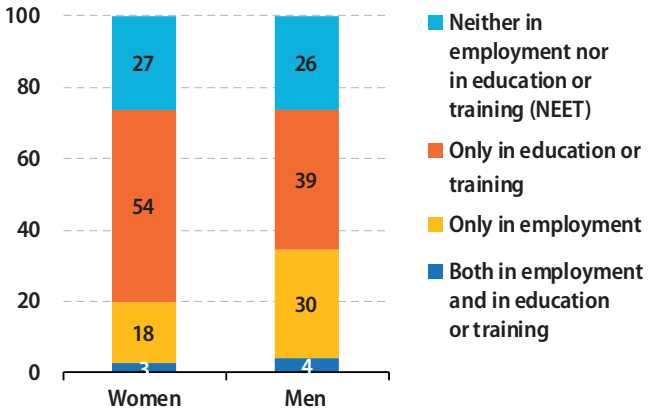

Unemployment rate by age and sex, 2019

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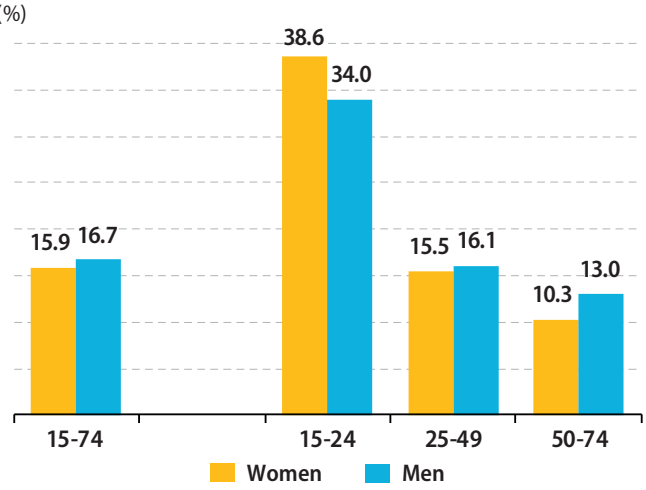

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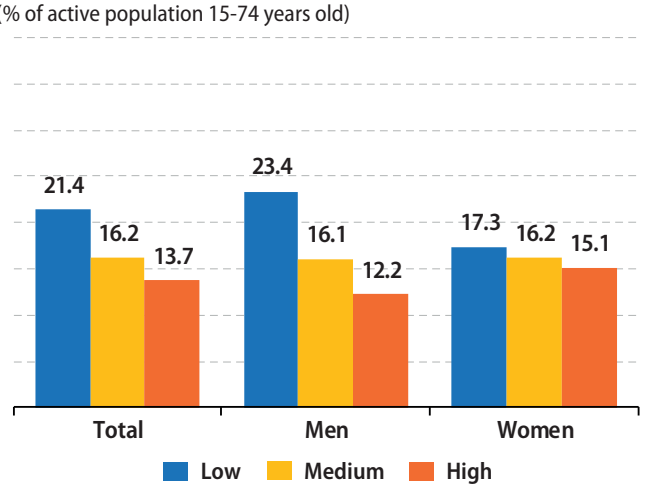


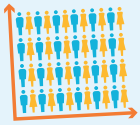
Albania

Population, 2020 (million, 1 January)

2.8

Corresponds to 0.6 % of the EU population

Population density, 2019 (persons per km²)



99.1

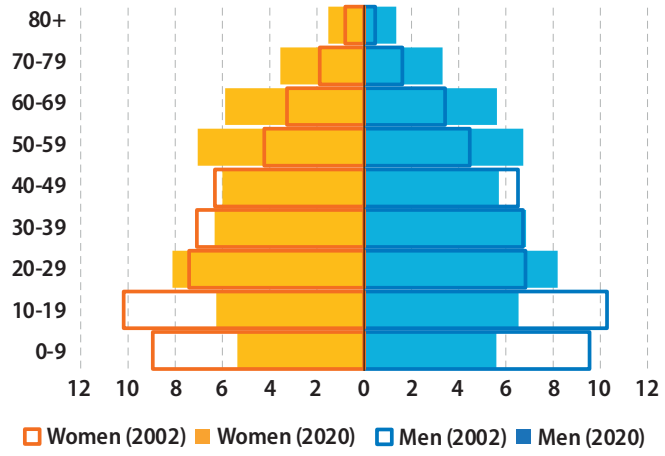
Consumption per capita, 2019

39 %

of the EU average (in PPP)

Population by age group, 2002 and 2020

(% of total population, 1 January)



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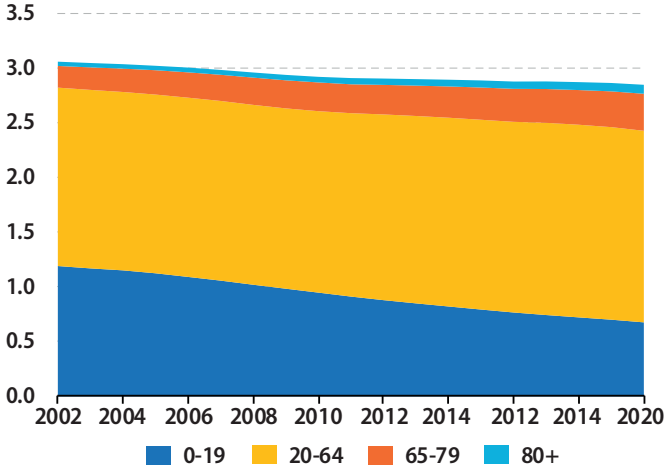

Live births and deaths

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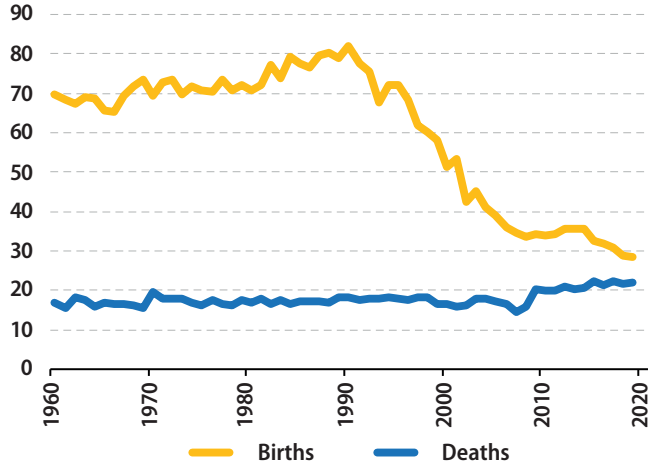

Total fertility rate

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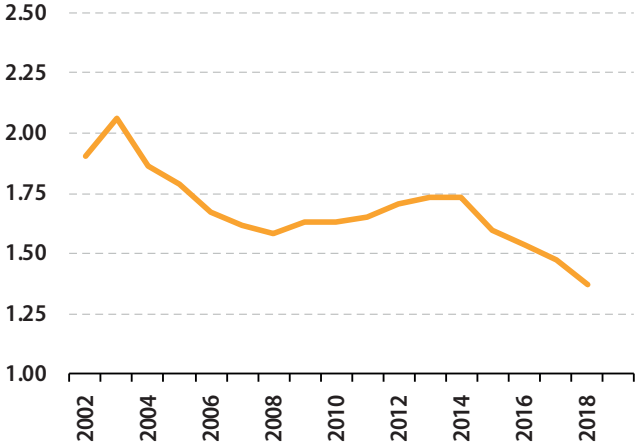
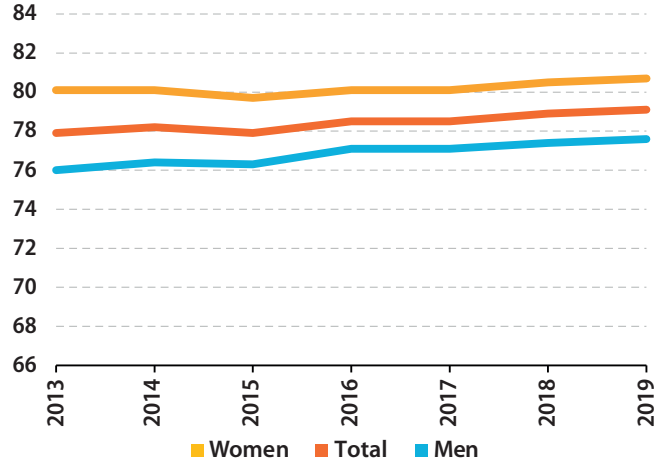


Life expectancy at birth

(years)



Life expectancy, at birth and at 65 years old, 2019

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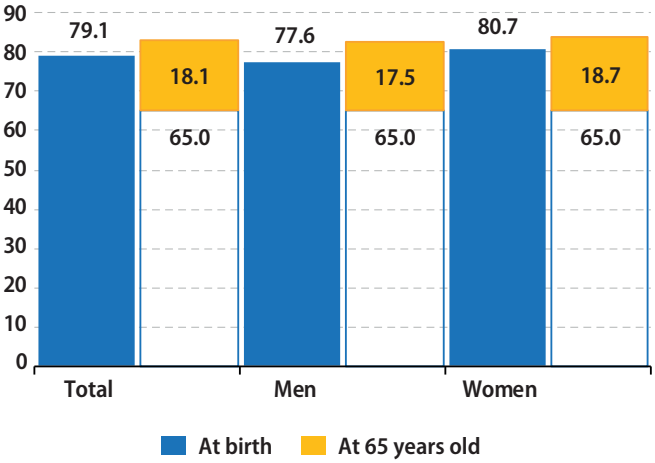
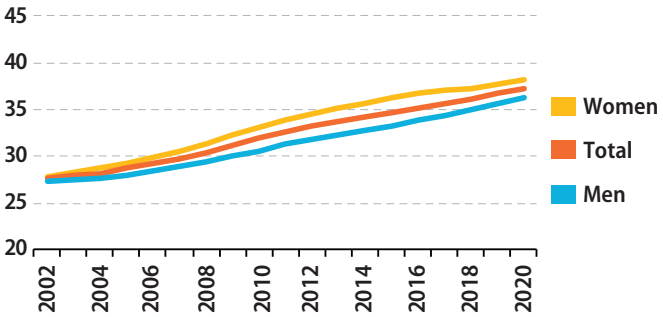


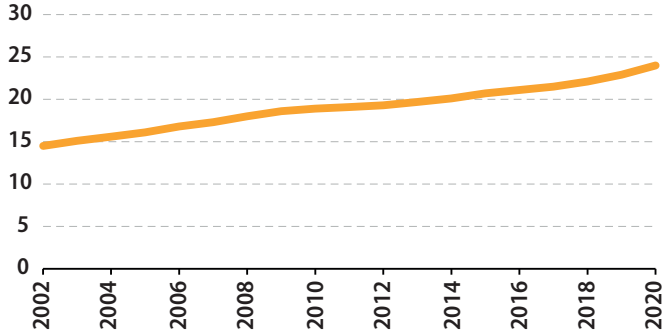
Median age

(years)



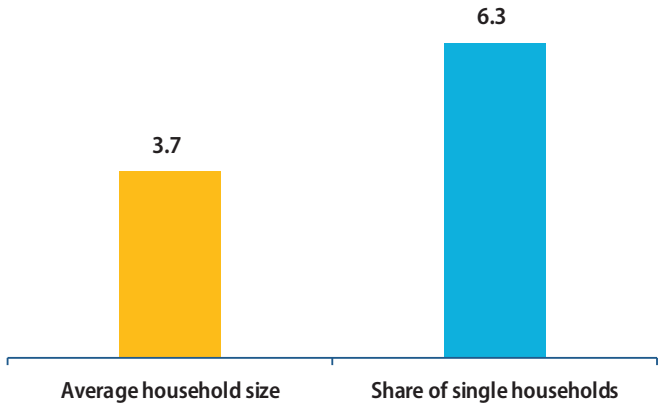
Old-age dependency ratio

(%)



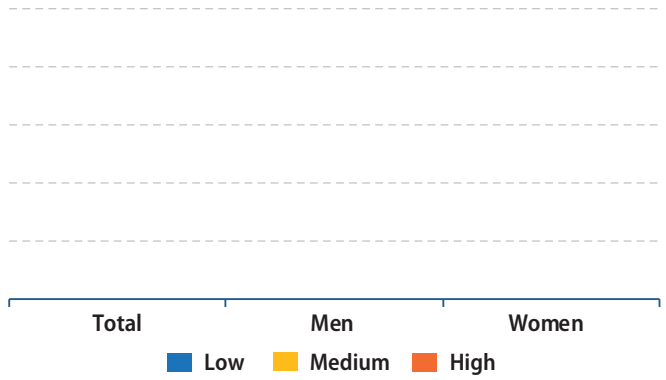
Household structure, 2019

(persons per household; % of households)



Population by education level, 2020

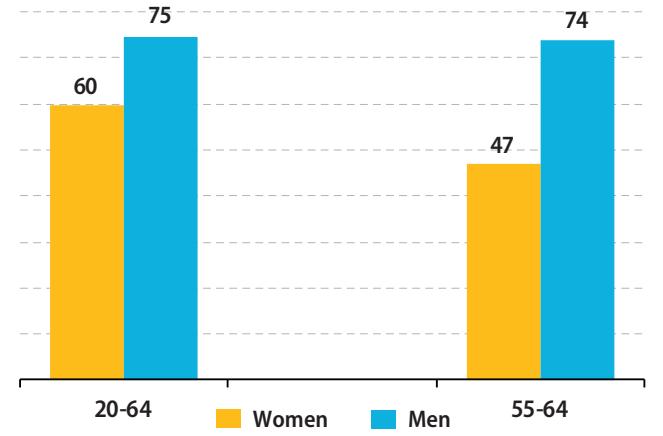
(% of population aged 20-64))



Note: Albania: data not available.

Employment rate by age and sex, 2019

(%)



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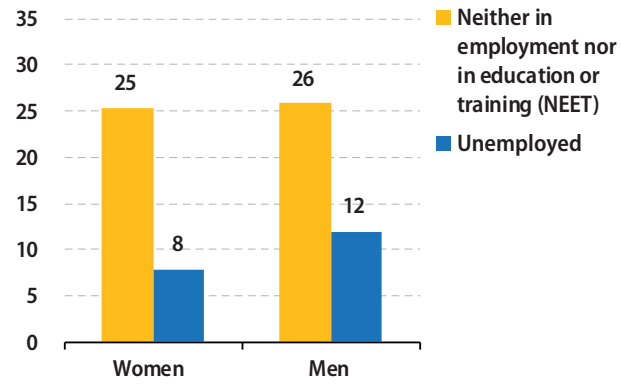
Unemployment status of young adults (15-24 years), 2019

(%)



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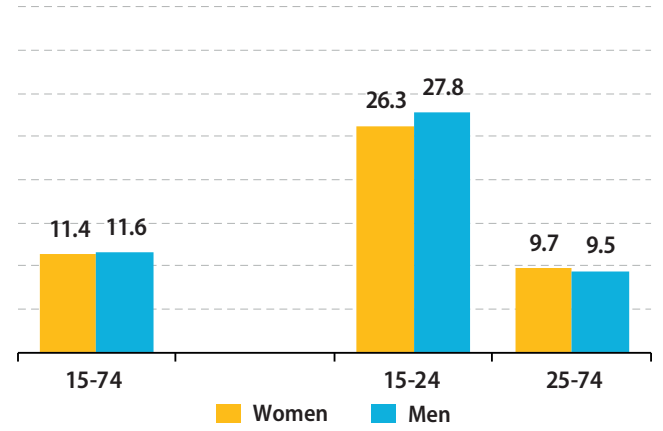

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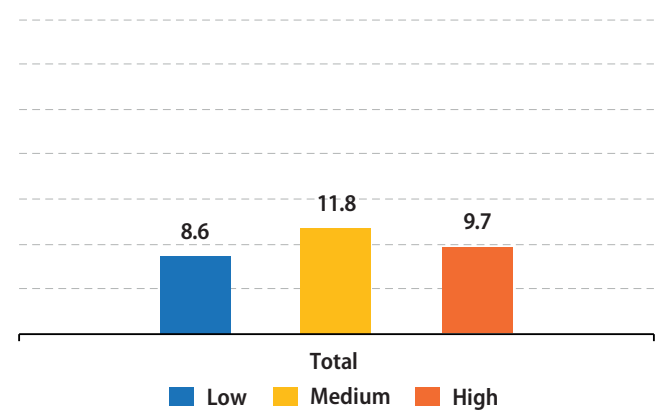
Unemployment rate by education level, 2019

(% of active population 25-64 years old)



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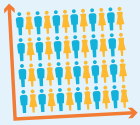
Serbia

Population, 2020 (million, 1 January)

6.9

Corresponds to 1.5 % of the EU population

Population density, 2019 (persons per km²)



90.5

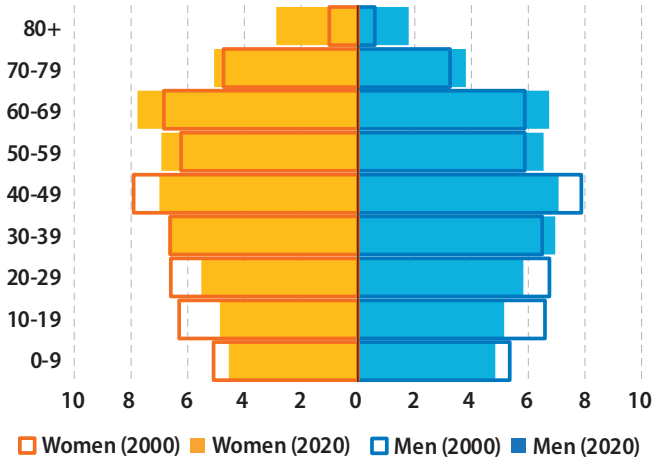
Consumption per capita, 2019

49 %

of the EU average (in PPP)

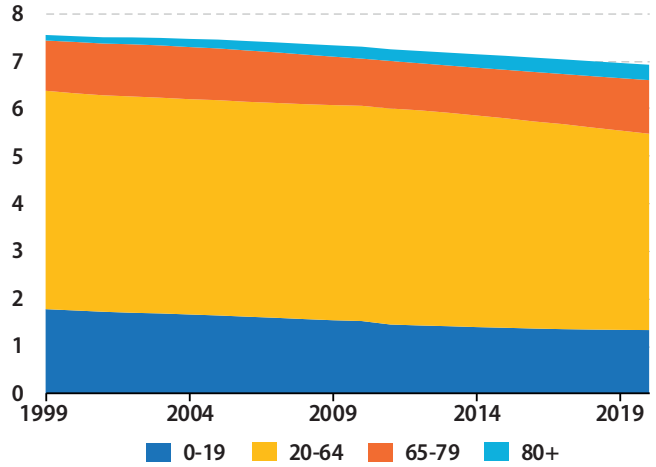
Population by age group, 2000 and 2020

(% of total population, 1 January)



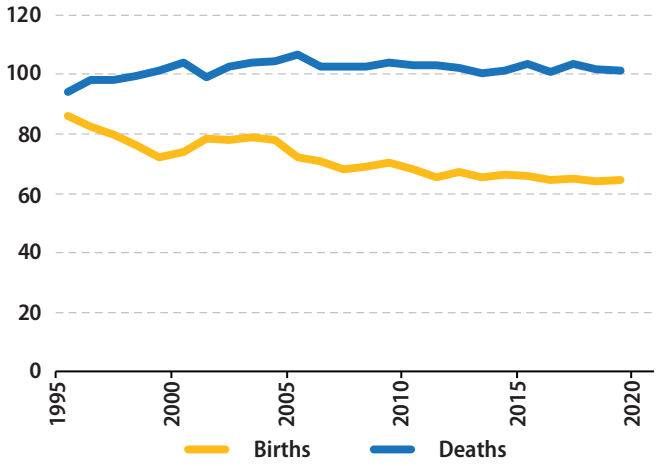
Population age structure, age groups

(million)



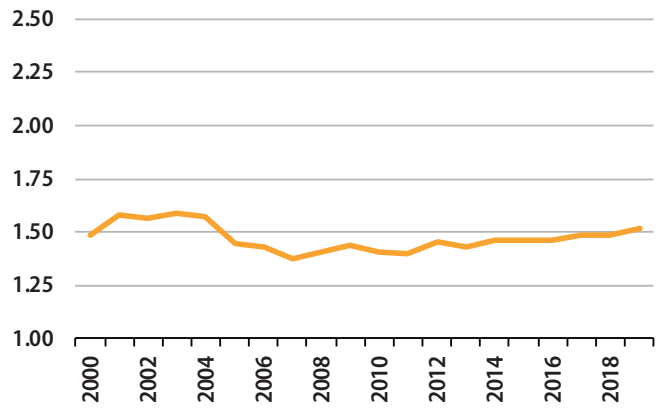
Live births and deaths

(thousand)



Total fertility rate

(live births per woman)



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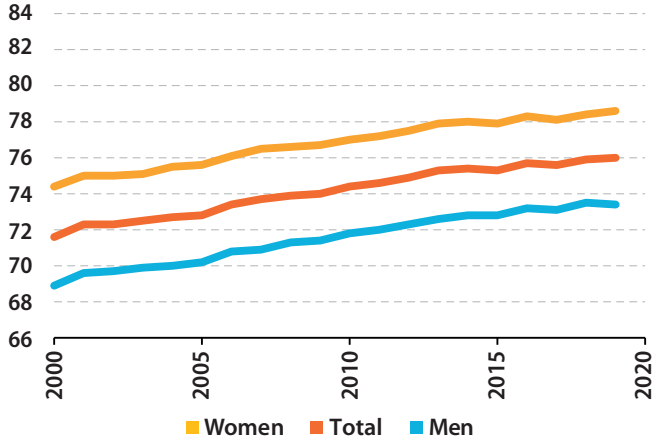
Life expectancy at birth

(years)



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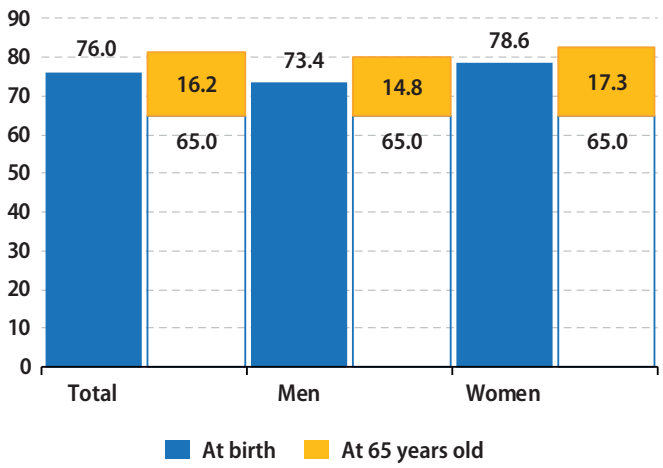
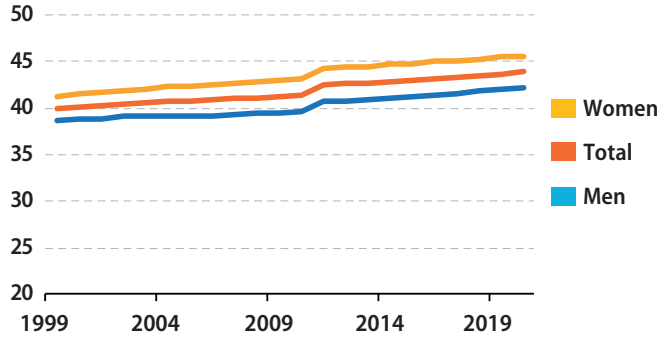
Life expectancy, at birth and at 65 years old, 2019

(years)



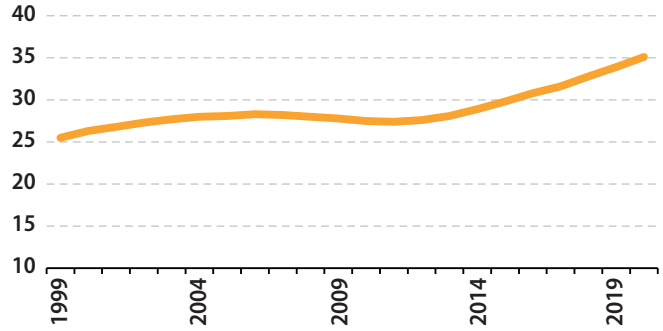
Median age

(years)



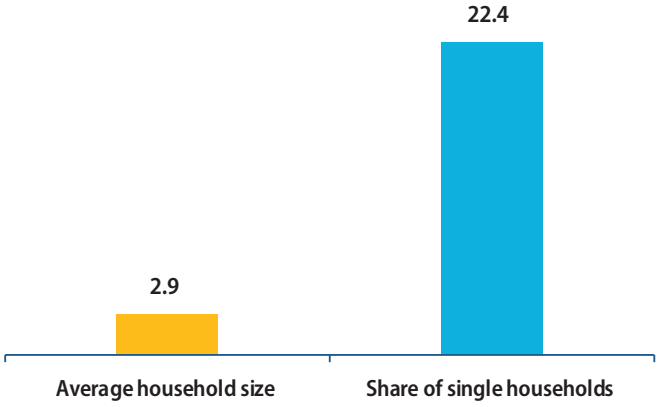
Old-age dependency ratio

(%)



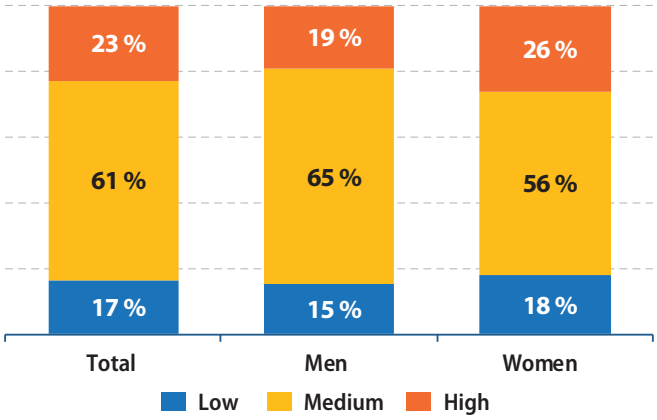
Household structure, 2019

(persons per household; % of households)



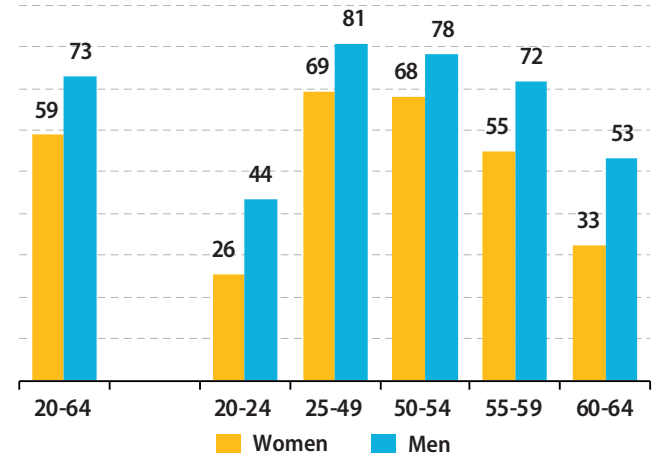
Population by education level, 2020

(% of population aged 20-64)



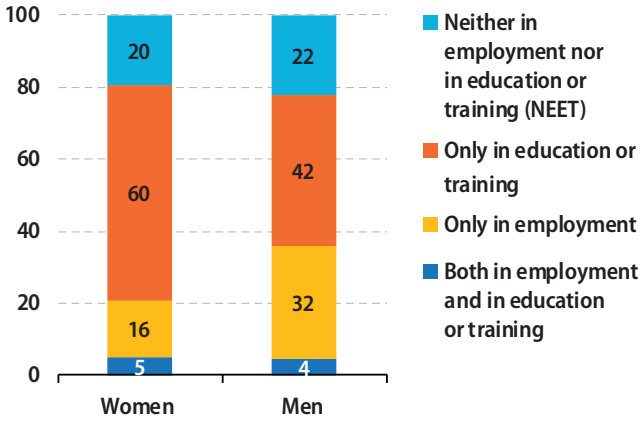
Employment rate by age and sex, 2020

(%)



Education and employment status of young adults (18-24 years), 2020

(%)



Unemployment rate by age and sex, 2019

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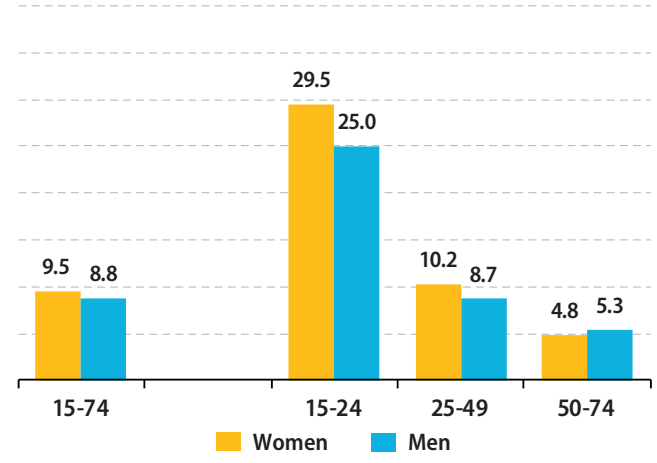
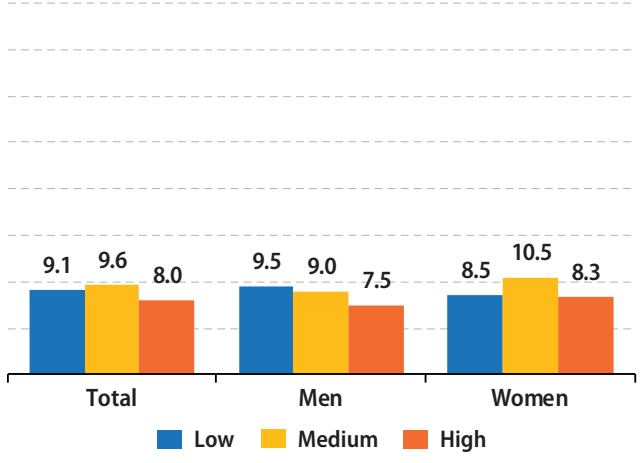


Unemployment rate by education level and sex, 2020

(% of active population 15-74 years old)



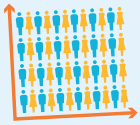
Turkey

Population, 2020 (million, 1 January)

83.2

Corresponds to 18.6 % of the EU population

Population density, 2019 (persons per km²)



107.7

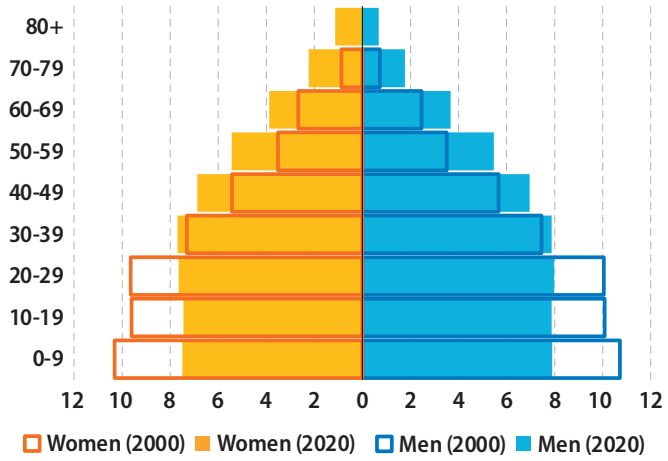
Consumption per capita, 2019

67 %

of the EU average (in PPP)

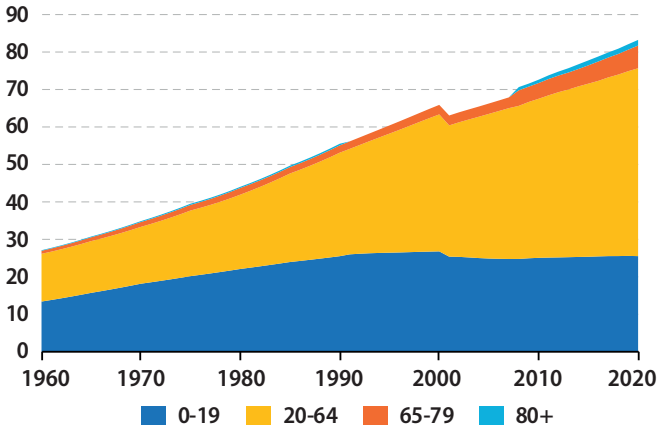
Population by age group, 2000 and 2020

(% of total population, 1 January)



Population age structure, age groups

(million)



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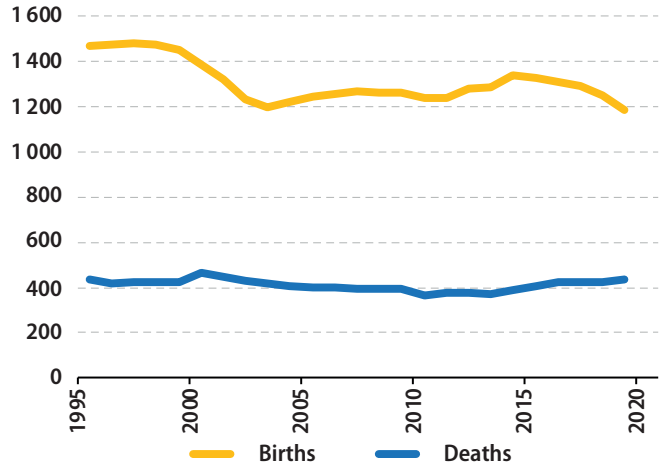
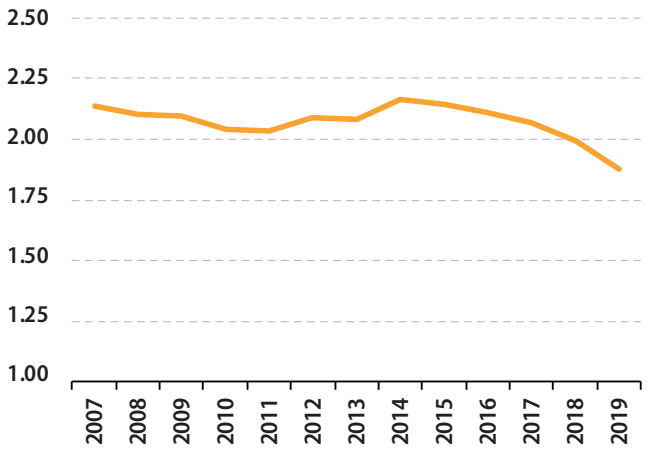
Live births and deaths

(thousand)



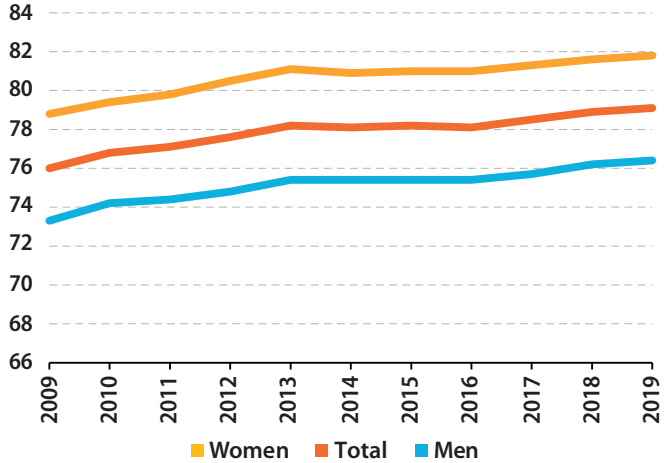
Total fertility rate

(live births per woman)



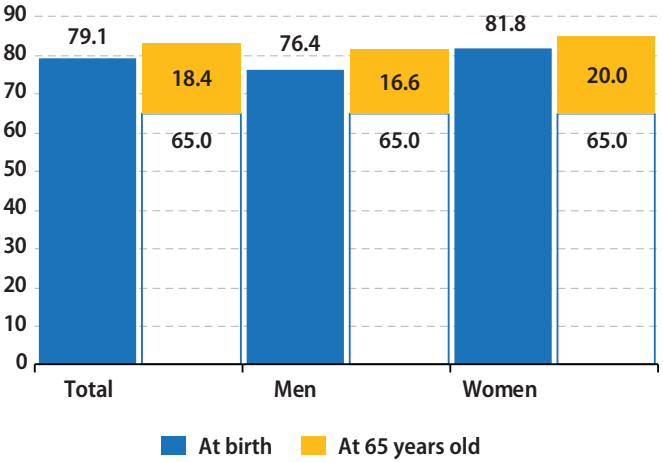
Life expectancy at birth

(years)



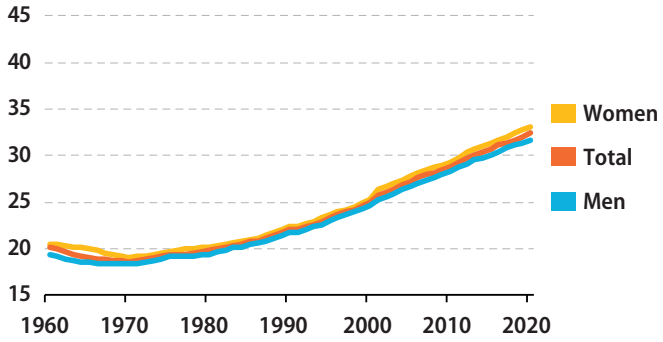
Life expectancy, at birth and at 65 years old, 2019

(years)



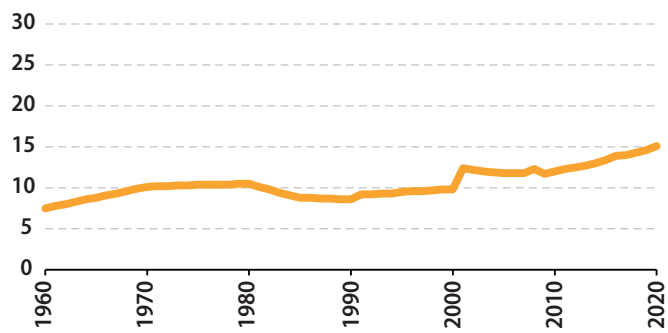
Median age

(years)



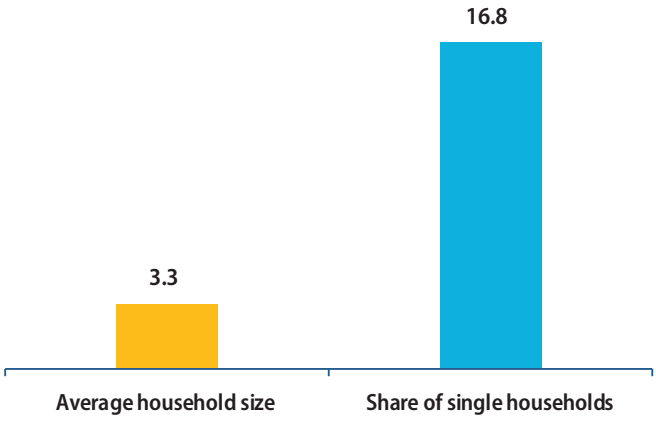
Old-age dependency ratio

(%)



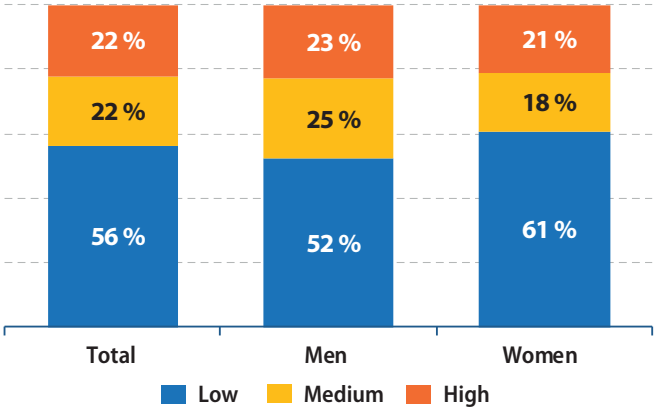
Household structure, 2019

(persons per household; % of households)



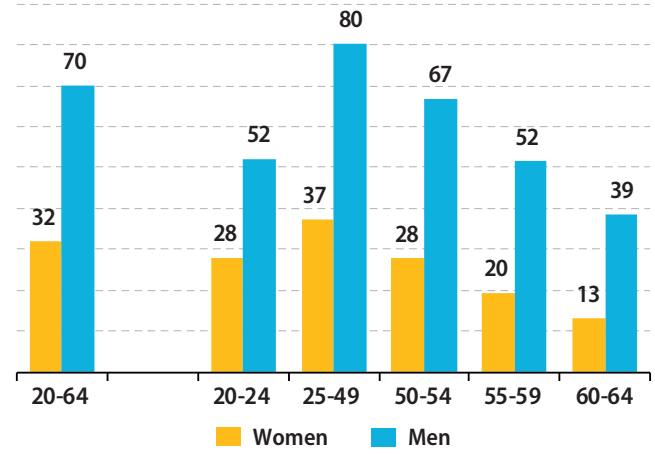
Population by education level, 2020

(% of population aged 20-64)



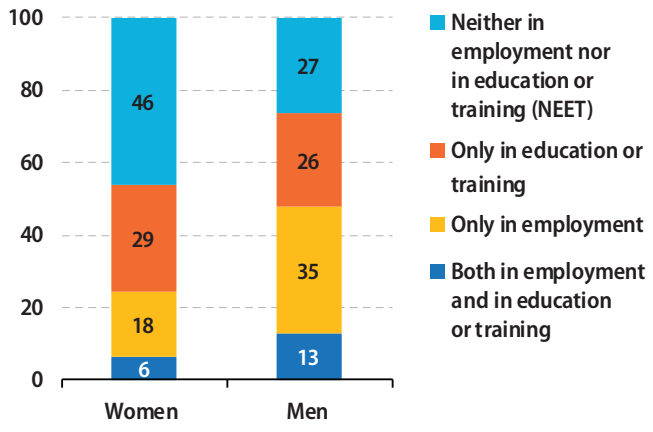
Employment rate by age and sex, 2020

(%)



Education and employment status of young adults (18-24 years), 2020

(%)



Unemployment rate by age and sex, 2020

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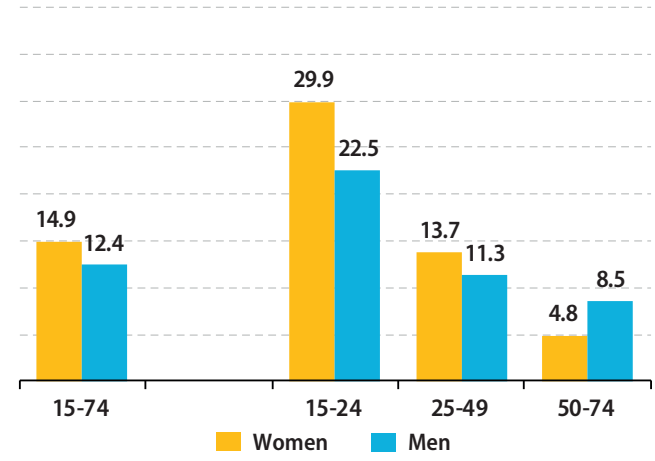
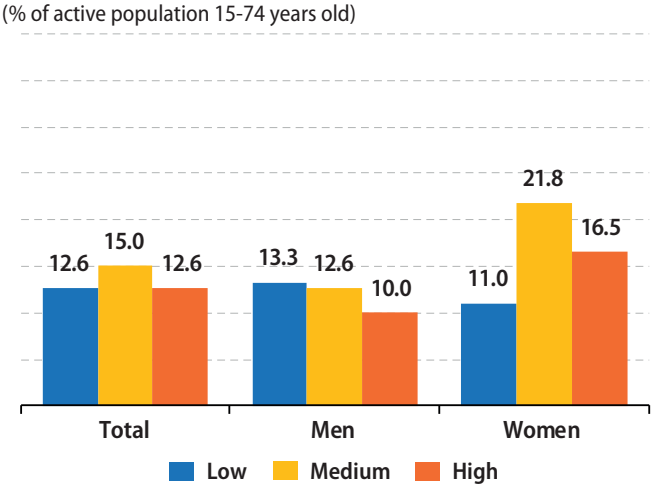


Unemployment rate by education level and sex, 2020

(% of active population 15-74 years old)



Bosnia and Herzegovina

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Population, 2020 (million, 1 January)

3.8

Corresponds to 0.9 % of the EU population

Population density, 2019 (persons per km²)

68.2

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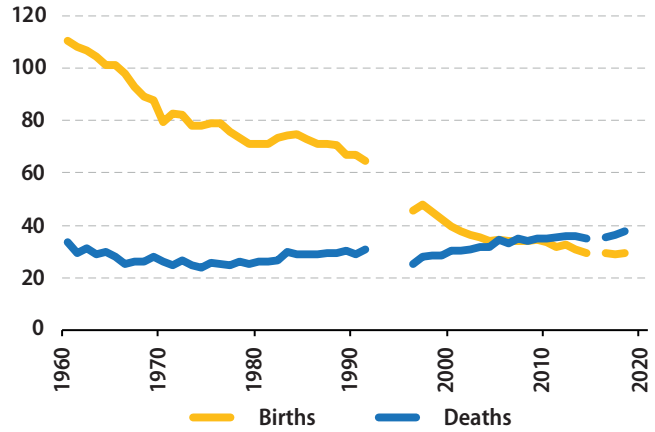
Consumption per capita, 2019

41 %

of the EU average (in PPP)

Live births and deaths

(thousand)



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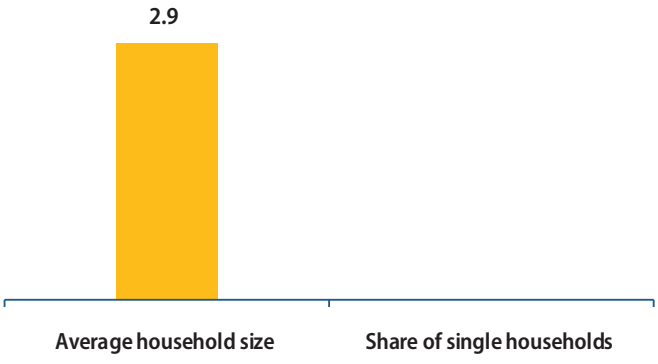
Household structure, 2015

(persons per household; % of households)



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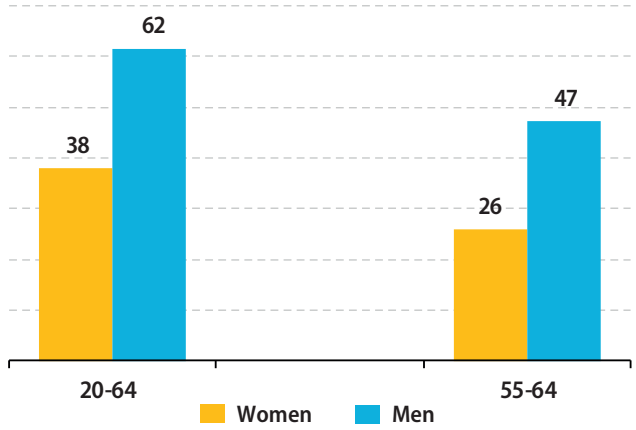
Employment rate by age and sex, 2019

(%)



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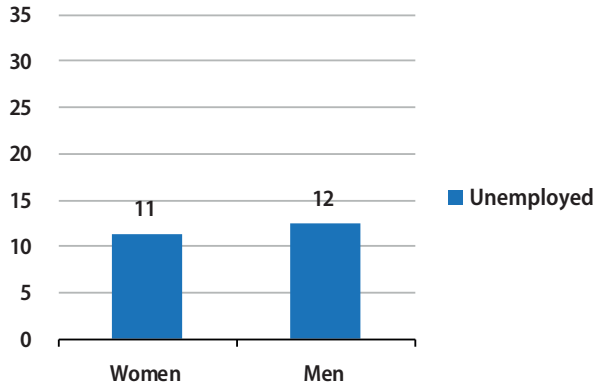
Unemployment status of young adults (15-24 years), 2019

(%)



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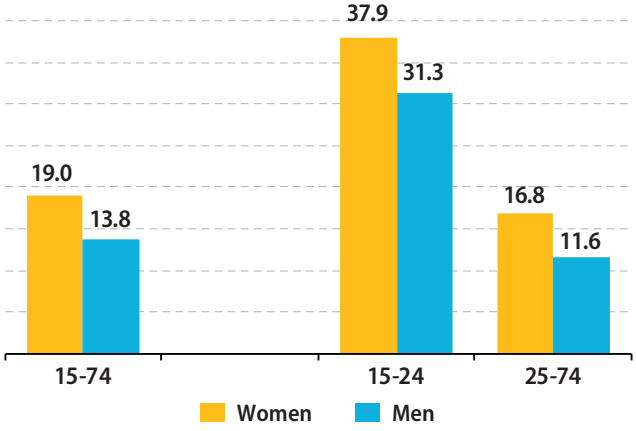
Unemployment rate by age and sex, 2019

(%)



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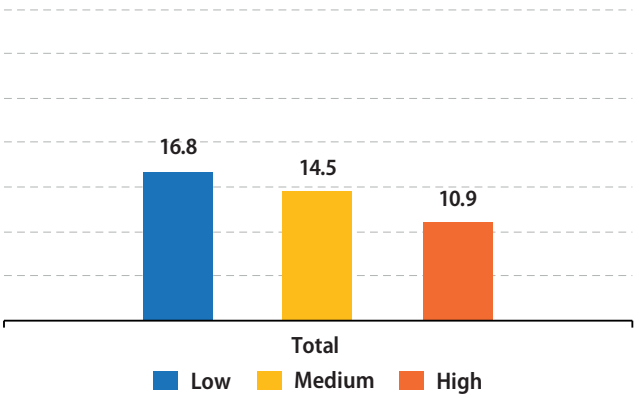
Unemployment rate by education level, 2019

(% of active population 15-74 years old)



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Kosovo

Population, 2020 (million, 1 January)

1.8

Corresponds to 0.4 % of the EU population

Population density, 2019 (persons per km²)

163.4

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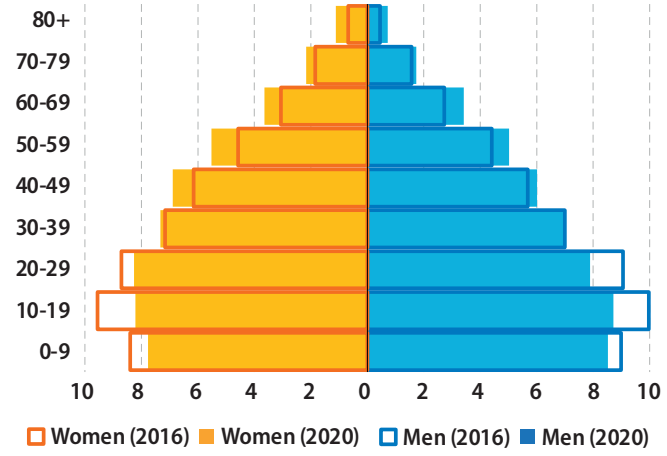
Consumption per capita, 2019

Data not available

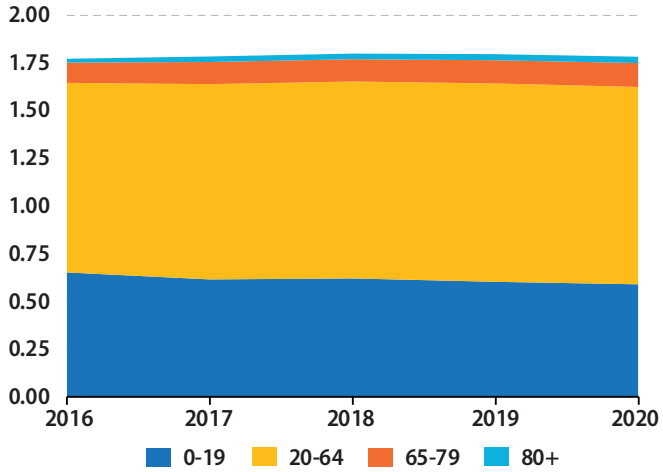
Population by age group, 2016 and 2020

(% of total population, 1 January)



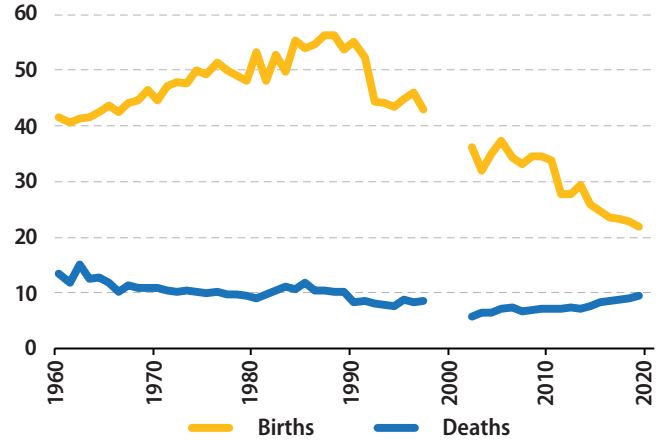
Population age structure, age groups

(million)



Live births and deaths

(thousand)



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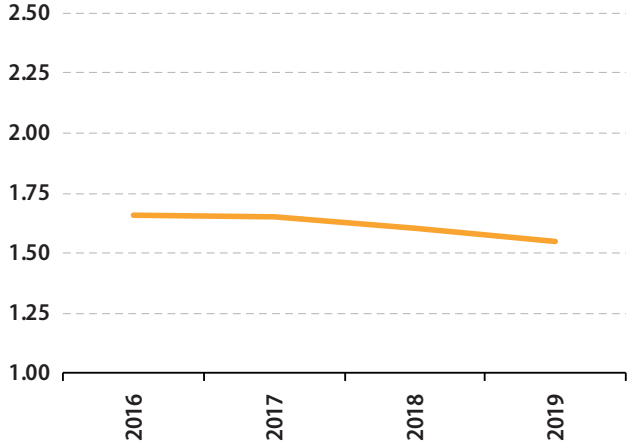
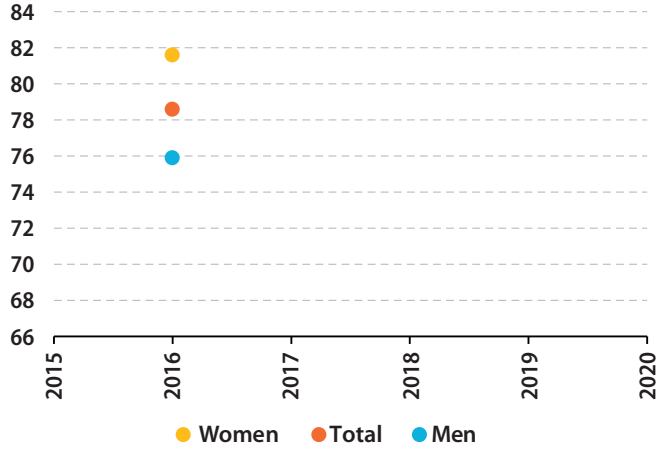
Total fertility rate

(live births per woman)



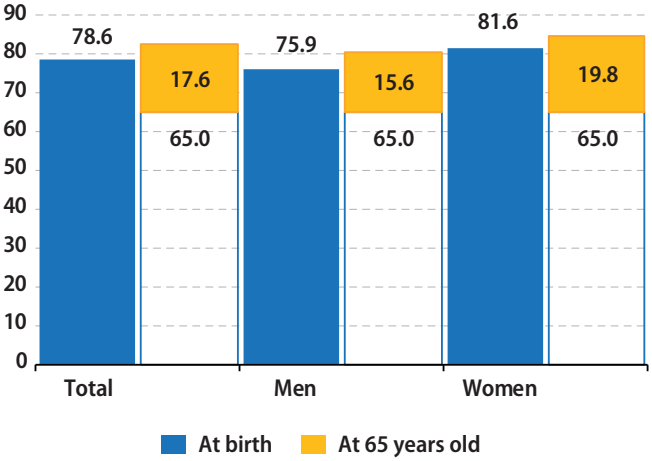
Life expectancy at birth

(years)



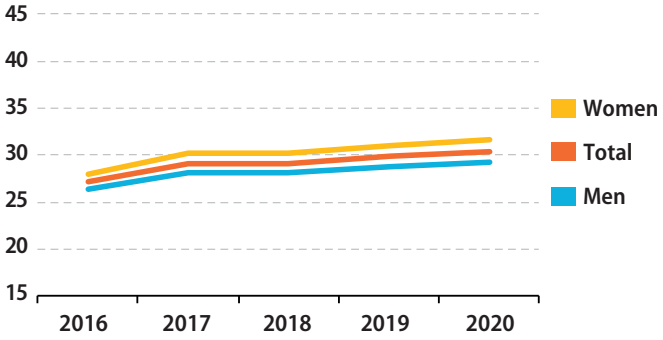
Life expectancy, at birth and at 65 years old, 2016

(years)



Median age

(years)



Old-age dependency ratio

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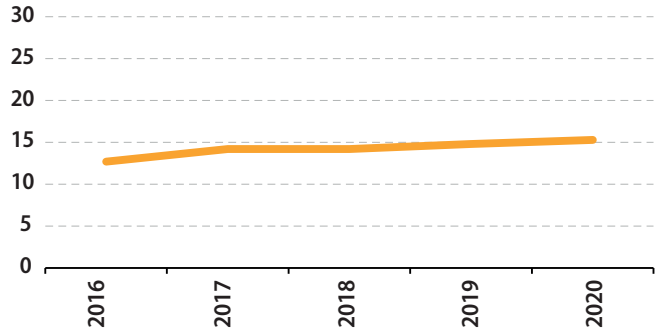
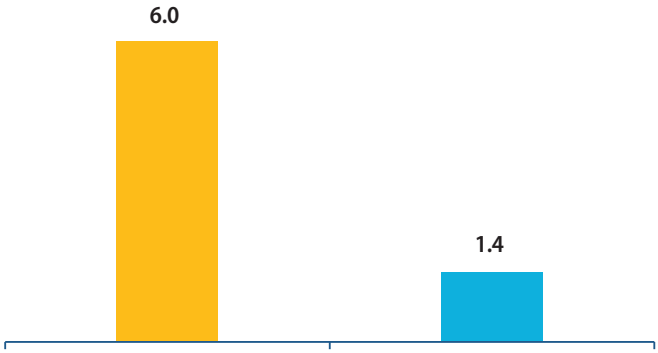


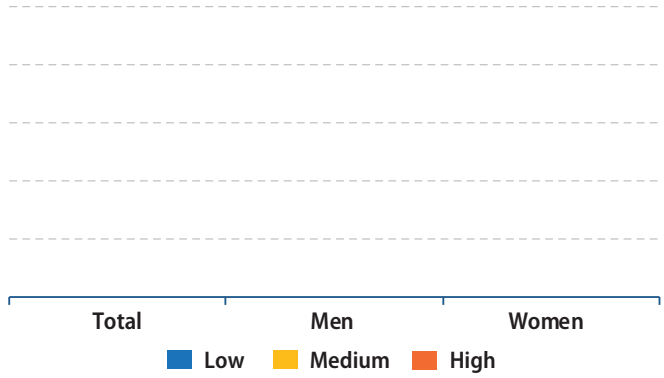
Household structure, 2018

(persons per household; % of households)



Population by education level, 2020

(% of population aged 20-64)



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Employment rate by age and sex, 2019

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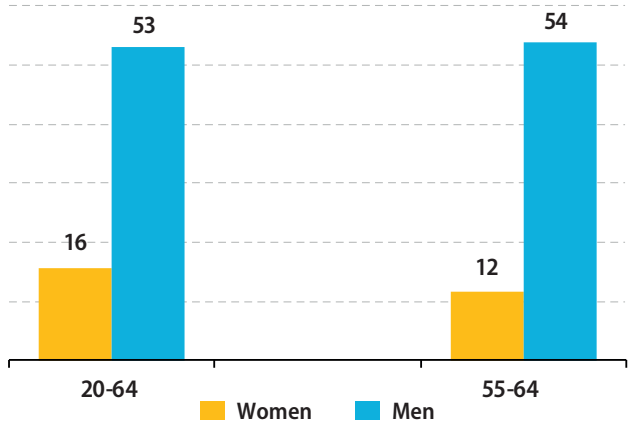

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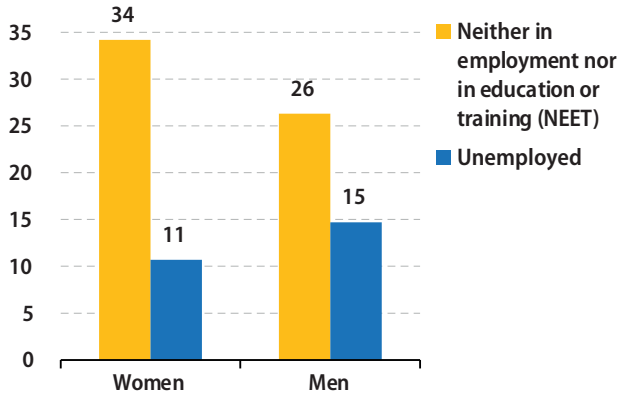
Unemployment status of young adults (15-24 years), 2019

(%)



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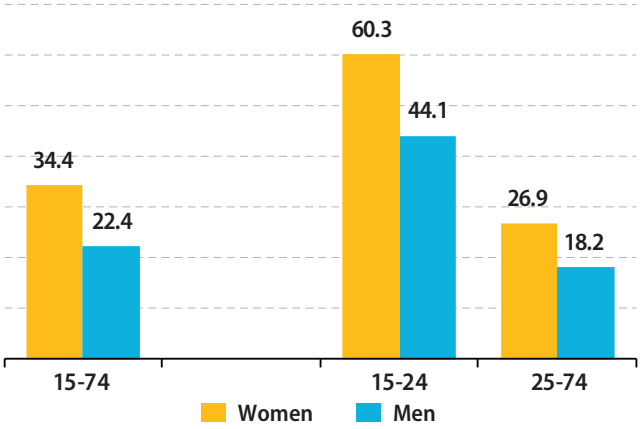
Unemployment rate by age and sex, 2019

(%)



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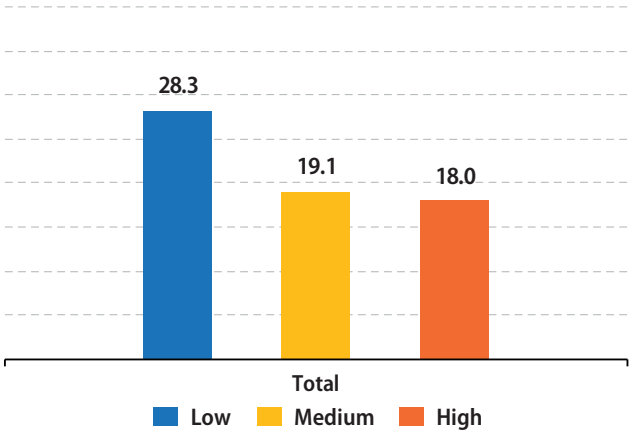
Unemployment rate by education level, 2019

(% of active population 15-74 years old)



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European Union

Population, 2020 (million, 1 January)	Population density, 2019 (persons per km²)	Consumption per capita, 2019 (EUR)
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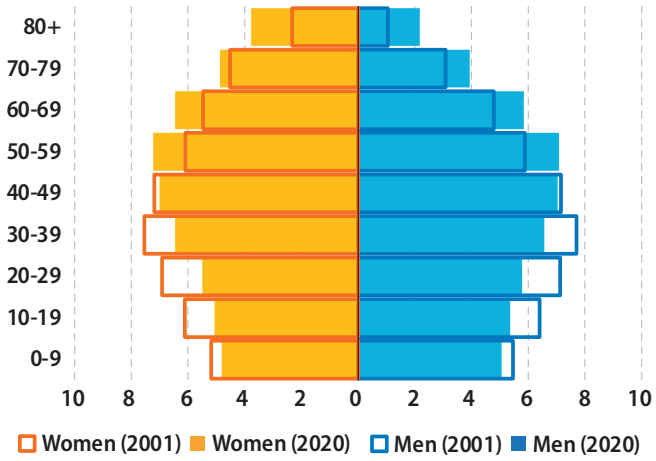
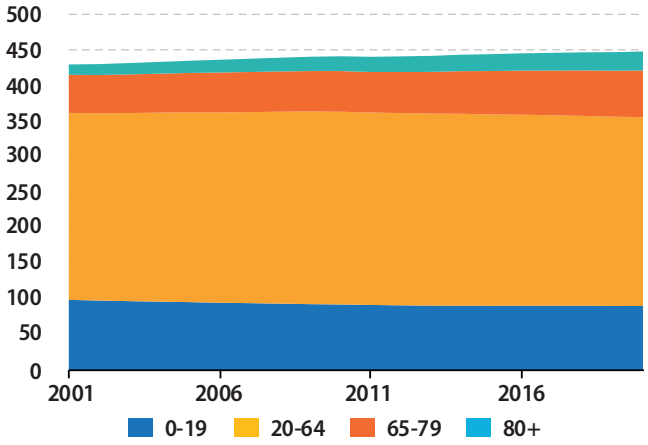
Population by age group, 2001 and 2020

(% of total population, 1 January)



Population age structure, age groups

(million)



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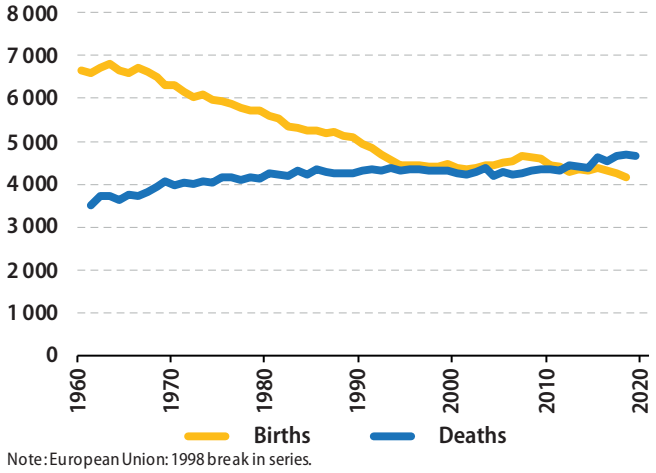
Live births and deaths

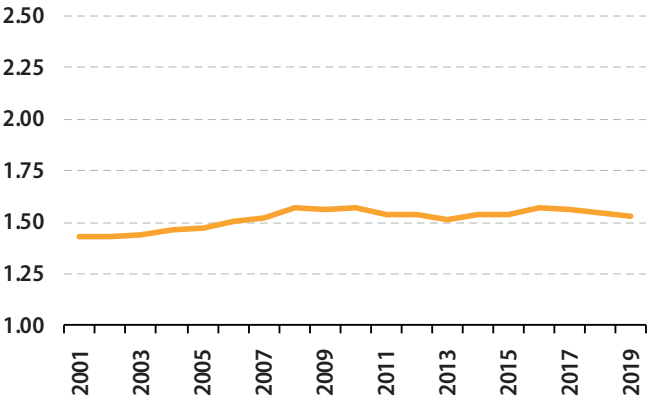
(thousand)



Note: European Union: 1998 break in series.

Total fertility rate

(live births per woman)



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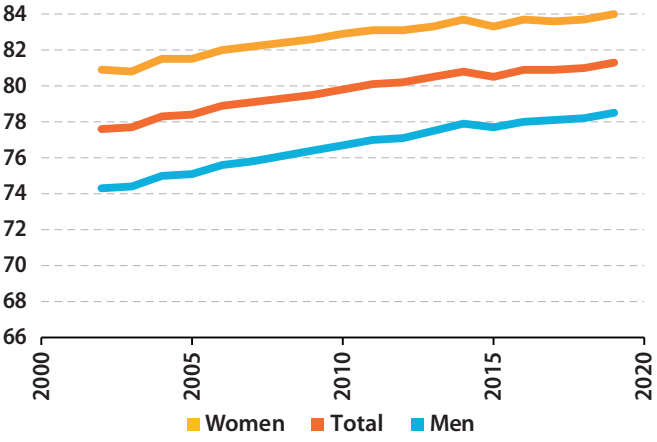
Life expectancy at birth

(years)



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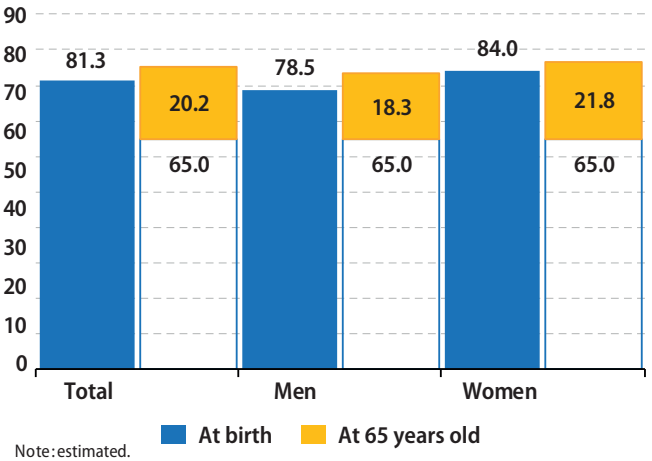
Life expectancy, at birth and at 65 years old, 2019

(years)



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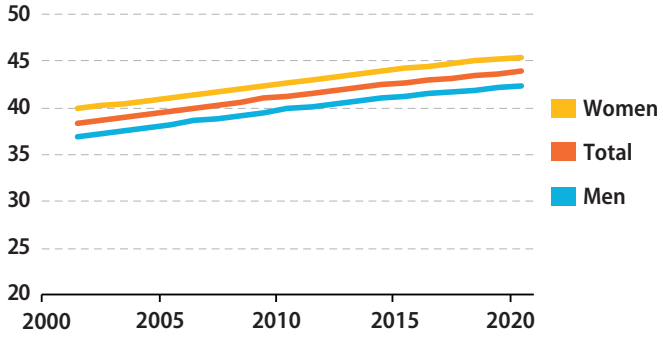
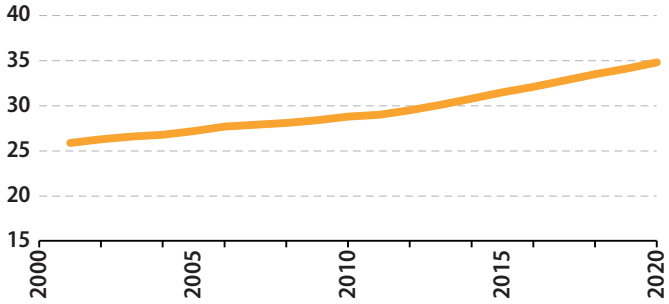
Median age

(years)



Old-age dependency ratio

(%)



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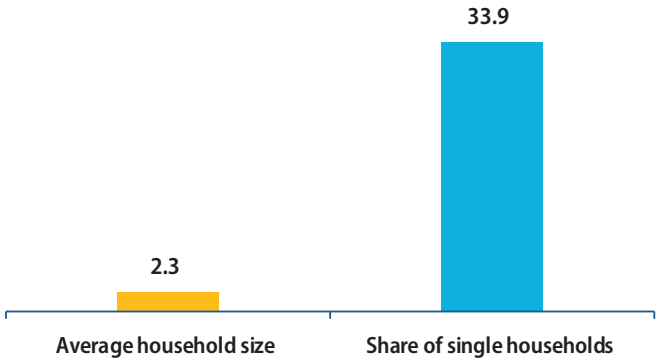
Household structure, 2019

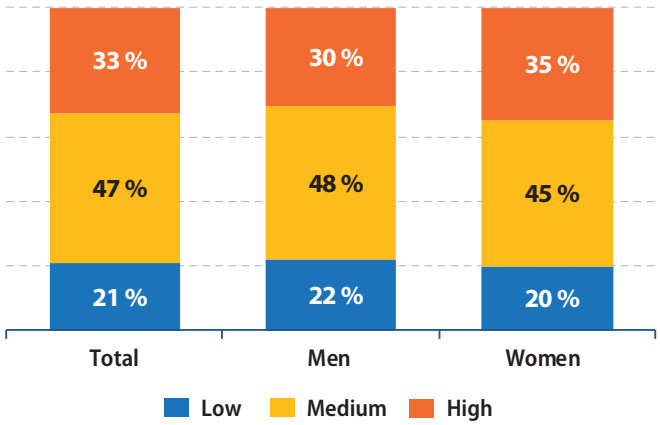
(persons per household; % of households)



Note: estimated.

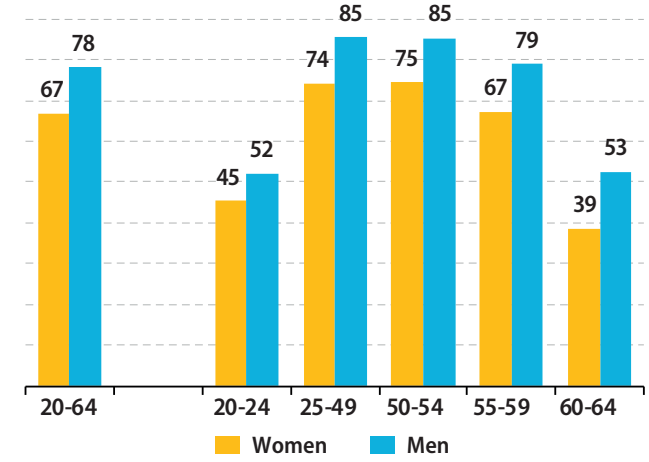
Population by education level, 2020

(% of population aged 20-64)



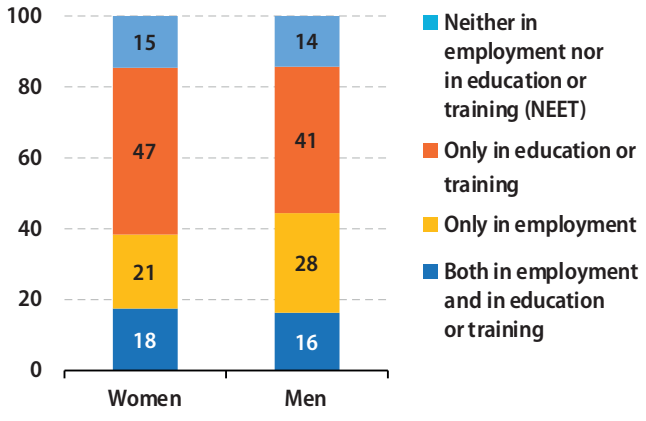
Employment rate by age and sex, 2020

(%)



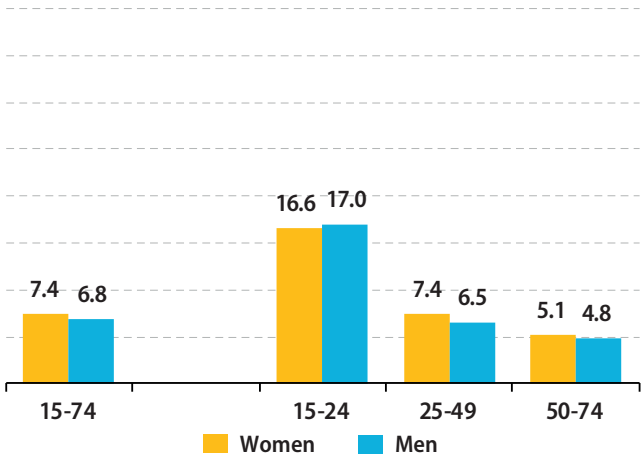
Education and employment status of young adults (18-24 years), 2020

(%)



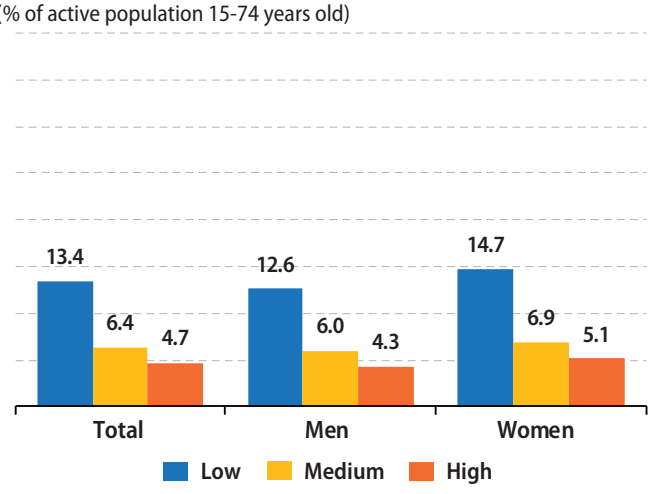
Unemployment rate by age and sex, 2020

(%)



Unemployment rate by education level and sex, 2020

(% of active population 15-74 years old)



Statistical cooperation with the Western Balkans and Turkey

Among the EU Member States, statistics are coordinated by Eurostat, the statistical office of the EU, through the European statistical system (ESS). The ESS is based on the harmonisation of statistical concepts, methodologies, definitions and methods, which enable the collection of reliable, robust and comparable statistics among EU Member States, EFTA and enlargement countries.

Reliable and comparable statistics are a precondition for a successful accession process. The EU *acquis* in the field of statistics requires the existence of a statistical infrastructure based on principles such as professional independence, objectivity, impartiality, commitment to quality, reliability, transparency, confidentiality of individual data and equal access of official statistical data for all users. The EU acquis also covers methodology, classifications and procedures for data collection. Little transposition into national legislation is needed, as the majority of the EU acquis takes the form of regulations which are directly applicable in EU Member States.

Official statistics play a triple role in the enlargement process:

- the EU acquis (Chapter 18) defines the harmonisation of statistics with EU standards and rules which have to be achieved in the pre-accession period;
- they serve other EU policy areas by providing data for monitoring changes and assessing the impact of policies chosen;
- they provide statistical indicators for monitoring the implementation of the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) programmes.

Eurostat monitors the compliance of national statistical systems with the EU acquis in the field of statistics. Eurostat also provides technical assistance and support to national statistical authorities and other producers of official statistics. Some instruments — statistical training courses, traineeships, study visits, management training, and participation in meetings within the ESS — aim to reinforce human skills in candidate countries and potential candidates. In addition, Eurostat conducts peer reviews and adapted global assessments of the statistical systems in the candidate countries and potential candidates.

While basic principles and institutional frameworks for producing statistics are already in place, the candidate countries and potential candidates are expected to increase the volume and quality of their data progressively and to transmit these data to Eurostat in the context of the EU's enlargement process. The final objective of the EU in relation to official statistics is to obtain harmonised, high-quality data that conform to both European and international standards. Eurostat collects data on an annual basis and this exercise also provides an opportunity to offer methodological recommendations to candidate countries and potential candidates. Eurostat plays a key role in improving transparency for the candidate countries and potential candidates by publishing data, both in publications such as this one and through its free dissemination database (Eurobase).

For more information, see:

https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained/index.php/Enlargement_policy_and_statistical_cooperation;

https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained/index.php?title=Enlargement_countries_-_statistical_overview

National statistical authorities of the Western Balkans and Turkey

MONTENEGRO

Statistical Office of Montenegro

http://www.monstat.org/eng/

NORTH MACEDONIA

State Statistical Office

http://www.stat.gov.mk/Default_en.aspx

ALBANIA

Institute of Statistics

http://www.instat.gov.al/en/home.aspx

SERBIA

Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia

http://www.stat.gov.rs/en-US/

TURKEY

Turkish Statistical Institute

http://www.turkstat.gov.tr/

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Agency for Statistics of Bosnia and Herzegovina

http://www.bhas.ba/?lang=en

KOSOVO

Kosovo Agency of Statistics

http://ask.rks-gov.net/en/

Sources

The factsheets do not include detailed notes on quality, or on methodological issues. For research or in-depth analysis, users are advised to access directly the data sources listed below and the associated metadata, as well as the dedicated sections and Statistics explained articles on Eurostat's web site:

- Population: demography, population projections, census, asylum & migration
- Labour Market, including Labour Force Survey
- SDG 10 - Reduced inequalities
- GDP per capita, consumption per capita and price level indices

The figures shown in this document are based on statistics extracted in May 2021 from Eurostat's database:

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Data were extracted from the following specific Eurostat datasets:

- Population (demo_pjan)
- Population density (demo_r_d3dens); national data for Bosnia and Herzegovina and Kosovo
- Actual individual consumption per capita in purchasing power standards (prc_ppp_ind); Kosovo not available
- Population pyramid (demo_pjangroup); Bosnia and Herzegovina not available
- Population age structure (demo_pjangroup) ; Bosnia and Herzegovina not available
- Live births and deaths (demo_gind)
- Total fertility rate (demo_frate); Bosnia and Herzegovina not available
- Life expectancy at birth (demo_mlexpec); Bosnia and Herzegovina not available
- Life expectancy at birth and at age 65 (demo_mlexpec); Bosnia and Herzegovina not available
- Median age (demo_pjanind); Bosnia and Herzegovina not available
- Old-age dependency ratio (demo_pjanind); Bosnia and Herzegovina not available
- Household structure (ilc_lvph01 and ilc_lvph03); Bosnia and Herzegovina not available for single households
- Population by education level (edat_lfs_9901); Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Kosovo not available
- Employment rate by age and sex (lfsa_ergan); national data for Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Kosovo
- Status of young adults (18-24 years) (edat_lfse_18); national data for Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Kosovo
- Unemployment rate by age and sex (lfsa_urgan); national data for Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Kosovo
- Unemployment rate by education level and sex (une_educ_a); national data for Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Kosovo

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