

The situation of young people in the European Union - EU Youth report 2024

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Text for the website:

'The situation of young people in the European Union', a companion to the newly released EU Youth Report 2024, offers a concise yet comprehensive overview of the main challenges and trends shaping the lives of young people across the EU.

Covering a wide range of topics, including employment, social inclusion, political engagement, mobility, digitalisation, and environmental activism, the study highlights the key trends and challenges influencing the lives of young people across the EU today.

Key findings include:

- Youth participation in society, particularly through volunteering and civic activities, along with their perceptions of the European Union.
- Trends in employment and education, highlighting youth unemployment rates and the obstacles encountered by young people who are not in employment, education or training (NEET).
- The effects of green and digital transitions on the skills and prospects of young people.
- Mental health and well-being, focusing on the pressures faced by young individuals in the contemporary world.

Based on data from Eurostat, Eurobarometer surveys, and the Youth Wiki, the report focuses primarily on young people aged 15 to 29, with slight variations depending on data availability.

This publication is a valuable resource for policymakers, researchers, and youth organisations, supporting evidence-based decisions to improve the lives of young people across Europe.

Don't miss the accompanying infographic, which visually presents the report's key findings at a glance.

Newsletter:

How are young people navigating the realms of education, employment, social inclusion, and political engagement? "The situation of young people in the European Union," a companion to the recently released EU Youth Report 2024, offers a clear, precise and visual overview of the challenges and opportunities shaping the lives of young people in the European Union today.

Highlighting key findings you will discover:

Youth involvement in society and civic engagement.

Emerging trends in employment, education, and digital skill development.

The pivotal role of young people in the green transition.

Challenges to mental health and well-being.

Based on data from Eurostat, Eurobarometer surveys, and the Youth Wiki, this report focuses mainly on young individuals aged 15 to 29. It provides vital insights for policymakers, researchers, and youth organizations dedicated to creating a brighter future for young Europeans.

Explore and download the report here, together with its infographic that visually outlines its main findings for a quick reference and easy understanding!

Social media (each copy goes with the infographic's corresponding image)

1) Youth Demographics

Let's guess together: at what age do young people leave the parental home?

On average, at 26 years old with women leaving earlier (25) than men (27). What is the trend in your country and based on your experience? Tell us here in the comments section!

Discover more in the report "The situation of young people in Europe – Youth report 2024": <https://europa.eu/!BBq6vN>

2) Youth Participation

Over 70% of young people in the EU voted in recent elections, and 42% consider that voting in the European elections is highly important! Almost 60% of young Europeans (15-24) have a positive perception of the EU.

But what do you think influences their trust in the EU? Share your views with us! Check out for some deeper insights the report “The situation of young people in Europe – Youth report 2024”: <https://europa.eu/!BBq6vN>

3) Youth Employment & Entrepreneurship

More than 1 in 10 young people (15 - 29) is not in employment, education, or training (NEET). Meanwhile, 6% of working youth are self-employed.

What policies can better support young Europeans entering the workforce? To get an overview about this issue, have a look at our study “The situation of young people in Europe”: link

You will see that about half of EU youth is active on the labour market. The highest shares of active young people (i.e. both the employed and the unemployed) are recorded in Denmark, Malta, the Netherlands and Austria (between 70% and 85%). In contrast, Bulgaria, Italy and Romania report the lowest (around 40%).

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4) Youth Mobility

Youth mobility is the at the heart of the european project!

43% of young Europeans have participated in an activity in another EU country, such as studying, training, working, or volunteering.

But what holds other young people back?

- 37% cite financial constraints

- 19% lack information on opportunities

- 15% feel their foreign language skills are insufficient

What is your experience? Tell us here in the comments and have a look at the infographic showing the “The situation of young people in Europe – EU Youth report 2024”: <https://europa.eu/!BBq6vN>

5) Digital Skills & Disinformation

Did you know that 95% of young people are aware of being exposed to disinformation and fake news? Nowadays it's more important than ever to boost

critical thinking and media literacy, but this data is encouraging! It shows that young people are becoming more aware of the risks online and that they approach the digital world with confidence.

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6) Climate Change & Youth Activism

Young people rank climate change as the most serious problem facing the world. In 2013, 43% of young people expected the EU to tackle climate change. By 2023, this number grew to 61%.

Meanwhile, youth participation in climate action has risen from 35% to 59% in just a decade!

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7) Education & Language Skills

58% of young people say learning another language helps them work in another country. What are the other benefits? Young people say the possibility to study in another country and get to know other cultures.

What about you? How has learning another language impacted your life? Share your experiences in the comments!

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8) Mental Health & Well-being

Almost 1 in 2 young people (46%) experienced emotional or psychosocial challenges in the past year.

Despite this, young people remain resilient:

42% feel hopeful

37% feel motivated

34% feel confident

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#MentalHealthMatters #YouthWellbeing #EUYouth

9) Social Inclusion & Poverty

1 in 4 young people is at risk of poverty or social exclusion.

Young people with lower education are particularly vulnerable:

36% of those with low education face poverty risks, compared to 20% of those with higher education. The good news is that in about one third of Member States, the share of young people at risk of poverty while working has decreased between 2020 and 2023.

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10) Youth Work & Digitalisation

Most EU Member States have set up mechanisms to assure the quality of youth work, and the majority supports youth work digitalisation.

Youth work is a practice that supports young people's personal, social, and educational development through non-formal learning, fostering social inclusion, and active participation in society.

Do you have any experience with youth work? How did this practice empower you? Tell us here!

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Text for the press:

We are pleased to announce the release of "The situation of young People in Europe," a study that complements the newly published EU Youth Report 2024. This study offers an in-depth and accurate perspective on the realities confronting young people across the European Union, highlighting critical trends, challenges, and opportunities influencing their lives.

It spans key topics such as education, employment, social inclusion, mobility, digitalization, political engagement, and the green transition.

Key findings include:

Youth Participation: More than 70% of young Europeans report participating in elections, with many actively involved in volunteering and civic initiatives.

Education & Employment: Despite 40% of young people attaining tertiary education, youth unemployment continues to pose challenges, with 10% remaining without work.

Mental Health & Well-being: Almost half of young individuals report emotional or psychosocial issues within the past year, emphasizing the urgent need for targeted support.

Digital & Green Transition: Young people identify climate change as a top global concern and are increasingly getting involved in actions against climate change.

This report is a resource for journalists seeking empirical and fact-based insights on the above-mentioned topics.

You can access the full report here: <https://europa.eu/!BBq6vN>

Additionally, we've included an infographic that visually outlines the study's main findings for quick reference.