

# Progress Toward Gender Equality in Research & Innovation

## Dashboard guidance

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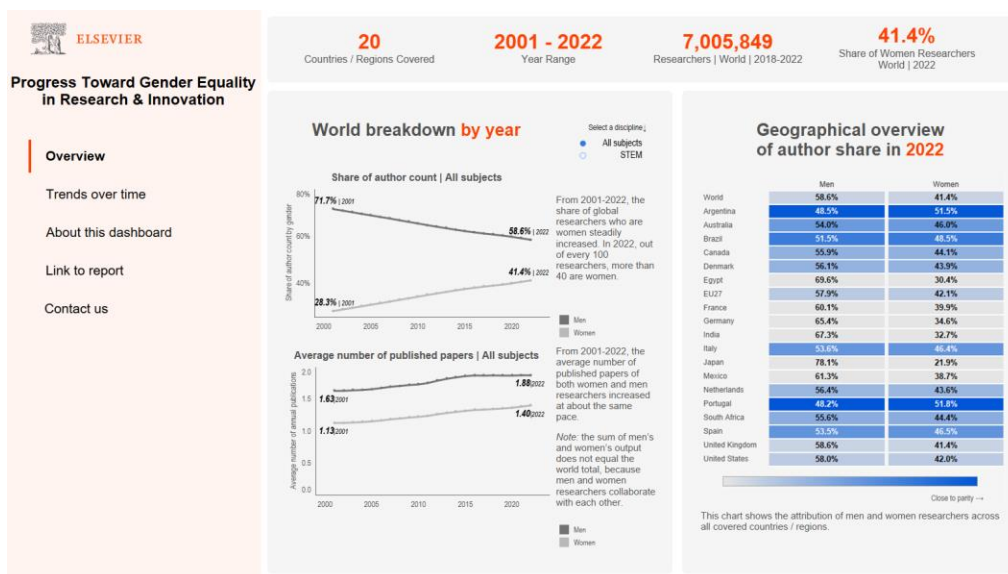
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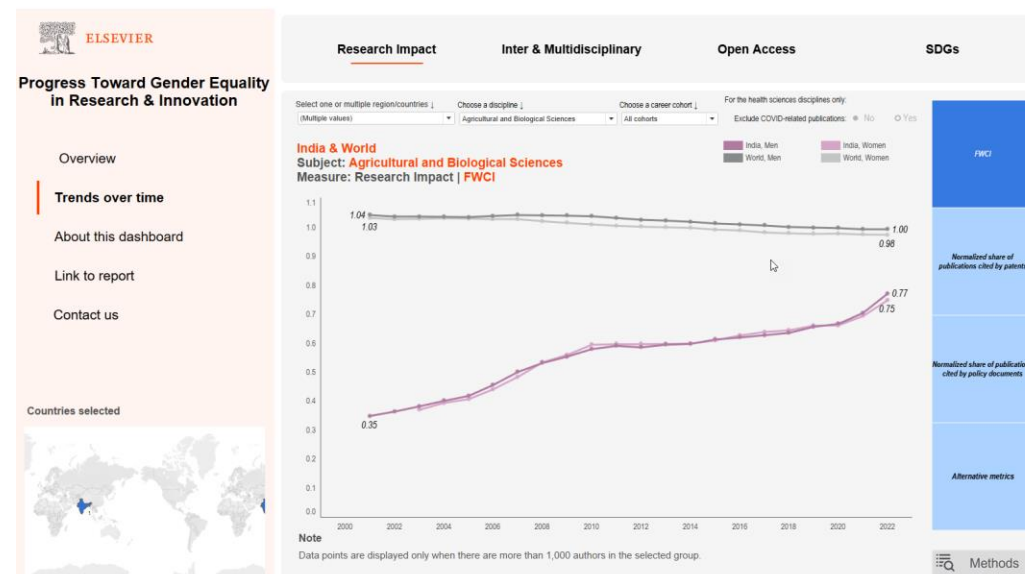
# About the dashboard

- This dashboard tracks progress toward gender parity in scientific research worldwide and provides insights on how gender affects the researcher journey.
- Drawing on robust datasets from 18 countries and the EU-27 and World, this dashboard presents the latest status on gender-based representation by country, seniority cohorts and subject areas.

the dashboard is structured by two major views



**Overview homepage:** provides overview information



**Trends over time tabs:** Provides analytical view over time



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## Overview

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**Note:**  
Parity is 40-60%  
Full parity = 50%

**20**  
Countries / Regions Covered

Click to view All disciplines or  
STEM only; for both *share of  
author count* and *Average  
number of published papers*

**7,005,849**  
Researchers | World | 2018-2022

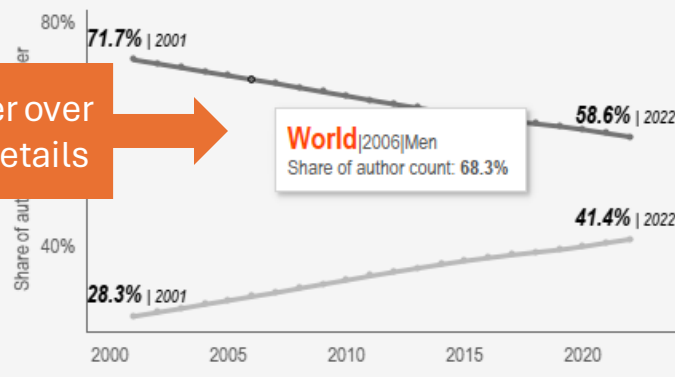
**41.4%**  
Share of Women Researchers  
World | 2022

## World breakdown by year

Select a discipline ↓

- All subjects
- STEM

### Share of author count | All subjects

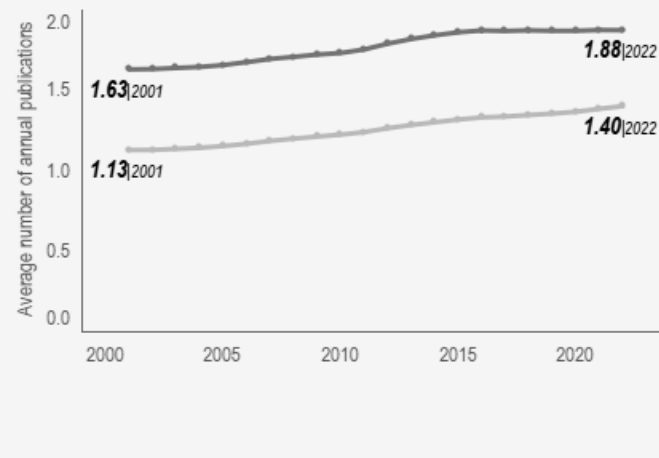


Hover over  
for details

**World** | 2006 | Men  
Share of author count: 68.3%

From 2001-2022, the share of global researchers who are women steadily increased. In 2022, out of every 100 researchers, more than 40 are women.

### Average number of published papers | All subjects



From 2001-2022, the average number of published papers of both women and men researchers increased at about the same pace.

*Note:* the sum of men's and women's output does not equal the world total, because men and women researchers collaborate with each other.

## Geographical overview of author share in 2022

	Men	Women
World	58.6%	41.4%
Argentina	48.5%	51.5%
Australia	54.0%	46.0%
Brazil	51.5%	48.5%
Canada	55.9%	44.1%
Denmark	56.1%	43.9%
Egypt	69.6%	30.4%
EU27	57.9%	42.1%
France	60.1%	39.9%
Germany	65.4%	34.6%
India	67.3%	32.7%
Italy	53.6%	46.4%
Japan	78.1%	21.9%
Mexico	61.3%	38.7%
Netherlands	56.4%	43.6%
Portugal	48.2%	51.8%
South Africa	55.6%	44.4%
Spain	53.5%	46.5%
United Kingdom	58.6%	41.4%
United States	58.0%	42.0%

This chart  
all cover

Static representation data per analyzed  
country/ region.

Close to parity →

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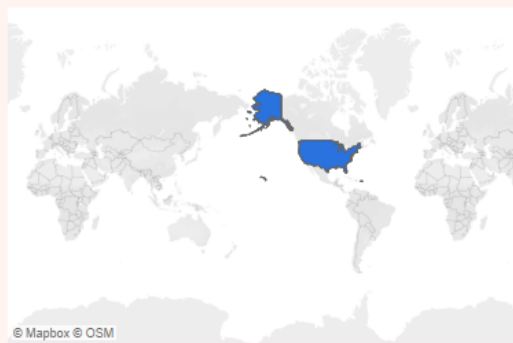
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1. Click tab to view indicators for each category

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EU27, United States, World  
Subject: All subject areas  
Measure: Research Impact | FWCI

Choose a discipline ↓

All subject areas

Choose a career cohort ↓

All cohorts

For the health sciences disciplines only:

Exclude COVID-related publications: ☐ No ☐ Yes

EU27, Men

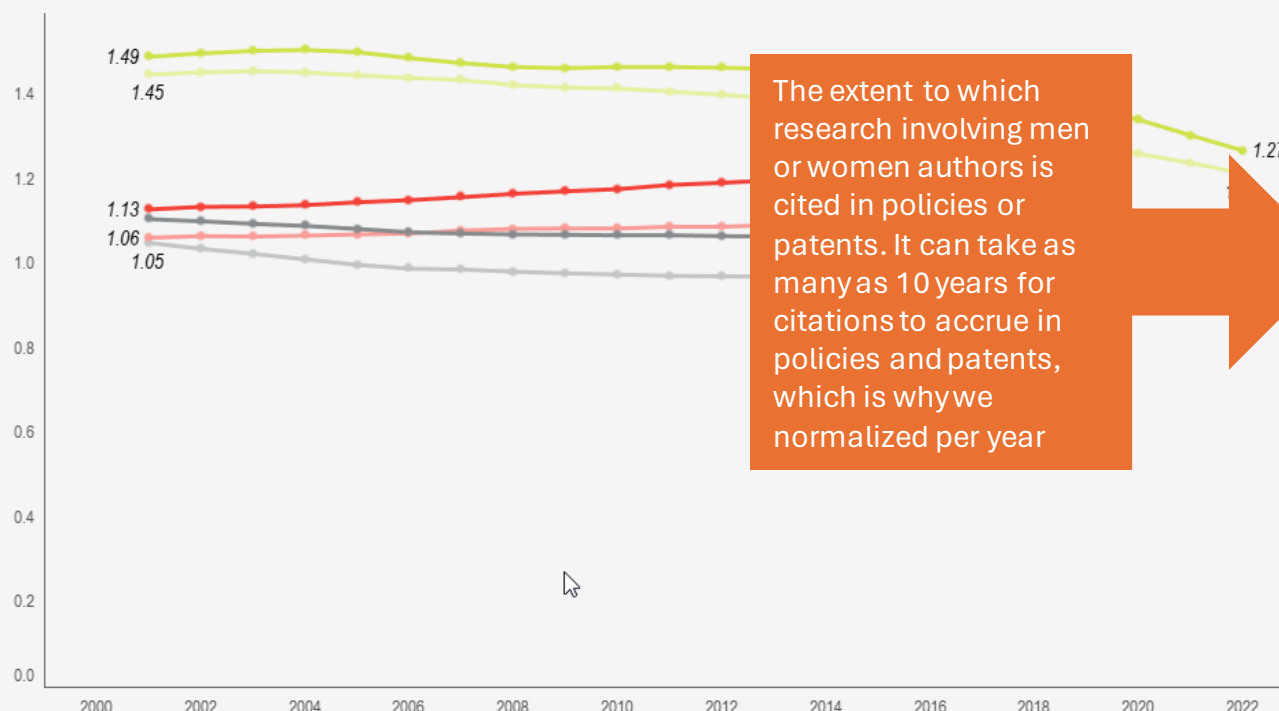
EU27, Women

United States, Men

United States, Women

World, Men

World, Women



The extent to which research involving men or women authors is cited in policies or patents. It can take as many as 10 years for citations to accrue in policies and patents, which is why we normalized per year

2. Explore trends for each indicator

FWCI

Normalized share of publications cited by patents

Normalized share of publications cited by policy documents

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3. More about the indicator definitions and underlying methodology

Note

Data points are displayed only when there are more than 1,000 authors in the selected group.

4. Filter for 1 or more analyzed regions/countries

(Multiple values)

Enter search text

- ☐ (All)
- ☐ Argentina
- ☐ Australia
- ☐ Brazil
- ☐ Canada
- ☐ Denmark
- ☐ Egypt
- ☒ EU27
- ☐ France
- ☐ Germany
- ☐ India
- ☐ Italy
- ☐ Japan
- ☐ Mexico
- ☐ Netherlands
- ☐ Portugal
- ☐ South Africa
- ☐ Spain
- ☐ United Kingdom
- ☒ United States
- ☒ World

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6. Filter for a career cohort

Research Impact

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Select one or multiple region/countries ↓

Choose a discipline ↓

Choose a career cohort ↓

(Multiple values)

Health Sciences

Less than 5 years

For the health sciences disciplines only:

Exclude COVID-related publications: ☒ No ☐ Yes

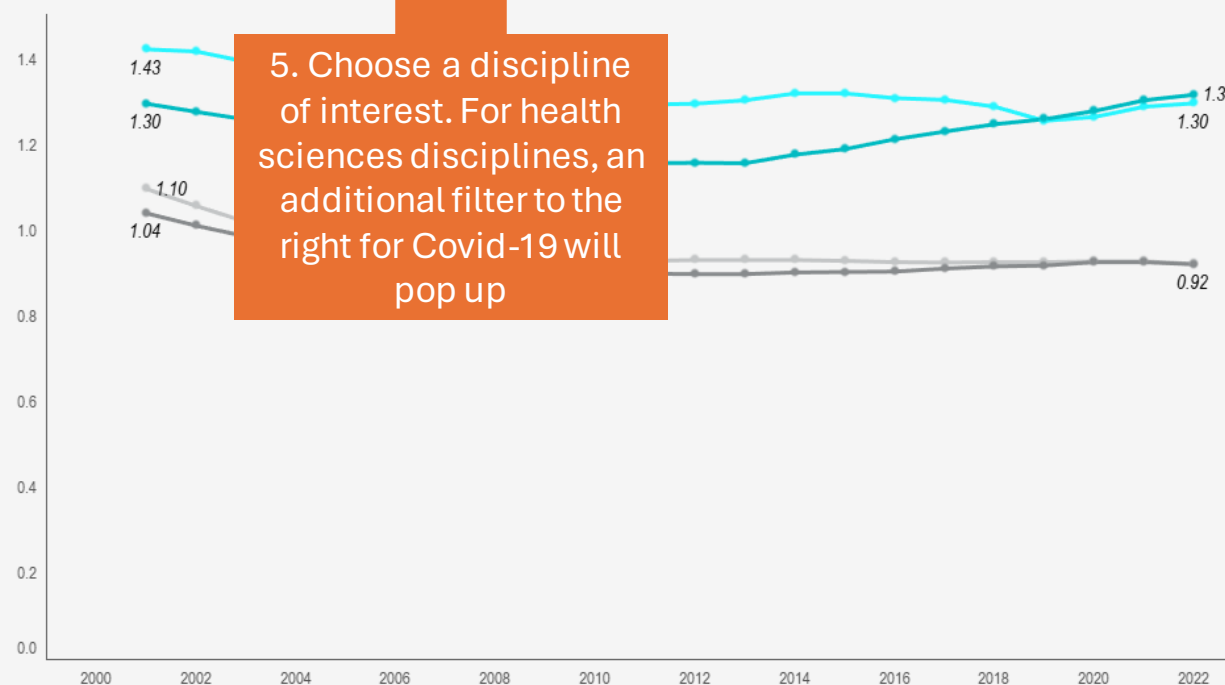
United Kingdom & World

Subject: Health Sciences

Measure: Research Impact | FW

United Kingdom, Men United Kingdom, Women  
World, Men World, Women

5. Choose a discipline of interest. For health sciences disciplines, an additional filter to the right for Covid-19 will pop up



Note

Data points are displayed only when there are more than 1,000 authors in the selected group.

Once Health Sciences or its subfield is selected, you can disentangle the COVID effect by filtering COVID-related publications.

7. For health sciences disciplines only; exclude or include COVID-19 related publications to view the effect of the pandemic on the respective indicators.

Normalized share of publications cited by policy documents

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# The definition of Health Science and it's subdisciplines

We defined health science disciplines by grouping the appropriate subcategories based on the frequency that publications were categorized in overlapping subcategories. For example, we created the subdiscipline “Fertility & Birth” because a high percentage of publications in the subcategory “Obstetrics and Gynecology” were also classified in the subcategory “Reproductive Medicine.” The final selection of research subcategories in medicine is shown here.

Health Science Discipline Name	Subcategories Included
Cancer	Cancer Research Oncology
Cardiology & Pulmonology	Cardiology and Cardiovascular Medicine Pulmonary and Respiratory Medicine
Diabetes & Endocrinology	Endocrinology Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism
Emergency Medicine	Critical Care and Intensive Care Medicine Emergency Medicine
Fertility & Birth	Obstetrics and Gynecology Reproductive Medicine
General Clinical Medicine	General Medicine Family Practice Internal Medicine
Infectious Diseases & Allergy	Immunology and Allergy Infectious Diseases Microbiology (medical)
Pediatrics	Pediatrics, Perinatology and Child Health
Public Health	Epidemiology Health Policy Public Health, Environmental and Occupational Health
Radiology & Imaging	Radiology, Nuclear Medicine and Imaging
Surgery	Surgery





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**Note:** the Alternative metrics page is static because there are less citations in alternative media. Adding filters would make the results less robust

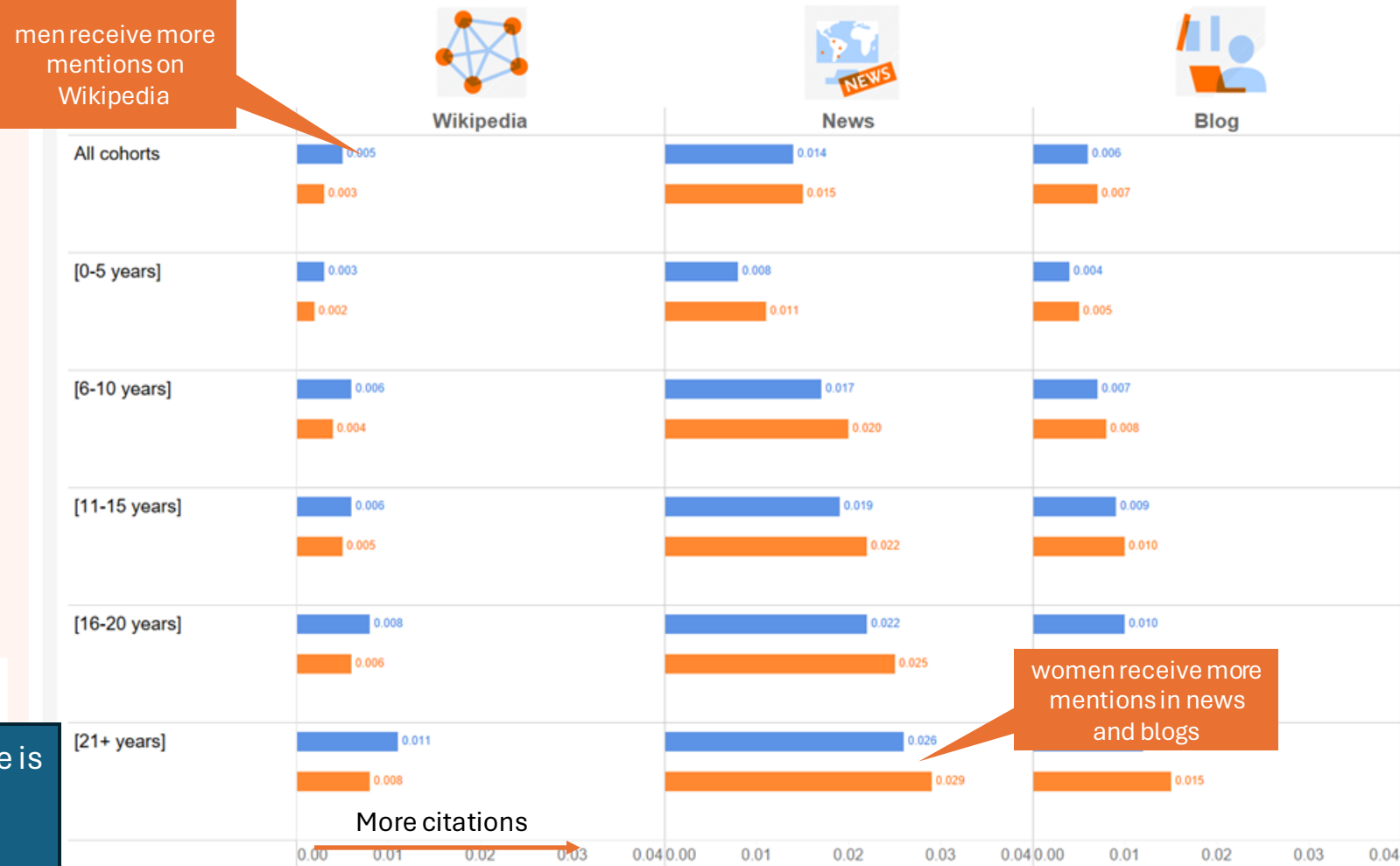
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## Alternative citations from Wikipedia, news and blogs (normalized data)



Men, across all career stages, tend to receive more mentions than women on Wikipedia. Given known gender biases in both contributions and content on Wikipedia (women account for only approximately 10% of all Wikipedia authors, and women require more notoriety to have an individual Wikipedia page), these results are not necessarily surprising either, but no less important.

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Normalized share of  
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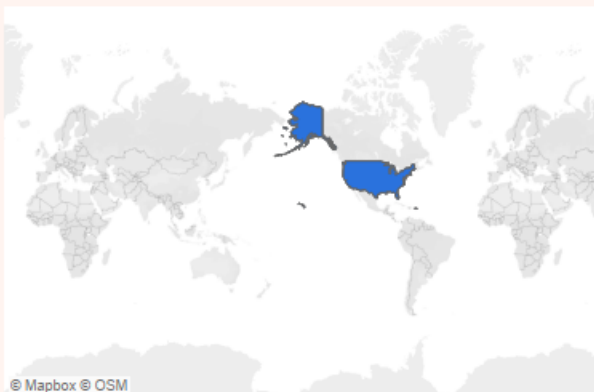
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(Multiple values)

Choose a discipline ↓

All subject areas

Choose a career cohort ↓

All cohorts

For the health sciences disciplines only:

Exclude COVID-related publications: ● No ○ Yes

United States & World

Subject: All subject areas

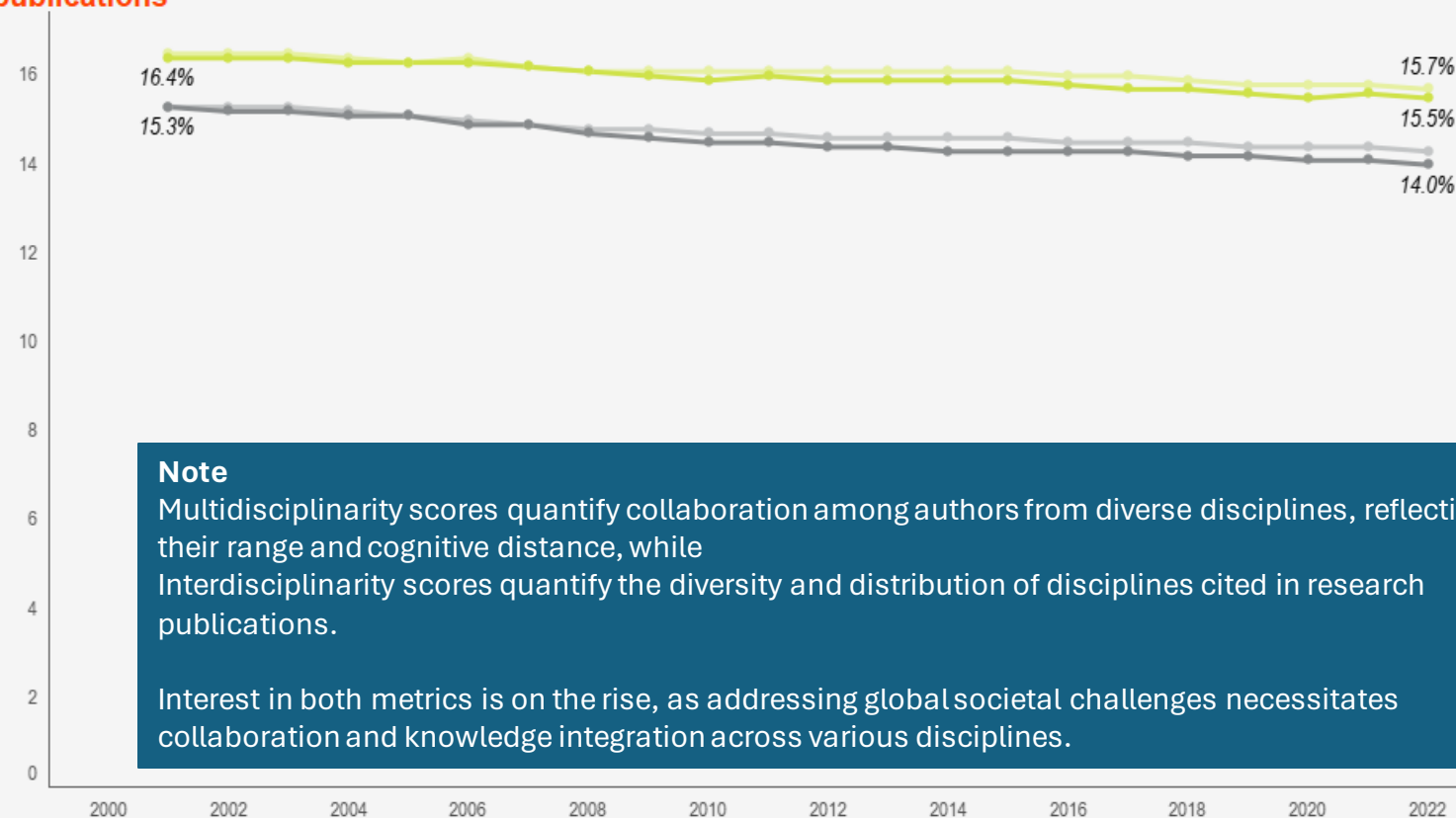
Measure: Inter & Multidisciplinary | Share of highly multidisciplinary publications

United States, Men

World, Men

United States, Women

World, Women



### Note

Multidisciplinary scores quantify collaboration among authors from diverse disciplines, reflecting their range and cognitive distance, while Interdisciplinarity scores quantify the diversity and distribution of disciplines cited in research publications.

Interest in both metrics is on the rise, as addressing global societal challenges necessitates collaboration and knowledge integration across various disciplines.

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Share of highly multidisciplinary publications

Share of highly interdisciplinary publications



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**Note:** the grants indicator page is static because not all countries have been included in this analysis. SciVal has additional information.

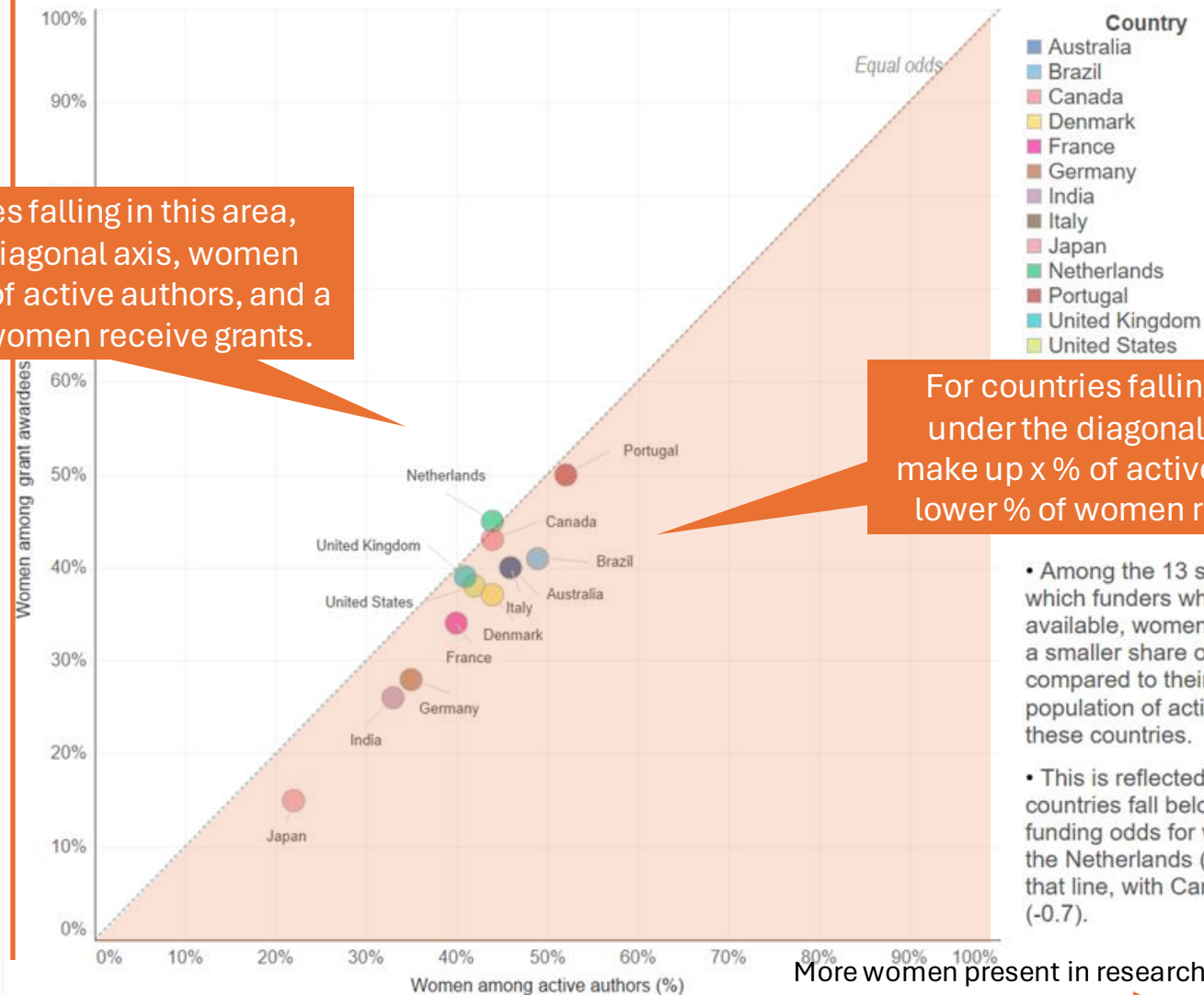
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### Comparison of the share women grant awardees with their share among active authors, 2018–2022



Share of Gold publications

Share of Bronze publications

Share of Green publications

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Open access has been at the heart of research dissemination for decades and has gained traction around the world. Researchers and publishers are adapting practices to align with open access policies at institutional and governmental levels.

**Note:** Like multidisciplinary, interdisciplinarity, policy citations, patent citations, alternative metrics and alignment with the SDGs, OA is viewed as one of the metrics that indicate (readiness for) societal impact.

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(Multiple values)

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Choose a career cohort ↓

All cohorts

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India & World

Subject: All subject areas

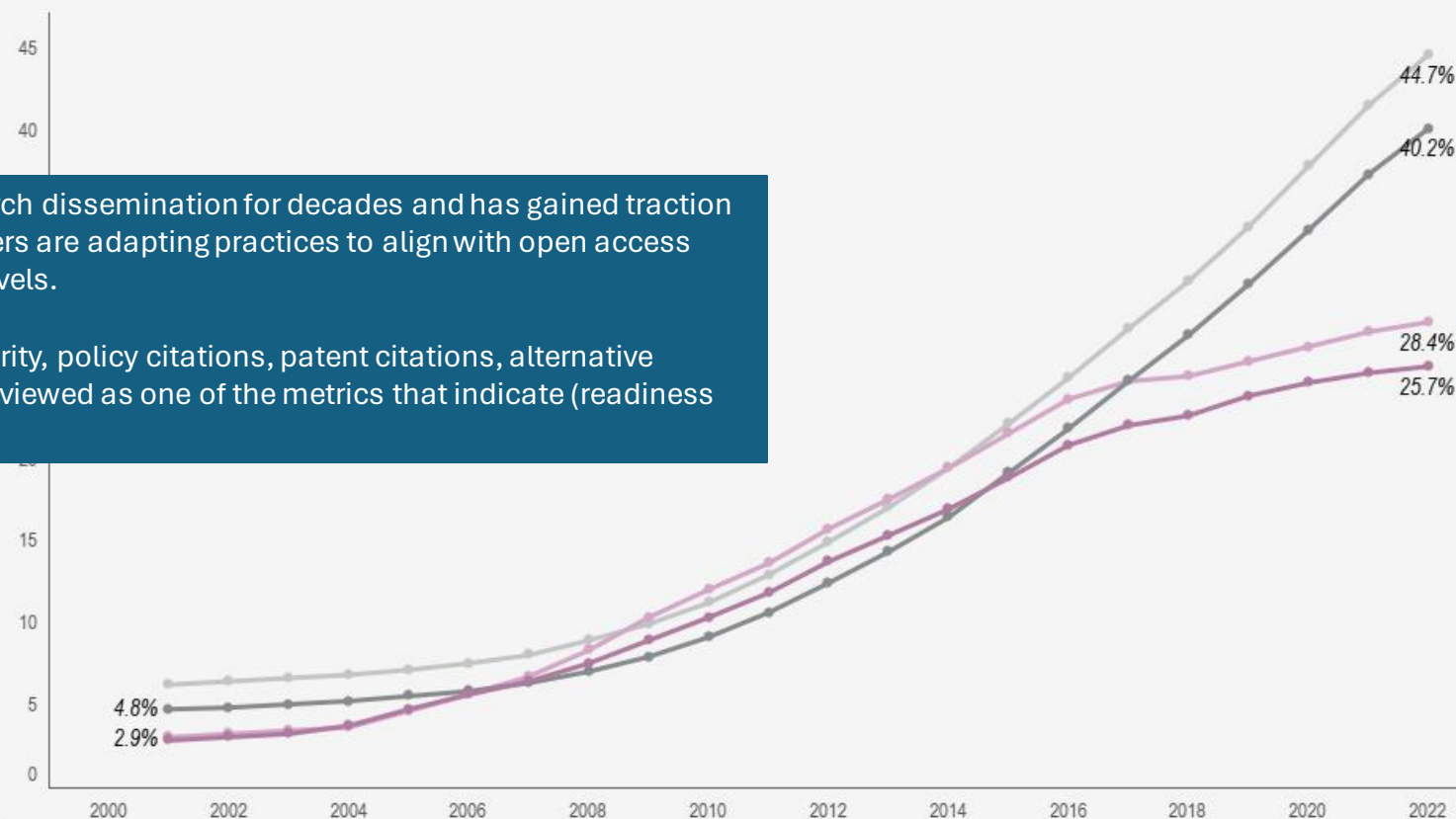
Measure: Open Access | Share of Gold publications

India, Men

World, Men

India, Women

World, Women



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**Note:** the SDGs indicator page is static because the SDGs do not combine well with the disciplines filter (too much overlap).

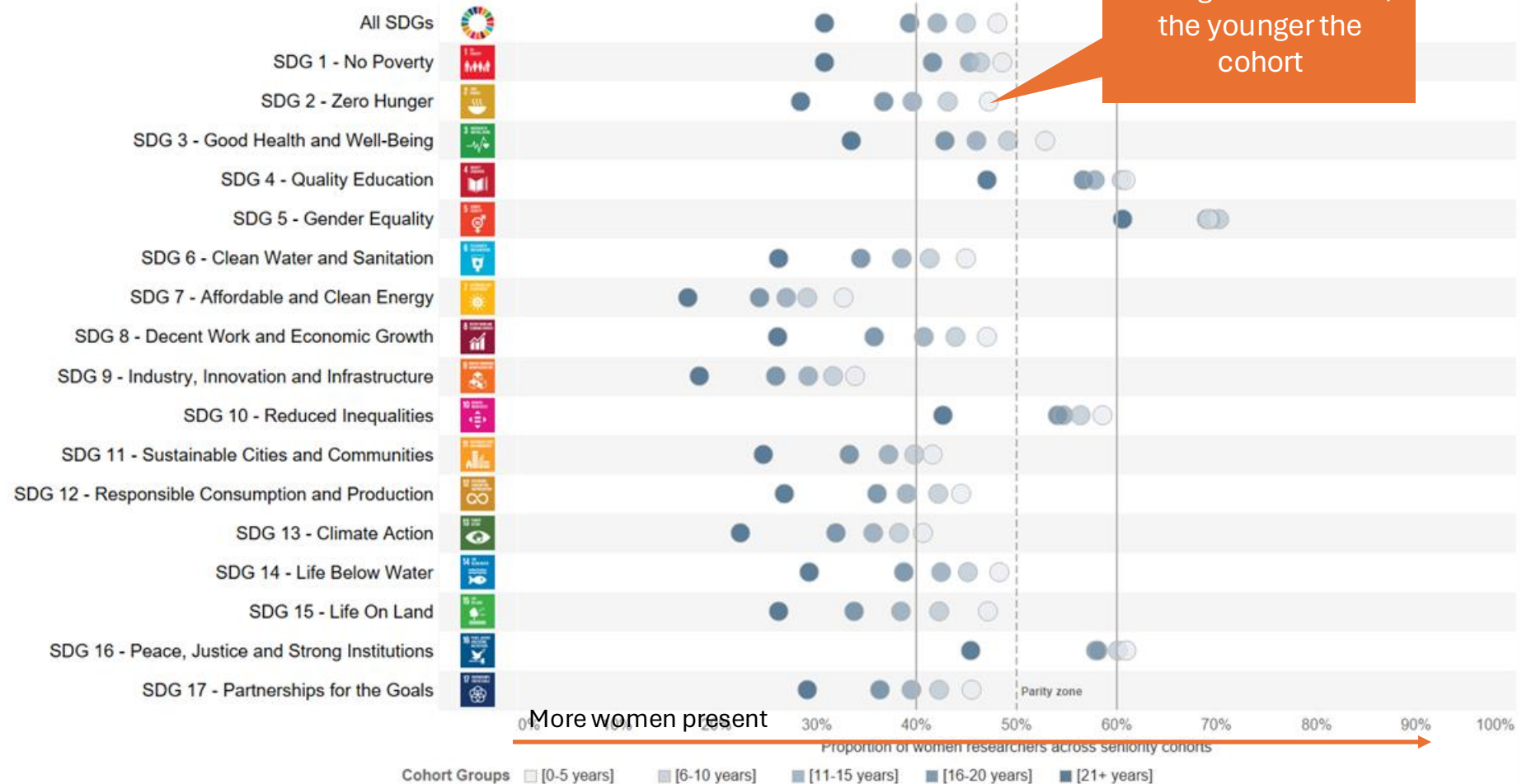
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### Cohort analysis for the share of women authors across SDGs



- Women are well represented across all cohorts for SDG 4 – Quality Education, SDG 5 – Gender equality, SDG 10 – Reduced Inequalities, and SDG 16 – Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions.
- Women are heavily underrepresented in SDG 7 – Affordable and Clean Energy, SDG 9 – Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure, and SDG 13 – Climate Action.
- Earlier career women researchers show somewhat comparable representation to men across 13 of the SDGs; this is not true for senior women researchers, highlighting how critical it will be to have policies in place to retain earlier-career women in these areas to have greater parity in the future.

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