# Young people in Europe



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### Young? Who?

Europe's Young People: Europe's Future? Youth is the time of life between childhood and adulthood. Young people are defined to be between 15 and 29 years old. It is also defined as "freshness, vigor and spirit". Youth is an experience that may shape an individual level of dependency, which can be marked in various ways according to different cultures.

# Definitions in the world

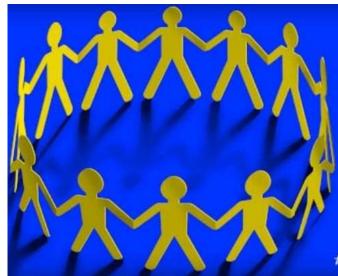


Around the world, the English terms youth, teenager and young person are interchanged, often meaning the same thing, but they are occasionally differentiated. Youth can be referred as the time of life, when the person is young. This involves childhood and the time of life, which is neither childhood or adulthood, but rather somewhere in between.

#### Youth right

Children's right cover all the rights that belong to children. When they grow up they are granted with new rights, like voting, consent, driving and duties, like criminal response. There are different minimum limits of age at which youth are not free, independent or legally competent to take some decisions or actions. Some of these limits are voting age, age of candidacy, age of consent, age of majority, age of criminal responsibility, drinking age, driving age, etc. After youth reach these limits they are free to vote, have sexual intercourse, buy or consume alcohol beverages or drive cars, etc.







## Voting age

Voting age is the minimum age established by law that a person must attain to be eligible to vote in a public election. Typically, the age is set at 18 years. Studies show that 21% of all 18 year olds have experience with voting. This is an important right since, by voting they can support politics selected by themselves and not only by people of older generations.

## **Drinking age**

The legal drinking age is the age at which a person can consume or purchase alcoholic beverages. These laws cover a wide range of issues and behaviors, addressing when and where alcohol can be consumed. The minimum age alcohol can be legally consumed can be different from the age when it can be purchased in some countries. These laws vary among different countries and many laws have exemptions or special circumstances. Most laws apply only to drinking alcohol in public places, with alcohol consumption in the home being mostly unregulated. Some countries also have different age limits for different types of alcoholic drinks.

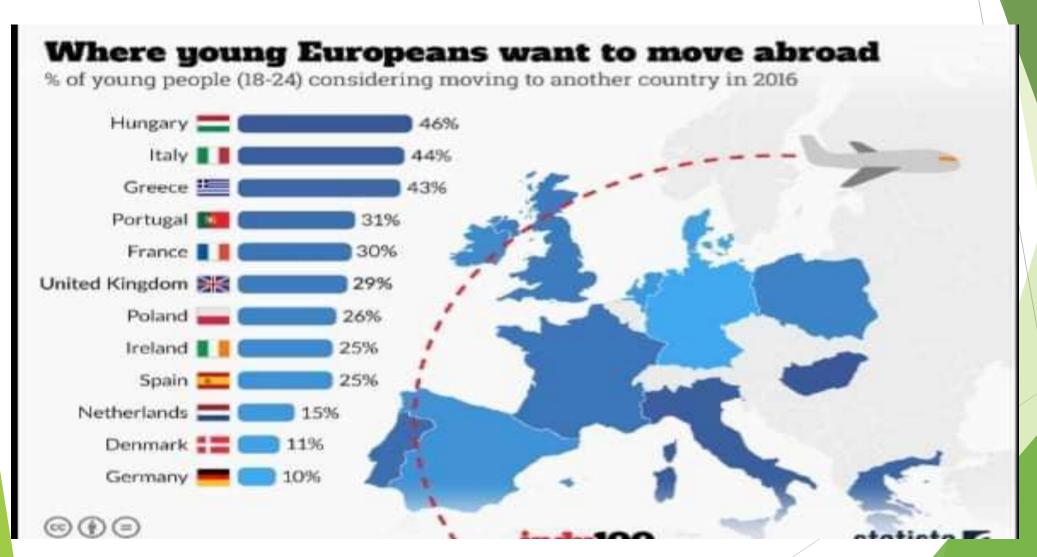


## Education

Young people spend much of their lives in educational settings, and their experiences in schools, colleges and universities can shape much of their subsequent lives. Research shows that poverty and income affect the likelihood for the incompletion of high school. These factors also increase the likelihood for the youth to not go to a college or university. In the United States, 12.3 percent of young people ages 16 to 24 are disconnected, meaning they are neither in school or working.



# Some facts about migration around the world







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