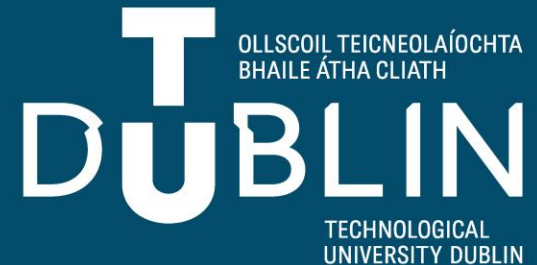


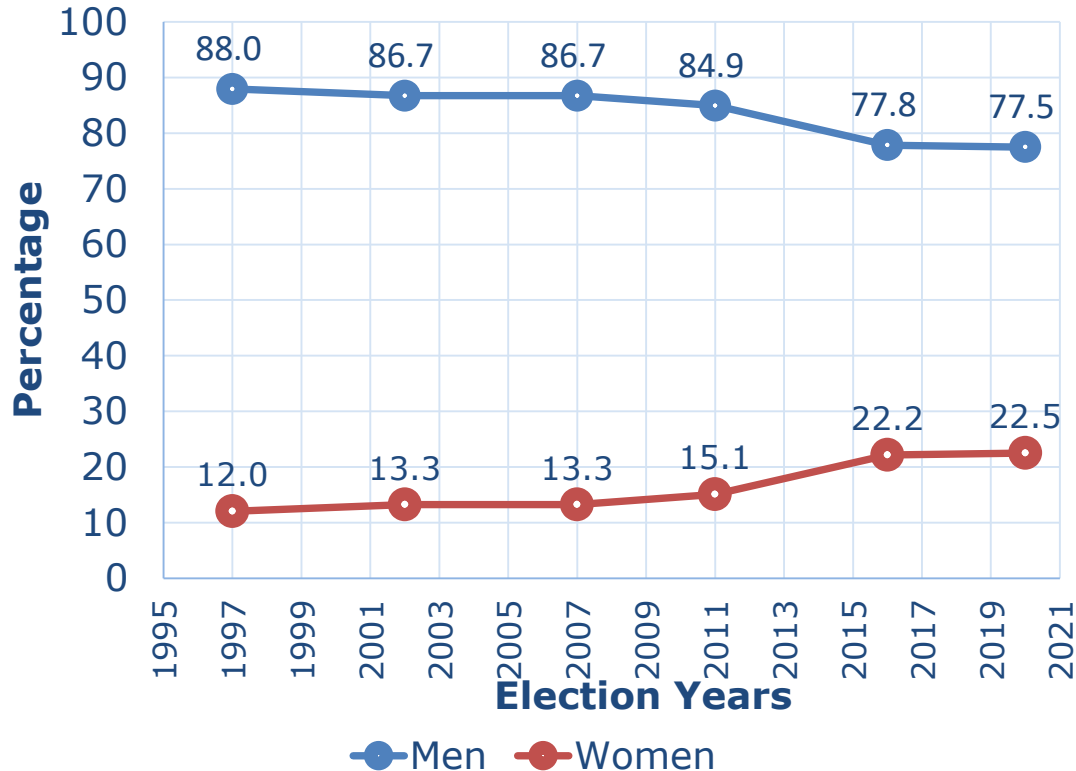
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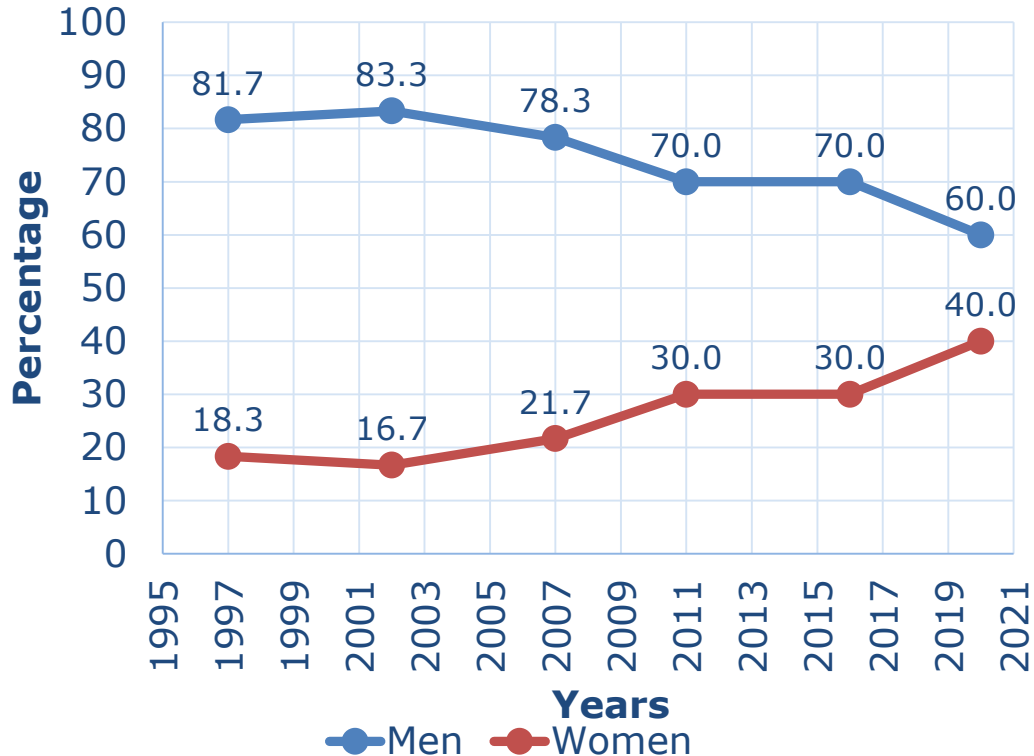
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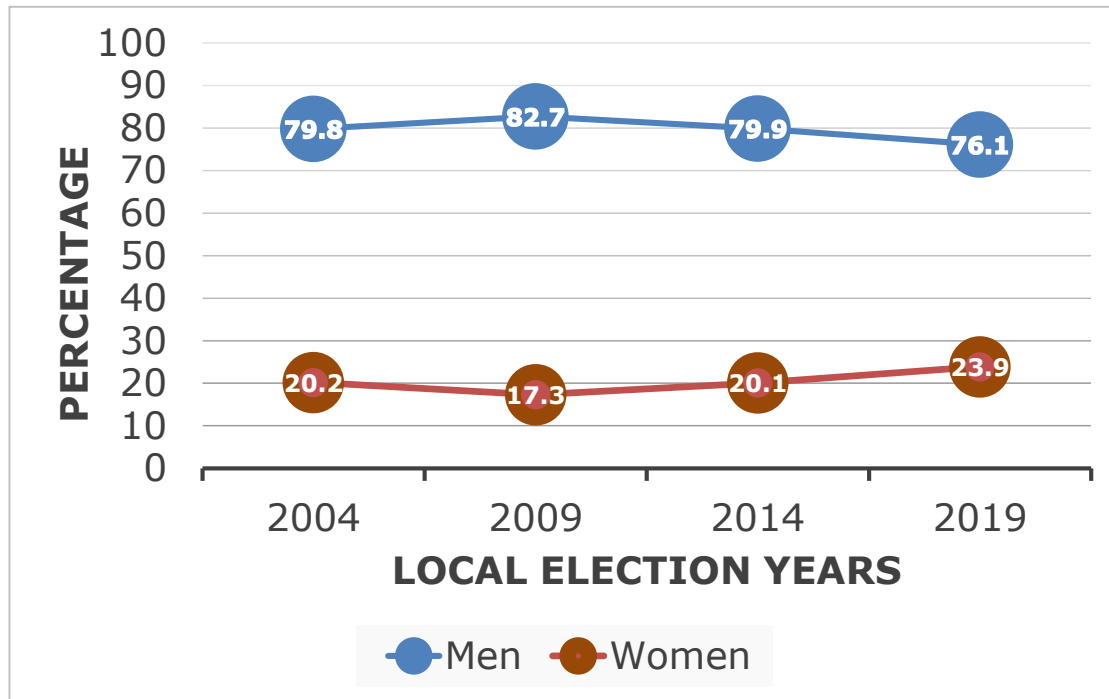
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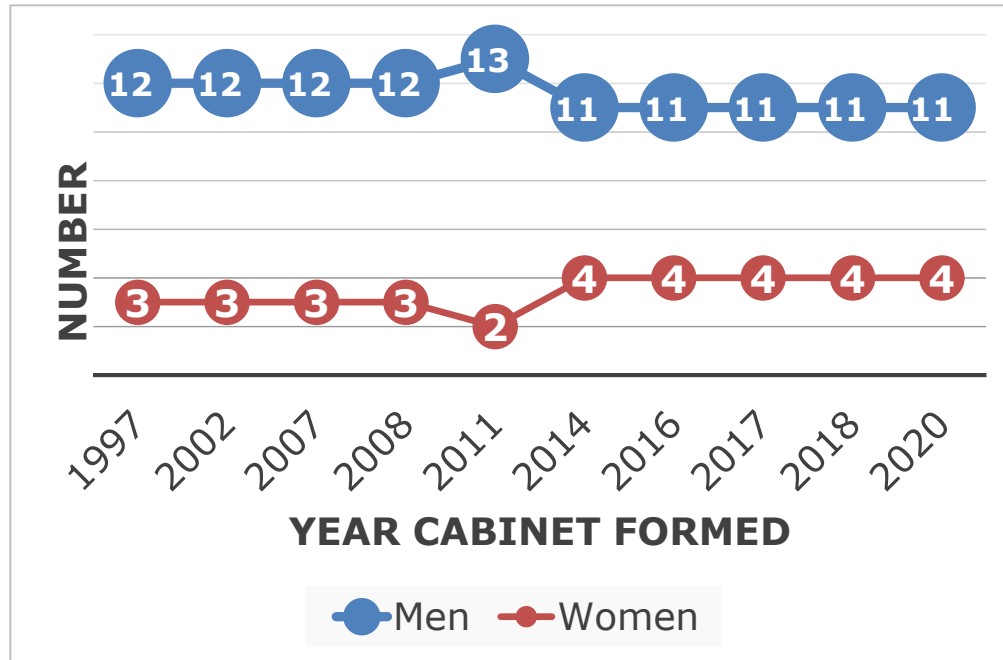
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# Local Councillors by gender, 2004-2019 (%)



# Cabinet gender profile, 1997-2020 (number of full ministers)





## Female Representation in Politics in Ireland

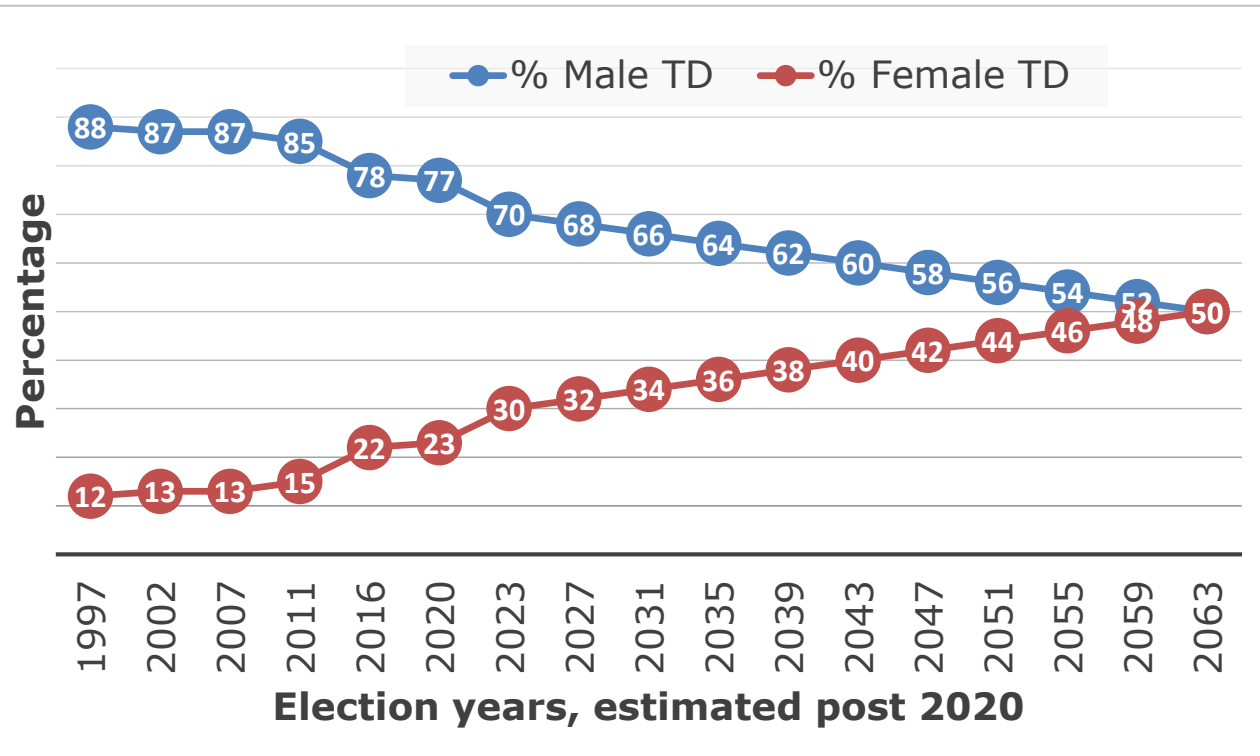
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# Why more women in political leadership matters

- Strengthens democracy
- Challenges stereotypes
- Better laws and policies



# Estimated time to achieve a gender-equal Dáil





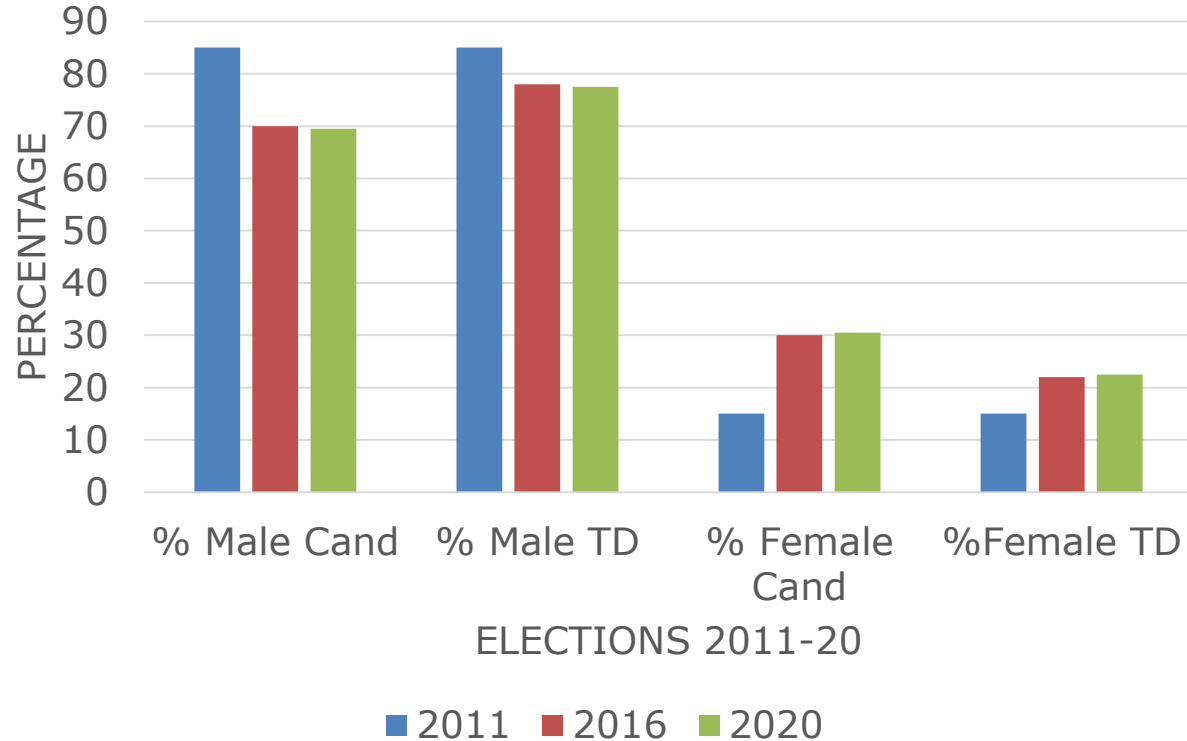
# Ireland's record compared with other countries

Sweden	47%
South Africa	47%
Switzerland	42%
New Zealand	41%
United Kingdom	34%
Canada	29%
USA	23%
Ireland	23%

More information at the InterParliamentary Union website:

<https://data.ipu.org/women-ranking?month=8&year=2020>

# Candidates and TDs by gender, 2011-2020



# Possible measures to improve women's political representation

1. Extend quota to local government elections.
2. Increase quota to 50% for local and national elections
3. Require parties to spend a certain amount of their public funding on gender equality
4. Withhold some public funds from parties for a dedicated fund to which parties must apply.



