

The situation of young people in the European Union

EU Youth Report 2024 - Infographic

73 million

of young people live in the EU



16% of people
in the EU

are between 15 and
29 years of age

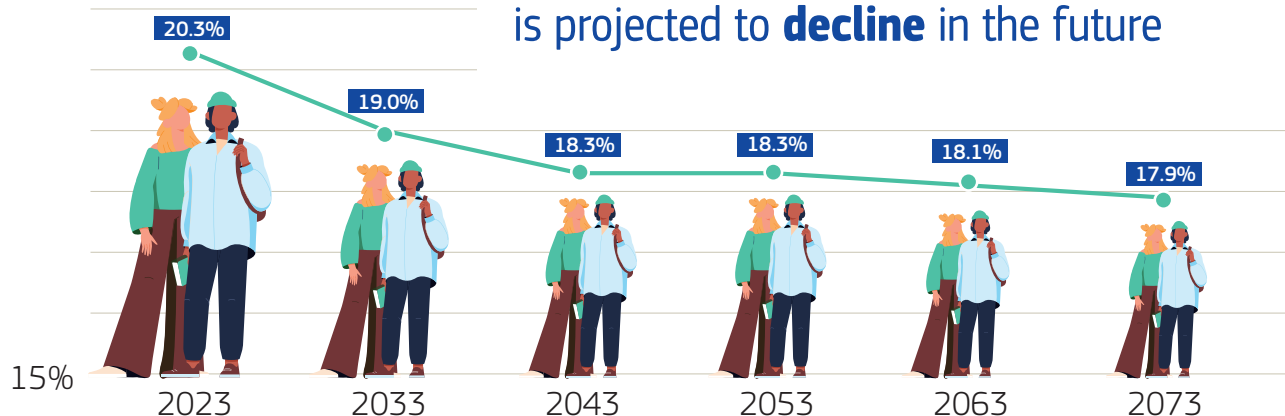


Source: [Eurostat, 2023](#)

22%

Child and youth population (0-19 years)

is projected to **decline** in the future



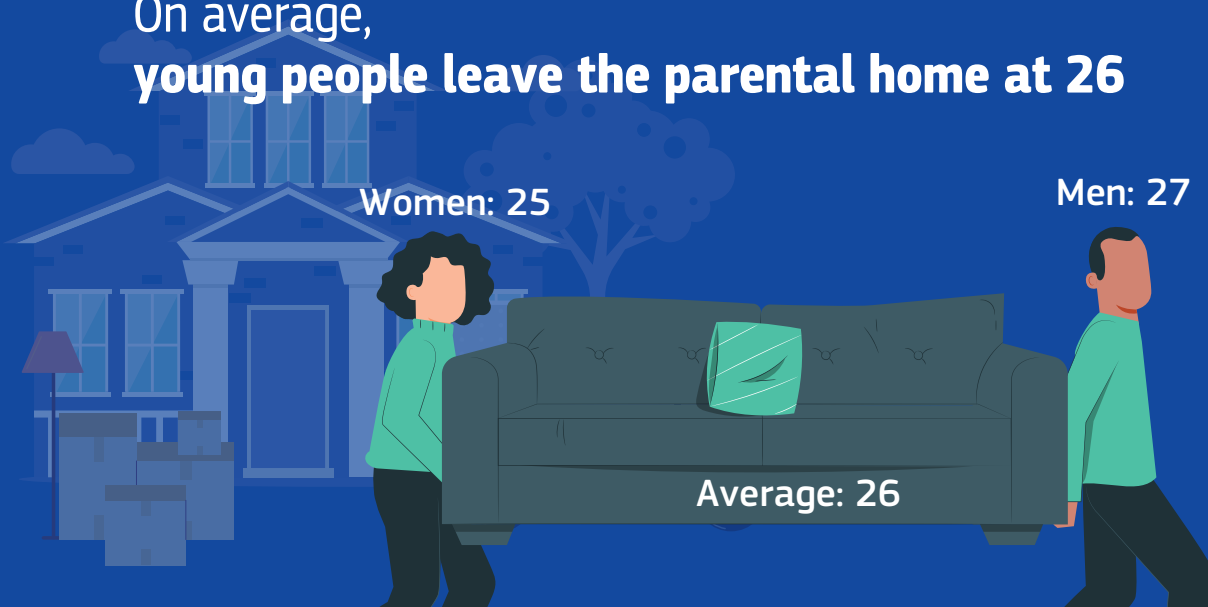
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On average,
young people leave the parental home at 26

Women: 25

Men: 27

Average: 26

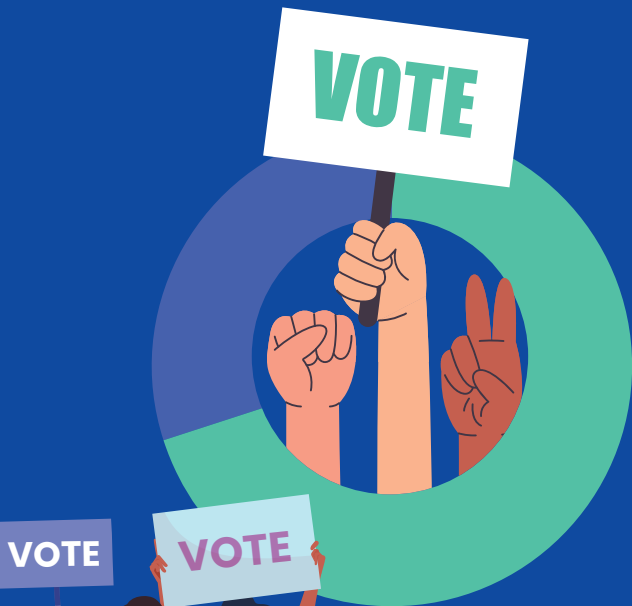


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Youth participation



Over 70%
of young Europeans
(15–24) declare that they
**have voted in recent
elections**



**42% of
young people
(15–24) consider
voting in European
elections as highly
important**

Source: [Eurobarometer](#), 2023



Almost
**60% of young Europeans
(15–24) trust and have a
positive perception of the EU**

Source: [Eurobarometer](#), 2023



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Youth employment and entrepreneurship

More than **one in ten** young people (15-29) is **not in employment, education or training (NEET)**



Source: [Eurostat](#), 2023



6% of working young people (15-29) are **self-employed**

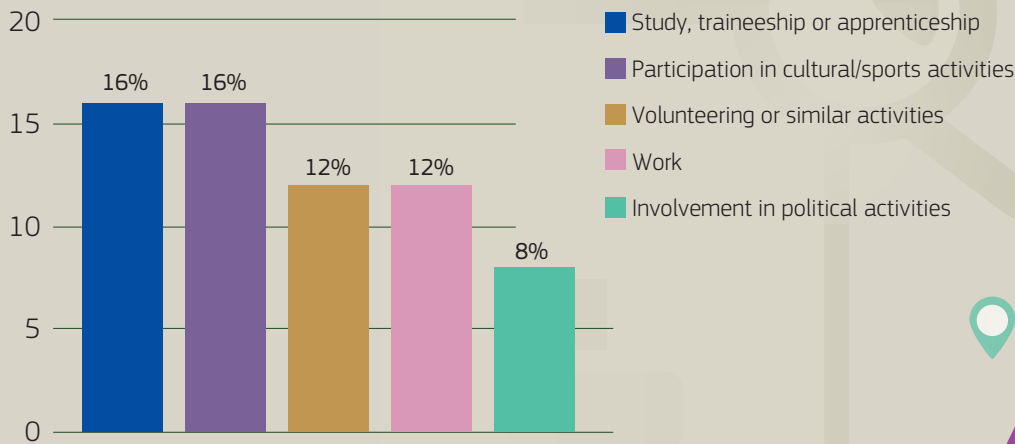
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Youth mobility

43% of young people participate in one or more **activities in another Member State**



Source: Eurobarometer, 2024

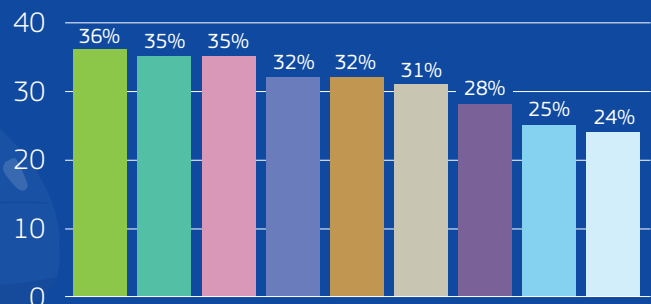
Main reasons
for young people (15–30)
not to participate
in activities in another
Member State

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- Lack of financial means (37%)
 - Lack of interest (28%)
 - Lack of information on possibilities to go abroad (19%)
 - Lack of independence to go abroad for a longer period (17%)
 - Insufficient foreign language skills (15%)
 - Lack of opportunities abroad that match interests (14%)

Source: Eurobarometer, 2024

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- Stronger awareness of other cultures and values
 - Increased interest in foreign languages
 - Increased self-confidence
 - Increased knowledge of other European countries
 - Increased interest in living in another European country
 - Increased ability to adapt better to new situations in the future
 - More possibilities of making friends
 - Increased interest in European topics
 - Stronger feeling of being European

Main positive outcomes
of an experience in another Member State



Source: Eurobarometer, 2024

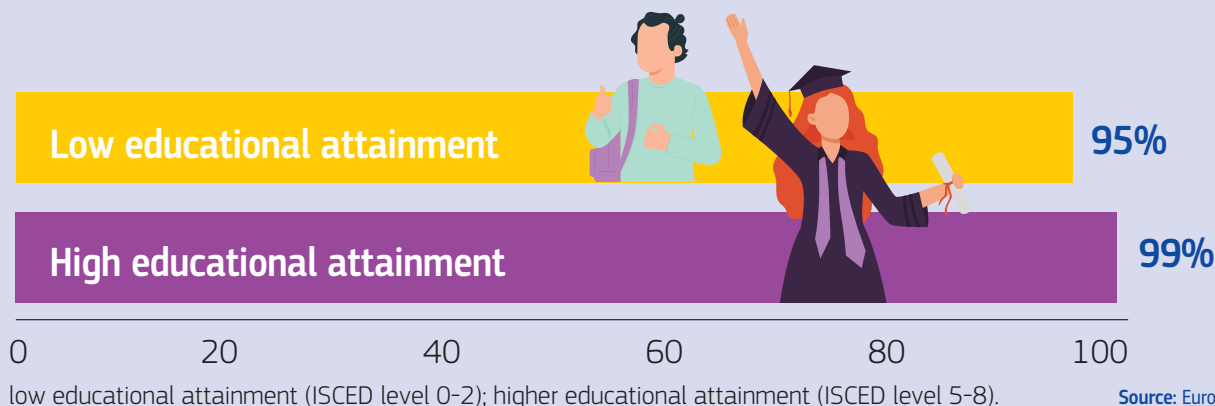


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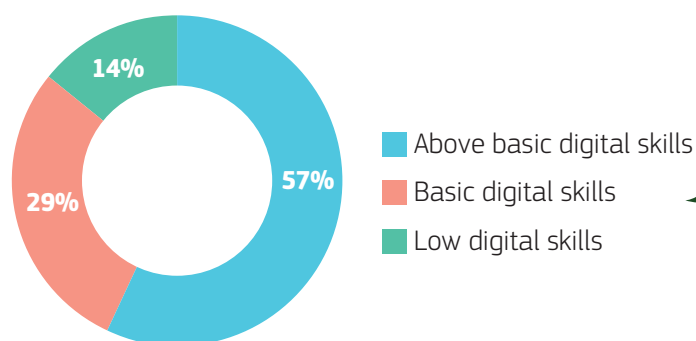
Young people in the digital society

The share of daily internet users (16-29)

is **higher among highly educated young people** than among those with a lower educational background

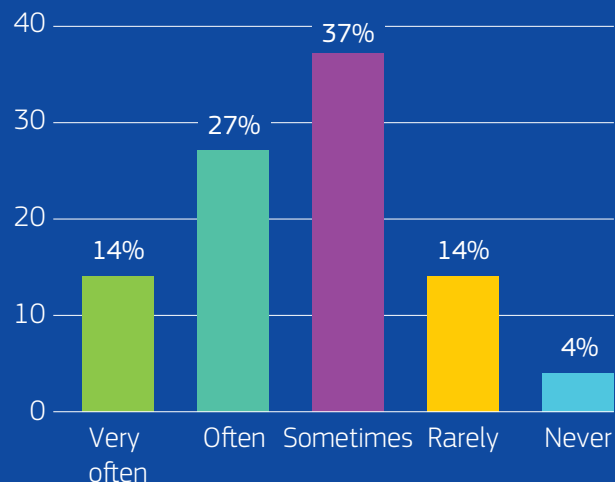


Almost two thirds of young people (16-29) with a **high level of formal education** have **above basic digital skills**



Source: Eurostat, 2023

Many young people (15-24) are aware of being **exposed to disinformation and fake news**



Source: Eurobarometer, 2023

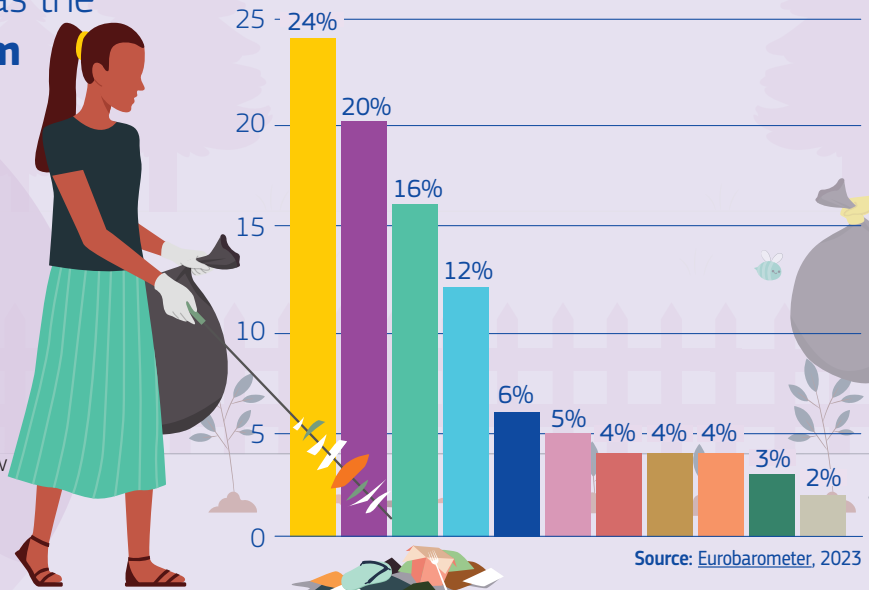


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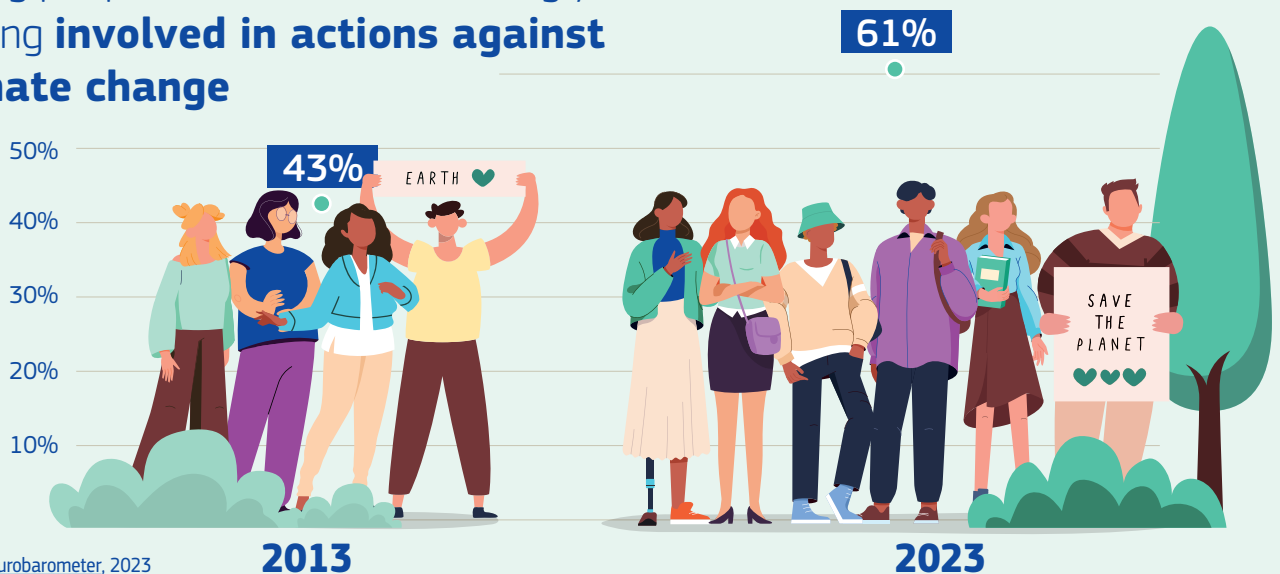
Young people and climate change

Young people (15-24) rank **climate change** as the **most serious problem** facing the world

- Climate change
- Poverty, hunger and lack of drinking water
- Armed conflicts
- The economic situation
- Deterioration of nature
- The increasing global population
- International terrorism
- Proliferation of nuclear weapons
- Deterioration of democracy and rule of law
- Spread of infectious diseases
- Health problems due to pollution



Young people (15-24) are increasingly getting **involved in actions against climate change**



2013
35%

2023
59%

A growing share of young people look to the **European Union to tackle climate change**

Source: Eurobarometer, 2023



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Youth education and learning

In 2023, **43%** of young people **completed upper secondary and post-secondary non-tertiary education**

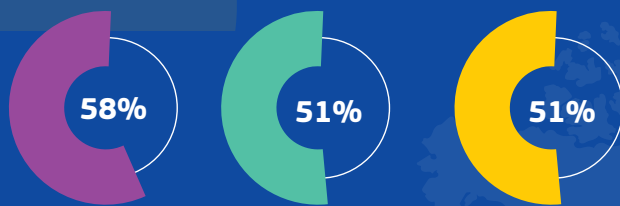


More young men leave early education and training compared to young women

women: 8%

EU average: 10%

men: 11%



Main advantages
of learning another
language according to
young people

- work in another country
- study in another country
- understand people from other cultures

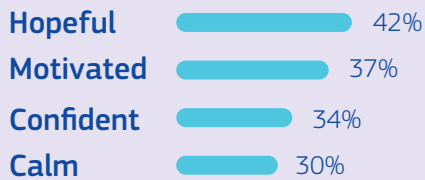
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Young people's health and wellbeing

The **top ranked feelings** expressed by young people (15-24) are **positive**



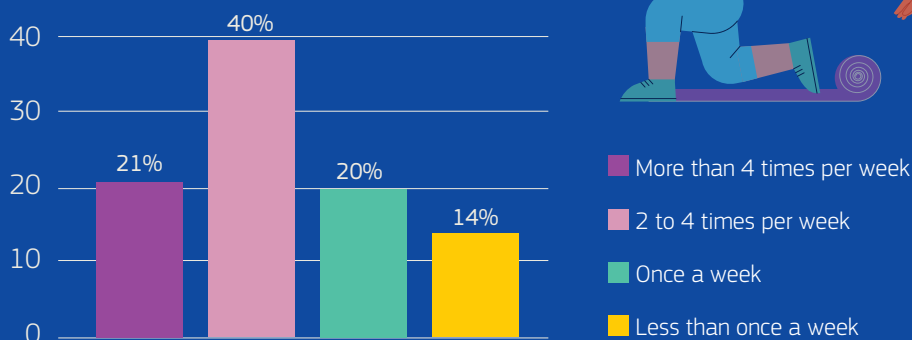
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Almost 1 in 2 young people (46%) experienced **emotional or psychosocial problems** in the previous 12 months

Source: [Eurobarometer](#), 2023

More than 80% of young people (15–30) report **exercising at least once a week**



Source: [Eurobarometer](#), 2023



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Youth social inclusion

One quarter

of young people (15-29)
are at **risk of poverty
and social exclusion**

Source: Eurostat, 2023



Lower education increases the risk of poverty and social exclusion

Share of young people at risk of poverty and social exclusion



Source: Eurostat, 2023



Almost 1 in 10
young people aged 16-29
is at risk of **poverty
while working**

Source: Eurostat, 2023



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Youth work

Most countries have
**quality assurance
systems** in youth work



Source: [Youth Wiki](#), 2023

The majority of countries support the
digitalisation of youth work



Source: [Youth Wiki](#), 2023



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