



There are **1.21 billion** young people aged 15 to 24 years, accounting for **15.5 per cent** of the global population¹

More than **1/5** of young people aged **15-24** are not in

- education**
- employment**
- training**²



Young people in the labour force are **3x** as likely as adults to be **unemployed**³



Globally, nearly **68 million young people** are looking for a job⁴

Young women are up to **1.5x** more likely to be unemployed than young men⁵



In Africa, the youth population is projected to reach **830 million by 2050**⁶



Almost **90%** of all young people live in **developing countries**⁷



268 million children and adolescents across **73 countries** are affected by crises⁹

About **96%** of all young workers in developing countries are in the informal economy⁸



67% of young people say **climate change and biodiversity loss** is the world's **#1 challenge**¹⁰

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