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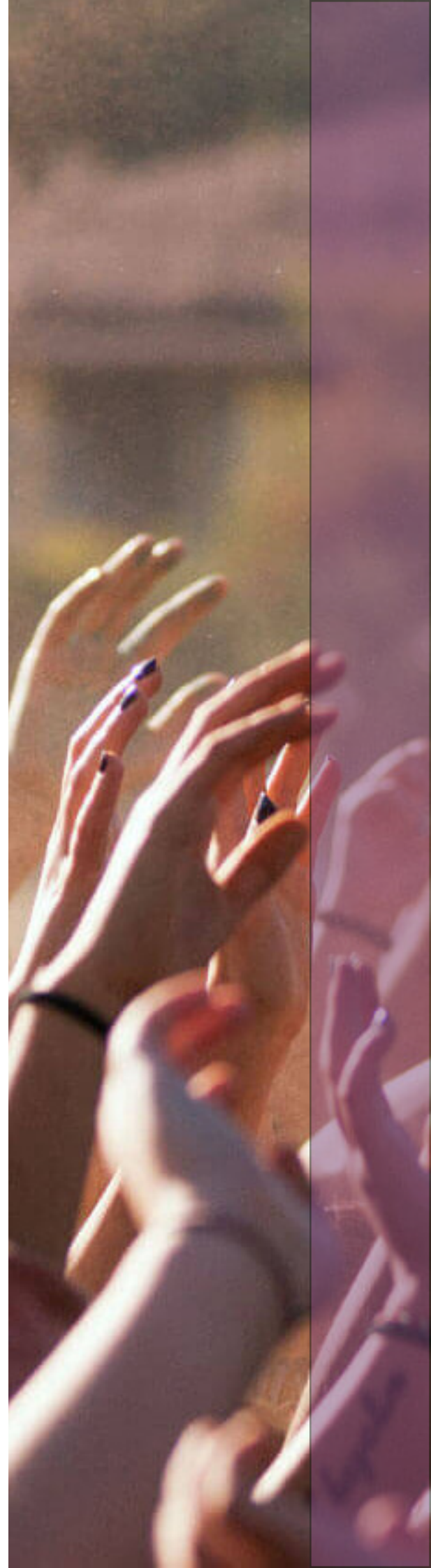
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Abstract

Youth represent a pivotal demographic, shaping the future workforce, leadership, and societal transformation. Crafting robust youth policies is crucial to inclusive and equitable societies. However, the effectiveness of these policies varies widely, influenced by institutional, economic, and socio-political contexts.

This working paper provides a comparative analysis of youth policies across 32 countries from different regions, including Africa, Asia, Europe, the Americas, and Oceania, focusing on key domains such as education, employment, health, social inclusion, legal frameworks, and the application of Youth Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) tools.

Proposing a comprehensive evaluation framework, the paper assesses the extensiveness and inclusivity of youth policies in each country. It also introduces the Youth Governance Index (YGI), which categorizes and ranks nations based on the presence or absence of youth-related policies.

Collecting and reviewing publicly available data and using a theoretical framework based on social inclusion, human capital development, and rights-based approaches, this study offers a detailed evaluation of how the selected countries have supported their young populations. The results reveal significant disparities in the prioritization and implementation of youth policies, pointing to areas of strength and gaps in execution.

By comparing strategies in a systematic fashion, this paper contributes to ongoing discussions on youth policy development and the global landscape of youth governance. While highlighting the value of global benchmarking, it emphasizes the importance of tailored, evidence-based policies to address the specific challenges faced by youth in diverse national contexts.

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I. Introduction

Youth form the foundation of any society, embodying the future workforce, leadership, and drivers of change. Achieving inclusive and equitable development highlights the critical need for well-designed and effectively implemented youth policies. However, the effectiveness of these policies varies greatly across countries, shaped by cultural, economic, and political factors. Global benchmarking serves as a valuable tool for identifying and analysing key strategies adopted by different countries.

This working paper provides a comprehensive comparative analysis of youth policies from thirty-two countries around the world, including:

- **Africa:** Egypt, Libya, Morocco, South Africa, Tunisia
- **Asia:** China, India, Japan, Russia
- **Oceania:** Australia, New Zealand
- **Europe:** Austria, Belgium, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Poland, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, Denmark
- **North America:** Canada, United States of America
- **South America:** Brazil
- **Western Asia and Middle East:** Israel, Jordan, Lebanon

This study aims to map how these countries address key areas that impact the youth, including education, employment, health, social inclusion, legal frameworks and the use of Youth Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) in the development and implementation of youth policies.

In order to highlight best practices, identify gaps, and provide insights into the effectiveness of different approaches to youth policy, this research seeks to provide a framework for systematically analysing the policies, strategies, and laws related to youth in these countries.

The study of youth policies has garnered significant attention in recent years, particularly as states recognize the critical role that young people play in shaping the future. Previous research has extensively covered the development, implementation, and impact of youth policies across different regions. Studies such as those by the United Nations (UN)¹ and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

¹ United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, World Youth Report, available from: <https://social.desa.un.org/publications/world-youth-report-2020>

(OECD)² provided valuable insights into global trends in youth policy, highlighting the importance of education, employment, health, and social inclusion. However, there remains a gap in understanding how these policies vary across different national contexts and how effective they are in addressing the specific challenges faced by youth in diverse cultural, economic, and political environments.

This working paper builds on a review of publicly available data in order to provide a comparative analysis of youth policies in thirty-two countries. While existing studies usually focus on a single country policy or specific-area, this study offers a comprehensive benchmarking across multiple policy domains and a diverse set of countries. The analysis draws on theories of social inclusion, human capital development, and rights-based approaches to youth policy, providing a nuanced understanding of how different nations support their youth populations.

II. Theoretical Framework and Methodology

The analysis builds on three main theoretical frameworks.

First, **Human Capital Theory** serves as the foundation for examining education and employment policies, highlighting the importance of education and skill development in boosting the productivity and economic contributions of young people. This concept is illustrated in this paper through a variety of examples, such as:

- **Germany's Comprehensive Approach to NEET Prevention:** Germany prevents youth from falling into NEET (Not in Education, Employment, or Training) status by fostering cooperation among education providers, social services, employment agencies, and businesses. This integrated approach, which combines vocational training and youth employment agencies, aims to enhance the employability and economic productivity of young people³.

Second, the **Social Inclusion Theory** is used to assess policies related to health and social inclusion, focusing on how these policies foster or hinder the full participation of youth in society. The paper discusses various youth programmes that aim to promote social inclusion, like:

² OECD Public Governance Reviews, Governance for Youth, Trust and Intergenerational Justice FIT FOR ALL GENERATIONS? available at: [chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.oecd.org/content/dam/oecd/en/publications/reports/2020/10/governance-for-youth-trust-and-intergenerational-justice_0fbfe33d/c3e5cb8a-en.pdf](https://www.oecd.org/content/dam/oecd/en/publications/reports/2020/10/governance-for-youth-trust-and-intergenerational-justice_0fbfe33d/c3e5cb8a-en.pdf)

³ Youth Employment Agencies (Jugendberufsagenturen), available from: <https://www.arbeitsagentur.de/institutionen/jugendberufsagenturen>

- **Estonia's Substitute Home Service**⁴: This initiative supports marginalized youth by offering housing and assistance, ensuring that vulnerable young individuals are included in society and able to transition smoothly into adulthood.

Lastly, a **Rights-Based Approach** is used to analyse the legal frameworks and constitutional provisions concerning youth, highlighting the importance of ensuring that young people's rights are recognized and protected by law. The paper explores several examples of this approach in action, for example:

- **Morocco's Constitutional Provisions for Youth**⁵: **Article 33** of the **Moroccan Constitution of 2011** explicitly outlines the state's responsibility to ensure the participation of youth in political, social, economic, and cultural life. It mandates the government to take all necessary measures to provide young people with access to education, employment, vocational training, and participation in development programs.

These frameworks collectively inform the comparative analysis, enabling a systematic evaluation of how different countries address the key areas of education, employment, health, social inclusion, and legal rights.

This working paper employs a comparative analytical approach to evaluate and contrast youth policies across the selected countries. Its methodology involves the following key steps:

Data Collection:

- **Primary Sources:** The study draws on official documents, national strategies, laws, and policy frameworks directly related to youth in each country. These documents were sourced from government websites, international organizations, and policy databases.
- **Secondary Sources:** Relevant literature, including academic articles, reports from non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and global policy evaluations, were reviewed to provide context and support the analysis.

Country Selection:

- A diverse set of countries was selected to represent different geographical regions, levels of economic development, and political systems. The countries included in the

⁴ Youth Wiki, Estonia, Social Inclusion, Access to quality services, available from: <https://national-policies.eacea.ec.europa.eu/youthwiki/chapters/estonia/46-access-to-quality-services>

⁵ Constitute, Morocco 2011, available from: https://www.constituteproject.org/constitution/Morocco_2011

study include developed countries such as Germany and Japan and developing countries such as Egypt and South Africa⁶. This selection allows for a comprehensive understanding of how different contexts shape the development and implementation of youth policy development and implementation.

Policy Areas of Focus:

- The study focused on six key areas:
 1. **Education and Training** (policies to prevent dropouts, promote vocational training)
 2. **Employment and Entrepreneurship** (strategies to reduce NEET rates, and to promotes young entrepreneurship)
 3. **Health and Well-Being** (healthy lifestyle promotion, mental health services, fight against bullying initiatives)
 4. **Social Inclusion** (support for independent living, social benefits)
 5. **Legal and Constitutional Frameworks** (youth rights in the constitution, age restrictions for candidacy and voting).
 6. **Youth Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA)**⁷ (considering countries that have implemented RIA in the formulation and implementation of youth policies).

⁶ World bank Blogs, World Bank Group country classifications by income level, available from: <https://blogs.worldbank.org/en/opendata/new-world-bank-group-country-classifications-income-level-fy24>

⁷ Youth mainstreaming, youth impact assessment and youth checks, available from: <file:///C:/Users/hussn/Downloads/youth%20mainstreaming%20youth%20impact%20assessment%20and%20youth-EC0523183ENN.pdf>

III. Results and Interpretation

Each country's policies were analysed using a standardized set of criteria within the aforementioned policy areas. These criteria were used to assess the comprehensiveness, inclusivity, and the presence of a policy in each area.

The study also involved assigning scores or qualitative assessments to each country based on the presence or absence of youth-related policies in these areas. This evaluation provided insights into areas where certain countries excel or lag.

Table 1 below shows the scores for each country in the Youth Governance Index (YGI), categorized by overall and domain scores. Countries are listed according to their total performance, from highest (5/7) to lowest (-1/7). Chart 1 shows the marked countries within the Worldwide map.

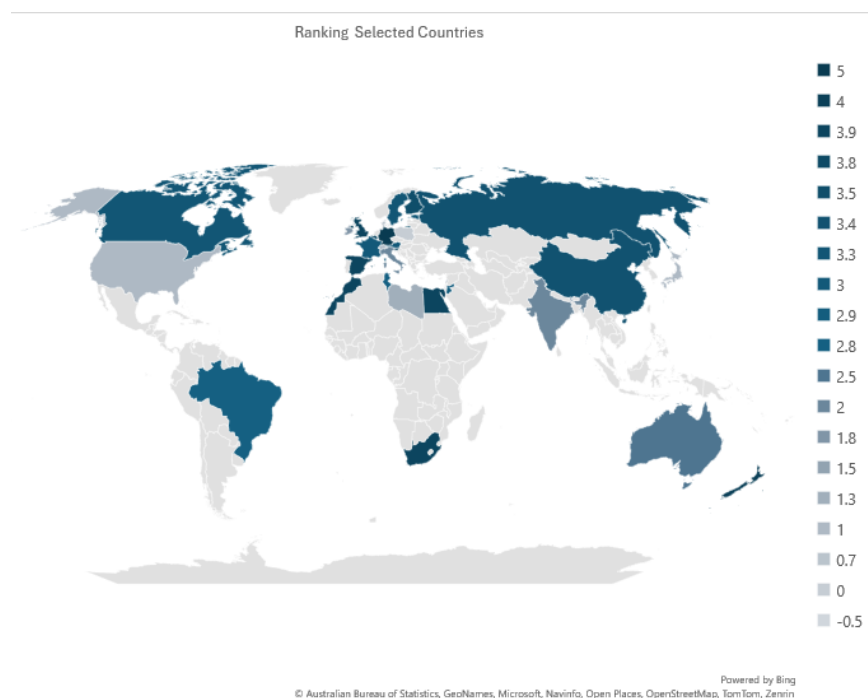
Table 1: Youth Governance INDEX

Countries	Ministry	Constitution	Strategies	Age Restriction to Candidacy and Voting	Law	Youth Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA)	Policy	overall
Germany	1	0.5	1	0	0.5	1	1	5
New Zealand	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	4
Spain	0.5	1	1	0	0.5	0	0.9	3.9
Slovenia	0.5	0.5	1	0	1	0	0.9	3.9
United Kingdom	1	0	1	0.5	0.5	0	0.9	3.9
South Africa	1	0	1	0	1	0	0.9	3.9
Egypt	1	1	1	-1	1	0	0.9	3.9
Morocco	1	1	1	-1	1	0	0.9	3.9
Belgium	1	0	1	0	0.5	0.5	0.8	3.8
Finland	0.5	0	1	0	1	0	1	3.5
Russia	1	0.5	1	-1	1	0	0.9	3.4
China	1	0.5	1	-1	1	0	0.9	3.4
Sweden	0.5	0.5	1	0	0.5	0	0.8	3.3
Canada	1	0.5	1	0	0	0	0.8	3.3

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Estonia	0.5	0.5	1	-1	1	0	1	3
France	1	0	1	-1	0	1	1	3
Austria	1	0.5	1	-1	0	1	0.5	3
Jordan	1	1	1	-1	0	0	0.9	2.9
Brazil	0.5	0.5	1	-1	1	0	0.8	2.8
Tunisia	1	1	1	-1	0	0	0.8	2.8
Australia	1	0	1	-1	0.5	0	1	2.5
Italy	1	0.5	1	-1	0	0	0.9	2.4
India	1	0	1	-1	0	0	1	2
Ireland	1	0	1	-1	0	0	1	2
Lebanon	1	0	1	-1	0	0	0.8	1.8
Libiya	1	0	0.5	-1	0	0	1	1.5
Japan	0	0.5	0	-1	1	0	0.8	1.3
Switzerland	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
United States of America	0.5	0	0.5	-1	0.5	0	0.5	1
Denmark	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.7	0.7
Poland	0.5	0	0	-1	0	0	0.5	0
Israel	0.5	0	0	-1	0	0	0	-0.5

Chart 1: The YGI Atlas



This comparative study provides a first mapping of how different countries address the needs and challenges faced by their youth through legal frameworks and formal policies. By examining key areas such as education, employment, health, social inclusion, and legal frameworks, the study reveals significant variations in the comprehensiveness of youth policies. Some countries have set up precise policies in certain areas, and have built on them incrementally, in order to set up a comprehensive strategy to ensure the holistic development of young people. Others have much looser references to youth in their legal frameworks and socio-economic policies. However, it is important to observe that these differences do not map onto the type of political regimes where these policies are reported: some democracies have less elaborated youth policies than some regimes that are characterised by lower democracy indexes⁸.

To further analyse these results, the study seeks to highlight some interrelated aspects and issues:

1. At the institutional level, it seems important to consider the relational dynamics between the nature of the state (e.g. federal) and the degree of formalisation of youth policies at the central level (which was the focus of this study). Across regime types, it is key to analyse the effectiveness of youth policies and, more broadly, the well-being and socio-political integration of young people: a higher Youth Governance Index does not necessarily correspond to a higher actual impact – nor necessarily to a higher number of resources devoted to youth policies.
2. Frameworks and policies geared towards youth need to support young people's inclusion in decision-making and in all sectors of development. When countries effectively address this goal and give voice to young people throughout political processes, it is an indication of a democratic pathway. In this perspective, launching effective and inclusive youth policies benefits democracy and it may represent a pathway towards democratisation. The support to

⁸ Democracy Reports, Released by the V-Dem Institute, available at: <https://v-dem.net/publications/democracy-reports/>

youth policies from multilateral organisations may therefore be strategic to address a range of interlinked issues.

Overall, the findings of this study highlight the importance of adopting a multifaceted approach to youth policy, influenced by cultural, economic, and political contexts. As the countries continue to refine their strategies, sharing best practices and learning from the successes and challenges of others will be crucial in shaping inclusive and supportive environments where all young people can thrive. By comparing strategies in a systematic fashion, this paper contributes to ongoing discussions on youth policy development and the global landscape of youth governance. While highlighting the value of global benchmarking, it emphasizes the importance of tailored, evidence-based policies to address the specific challenges faced by youth in diverse national contexts.

Appendix: Country Profiles and Overview of Youth Policies



Ministry/ Agency/ Department		MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND YOUTH, MINISTER FOR YOUTH AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES	
Constitution		///	
Strategy		The Youth Engagement Strategy, Engage! ⁴	
Age Restriction to Candidacy and Voting		For both the Senate and the House of Representatives, a person nominated must be 18 years of age or older ⁵ , minimum voting age is 18 ⁶ .	
Law		///	
Youth Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA)		///	
Policy Area	Education and training	Early dropout prevention	Schools use a Student Mapping Tool to identify students at risk of early school leaving ⁷ . Education Intervention ⁸ .
		Brain drains	Australia enters ‘reverse brain drains’ for its enviable lifestyle, high standard of living, and improving digital infrastructure ⁹ .
	Employment Entrepreneurship	Neet Prevention	Australia is solving NEET problem by preventing early school dropouts and

⁴ ENGAGE! A strategy to include young people in the decisions we make, available at: file:///C:/Users/hussn/Downloads/240430_Office-For-Youth_Strategy-Doc_Digital.pdf

⁵ Australian Electoral Commission, Candidate eligibility, available at: <https://www.aec.gov.au/elections/candidates/qualification.htm>

⁶ Australian Electoral Commission, A guide to enrolling and voting, available at: <chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.aec.gov.au/voting/files/guide-enrolling-voting-large-print.pdf>

⁷ EARLY WARNING SYSTEMS FOR STUDENTS AT RISK OF DROPPING OUT, How can we avoid labelling students? P8, available at: chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.unicef.org/eca/sites/unicef.org.eca/files/2018-11/Early%20warning%20systems%20for%20students%20at%20risk%20of%20dropping%20out_0.pdf

⁸ OECD, Adolescent Education and Pre-Employment Interventions in Australia P22, available at: <chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/deliver/7bf19171-en.pdf?itemId=%2Fcontent%2Fpublication%2F7bf19171-en&mimeType=pdf>

⁹ The Sydney Morning Herald, Australia enters ‘reverse brain drain’ as smart workers make a break for it, available at: <https://www.smh.com.au/business/workplace/australia-enters-reverse-brain-drain-as-smart-workers-make-a-break-for-it-20231011-p5ebi3.html>

			Vocational Education and Training (VET) ¹⁰	
		Employment	Youth Jobs PaTH ¹¹	
		Start-up funding for young entrepreneurs	New Enterprise Incentive Scheme (NEIS) ¹² , Young Aussie entrepreneurs to get startup boost ¹³ .	
	Health and Well-Being		Healthy lifestyle and nutrition	Australian Dietary Guidelines (NHMRC 2013) establish some key principles for healthy eating and good nutrition ¹⁴ .
			Mental health	Headspace/ Beyond Blue/ Reach out ¹⁵
			Anti bullying	Victorian Anti Bullying and Mental Health Initiative ¹⁶
	Social Inclusion		Youth Support for Transition to Independent Living	Support services for young people moving to independent living (young parents) ¹⁷
			Social benefits/ financial support	Youth Allowance ¹⁸ /Rent Assistance ¹⁹

Ministry	Constitution	Strategies	Age Restriction to Candidacy and Voting	Law	RIA	Policy	Overall
1	0	1	-1	0.5	0	1	2.5

¹⁰ OECD, Adolescent Education and Pre-Employment Interventions in Australia, Preventive interventions in vocational education and training P90, available at: <chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/deliver/7bf19171-en.pdf?itemId=%2Fcontent%2Fpublication%2F7bf19171-en&mimeType=pdf>

¹¹ Australian Government, Department of Employment and Workplace Relations, available at: <https://www.dewr.gov.au/employment-services-evaluations/resources/youth-jobs-path-evaluation-report>

¹² Australian Government, Department of Employment and Workplace Relations, NEIS training, support and payments available at: <https://www.dewr.gov.au/new-business-assistance-neis/neis-training-support-and-payments>

¹³ The Hon Ed Husic MP, Ministry for Industry and Science, available at: <https://www.minister.industry.gov.au/ministers/husic/media-releases/young-aussie-entrepreneurs-get-startup-boost#:~:text=The%20new%20startup%20loans%20will,new%20startup%20businesses%20in%20Australia.>

¹⁴ NSW Health, HEALTHY LIFESTYLES P191, available at: <chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/kidsfamilies/youth/Documents/youth-health-resource-kit/youth-health-resource-kit-sect-3-chap-12.pdf>

¹⁵ Australia's youth policy framework P 32, available at: <https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-3000221609/view>

¹⁶ VIC.GOV.AU, Victorian Anti Bullying and Mental Health Initiative, available at: <https://www.vic.gov.au/victorian-anti-bullying-and-mental-health-initiative>

¹⁷ Australian Government, department of Social Services, Family and Children, available at: <https://www.dss.gov.au/our-responsibilities/families-and-children/benefits-payments/transition-to-independent-living-allowance-tila/support-services-for-young-people-moving-to-independent-living>

¹⁸ Services Australia, Youth Allowance, available from: <https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/youth-allowance>

¹⁹ NSW, Financial help for young people, available at: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/living-in-nsw/young-people/young-people-financial-help>

Ministry	At the federal level Department for Family and Youth at the Federal Chancellery ²⁰ . At the provincial level, it is the responsibility of the Provincial Youth Departments ²¹ .		
Constitution	does not explicitly mention "youth" in a dedicated section or article, but article 14 of the Constitution uphold principles that indirectly protect youth interests, such as the right to education, protection from exploitation, and social security.		
Strategy	Austrian Youth Strategy ²² (Österreichische Jugendstrategie ²³)		
Age Restriction to Candidacy and Voting	To stand as a candidate including federal, state, and local elections, one must be at least 18 years old. However, there is an exception for the office of Federal President, which requires a minimum age of 35 years. The voting age is 16. ²⁴		
Law	///		
Youth Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA)		The youth check	
Policy Area	Education and training	Early dropout prevention	The national strategy on preventing early leaving from education and training (Nationale Strategie zur Verhinderung frühzeitigen (Aus-)Bildungsabbruchs) ²⁵
		Brain drains	
	Employment and Entrepreneurship	Neet Prevention	Bundes jugend vertretung (BJV) ²⁶
		Employment	Public Employment Service (Arbeitsmarktservice, AMS) ²⁷

²⁰ Federal Chancellery Republic of Austria, Youth, available from:

<https://www.bundeskanzleramt.gv.at/en/agenda/youth.html>

²¹ Bundeskanzleramt, Landesjugendreferate, available at:

<https://www.bundeskanzleramt.gv.at/agenda/jugend/jugendpolitik/landesjugendreferate.html>

²² Federal Chancellery Republic of Austria, Youth Strategy Overview, available at:

<https://www.bundeskanzleramt.gv.at/en/agenda/youth/austrian-youth-strategy/youth-strategy-overview.html>

²³ Bundeskanzleramt, Regierungsdokumente, p196, available at: <https://national-policies.eacea.ec.europa.eu/youthwiki/chapters/austria/13-national-youth-strategy>

²⁴ Youth Wiki, Austria, Youth participation in representative democracy, available from: <https://national-policies.eacea.ec.europa.eu/youthwiki/chapters/austria/52-youth-participation-in-representative-democracy>

²⁵ Bundesministerium, Bildung, Wissenschaft und Forschung, Frühzeitiger Schul- und Ausbildungsabbruch, available from: <https://www.bmbwf.gv.at/Themen/schule/bef/schulabbruch.html>

²⁶ Bundes jugend vertretung, European Coalition for the rights of young NEETs, available from:

<https://bjv.at/portfolio-items/european-coalition-for-the-rights-of-young-neets/>

²⁷ AMS, Organisation Österreich, Public Employment Service Austria, available from:

<https://www.ams.at/organisation/public-employment-service-austria>

		Bundesjugendvertretung, (BJV) ²⁸
	Start-up funding for young entrepreneurs	(General) The Business Start-up Service (Gründerservice) of the Austrian Economic Chambers (Wirtschaftskammer Österreich, WKÖ) ²⁹ WKÖ's youth organisation, the Junior Chamber Austria (Junge Wirtschaft) ³⁰
Health and Well-Being	Healthy lifestyle and nutrition	National Health Targets and Child and Youth Health Strategy Kinder- und Jugendgesundheitsstrategie ³¹
	Mental health	Kinder- und Jugendgesundheitsstrategie ³²
	Anti bullying	School Wellbeing Zone' (Initiative Wohlfühlzone Schule) This program supports (cyber)bullying prevention ³³ .
Social Inclusion	Youth Support for Transition to Independent Living	Not specific program for youth Transition to Independent Living, but General Housing subsidies, housing and dormitory grants, student dormitories, and emergency shelters.

²⁸ BJV, available at: <https://bjv.at/>

²⁹ WKÖ, Austrian Economic Chambers, available from: <https://www.wko.at/austrian-economic-chambers>

³⁰ Youth Wiki, Austria, Employment & Entrepreneurship, Start-up funding for young entrepreneurs, available from: <https://national-policies.eacea.ec.europa.eu/youthwiki/chapters/austria/39-start-up-funding-for-young-entrepreneurs>

³¹ Youth Wiki, Austria, Health and Well-Being, Healthy lifestyles and healthy nutrition, available from: <https://national-policies.eacea.ec.europa.eu/youthwiki/chapters/austria/74-healthy-lifestyles-and-healthy-nutrition>

<https://www.sozialministerium.at/Themen/Gesundheit/Kinder--und-Jugendgesundheit.html>

³² Bundesministerium, Soziales, Gesundheit, Pflege und Konsumentenschutz, Kinder- und Jugendgesundheit, available at: <https://www.sozialministerium.at/Themen/Gesundheit/Kinder--und-Jugendgesundheit.html>

³³ Youth Wiki, Austria, Youth Policy Governance, National youth strategy, Quality of Life and Spirit of Cooperation, available from: <https://national-policies.eacea.ec.europa.eu/youthwiki/chapters/austria/13-national-youth-strategy>

		Social benefits/financial support	family allowance (Familienbeihilfe) ³⁴
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Ministry	Constitution	Strategies	Age Restriction to Candidacy and Voting	Law	RIA	Policy	Overall
1	0.5	1	-1	0	1	0.5	3

³⁴ Bundeskanzleramt, Familie, available from: <https://www.bundeskanzleramt.gv.at/agenda/familie.html>



Ministry/ Agency/ Department	<p>Flemish-Community: Department of Culture, Youth and Media of the Flemish Minister for Youth</p> <p>French-Community: Youth Department³⁵ of the Minister for Youth</p> <p>German-Speaking-Community: Department for Youth and Culture (Fachbereich Jugend und Kultur) of The Minister for Culture, Employment and Tourism.³⁶</p>
Constitution	The category of "youth" is not explicitly stated in the Belgian Constitution, but there are various provisions within it that affect young individuals, like: The protection of families and children and equal opportunities (Article 22bis), The right to education (Article 24) ³⁷ .
Strategy	<p>Flemish-Community: Flemish Youth and Children's Rights Policy Plan 2020-2024 (Vlaams Jeugd- en Kinderrechten beleidsplan 2020-2024)³⁸</p> <p>French-Community: For the period 2019-2024, the government has pointed out its priorities in the field of youth in the Community's political declaration³⁹.</p> <p>German-Speaking-Community: Jugendstrategieplan⁴⁰</p>
Age Restriction to Candidacy and Voting	<p>Chamber of Representatives: The minimum age for candidacy is 18 years⁴¹.</p> <p>Senate: The minimum age for candidacy is 18 years⁴².</p> <p>Regional Parliaments: The candidacy age for regional elections, such as in the Flemish, Walloon, Brussels-Capital, and German-speaking Communities, is set at 18 years in regional electoral laws.</p> <p>Young people are allowed to vote from the age of 18 years old⁴³.</p>
Law	Flemish-Community: Youth Decree of 23 November 2023 ⁴⁴ .

³⁵ FEDERATION WALLONIE-BRUXELLES, SERVICE JEUNESSE, available at: <https://servicejeunesse.cfwb.be/>

³⁶ Youth Wiki Belgium, Youth Policy Governance, available from: <https://national-policies.eacea.ec.europa.eu/youthwiki/countries>

³⁷ The Belgian Constitution, available from: chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.dekamer.be/kvvcr/pdf_sections/publications/constitution/GrondwetUK.pdf

³⁸ Vlaams Jeugd- en Kinderrechtenbeleidsplan 2020-2024, available from: chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.vlaanderen.be/cjm/sites/default/files/2021-02/vlaams-jeugd-en-kinderrechtenbeleidsplan_2020-2024%20%282%29.pdf

³⁹ DÉCLARATION DE POLITIQUE, available at: chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.federation-wallonie-bruxelles.be/index.php?eID=tx_nawsecuredl&u=0&g=0&hash=d46c9f4830a54be6e1cd75d62c91dbd4bfd19b73&file=fileadmin/sites/portail/uploads/Illustrations_documents_images/A._A_propos_de_la_Federation/3._Gouvernement/DPC2019-2024.pdf

⁴⁰ Das Bürgerinformationsportal der Deutschsprachigen Gemeinschaft Belgiens, Jugendstrategieplan, available from: <https://ostbelgienlive.be/desktopdefault.aspx/tabid-4816/>

⁴¹ The Belgian Constitution, Article 64.

⁴² The Belgian Constitution, Article 69.

⁴³ The Belgian Constitution, Article 61, available from: chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.dekamer.be/kvvcr/pdf_sections/publications/constitution/GrondwetUK.pdf

⁴⁴ FLEMISH CODEX, Youth Decree of 23 November 2023, available at: <https://codex.vlaanderen.be/Zoeken/Document.aspx?DID=1039169¶m=inhoud>

		<p>French-Community: There is currently no national youth law and there is no public debate about the necessity of having one law. On the other hand, there are 5 decrees that pertain to the implementation of youth policy at the community level⁴⁵.</p> <p>German-Speaking-Community: Decree of 6 December 2011 on the Promotion of Youth Work⁴⁶</p>
	Youth Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA)	Flemish-Community: The Kind-en-jongereneffectrapport (JoKER) ⁴⁷
Policy Area	Education and training	<p>Early dropouts</p> <p>Flemish-Community: Flemish Action Plan on Early School Leaving (Actieplan Samen tegen Schooluitval)⁴⁸.</p> <p>French-Community: At the moment, the main policy measures on ELET is applied through the decree of 21 November 2013⁴⁹ organising policy cooperation between the compulsory Education and the Youth Welfare sector to enhance well-being at school, school reintegration, prevention of violence and vocational guidance.</p> <p>German-Speaking-Community: The main strategic document for shaping the future of the German-speaking Community, the so-called Regional Development Concept (Regionales Entwicklungskonzept, REK)⁵⁰ doesn't specifically define a regional target for the German-speaking Community of Belgium to tackle early leaving from school. The different volumes of the Regional Development Concept do, however, deal with this topic indirectly.</p> <p>Time-out' projects⁵¹</p>
		<p>Brain drains</p> <p>Belgium continues with restrictive employment policy, although there are special considerations for highly skilled workers that are in demand (e.g. IT), The country also covers replacement costs for researchers on sabbatical leave⁵².</p>

⁴⁵ Youth Wiki Belgium-Flemish-Community, Youth Policy Governance, National youth law, available from: <https://national-policies.eacea.ec.europa.eu/youthwiki/chapters/belgium-flemish-community/12-national-youth-law>

⁴⁶ Decree of 6 December 2011 on the Promotion of Youth Work, available at: file:///C:/Users/hussn/Downloads/2011_12_06%20Dekret%20zur%20F%C3%B6rderung%20der%20Jugendarbeit.pdf

⁴⁷ Youth mainstreaming, youth impact assessment and youth checks, A comparative overview, P15.

⁴⁸ Youth Wiki Belgium-Flemish-Community, Education and Training, Preventing early leaving from education and training (ELET), available from: <https://national-policies.eacea.ec.europa.eu/youthwiki/chapters/belgium-flemish-community/63-preventing-early-leaving-from-education-and-training-elet>

⁴⁹ Decree of 21 November 2013, available from: chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.gallilex.cfwb.be/document/pdf/39909_001.pdf

⁵⁰ Ostbelgien leben 2025, available from: <https://ostbelgienlive.be/desktopdefault.aspx/tabid-258/>

⁵¹ Das Bildungsportal der Deutschsprachigen, Gemeinschaft Belgiens, Das "Time-out"-Projekt, available from: https://ostbelgienbildung.be/desktopdefault.aspx/tabid-3529/6363_read-37748/

⁵² Brain Drain Competition Policies in Europe, available from: <chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.econstor.eu/bitstream/10419/159375/1/wp0534.pdf>

		Neet Prevention	<p>Flemish-Community: Youth Guarantee Plan, Dual system of learning and working⁵³</p> <p>French-Community: Institut Wallon de Formation en Alternance et des Indépendants et des Petites et Moyennes Entreprises - IFAPME⁵⁴</p> <p>German-Speaking-Community: Youth Guarantee⁵⁵</p>
	Employment	Employment	<p>Flemish-Community: The Youth- and Children's Rights Policy Plan (2015-2019) and the Policy Paper on Employment, Economy, Science and Innovation (2014-2019) aim to offer customized services to young jobseekers. The objective is to guarantee that every young person either finds a job or receives tailored support within four months of signing up. This effort encompasses multiple projects and processes like: OKOT-VDAB, WIJ! (Work Experience Programme for Young People)⁵⁶.</p> <p>French-Community: Plan formation insertion (Training-Integration Plan), Convention premier emploi (first employment convention), Convention d'immersion professionnelle (Professional Integration Agreement), Bonus de démarrage et bonus de stage (starting bonus and traineeship bonus)⁵⁷.</p> <p>German-Speaking-Community: Vocational integration period (Berufseingliederungszeit)⁵⁸, AktiF and AktiF Plus⁵⁹.</p>

⁵³ Youth Wiki Belgium-Flemish-Community, Employment & Entrepreneurship, Traineeships and apprenticeships, available from: <https://national-policies.eacea.ec.europa.eu/youthwiki/chapters/belgium-flemish-community/35-traineeships-and-apprenticeships>

⁵⁴ IFAPME, available from: <https://www.ifapme.be/>

⁵⁵ Official Journal of the European Union, COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION of 22 April 2013 on establishing a Youth Guarantee, HEREBY RECOMMENDS THAT MEMBER STATES P120/3, available from: <chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:C:2013:120:00010006:EN:PDF>

⁵⁶ Youth Wiki Belgium-Flemish-Community, Employment & Entrepreneurship, Integration of young people in the labour market, available from: <https://national-policies.eacea.ec.europa.eu/youthwiki/chapters/belgium-flemish-community/36-integration-of-young-people-in-the-labour-market>

⁵⁷ Youth Wiki Belgium-French-Community, Employment & Entrepreneurship, Integration of young people in the labour market, available from: <https://national-policies.eacea.ec.europa.eu/youthwiki/chapters/belgium-french-community/36-integration-of-young-people-in-the-labour-market>

⁵⁸ Arbeitsamt der Deutschsprachigen Gemeinschaft Belgiens, Sie sind Schulabgänger in der Berufseingliederungszeit?, available from: https://adg.be/de/desktopdefault.aspx/tabid-5303/9231_read-50269/

⁵⁹ 28. Mai 2018 - Dekret zur AktiF und AktiF PLUS-Beschäftigungsförderung, available at: file:///C:/Users/hussn/Downloads/2018_05_28%20Dekret%20zur%20AktiF-%20und%20AktiF%20PLUS%20Besch.pdf

	Start-up funding for young entrepreneurs	<p>Flemish-Community: Start-up loan⁺⁶⁰, Microloans of microStart⁶¹, EIB and EIF⁶², EaSI Guarantee Financial Instrument⁶³.</p> <p>French-Community: There is no specific policy measure to facilitate affordable funding for young entrepreneurs. Once they engage in a start-up creation, they have the possibility to submit to a Walloon grant addressing entrepreneurs of any ages⁶⁴.</p> <p>German-Speaking-Community: Microloans can be requested from the cooperative Crédal⁶⁵ by people who have no access to normal bank loans and cannot produce any guarantees. Likewise, microloans can be requested from Microstart⁶⁶.</p>
Health and Well-Being	Healthy lifestyle and nutrition	<p>Flemish-Community: The Preventive Health Policy (Preventief Gezondheidsbeleid)⁶⁷, The Fleming lives healthier in 2025⁶⁸</p> <p>French-Community: In the French-speaking Community, the decree of 20 December 2001⁶⁹ revised on 20 July 2006) organises health promotion at school. APAQ-W, the Walloon Agency for the Promotion of a Quality Agriculture develops several schemes regarding healthy nutrition for young people⁷⁰.</p> <p>German-Speaking-Community: For the community teaching sector, there exists a mission statement on sustainable nutrition. It refers to the school restaurants as well as the snacks sold at the kiosk and the educational activities⁷¹.</p>

⁶⁰ VLAIO, Startlening, available from: <https://www.vlaio.be/nl/subsidies-financiering/subsidi databank/startlening>

⁶¹ VLAIO, Mikrokredieten van microStart, available from: <https://www.vlaio.be/nl/subsidies-financiering/subsidi databank/mikrokredieten-van-microstart>

⁶² European Investment Bank (EIB) and the European Investment Fund (EIF), available from: <https://national-policies.eacea.ec.europa.eu/youthwiki/chapters/belgium-flemish-community/39-start-up-funding-for-young-entrepreneurs>

⁶³ European Investment Fund, EaSI Financial Instruments, available from: https://www.eif.org/what_we_do/microfinance/easi/

⁶⁴ Youth Wiki Belgium-French-Community, Employment & Entrepreneurship, Start-up funding for young entrepreneurs, available from: <https://national-policies.eacea.ec.europa.eu/youthwiki/chapters/belgium-french-community/39-start-up-funding-for-young-entrepreneurs>

⁶⁵ Credal, Provoquons le changement, available at: <https://www.credal.be/>

⁶⁶ microStart, available from: <https://microstart.be/en>

⁶⁷ DEPARTEMENT ZORG, Beleid over preventieve gezondheidszorg, available from: <https://www.zorg-en-gezondheid.be/preventief-gezondheidsbeleid>

⁶⁸ DEPARTEMENT ZORG, The Fleming lives healthier in 2025, available from: <https://www.zorg-en-gezondheid.be/beleid/beleid-preventieve-gezondheidszorg/gezondheidsdoelstellingen/gezondheidsdoelstelling-gezonder-leven>

⁶⁹ Décret relatif à la promotion de la santé à l'école, available from: chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.gallilex.cfwb.be/document/pdf/26358_001.pdf

⁷⁰ Youth Wiki Belgium-French-Community, Health and Well-Being, Healthy lifestyles and healthy nutrition, available from: <https://national-policies.eacea.ec.europa.eu/youthwiki/chapters/belgium-french-community/74-healthy-lifestyles-and-healthy-nutrition>

⁷¹ Leitbild zur nachhaltigen Ernährung im Gemeinschaftsunterrichtswesen, available from: <https://national-policies.eacea.ec.europa.eu/youthwiki/chapters/belgium-german-speaking-community/74-healthy-lifestyles-and-healthy-nutrition>

		Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Suchtvorbeugung und Lebensbewältigung, ASL, also offers a number of projects and campaigns ⁷² .
	Mental health	<p>Flemish-Community: Flemish Action Plan on Mental Health (Vlaams Actieplan Geestelijke gezondheid)⁷³ the plan specific attention is paid to children and young people.</p> <p>Integrated Youth Care Act⁷⁴, this act entails a far-reaching cooperation between all anchors sectors involved in youth.</p> <p>Kopklanken⁷⁵ – conference on the mental well-being of young people</p> <p>'Fit in your head, feeling well'⁷⁶ campaign</p> <p>Noknok⁷⁷ is a website that contains information and assignments to feel good about yourself.</p> <p>French-Community: Guide for a new mental health care policy for children and teenagers” (guide pour une nouvelle politique de santé mentale pour enfants et adolescents)⁷⁸.</p> <p>German-Speaking-Community: There are currently no national strategies on young peoples' mental health in the German-speaking Community of Belgium.</p> <p>The Counselling and Therapy Center (Beratungs- und Therapiezentrum, BTZ)⁷⁹</p>
	Anti bullying	<p>Flemish-Community: The FLEMISH YOUTH AND CHILDREN’S RIGHTS POLICY PLAN 2020-2024 has a section about combating bullying, including cyberbullying, through a comprehensive approach⁸⁰.</p> <p>French-Community:</p> <p>German-Speaking-Community:</p>
Social Inclusion	Youth Support for Transition to Independent Living	<p>Flemish-Community: Beleidsnota Wonen⁸¹ contains opportunities to give young people in poverty a better perspective on the housing market.</p> <p>French-Community: The support for minors' autonomy includes:</p>

⁷² ASL, available from: <https://www.asl-eupen.be/>

⁷³ Vlaams Actieplan Geestelijke Gezondheid. Strategisch plan 2017–2019, available from: <https://www.vlaanderen.be/publicaties/vlaams-actieplan-geestelijke-gezondheid-strategisch-plan-2017-2019>

⁷⁴ Youth Wiki Belgium-Flemish-Community, Health and Well-Being, Mental health, available from: <https://national-policies.eacea.ec.europa.eu/youthwiki/chapters/belgium-flemish-community/75-mental-health>

⁷⁵ VLAAMSE JEUGDRAAD, available from: <https://vlaamsejeugdraad.be/nl/events>

⁷⁶ GEZOND LEVEN, triangle of happiness, available from: triangle of happiness

⁷⁷ NokNok, available from: <https://www.noknok.be/>

⁷⁸ Youth Wiki Belgium-French-Community, Health and Well-Being, Mental health, available from: <https://national-policies.eacea.ec.europa.eu/youthwiki/chapters/belgium-french-community/75-mental-health>

⁷⁹ ENTWICKLUNGSFÖRDERUNG, PSYCHOTHERAPIE FÜR KINDER UND ELTERNBERATUNG, available from: <https://www.btzentrum.be/>

⁸⁰ Flanders State of the Art, FLEMISH YOUTH AND CHILDREN’S RIGHTS POLICY PLAN 2020-2024 P16,44,54, available from: chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcjpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.vlaanderen.be/cjm/sites/default/files/2021-04/Vlaams%20Jeugd-%20en%20Kinderrechtenbeleidsplan%202020-2024_EN.pdf

⁸¹ Beleidsnota 2014-2019 Wonen, available from: <chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcjpcglclefindmkaj/https://publicaties.vlaanderen.be/view-file/15700>

			<p>Aid for youth leaving their placement institution, such as budgeting, housing, and energy conservation.</p> <p>Extra financial support for security deposits and furnishings⁸².</p> <p>German-Speaking-Community: OIKOS⁸³ and SIA⁸⁴.</p>
		Financial Support	<p>Flemish-Community: The Flemish government is conscious of and focuses on the debt levels of many young individuals, but the financial services available to them mainly consist of providing information and increasing awareness⁸⁵.</p> <p>The allesovercenten.be (all about money) is a website offering information and raising awareness about debt problems specifically for youth⁸⁶.</p> <p>French-Community: It is uncertain whether young people receive any financial assistance from the government</p> <p>German-Speaking-Community: Debt Advisory Service, a person in difficulties with debt can claim help from the Debt Advisory Service centres⁸⁷.</p> <p>It is uncertain whether young people receive any financial assistance from the government</p>

Ministry	Constitution	Strategies	Age Restriction to Candidacy and Voting	RIA	Law	Policy	Overall
1	0	1	0	0.5	0.5	0.8	3.8

⁸² Youth Wiki Belgium-French-Community, Social Inclusion, Access to quality services, available from: <https://national-policies.eacea.ec.europa.eu/youthwiki/chapters/belgium-french-community/46-access-to-quality-services>

⁸³ OIKOS, available from: <https://www.oikos-eupen.be/>

⁸⁴ Social integration and everyday assistance, available from: <https://www.siaeupen.be/>

⁸⁵ Youth Wiki Belgium-Flemish-Community, Social Inclusion, Access to quality services, available from: <https://national-policies.eacea.ec.europa.eu/youthwiki/chapters/belgium-flemish-community/46-access-to-quality-services>

⁸⁶ Budget wijzer.be, available from: <https://www.budgetwijzer.be/nl/>

⁸⁷ Youth Wiki Belgium-German-Speaking- Social Inclusion, Access to quality services, available from: <https://national-policies.eacea.ec.europa.eu/youthwiki/chapters/belgium-german-speaking-community/46-access-to-quality-services>



Brazil

Ministry	The National Youth Secretariat (SNJ) under the Ministry of Women, Family, and Human Rights is the primary body responsible for youth policies.	
Constitution	CHAPTER VII. FAMILY, CHILDREN, ADOLESCENTS, YOUTHS, AND ELDERLY. Article 227	
Strategy	National Youth Plan (10-year plan) ⁸⁸	
Age Restriction to Candidacy and Voting	35 years old for president, vice president of the Republic, and senator. 30 years old for governor and vice-governor of the state and the Federal District. 21 years old for mayor, vice mayor, federal, state, or district deputy; 18 years old for councilor. ⁸⁹	
Law	LAW NO. 12,852 OF AUGUST 5, 2013 ⁹⁰ The Youth Statute (Estatuto da Juventude) YOUTH RIGHTS AND PUBLIC POLICIES established upon above law	
Youth Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA)	///	
Policy Area, National Youth Policy (Política Nacional de Juventude)	Education and training	Early dropouts PRO JOVEM (Programa Nacional de Inclusão de Jovens ⁹¹) Bolsa Família (The Brazilian cash transfer program ⁹²)
		Brain drains Innovation Diplomacy Program (Link Brazilians abroad with the mother country, in order to boost trade and investment back home) ⁹³
	Employment <u>Entrepreneurship</u>	Neet “Ninis” (ni estudia ni trabaja) Not a specific policy for NEET BUT by keeping youth from dropping out, and moving youth who are already ninis into employment, they are trying to reduce this problem.

⁸⁸ Gov.br Portal Presidency of the Republic, National Youth Plan will be developed with the social participation of youth managers from all over Brazil, available from: <https://www.gov.br/secretariageral/pt-br/noticias/2024/junho/pesquisadores-e-gestores-discutem-prioridades-para-o-plano-nacional-de-juventude>

⁸⁹ Superior Electoral Court, Candidate registration, Who can or cannot run for office, available from: <https://international.tse.jus.br/en/elections/candidate-registration>

⁹⁰ Gov.br, LAW NO. 12,852 OF AUGUST 5, 2013, available at: <https://legislacao.presidencia.gov.br/atos/?tipo=LEI&numero=12852&ano=2013&ato=560ATWU50MVpWT43d>

⁹¹ ACTORS, IDEAS, AND CHANGES IN POLICY SUBSYSTEMS: An Analysis of the National Youth Policy in Brazil, available from: <https://www.scielo.br/j/nec/a/KqKFDzQvRVdBXKYD87tT8md/>

⁹² Taylor & Francis Online, The Brazilian cash transfer program (Bolsa Família): A tool for reducing inequalities and achieving social rights in Brazil, available from: The Brazilian cash transfer program (Bolsa Família): A tool for reducing inequalities and achieving social rights in Brazil

⁹³ Gov.br, Ministério das Relações Exteriores, Innovation Diplomacy Program, available from: <https://www.gov.br/mre/en/subjects/science-technology-and-innovation/innovation-diplomacy-program>
<https://www.economist.com/the-americas/2021/07/24/brazils-brain-drain-is-getting-worse>

		Employment	PRO JOVEM ⁹⁴ ⁹⁵ (addressing unemployment) Ex: FAT-PROGER Employment and Income Generation Program.
		Start-up funding for young entrepreneurs	Not only for Youth but General Startup Brazil (Start-Up Brasil ⁹⁶) Entrepreneurship policy in Brazil ⁹⁷ NGO supports for young entrepreneurs: CIEDS (Centro Integrado de Estudos e Programas de Desenvolvimento Sustentável ⁹⁸)
	Health and Well-Being	Healthy lifestyle and nutrition	Food and Nutrition Public Policies in Brazil ⁹⁹ PROGRAMA SAÚDE DO ADOLESCENTE (PROSAD) ¹⁰⁰ School Health Program (PSE) ¹⁰¹
		Mental health	Centro de Atenção Psicossocial (CAPS) ¹⁰²
		Anti bullying	Programa de Combate à Intimidação Sistemática ¹⁰³
	Social Inclusion	Youth Support for Transition to Independent Living	Not only for Youth but (General Policies)

⁹⁴ ACTORS, IDEAS, AND CHANGES IN POLICY SUBSYSTEMS: An Analysis of the National Youth Policy in Brazil, available from: <https://www.scielo.br/j/nec/a/KqKFDzQvRVdBXKYD87tT8md/>

⁹⁵ Computerized Legislation - LAW N° 14.645, OF AUGUST 2, 2023 - Original Publication, available from: <https://www2.camara.leg.br/legin/fed/lei/2023/lei-14645-2-agosto-2023-794499-publicacaooriginal-168642-pl.html>

⁹⁶ Start-Up Brasil, available from: <https://www.startupbrasil.org.br/everything-about-the-start-up-brasil-program/#inicio>

⁹⁷ Research Gate, Entrepreneurship policy in Brazil: Its focus and gaps, available from: https://www.researchgate.net/publication/325480520_Entrepreneurship_policy_in_Brazil_Its_focus_and_gaps

⁹⁸ CIEDS, available from: <https://www.cieds.org.br/>

⁹⁹ MDPI, Food and Nutrition Public Policies in Brazil, available from: <https://www.mdpi.com/2072-6643/14/12/2472>

¹⁰⁰ SciELO-Brasil, O ADOLESCENTE NO CONTEXTO DA SAÚDE PÚBLICA BRASILEIRA: REFLEXÕES SOBRE O PROSAD, available from: chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/<https://www.scielo.br/j/pe/a/VZRYJtZYKYPSDBqvbsf9tm/?format=pdf>

¹⁰¹ Gov.br, Ministry of Education, School Health Program (PSE), available from: <https://www.gov.br/mec/pt-br/areas-de-atuacao/eb/programa-saude-na-escola-pse>

¹⁰² Gov.br, Ministry of Health, Psychosocial Care Centers, available from: <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/composicao/saes/desmad/raps/caps>
<https://www.scielo.br/j/rbsmi/a/9DGkVGhWnR3TdWCm95fVwQy/>

¹⁰³ Revista Gaúcha de Enfermagem, Brief antibullying intervention for adolescents in public schools, p2, available from: chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/<https://www.scielo.br/j/rngenf/a/rmDgBBJL7VPJsR6DNVvbMzx/?format=pdf>

			Minha Casa, Minha Vida ¹⁰⁴
		Social benefits/ financial support	Unemployment insurance Bolsa Qualificação ¹⁰⁵

Ministry	Constitution	Strategies	Age Restriction to Candidacy and Voting	Law	RIA	Policy	Overall
0.5	0.5	1	-1	1	0	0.8	2.8

¹⁰⁴ Journal of Comparative Urban Law and policy, Affordable Housing Policies in Brazil Affordable Housing Policies in Brazil, available from: chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglefindmkaj/https://readingroom.law.gsu.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1065&context=jculp

¹⁰⁵ OECD, Investing in Youth BRAZIL, available from: chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglefindmkaj/https://www.oecd.org/content/dam/oecd/en/publications/reports/2014/04/investing-in-youth-brazil_g1g3f7b6/9789264208988-en.pdf



Ministry		Federal Youth Secretariat	
Constitution		(General) Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, Sections: 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 23, 24, ¹⁰⁶	
Strategies		Youth National Policy ¹⁰⁷	
Age Restriction to Candidacy and Voting		To run for a federal election, you need to be 18 years old ¹⁰⁸ . To vote, you also need to be 18 years old ¹⁰⁹ .	
Law		///	
Youth Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA)		///	
Policy Area	Education and training	Early dropout prevention	Federal student aid ¹¹⁰ /Federal Student Work Experience Program ¹¹¹ /Student Success Strategy
		Brain drains	The youth in Canada are experiencing both national and international brain drain without a solution in place to prevent it.
	Employment and Entrepreneurship	Neet Prevention	General Program CAREERWISE ¹¹²
		Employment	Federal Student Work Experience Program ¹¹³
		Start-up funding for young entrepreneurs	Futurpreneur Canada
	Health and Well-Being	Healthy lifestyle and nutrition	Tobacco Control Strategy

¹⁰⁶ Jomphrey Center, Youth guide to the Canadian Charter of Right and Freedoms, available from: <chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.bestlibrary.org/ss11/files/charterguide.pdf>

¹⁰⁷ Government of Canada, Canada's Youth Policy, available from:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/youth/programs/policy.html>

¹⁰⁸ Elections Canada, available from:

<https://www.elections.ca/content.aspx?section=pol&document=index&dir=can/bck&lang=e>

¹⁰⁹ UNICEF CANADA, LOWERING THE VOTING AGE: UNICEF Canada Policy Brief, available from:

chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.unicef.ca/sites/default/files/2024-06/UNICEF%20_Canada_Policy_Brief_Bill_S-201_Lowering_the_Voting_Age.pdf

¹¹⁰ Government of Canada, BUDGET 2024 accessed at: <https://www.budget.canada.ca/2024/report-rapport/chap2-en.html#s2-3>

¹¹¹ Government of Canada, Canadas Youth Policy, accessed at: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-service-commission/jobs/services/recruitment/students/federal-student-work-program.html>

¹¹² CAREERWISE By CERIC, Resources for career professionals working with NEET youth, available from: <https://careerwise.ceric.ca/2024/01/19/resources-for-career-professionals-working-with-neet-youth/>

¹¹³ Government of Canada, Federal Student Work Experience Program, available from:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-service-commission/jobs/services/recruitment/students/federal-student-work-program.html>

			Healthy Eating Strategy ¹¹⁴
		Mental health	Canada's National Aboriginal Youth Suicide Prevention Strategy Pan-Canadian Suicide Prevention Service ¹¹⁵
		Anti bullying	Bullying prevention programs ¹¹⁶
	Social Inclusion	Youth Support for Transition to Independent Living	National Housing Strategy /Support for First-Time Home Buyers ¹¹⁷ /Canada-Manitoba Housing Benefit (Youth Stream)
		Social benefits/financial support	Canada Student Financial Assistance Act and the Canada Student Loans Act ¹¹⁸

Ministry	Constitution	Strategies	Age Restriction to Candidacy and Voting	Law	RIA	Policy	Overall
1	0.5	1	0	0	0	0.8	3.3

¹¹⁴ Government of Canada, BUDGET 2019, Archived - Chapter 4: Delivering Real Change, accessed at: <https://www.budget.canada.ca/2019/docs/plan/chap-04-en.html>

¹¹⁵ Ibid,

¹¹⁶ Government of Canada, Canadas Youth Policy, accessed at: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/bullying/bullying-prevention-programs.html>

¹¹⁷ Government of Canada, BUDGET 2019, accessed at: <https://www.budget.canada.ca/2019/docs/themes/housing-logement-en.html>

¹¹⁸ Government of Canada, BUDGET 2024 accessed at: <https://www.budget.canada.ca/2024/report-rapport/chap2-en.html#s2-3>



Ministry/ Agency/ Department		Communist Youth League of China (CYLC) ¹¹⁹ All-China Youth Federation (ACYF)	
Constitution		Specific Areas: Articles: 42, 46, 48, 49. ¹²⁰	
Strategy		China Youth Development Plan (2016-2025) ¹²¹	
Age Restriction to Candidacy and Voting		Citizens of the People's Republic of China have to reach the age of 45 are eligible for election as President or Vice-President ¹²² . Voting age is 18 years ¹²³ .	
Law		Minors Protection Law ¹²⁴ (youth 15-24)	
Youth Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA)		///	
Policy Area	Education and training	Early dropout prevention	Compulsory Education Monitoring and Reporting System ¹²⁵
		Brain drains	raising the average salaries in the country. Improving the standard of living in the country and for special talents ¹²⁶ .
	Employment and Entrepreneurship	Neet Prevention	TVET (Technical and Vocational Education and Training ¹²⁷)

¹¹⁹ Communist Youth League of China (CYLC) Page, available from: <https://www.gqt.org.cn/>

¹²⁰ Article 42: Right to Work, 46: Right to Education, 48: Family Support, 49: protection of Minors.

¹²¹ ENGLISH.GOV.CN, THE STATE COUNCIL, THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, China unveils 10-year plan for youth development, available at:

https://english.www.gov.cn/policies/latest_releases/2017/04/14/content_281475626290850.htm

¹²² Constitute, China (People's Republic of) 1982 (rev. 2018), Section 2, Article 79, available from: https://www.constituteproject.org/constitution/China_2018

¹²³ Laws of the People's Republic of China Chapter 6, Registration of voters, Article 23, available at: <http://www.asianlii.org/cn/legis/cen/laws/telotnpcalpcotproc944/>

¹²⁴ Law of the People's Republic of China on the Protection of Minors, available from:

http://www.npc.gov.cn/zgrdw/englishnpc/Law/2007-12/12/content_1383869.htm

¹²⁵ ENGLISH.GOV.CN, THE STATE COUNCIL, THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, China works to reduce compulsory education dropout rates, available from:

https://english.www.gov.cn/news/202404/28/content_WS662e0a7fc6d0868f4e8e6857.html

¹²⁶ Solving the technology brain-drain in Asia-Pacific, Brain Drain of China, available at: <https://www-cs-faculty.stanford.edu/people/eroberts/cs201/projects/2010-11/BrainDrain/China.html>

¹²⁷ THE WORLD BANK, China: Vocational Education Matches Youth with Jobs and Helps Sustain Growth, available at: <https://www.worldbank.org/en/news/feature/2012/02/17/china-vocational-education-provides-jobs-sustains-economic-growth>

		Employment	Vocational Education to improve workers skills. ¹²⁸
		Start-up funding for young entrepreneurs	Grants, guaranteed loans and interest subsidies ¹²⁹ . Demonstration Bases for Mass Entrepreneurship and Innovation ¹³⁰ .
Health and Well-Being		Healthy lifestyle and nutrition	Healthy China Action (2019-2030) ¹³¹
		Mental health	(General Policies) (Mental Health Law of the People's Republic of China)
		Anti bullying	Guideline on Preventing and Addressing School Bullying ¹³² , Anti-Bullying Education,
Social Inclusion		Youth Support for Transition to Independent Living	Affordable Rental Housing (ARH) program ¹³³
		Financial support	Don't have a unified program but have financial assistance program supporting Youth Education ¹³⁴ , Employment and Development.

¹²⁸ CHINA BRIEFING, China's Vocational Education Reform and Foreign Investment Opportunities, available at: <https://www.china-briefing.com/news/chinas-vocational-education-reform-and-foreign-investment-opportunities/>

¹²⁹ IOL, China sees more young entrepreneurs, available at: <https://www.iol.co.za/business-report/ending-poverty-in-china/features/china-sees-more-young-entrepreneurs-0e4a659f-36ca-4eb6-9d1c-6ae14f906cd5>

¹³⁰ CHINA BRIEFING, China's Startup Landscape – Industries, Investment, and Incentive Policies, Government incentives for startups, available at: <https://www.china-briefing.com/news/china-startup-landscape-industries-investment-and-incentive-policies/>

¹³¹ Chinese State Council's General Office. Healthy China action (2019–2030), available from: <http://www.nhc.gov.cn/guihuaxxs/s3585u/201907/e9275fb95d5b4295be8308415d4cd1b2.shtml>

¹³² National Library of Medicine, Combating School Bullying through Developmental Guidance for Positive Youth Development and Promoting Harmonious School Culture, available from: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3236379/>

¹³³ Ichongqing, With Developing Public Rental Housing, Chongqing's More Attractive to the Youth, available at: <https://www.ichongqing.info/2022/07/09/with-developing-public-rental-housing-chongqings-more-attractive-to-the-youth/>

¹³⁴ ENGLISH.GOV.CN, THE STATE COOUNCIL, THE PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA, Financial aid helps needy students, available at: https://english.www.gov.cn/statecouncil/ministries/202208/31/content_WS630eb254c6d0a757729df730.html

Ministry	Constitution	Strategies	Age Restriction to Candidacy and Voting	Law	RIA	Policy	Overall
1	0.5	1	-1	1	0	0.9	3.4

Ministry		In Denmark, there is no Ministry of Youth, no national youth law or national youth agency ¹³⁵ .	
Constitution		///	
Strategy		///	
Age Restriction to Candidacy and Voting		The minimum age requirement for candidates in Denmark is 18 years old. Voting age is also 18 years ¹³⁶ .	
Law		///	
Youth Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA)		///	
Policy Area (The Danish Government has not instituted a specific youth policy with a certain defined purpose. Every sector has its own field of responsibility regarding measures and policy for young people. ¹³⁷)	Education and training	Early dropout prevention	Better Paths to Education and Employment ¹³⁸ . From primary and lower secondary education to skilled worker – VET educations for the future ¹³⁹ .
		Brain drains	
	Employment Entrepreneurship	Neet Prevention	Lov om kommunal indsats for unge under 25 år, LBK nr 1301 af 04/09/2020 ¹⁴⁰
		Employment	General The National Employment Council (BER) ¹⁴¹

¹³⁵ Youth Wiki, Denmark, Overview, available at: <https://national-policies.eacea.ec.europa.eu/youthwiki/chapters/denmark/overview>

¹³⁶ Youth Wiki, Denmark, Participation, Youth participation in representative democracy, available at: <https://national-policies.eacea.ec.europa.eu/youthwiki/chapters/denmark/52-youth-participation-in-representative-democracy>

¹³⁷ Bertel Haarder, Minister of Education and Youth Copenhagen, available from: chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://pjp-eu.coe.int/documents/42128013/47261806/Danish_youth_policy_Forum21.pdf/de22ef52-3043-463f-b47c-a481d7ab54d9

¹³⁸ BØRNE- OG, UNDERVISNINGSMINISTERIET, Agreement on better pathways to education and jobs, available at: <https://www.uvm.dk/publikationer/folkeskolen/2017-aftale-om-bedre-veje-til-uddannelse-og-job>

¹³⁹ Regeringen, Fra folkeskole til faglært, available from: <https://www.regeringen.dk/aktuelt/tidligere-publikationer/fra-folkeskole-til-faglaert/>

¹⁴⁰ Youth Wiki, Denmark, Employment & Entrepreneurship, Municipal youth guidance units in Denmark, available at: <https://national-policies.eacea.ec.europa.eu/youthwiki/chapters/denmark/32-administration-and-governance>

¹⁴¹ Styrelsen for Arbejdsmarked og Rekruttering, About the Employment Council, available at: <https://www.star.dk/om-styrelsen/beskaeftigelsesraadet/om-raadet>

			The Danish Agency for Labour Market and Recruitment (STAR) Municipal youth guidance units in Denmark (kommunal ungeindsats) ¹⁴²
		Start-up funding for young entrepreneurs	(General) Danish Foundation for Entrepreneurship (Fonden for Entreprenorskab ¹⁴³)
	Health and Well-Being	Healthy lifestyle and nutrition	Encouraging healthy lifestyles and healthy nutrition for young people Fødevarestyrelsen Sundhedsstyrelsen ¹⁴⁴
		Mental health	(General) 10-year plan for the psychiatric system and mental health. With a plan target children and young people. ¹⁴⁵
		Anti bullying	Act on Primary and Lower Secondary Education (Folkeskoleloven) requires schools to have a strategy for preventing bullying ¹⁴⁶ .
Social Inclusion	Youth Support for Transition to Independent Living	Housing for adults above the age of 18	

¹⁴² Youth Wiki, Denmark, Employment & Entrepreneurship, available at: <https://national-policies.eacea.ec.europa.eu/youthwiki/chapters/denmark/32-administration-and-governance>

¹⁴³ Fonden for Entreprenorskab, available at: <https://ffefonden.dk/>

¹⁴⁴ Youth Wiki, Denmark, Health and Well-Being, Healthy lifestyles and healthy nutrition, available at: <https://national-policies.eacea.ec.europa.eu/youthwiki/chapters/denmark/74-healthy-lifestyles-and-healthy-nutrition>

¹⁴⁵ Aftale om en, 10-arsplan for psykiatrien og mental sundhed, available from: [efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj](https://national-policies.eacea.ec.europa.eu/youthwiki/chapters/denmark/75-mental-health)

<https://national-policies.eacea.ec.europa.eu/youthwiki/chapters/denmark/75-mental-health>

¹⁴⁶ Youth Wiki, Denmark, Education and Training, Social inclusion through education and training, Prevention of bullying, available from: <https://national-policies.eacea.ec.europa.eu/youthwiki/chapters/denmark/66-social-inclusion-through-education-and-training>

			Housing First/Housing First for Youth (HF4Y) ¹⁴⁷
		Social benefits/financial support	The Child's Act (Barnets lov, LBK nr 83 af 25/01/2024) provide a range of financial services ¹⁴⁸ .

Ministry	Constitution	Strategies	Age Restriction to Candidacy and Voting	Law	RIA	Policy	Overall
0	0	0	0	0	0	0.7	0.7

¹⁴⁷ Youth Wiki, Denmark, Social Inclusion, Access to quality services, Housing, available from: <https://national-policies.eacea.ec.europa.eu/youthwiki/chapters/denmark/46-access-to-quality-services>

¹⁴⁸ Youth Wiki, Denmark, Social Inclusion, Access to quality services, Financial services, available at: <https://national-policies.eacea.ec.europa.eu/youthwiki/chapters/denmark/46-access-to-quality-services>



Egypt

Ministry/ Agency/ Department		Ministry of Youth and Sports	
Constitution		Article: 82,180 and 244 ¹⁴⁹	
Strategies		National youth Strategy 2022 - 2027 ¹⁵⁰	
Age Restriction to Candidacy and Voting		The eligibility age for the presidency is 40 years ¹⁵¹ , Candidates must be 25 years or older to run in the parliamentary election and the minimum age to vote is 18 years ¹⁵²	
Law/Act		Law No.1 of 2019, No. 204 of 2020, No. 23 of 2018, no. 201 of 2020, No. 218 of 2017 ¹⁵³	
Youth Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA)		///	
Policy Area	Education and training	Early dropout prevention	School Enrolment Campaigns, Conditional Cash Transfers: Programs like "Takaful and Karama" Sustainable Development Strategy 2030 (Education Axis). The elaboration of a strategic plan to declare Egypt free of illiteracy by 2030. Expanding the construction of public schools to reduce the density of classes ¹⁵⁴ .
		Brain drains	Incentive Programs for Rural Areas for Doctors, Incentive Programs for Infrastructure Projects for Engineers. National Research Centre of Cairo , a top-class research facility is

¹⁴⁹ CONSTITUTE, Egypt 2014, available at: https://www.constituteproject.org/constitution/Egypt_2014

¹⁵⁰ AASTMT-NEWS. "Egypt's National Youth Strategy."

http://aast.edu/en/news.php?page=2&unit_id=545&language=1&event=4&get_event_type=1.

¹⁵¹ Constitute, Egypt 2014 (rev. 2019), Article 141. Conditions for candidacy, available at:

https://www.constituteproject.org/constitution/Egypt_2019

¹⁵² Voting Law in Egypt, Article 1.

¹⁵³ Egypt today, how Egyptian Parliament supported youths by laws, available at:

<https://www.egypttoday.com/Article/1/111775/Discussed-How-Egyptian-Parliament-supported-youths-by-laws>

¹⁵⁴ Broken Chalk, Education in Egypt: Addressing the Barriers to a Better Future, available from:

<https://brokenchalk.org/education-in-egypt-addressing-the-barriers-to-a-better-future/>

			attracting talented young Egyptians ¹⁵⁵ .
Employment and Entrepreneurship	Neet Prevention		ILO, New EU-funded Regional Programme for Youth NEETs in Southern Mediterranean ¹⁵⁶ . The National Academy for training ¹⁵⁷ Youth Employment Initiative (YEI) ¹⁵⁸
	Employment Strategy		National Employment Strategy: Public-private partnership, Technical Education and Vocational Training (TVET) ¹⁵⁹ , Active Labour Market Programs (ALMPs) ¹⁶⁰
	Start-up funding for young entrepreneurs		Youth Entrepreneurship Program and Funding grants helping young people start and grow their businesses like General Authority for Investment and Free Zones (GAFI) ¹⁶¹
Health and Well-Being	Healthy lifestyle and nutrition		National health policy, Nawah initiative UNFPA ¹⁶²
	Mental health		Mental Health Act: Friendly clinics for

¹⁵⁵ The Guardian, Egypt reverses the brain drain, available at:

<https://www.theguardian.com/education/2006/dec/13/highereducation.uk>

¹⁵⁶ International Labour Organization, ILO Launches New EU-funded Regional Programme for Youth NEETs in Southern Mediterranean, available from: <https://www.ilo.org/resource/news/ilo-launches-eu-funded-regional-neet-programme>

¹⁵⁷ Research Gate, Youth not in Education, Employment, or Training (NEET) and Political Stability in Egypt and Tunisia, Policies to reduce Youth NEET, available at:

https://www.researchgate.net/publication/369068728_Youth_not_in_Education_Employment_or_Training_NEE_T_and_Political_Stability_in_Egypt_and_Tunisia_Comparative_Political_Economy_Perspective

¹⁵⁸ ILO, Youth Employment Inventory (YEI), available from:

file:///C:/Users/hussn/Downloads/wcms_459550.pdf

¹⁵⁹ TVET Egypt. "TVET Egypt | Support to the Technical and Vocational Education and Training Reform Programme." <https://tvetegypt.org/>.

¹⁶⁰ IFAD, "Towards Evidence-Based Active Labour Market Programmes in Egypt Challenges and Way Forward," January 2017.

¹⁶¹ My Startup World, available at: <https://mystartupworld.com/gafi-and-african-development-bank-empower-entrepreneurs-in-egypt/>

¹⁶² UNFPA, Young People, available from: <https://egypt.unfpa.org/en/topics/young-people-14>

			young people and teenagers ¹⁶³
		Anti-bullying	The law amending certain provisions of the Penal Code, which provides a legal definition of bullying officially came into effect in September 2020 ¹⁶⁴
	Social Inclusion	Youth Support for Transition to Independent Living	Housing loans ¹⁶⁵
		Financial Support	

Ministry	Constitution	Strategies	Age Restriction to Candidacy and Voting	Law	RIA	Policy	Overall
1	1	1	-1	1	0	0.9	3.9

¹⁶³ Shamseya, for Innovative Community Healthcare Solutions, available from: <https://shamseya.org/research/mapping-of-public-mental-health-services-in-egypt/>

¹⁶⁴ IDSC, Egypt's Anti-Bullying Efforts Overview, p14, available at: <https://idsc.gov.eg/upload/DocumentLibraryIssues/AttachmentA/8631/Egypt's%20Anti-Bullying%20Efforts%20Overview.pdf>

¹⁶⁵ CAHF, housing Finance in Egypt, available at: <https://housingfinanceafrica.org/countries/egypt/>



Ministry/ Agency/ Department		Ministry of Education and Research ¹⁶⁶ is the Estonian ministry primarily in charge of youth.	
Constitution		The Constitution does not specifically mention "youth" as a separate category, but it provides general principles that apply to all citizens, including young people, like: Article 12 Equality and Non-Discrimination, and Article 37 Right to Education.	
Strategy		Youth Sector Development Plan 2021-2035 (Noortevaldkonna arengukava 2021-2035) ¹⁶⁷	
Age Restriction to Candidacy and Voting		The minimum age to run for the office of President is 40 years old ¹⁶⁸ . Riigikogu (Parliament) Elections: The minimum age for candidacy in parliament is 21 years ¹⁶⁹ . Local Government Elections: the minimum age for candidacy in local elections is 18 years old ¹⁷⁰ . The voting age is 18 years old for most elections ¹⁷¹ .	
Law/ Act		There are two most important acts: 1) Child Protection Act ¹⁷² , which defines the principles of ensuring the rights and well-being of children in the age group of 0-18. 2) Youth Work Act ¹⁷³ , which defines the age range for young people from 7-26.	
Youth Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA)		///	
Policy Area (Youth Sector Development Plan 2021-2035)	Education and training	Early dropouts	The Estonian Lifelong Learning Strategy 2020 focuses on implementing actions to decrease the number of dropouts, such as: creating flexible opportunities for pre-school education, providing quality opportunities for upper-secondary education, ensuring access to vocational education and higher education, assisting language learning for graduates of non-Estonian language basic schools, and creating

¹⁶⁶ Republic of Estonia, Ministry of Education and Research, available from: <https://www.hm.ee/en>

¹⁶⁷ Youth Sector Development Plan 2021–2035, available at: file:///C:/Users/hussn/Downloads/ee_youth_sector_development_plan_2021-2035_en_0.pdf

¹⁶⁸ Estonia 1992 (rev. 2015), Article 79, available at: https://www.constituteproject.org/constitution/Estonia_2015

¹⁶⁹ Estonia 1992 (rev. 2015), Article 60, available at: https://www.constituteproject.org/constitution/Estonia_2015

¹⁷⁰ Local Government Council Election Act, Right to vote and stand as candidate (1), available at: <https://www.riigiteataja.ee/en/eli/ee/516032015001/consolide>

¹⁷¹ Estonia 1992 (rev. 2015), Article 57, available at: https://www.constituteproject.org/constitution/Estonia_2015

¹⁷² Child Protection Act, available from: <https://www.riigiteataja.ee/en/eli/506052015001/consolide>

¹⁷³ Youth Work Act, available from: <https://www.riigiteataja.ee/en/eli/515012016004/consolide>

			learning opportunities for individuals with lower competitiveness ¹⁷⁴ .
		Brain drains	The Estonian Research Council supports young researchers from Estonia and other countries to conduct research in varying research environments to exchange knowledge, expand their professional connections, and develop new skills ¹⁷⁵ .
	Employment	Neet Prevention	Estonian Association of Youth Centres ¹⁷⁶ , implementing youth work including activities for NEET. Youth Tugila (Youth Prop Up) ¹⁷⁷
		Employment	Main public actors and foundations of policy fields relevant to youth employment and entrepreneurship: Social Insurance Board ¹⁷⁸ , Estonian Unemployment Insurance Fund ¹⁷⁹ , Employment Contracts Act ¹⁸⁰ , The Education and Youth Board (Harno) ¹⁸¹ , The main non-public actors: Estonian Chamber of Commerce and Industry ¹⁸² , Estonian Employers' Confederation ¹⁸³ , Confederation of Estonian Trade Unions ¹⁸⁴ , National Youth Council ¹⁸⁵ .
		Start-up funding for young entrepreneurs	Young people have access to the following capital as entrepreneurs: 1) Loans 2) State guarantee 3) Venture capital (or equity investment) 4) Start-up grant 5) Baltic Innovation fund

¹⁷⁴ The Estonian Lifelong Learning Strategy 2020 P 8,10,11,12, available at: chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglelefndmkaj/https://www.educationestonia.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/estonian_lifelong_strategy.pdf

¹⁷⁵ Estonian Research Council, available at: <https://etag.ee/en/funding/mobility-funding/>

¹⁷⁶ Association of Estonian Open Youth Centres, available at: <https://www.britishcouncil.ee/en/programmes/society/association-estonian-open-youth-centres>

¹⁷⁷ NOORTE TUGILA, Support programme "Youth Prop Up", available at: <https://tugila.ee/support-program-youth-prop/>

¹⁷⁸ Social Insurance Board, available from: <https://www.sotsiaalkindlustusamet.ee/en>

¹⁷⁹ Eesti Tootukassa, Estonian Unemployment Insurance Fund, available from: <https://www.tootukassa.ee/et/eng>

¹⁸⁰ Employment Contracts Act, available at: <https://www.riigiteataja.ee/en/eli/ee/520062016003/consolide/current>

¹⁸¹ Republic Of Estonia, The Education and Youth Board (Harno), available at: <https://harno.ee/en>

¹⁸² Estonian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, available at: <https://www.koda.ee/en>

¹⁸³ The Estonian Employers' Confederation, available from: <https://employers.ee/en/>

¹⁸⁴ Confederation of Estonian Trade Unions, available at: <https://www.eakl.ee/home>

¹⁸⁵ EESTI NOORTE UHENDUSTE LIIT, available at: <https://enl.ee/en/>

			6) Innovation voucher ¹⁸⁶
Health and Well-Being	Healthy lifestyle and nutrition		The National Health Plan highlights various aspects and goals regarding the mental health and substance abuse of young people, with plans for prevention activities to address these concerns. Health-promoting educational institutions ¹⁸⁷
	Mental health		In the context of the Public Health Initiatives directed by the Ministry of Social Affairs, various projects focusing on children and youth mental health were launched between 2011-2016. Most notably: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishing the Children's Mental Health Centre Initiative titled • Developing a concept for integrated services to enhance children's mental health • Developing and providing/piloting the rehabilitation services for children with severe mental health problems in the community residential setting¹⁸⁸ Two evidence-based programs, KiVa and The PAX Good Behaviour Game ¹⁸⁹ , are in place in Estonian schools to support the mental health of young individuals
	Anti bullying		KiVa anti-bullying program and Kiusamisvaba Kool ¹⁹⁰ . Kiusamisest vaba lasteaed ja kool (Kindergartens and schools free of bullying) ¹⁹¹
Social Inclusion	Youth Support for Transition to Independent Living		The main initiatives by the Government to support issues concerning the housing of young people are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing loan guarantees under the housing policy • Home grants for families with many children

¹⁸⁶ Youth Wiki, Estonia, Employment & Entrepreneurship, Start-up funding for young entrepreneurs, available at: <https://national-policies.eacea.ec.europa.eu/youthwiki/chapters/estonia/39-start-up-funding-for-young-entrepreneurs>

¹⁸⁷ Youth Wiki, Estonia, Health and Well-Being, Healthy lifestyles and healthy nutrition, available at: <https://national-policies.eacea.ec.europa.eu/youthwiki/chapters/estonia/74-healthy-lifestyles-and-healthy-nutrition>

¹⁸⁸ Youth Wiki, Estonia, available from: <https://national-policies.eacea.ec.europa.eu/youthwiki/chapters/estonia/75-mental-health>

¹⁸⁹ VEPA, available at: <https://www.vepa.ee/>

¹⁹⁰ Kiusamisvaba Kool, available from: <https://kiusamisvaba.ee/>

¹⁹¹ Free of Bullying, available from: <https://kiusamisestvabaks.ee/?lang=en>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Substitute Home Service¹⁹²
		Financial Support	<p>The two main measures to support access to financial services for young people specifically are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study loan scheme. • Housing loan guarantee scheme (described under housing services in this chapter).¹⁹³

Ministry	Constitution	Strategies	Age Restriction to Candidacy and Voting	Law	RIA	Policy	Overall
0.5	0.5	1	-1	1	0	1	3

¹⁹² Youth Wiki, Estonia, Social Inclusion, Access to quality services, available from: <https://national-policies.eacea.ec.europa.eu/youthwiki/chapters/estonia/46-access-to-quality-services>

¹⁹³ Ibid



Ministry/ Agency/ Department		Department for Youth and Sport Policy of the Ministry of Education and Culture	
Constitution		(General) Section 6, Section 16 ¹⁹⁴	
Strategy		National Youth Work and Policy Program 2024-2027	
Age Restriction to Candidacy and Voting		There isn't a section in the Election Act detailing the Presidential candidacy age. Parliamentary Elections: Everyone with the right to vote and who is not under guardianship can be a candidate in parliamentary elections ¹⁹⁵ . Finnish citizen who has reached the age of 18 no later than on the election day is entitled to vote ¹⁹⁶ .	
Law/Act		Government Decree on Youth Work and Policy ¹⁹⁷ . Child Welfare Act ¹⁹⁸ . Basic Education Act ¹⁹⁹ .	
Youth Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA)		///	
Policy Area	Education and training	Early dropouts	Raising of minimum school leaving age to 18 years, the cost-free secondary studies for the students, the mandatory responsibility of municipalities to assign an education or training place to the compulsory student, and the Youth Guarantee ²⁰⁰ .
		Brain drains	

¹⁹⁴ CONSTITUTE, Finland 1999 (rev. 2011), available from:

https://www.constituteproject.org/constitution/Finland_2011

¹⁹⁵ CONSTITUTT, Finland 1999 (rev. 2011), Section 27. Eligibility and qualifications for the office of Representative.

¹⁹⁶ Election Act 714/1998, available at:

https://www.finlex.fi/en/laki/kaannokset/1998/en19980714_20040218.pdf

¹⁹⁷ Government Decree on youth work and policy, available at: chrome-

extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcgglefindmkaj/https://okm.fi/documents/1410845/4276311/Government+Decree+on+youth+work+and+policy+2017.pdf/465c3d48-b35e-4842-ac53-01d45626362e/Government+Decree+on+youth+work+and+policy+2017.pdf?t=1528793175000

¹⁹⁸ Ministry Of Social Affairs and Health, Finland, Child Welfare Act, available at:

https://www.finlex.fi/en/laki/kaannokset/2007/en20070417_20131292.pdf

¹⁹⁹ Basic Education Act, available at: <https://finlex.fi/en/laki/kaannokset/1998/en19980628.pdf>

²⁰⁰ Youth Wiki, Finland, available at: <https://national-policies.eacea.ec.europa.eu/youthwiki/chapters/finland/63-preventing-early-leaving-from-education-and-training-elet>

	Employment	Neet Prevention	The Youth Guarantee stated in the Government Programme to ensure that all young people aged under 25 years of age and all graduates under 30 years of age have a job or work trial, traineeship, workshop, apprenticeship or rehabilitation placement ²⁰¹ .
		Employment	National Youth Work and Policy Program. OHJAAMO The One-Stop Guidance Center ²⁰² .
		Start-up funding for young entrepreneurs	Start-up grant – support for new entrepreneurs ²⁰³ . Business Finland ²⁰⁴ . Young Innovative Company Funding ²⁰⁵ .
	Health and Well-Being	Healthy lifestyle and nutrition	The promotion of healthy eating habits is part of Finnish education system ²⁰⁶ Finnish Schools on the Move ²⁰⁷ .
		Mental health	Mental Health Act ²⁰⁸ , Important Sections in this Act Regarding Youth Mental Health is: Right to Mental Health Services, Mental Health Care

²⁰¹ KOULUTUS TAKUU.FI, Training Guarantee, available at: <https://www.koulutustakuu.fi/eng/>

²⁰² OHJAAMO, available at: <https://ohjaamot.fi/en/etusivu>

²⁰³ Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment, Start-up grant – support for new entrepreneurs, available at: <https://tem.fi/en/start-up-grants>

²⁰⁴ Business Finland, available at: <https://www.businessfinland.fi/en/for-finnish-customers/home>

²⁰⁵ Business Finland, Develop a startup's international business, available at:

<https://www.businessfinland.fi/en/for-finnish-customers/services/funding/young-innovative-company-funding>

²⁰⁶ Youth Wiki, Finland, Health and Well-Being, Healthy lifestyles and healthy nutrition, available at:

<https://national-policies.eacea.ec.europa.eu/youthwiki/chapters/finland/74-healthy-lifestyles-and-healthy-nutrition>

²⁰⁷ Finnish Schools on the Move, available at: <https://schoolsonthemove.fi/>

²⁰⁸ Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, Finland, Mental Health Act, available from: https://www.finlex.fi/en/laki/kaannokset/1990/en19901116_20101338.pdf

			in Educational Settings, Involuntary Treatment. One of the priority areas of The National Mental Health Strategy and Programme for Suicide Prevention 2020–2030 by The Finnish Government is the mental health of children and young people ²⁰⁹ .
		Anti bullying	KiVa antibullying program ²¹⁰
	Social Inclusion	Youth Support for Transition to Independent Living	Finnish Youth Housing Association NAL ²¹¹ , ABCs of Housing for Young People ²¹² .
		Financial Support	Financial aid for students: a student receives study grant, when he or she is 18 years old, unmarried and live in the school dormitory or elsewhere ²¹³ .

Ministry	Constitution	Strategies	Age Restriction to Candidacy and Voting	Law	RIA	Policy	Overall
0.5	0	1	0	1	0	1	3.5

²⁰⁹ The National Mental Health Strategy and Programme for Suicide Prevention 2020–2030 P21, available at: https://julkaisut.valtioneuvosto.fi/bitstream/handle/10024/162234/STM_2020_15.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y

²¹⁰ Making bullying prevention a priority in Finnish schools: The KiVa antibullying program, available at: <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/yd.20006>

²¹¹ Finnish Youth Housing Association NAL, available at: <https://nal.fi/en/finnish-youth-housing-association/>

²¹² ABCs of Housing for Young People, available from: <https://nal.fi/en/abcs-of-housing/>

²¹³ Akan.fi, Financial aid for students, available at: <https://akan.fi/en/financial-study-support>.



Ministry/ Agency/ Department		Ministère de l'Éducation Nationale et de la Jeunesse, La direction de la jeunesse de l'éducation populaire et de la vie associative ²¹⁴	
Constitution		///	
Strategy		Youth Policy Plan (2022)	
Age Restriction to Candidacy and Voting		National Assembly (Assemblée Nationale): The minimum age for candidacy is 18 years ²¹⁵ . Senate (Sénat): The age for candidacy is more than 24 years ²¹⁶ . The legal voting age is 18 years old ²¹⁷ .	
Law		French State does not have a comprehensive law governing youth; instead, there are specific laws created by different ministries dedicated to young people. In addition, the French state ratified the 1989 International Convention on the Rights of Children (Decree No. 90-917 of 8 October 1990 on the publication of the Convention on the Rights of Children) ²¹⁸ in 1990, which establishes a protective legal framework for all children and recognises their rights ²¹⁹ .	
Youth Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA)		The Youth impact clause ²²⁰	
Policy Area	Education and training	Early dropouts	“Everyone mobilised against school dropout” plan ²²¹ . Circular no.2013-035 of 29 March 2013 ²²² . Support to the development of 'scientific diasporas' - self-organised

²¹⁴ Ministère de l'Éducation Nationale et de la Jeunesse, available at: <https://www.jeunes.gouv.fr/>

²¹⁵ Electoral Code, Chapter II I: Conditions of eligibility and Ineligibility, Article LO127, available at: [chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://europam.eu/data/mechanisms/PF/PF%20Laws/France/France_Electoral_Code_legislative_part_primary_leg_am2013_fr%20\(1\).pdf](chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://europam.eu/data/mechanisms/PF/PF%20Laws/France/France_Electoral_Code_legislative_part_primary_leg_am2013_fr%20(1).pdf)

²¹⁶ Electoral Code, Chapter II: Conditions of eligibility and Ineligibility, Article LO 296, available at: [chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://europam.eu/data/mechanisms/PF/PF%20Laws/France/France_Electoral_Code_legislative_part_primary_leg_am2013_fr%20\(1\).pdf](chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://europam.eu/data/mechanisms/PF/PF%20Laws/France/France_Electoral_Code_legislative_part_primary_leg_am2013_fr%20(1).pdf)

²¹⁷ Electoral Code, Chapter 1, Required Conditions to be elector, Article 2, available at: [chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://europam.eu/data/mechanisms/PF/PF%20Laws/France/France_Electoral_Code_legislative_part_primary_leg_am2013_fr%20\(1\).pdf](chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://europam.eu/data/mechanisms/PF/PF%20Laws/France/France_Electoral_Code_legislative_part_primary_leg_am2013_fr%20(1).pdf)

²¹⁸ Décret n°90-917 du 8 octobre 1990 portant publication de la convention relative aux droits de l'enfant, signée à New York le 26 janvier 1990, available at: <https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/loda/id/JORFTEXT000000716856>

²¹⁹ Youth Wiki, France, Existence of a National Youth Law, available at: <https://national-policies.eacea.ec.europa.eu/youthwiki/chapters/france/12-national-youth-law>

²²⁰ Youth mainstreaming, youth impact assessment and youth checks, A comparative overview, P18.

²²¹ Ministère de l'Éducation nationale, de l'Enseignement supérieur et de la Recherche, FRENCH GOVERNMENT ACTION PLAN TO HALVE SCHOOL DROPOUT, available at: chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://cache.media.eduscol.education.fr/file/dossiers/44/2/French_gov_plan_to_Halve_School_Dropouts_EN_737442.pdf

²²² Ministère de l'Éducation Nationale et de la Jeunesse, Enseignements primaire et secondaire, available at: https://www.education.gouv.fr/bo/13/Hebdo14/MENE1306159C.htm?cid_bo=71326

		communities of expatriate scientists and engineers ²²³ .
	Brain drains	France has recently developed a package of measures to make the research system more open and attractive ²²⁴ .
Employment	Neet Prevention	Contrat d'engagement jeune , formerly known as Youth Guarantee offers young people in NEET aged 16 to 26 intensive support ²²⁵ .
	Employment	The 1 jeune, 1 solution plan, designed to offer personalised guidance and integration solutions to young people, including mentoring and assistance with contract entry ²²⁶ .
	Start-up funding for young entrepreneurs	French Tech Acceleration ²²⁷ . Bpifrance ²²⁸ plays a key role in supporting startups by providing such funding solutions as: The (startup loan (Prêt d'amorçage), The "innovation advance (Avance innovation) ²²⁹ .
Health and Well-Being	Healthy lifestyle and nutrition	The national health strategy (2018-2022) includes measures to improve the health of young people such as: 1 , Generalising "student ambassadors" for health promotion and prevention in schools and secondary schools. 2 , Preventing hearing risks among young people. 3 , Strengthen consultations for young consumers aged 11-25 concerning addictive behaviour. 4 , Train 80% of the

²²³ European Commission, while France pledges to minimise the effect of brain drain on developing countries, available at: <https://cordis.europa.eu/article/id/21260-while-france-pledges-to-minimise-the-effect-of-brain-drain-on-developing-countries>

²²⁴ Brain Drain Competition” Policies in Europe Investment in Research, P11, available at: <chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://amsacta.unibo.it/id/eprint/4756/1/534.pdf>

²²⁵ République Française, Le Contrat d'engagement jeune (CEJ), available at:

<https://www.francetravail.fr/actualites/a-laffiche/2022/le-contrat-dengagement-jeune-cej.html>

²²⁶ 1 jeune, 1 solution plan, available at: chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://travail-emploi.gouv.fr/IMG/pdf/dp_plan_jeunes.pdf

²²⁷ République Française, LA FRENCH TECH, La French Tech, l'écosystème des start-up françaises, available at: <https://lafrenchtech.gouv.fr/fr/>

²²⁸ BPIFRANCE, available at: <https://www.bpifrance.fr/>

²²⁹ Youth Wiki France, Start-up funding for young entrepreneurs, Access to capital, available at: <https://national-policies.eacea.ec.europa.eu/youthwiki/chapters/france/39-start-up-funding-for-young-entrepreneurs>

		<p>population in first aid and train students in mental health first aid²³⁰.</p> <p>National programme for reducing smoking 2018-2022 primarily aimed at: reducing daily smoking rates and creating a smoke-free generation by 2032.</p> <p>Plan regarding cancer prevention: The plan sets objectives that concern young people: Adapting the care of children, adolescents and young adults. To enable the continuation of schooling and studies. Respond to the needs of children, adolescents and young adults with cancer²³¹. Young consumer consultations²³².</p>
	Mental health	Santé Psy Étudiante ²³³ . Le kit de vie ²³⁴ . National suicide prevention number ²³⁵ . Reimbursement of psychologists for young people: Mon Psy ²³⁶
	Anti bullying	PREVENTION OF SCHOOL BULLYING AND CARE FOR VICTIMS ²³⁷ . Decree No. 2023-782 of August 16, 2023 , aims to provide school principals and heads of establishments with the means to provide an appropriate response to certain behaviors on the part of students, particularly in cases of harassment ²³⁸ .
Social Inclusion	Youth Support for Transition to Independent Living	Easing access to rental housing through: The LOKAVIZ mark, The Visale facility, The loca-pass, Mobili-

²³⁰ Youth Wiki, France, Health and Well-Being, Healthy lifestyles and healthy nutrition, available at: <https://national-policies.eacea.ec.europa.eu/youthwiki/chapters/france/74-healthy-lifestyles-and-healthy-nutrition>

²³¹ Ibid

²³² GOVERNMENT, MILDECA, available at: <https://www.drogues.gouv.fr/actualites/dossiers/prevenir-accompagner-consultations-jeunes-consommateurs>

²³³ Ministère De L'enseignement Supérieur Et De La Recherche, Santé Psy Étudiante, available at: <https://santepsy.etudiant.gouv.fr/>

²³⁴ Le kit de vie, available at: <https://www.nightline.fr/kit-de-vie>

²³⁵ SOUFFRANCE PREVENTION DU SUICIDE, available from: <https://3114.fr/>

²³⁶ Youth Wiki, France, Health and Well-Being, Mental health, available at: <https://national-policies.eacea.ec.europa.eu/youthwiki/chapters/france/75-mental-health>

²³⁷ LAW No. 2022-299 of March 2, 2022, aimed at combating harassment, PREVENTION OF SCHOOL BULLYING AND CARE FOR VICTIMS, available at: <https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/jorf/id/JORFTEXT000045287658>

²³⁸ République Française, Decree No. 2023-782 of August 16, 2023, available at: <https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/jorf/id/>

			Jeune aid ²³⁹ . Geo-localised information portal: A "thematic section" for young people is set to be added to the Santé.fr portal ²⁴⁰ .
		Financial Support	Work Credit (Prime d'Activité)²⁴¹, Grants based on social criteria, Merit-Based Help (Aide au Mérite)²⁴².

Ministry	Constitution	Strategies	Age Restriction to Candidacy and Voting	Law	RIA	Policy	Overall
1	0	1	-1	0	1	1	3

²³⁹ Youth Wiki, Access to housing, Easing access to rental housing through, available at: <https://national-policies.eacea.ec.europa.eu/youthwiki/chapters/france/46-access-to-quality-services>

²⁴⁰ République Française, Santé.fr, available at: <https://www.sante.fr/>

²⁴¹ Caf.fr, Allocataires, Aides et démarches, available at: <https://www.caf.fr/allocataires/aides-et-demarches/droits-et-prestations/vie-professionnelle/la-prime-d-activite>

²⁴² Youth Wiki, France, Social Inclusion Access to quality services, Financial services, available from: <https://national-policies.eacea.ec.europa.eu/youthwiki/chapters/france/46-access-to-quality-services>



Germany

Ministry/ Agency/ Department		Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth (BMFSFJ) was primarily responsible for the development of the strategy, but all other federal ministries were also involved.	
Constitution		The Constitution (Basic Law, or Grundgesetz) does not specifically mention "youth" as a separate category, but it includes several provisions that are relevant to young people like: Article 7 Right to Education, Article 3 Equality, Article 6 Freedom of Speech and Assembly, Article 38 Right to Vote ²⁴³ .	
Strategy		Youth Strategy (Jugendstrategie) the strategy is not tied to a specific time ²⁴⁴ .	
Age Restriction to Candidacy and Voting		Any person who has attained the age of eighteen shall be entitled to vote; any person who has attained the age of majority may be elected ²⁴⁵ . Majority begins at the age of eighteen ²⁴⁶ .	
Law		Germany does not currently have a separate law in place at national or federal state for Youth. Young individuals' needs and rights, along with other youth policy issues, are covered by multiple laws instead of one specific law ²⁴⁷ .	
Youth Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA)		The Youth check ²⁴⁸ .	
Policy Area (Independent Youth Policy)	Education and training	Early dropouts	Framework of action to reduce the number of pupils without school qualifications, ensure that they continue their education and reduce the number of people dropping out of training (Handlungsrahmen zur Reduzierung der Zahl der Schülerinnen und Schüler ohne Schulabschluss, Sicherung der Anschlüsse und Verringerung der Zahl der Ausbildungsabbrecher) ²⁴⁹ .

²⁴³ Basic Law for the Federal Republic of Germany, available from: <chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://faolex.fao.org/docs/pdf/ger128242E.pdf>

²⁴⁴ Die Jugendstrategie der Bundesregierung, available from: <chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.bmfsfj.de/resource/blob/141940/a9789d196ec8313b0b6bda4d5fd18eae/in-gemeinsamer-verantwortung-politik-fuer-mit-und-von-jugend-data.pdf>

²⁴⁵ Basic Law for the Federal Republic of Germany, Article 38, available from: <chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://faolex.fao.org/docs/pdf/ger128242E.pdf>

²⁴⁶ German Civil Code BGB, Section 2 Beginning of majority, available at: chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/englisch_bgb/englisch_bgb.pdf

²⁴⁷ Youth Wiki, Germany, Youth Policy Governance, National youth law, available from: <https://national-policies.eacea.ec.europa.eu/youthwiki/chapters/germany/12-national-youth-law>

²⁴⁸ Youth mainstreaming, youth impact assessment and youth checks, A comparative overview, P16.

²⁴⁹ (Handlungsrahmen zur Reduzierung der Zahl der Schülerinnen und Schüler ohne Schulabschluss, Sicherung der Anschlüsse und Verringerung der Zahl der Ausbildungsabbrecher), available at: [https://translate.google.com/?sl=auto&tl=en&text=\(Handlungsrahmen](https://translate.google.com/?sl=auto&tl=en&text=(Handlungsrahmen)

			Förderstrategie für leistungsschwächere Schülerinnen und Schüler ²⁵⁰ . Gesetz zur Stärkung der Aus- und Weiterbildungsförderung ²⁵¹ .
		Brain drains	The German government is implementing an \$82 million plan to enhance its scientific workforce. New programs at the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation and the DAAD aim to attract top scientists and retain young talent. Humboldt is utilizing additional funding of \$46 million over the next 3 years to introduce new programs like the Wolfgang-Paul awards. This initiative intends to bring in 15 to 20 outstanding scientists to Germany annually through grants of up to \$2 million over 3 years ²⁵² .
	Employment	Neet Prevention	Germany uses a comprehensive approach to prevent NEET status by fostering cooperation among education providers, social services, employment agencies, and businesses. Although there is no dedicated "NEET prevention" program, their combined initiatives effectively tackle this issue. Youth Employment Agencies (Jugendberufsagenturen) ²⁵³ Dual Vocational Training System (Duales Ausbildungssystem) ²⁵⁴
		Employment	Germany offers a range of career guidance tools to help young people with their employment prospects, in line with EU Youth Guarantee ²⁵⁵ recommendations. Employment agencies provide guidance to young people on career choices in job information centre's

²⁵⁰ Förderstrategie für leistungsschwächere Schülerinnen und Schüler, available from: chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.kmk.org/fileadmin/veroeffentlichungen_beschluess_e/2010/2010_03_04-Foerderstrategie-Leistungsschwaechere.pdf

²⁵¹ Gesetz zur Stärkung der Aus- und Weiterbildungsförderung, available from: chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.bmas.de/SharedDocs/Downloads/DE/Gesetze/Regierungsentwuerfe/reg-weiterbildungsgesetz.pdf?__blob=publicationFile&v=5

²⁵² Science, Germany to Halt Brain Drain, available from: <https://www.science.org/content/article/germany-halt-brain-drain>

²⁵³ Youth Employment Agencies (Jugendberufsagenturen), available from: <https://www.arbeitsagentur.de/institutionen/jugendberufsagenturen>

²⁵⁴ Successful dual training model, available from: <https://www.bmwk.de/Redaktion/DE/Dossier/ausbildung-und-beruf>

²⁵⁵ Youth Guarantee – implementation in NRW, available from: <https://www.mags.nrw/jugendgarantie-nrw-bericht>

			<p>like: Berufsinformationszentren (BiZ)²⁵⁶ which offer personal counselling for under-25 years old</p> <p>Online counselling services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schule, Ausbildung und Studium • planet-beruf.de • abi.de • Studienabbruch – und dann? <p>The JUVENTUS²⁵⁷ support program helps disadvantaged youth integrate into the German job market by providing in-company traineeships in other EU countries.</p> <p>WIR - Netzwerke integrieren Geflüchtete in den regionalen Arbeitsmarkt²⁵⁸</p> <p>ESF pilot programme Supporting young people in the neighbourhood (JUGEND STÄRKEN im Quartier)²⁵⁹</p>
		<p>Start-up funding for young entrepreneurs</p>	<p>BMWK offers various funding schemes to help young entrepreneurs and start-ups. Some of these include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The EXIST²⁶⁰ • ERP start-up loans²⁶¹ <p>The Federal Office of Economics and Export Control (BAFA) helps young, innovative companies and small to medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) with various tools and resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • promoting entrepreneurial know-how²⁶² • INVEST contribution to venture capital²⁶³ • The STARK programme²⁶⁴

²⁵⁶ Berufsinformationszentrum (BiZ), available from:
<https://www.arbeitsagentur.de/bildung/berufsinformationszentrum-biz>

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²⁵⁸ WIR - Netzwerke integrieren Geflüchtete in den regionalen Arbeitsmarkt, available from:
<https://www.esf.de/portal/DE/ESF-Plus-2021-2027/Foerderprogramme/bmas/wir.html>

²⁵⁹ JUGEND STÄRKEN im Quartier, available at: <chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglefindmkaj/https://www.jugend-staerken.de/resource/blob/139132/cf31765174a83e363503f86fe3a9878b/aktiv-flyer-jugend-staerken-im-quartier-data.pdf>

²⁶⁰ EXSIT start-up grant: available at:
<https://www.exist.de/EXIST/Navigation/DE/Gruendungsfoerderung/EXIST-Gruendungsstipendium/exist-gruendungsstipendium.html>

²⁶¹ Existenzgründungsportal des BMWK, available at:
<https://www.existzgruendungsportal.de/Navigation/DE/Home/home.html>

²⁶² Bundesamt für Wirtschaft und Ausfuhrkontrolle, Unternehmensberatung, available from:
https://www.bafa.de/DE/Wirtschaft/Beratung_Finanzierung/Unternehmensberatung/unternehmensberatung_node.html

²⁶³ Bundesamt für Wirtschaft und Ausfuhrkontrolle, INVEST – Zuschuss für Wagniskapital, available from:
https://www.bafa.de/DE/Wirtschaft/Beratung_Finanzierung/Invest/invest_node.html

²⁶⁴ Bundesamt für Wirtschaft und Ausfuhrkontrolle, STARK, available at:
https://www.bafa.de/DE/Wirtschaft/Beratung_Finanzierung/Stark/stark_node.html

Health and Well-Being	Healthy lifestyle and nutrition	<p>The National Action Plan "IN FORM – Germany's national initiative to promote healthy diets and physical activity, was set up by the federal government to prevent poor diets, lack of physical activity, obesity and related diseases. Its goal is to bring about lasting improvements to eating and exercise habits, it also measures to intensify nutrition education and strengthen nutrition skills in all age groups, especially children and adolescents, include developing the quality standards for school meals²⁶⁵.</p> <p>Fördermaßnahme vom Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung, BMB, this measure aims to create a basis that will allow children and young people to remain healthy or recover more quickly²⁶⁶.</p>
	Mental health	<p>Funding campaign “Healthy for life”²⁶⁷. Working Group- Children of Mentally Ill and Addictive Parents²⁶⁸. Information portal about depression “I am everything”²⁶⁹</p> <p>Research partnerships on behavioural disorders related to violence, neglect and abuse in childhood and adolescence²⁷⁰</p>
	Anti bullying	<p>Schule ohne Rassismus – Schule mit Courage²⁷¹. Anti-bullying content is integrated into the curriculum through subjects like ethics, social studies, and civic education, teaching students about respect, empathy, and the consequences of bullying.</p> <p>Child and Youth Welfare Act (SGB VIII)²⁷²: This act mandates local youth welfare offices to intervene in cases where a child's well-being is at risk,</p>

²⁶⁵ IN FORM, available from: <https://www.in-form.de/>

²⁶⁶ Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung, Förderinitiative gesund – ein Leben lang, available at: chrome-extension://efaidnbnmnibpcjpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.gesundheitsforschung-bmbf.de/files/BMBF_Gesund-ein%20Leben%20lang_BARRIEREFREI.pdf

²⁶⁷ Ibid.

²⁶⁸ WORKING GROUP CHILDREN OF MENTALLY ILL AND ADDICTIVE PARENTS, available from: <https://www.ag-kpke.de/>

²⁶⁹ Ich bin alles, available from: <https://www.ich-bin-alles.de/>

²⁷⁰ Youth Wiki, Germany, Health and Well-Being, Mental health, available from: <https://national-policies.eacea.ec.europa.eu/youthwiki/chapters/germany/75-mental-health>

²⁷¹ Schule ohne Rassismus – Schule mit Courage, available from: <https://www.schule-ohne-rassismus.org/>

²⁷² Bundesministerium der Justiz, Sozialgesetzbuch (SGB) - Achtes Buch (VIII) - Kinder- und Jugendhilfe, available at: https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/sgb_8/

		Youth Support for Transition to Independent Living	Youth Strengthening: Bridges to Independence ²⁷³
	Social Inclusion	Financial Support	The government provides assistance to families, children, and youth through a range of grants and tax incentives. One of the key supports offered is child benefit (Kindergeld), a tax-free allowance for children (Kinderfreibetrag), a supplementary child allowance (Kinderzuschlag), support/maintenance (Unterhalt) and advance payment of maintenance (Unterhaltsvorschuss), housing benefit (Wohngeld), childcare costs (Kinderbetreuungskosten) ²⁷⁴ and federal education assistance (BaföG) ²⁷⁵ .

Ministry	Constitution	Strategies	Age Restriction to Candidacy and Voting	Law	RIA	Policy	Overall
1	0.5	1	0	0.5	0	1	5

²⁷³ JUGEND STÄRKEN: Brücken in die Eigenständigkeit, available at: https://www.esf.de/portal/DE/ESF-Plus-2021-2027/Foerderprogramme/bmfsfj/jugend_staerken.html

²⁷⁴ Bundesministerium für Familie, Senioren, Frauen und Jugend, Familienleistungen, available from: <https://familienportal.de/familienportal/familienleistungen>

²⁷⁵ Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung, BAföG mehr für dich, available from: https://www.xn--bafg-7qa.de/bafog/de/home/home_node.html



Ministry/ Agency/ Department	Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
Constitution	The Indian Constitution does not explicitly mention the term "youth" in a dedicated section, but several provisions and articles indirectly relate to youth welfare, development, and empowerment. Like: Right to Education (Article 21A), Directive Principles of State Policy (Articles 39e, 41, 45, 47), Right to Equality (Articles 14-18), Promotion of Education and Cultural Rights (Articles 29-30), Right to Life and Personal Liberty (Article 21) ²⁷⁶ .
Strategy	India does not have a distinct document officially termed as a "Youth Strategy", but the nation's youth development initiatives are primarily guided by the National Youth Policy (NYP) 2014 ²⁷⁷ . This policy outlines the strategic framework for youth empowerment, covering areas such as education, employment, entrepreneurship, skill development, health, and participation in civic life.
Age Restriction to Candidacy and Voting	Lok Sabha (House of the People): Minimum age is 25 years ²⁷⁸ . Rajya Sabha (Council of States): Minimum age is 30 years ²⁷⁹ . State Legislative Assembly: Minimum age is 25 years ²⁸⁰ . State Legislative Council: Minimum age is 30 years ²⁸¹ . President of India: Minimum age is 35 years ²⁸² . Vice President of India: Minimum age is 35 years ²⁸³ . The voting age is 18 years old ²⁸⁴ .
Law/Act	India does not have a law specifically for "youth," but there are various laws and programs aimed at helping young people deal with their challenges, like: The Apprentices Act, 1961 (This applies to people of all ages, including young individuals) ²⁸⁵ The Skill India Mission (Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship) ²⁸⁶

²⁷⁶ THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA 2024, available from: chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://cdnbbsr.s3waas.gov.in/s380537a945c7aaa788ccfcdf1b99b5d8f/uploads/2024/07/20240716890312078.pdf

²⁷⁷ NATIONAL YOUTH POLICY, available at: chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://yas.gov.in/sites/default/files/DRAFT%20NATIONAL%20YOUTH%20POLICY%2025july23.pdf

²⁷⁸ THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA 2024, Section 36(2) Article 84(b).

²⁷⁹ Ibid

²⁸⁰ THE CONSTITUTION, Article (173).

²⁸¹ Ibid

²⁸² THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA 2024, Article 58(b).

²⁸³ THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA 2024, Article (66).

²⁸⁴ THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA 2024, Article (326).

²⁸⁵ The Apprentices Act, 1961, available from: https://indiankanoon.org/doc/1039932/

²⁸⁶ The Skill India Mission (Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship), available at: chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://static.pib.gov.in/WriteReadData/specificdocs/documents/2021/sep/Skill%20English-6Aug.pdf

Youth Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA)		///	
Policy Area (NATIONAL YOUTH POLICY ²⁸⁷)	Education and training	Early dropouts	<p>National Education Policy 2020 has mentioned two initiatives that will be undertaken to curb the problem. The first is to provide efficient and sufficient infrastructure to all students and the second is to set up alternative and innovative education centers for the children of migrant laborers²⁸⁸.</p> <p>A dropout early warning system enables schools to identify students who are at risk of dropping out of school, and to focus on individuals who struggle to perform well²⁸⁹.</p>
		Brain drains	<p>India has implemented strategies to attract skilled professionals, scientists, entrepreneurs, and academics back to the country to boost economic growth, technological advancement, and research capabilities. These efforts aim to reverse brain drain effects and utilize the skills of Indian diaspora and global professionals to contribute to India's development.</p> <p>Here are some initiatives India has implemented to promote brain gain.!</p> <p>Ramanujan Fellowship²⁹⁰.</p> <p>Ramalingaswami Re-entry Fellowship²⁹¹.</p> <p>Visiting Advanced Joint Research (VAJRA) Faculty Scheme²⁹²</p>

²⁸⁷ NATIONAL YOUTH POLICY, available at: <chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://yas.gov.in/sites/default/files/DRAFT%20NATIONAL%20YOUTH%20POLICY%2025july23.pdf>

²⁸⁸ National Education Policy 2020, P10, available from: <chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.turnthebus.org/uploads/1/4/7/3/147319755/894e19bd-4520-4264-ad5f-cfc8f7cd3587.pdf>

²⁸⁹ EARLY WARNING SYSTEMS FOR STUDENTS AT RISK OF DROPPING OUT, available from: <chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.turnthebus.org/uploads/1/4/7/3/147319755/ad780809-5cb7-44b0-b003-b9874b30dafc.pdf>

²⁹⁰ India Science, Technology and Innovation Portal, Ramanujan Fellowship, available from: <https://www.indiascienceandtechnology.gov.in/programme-schemes/research-and-development/ramanujan-fellowship>

²⁹¹ India Science, Technology and Innovation Portal, Ramalingaswami Re-entry Fellowship, available from: <https://www.indiascienceandtechnology.gov.in/programme-schemes/research-and-development/ramalingaswami-re-entry-fellowship>

²⁹² VAJRA, available from: <https://vajra-india.in/>

	Employment	Neet Prevention	Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) Short Term Trainings ²⁹³ .
		Employment	Skill India Mission ²⁹⁴
		Start-up funding for young entrepreneurs	PRADHAN MANTRI MUDRA YOJANA ²⁹⁵ . Startup India ²⁹⁶ . Stand-up India ²⁹⁷
Health and Well-Being	Healthy lifestyle and nutrition	Rashtriya Kishor Swasthya Karyakram (RKSK). School Health & Wellness Programme ²⁹⁸ .	
	Mental health	Five government departments, including Health and Family Welfare, Education, Women and Child Development, Youth Affairs and Sports, and Social Justice and Empowerment, worked together to recognize the importance of mental health in the overall well-being and development of young people through following programs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peer Education Program (RKSK) • Life Skill Education (DMHP, NEP, RKSK, AEP) • Drug/Substance Abuse (AEP), Screening for Health Problems (School Health Program) • Health and Wellness Awareness through DMHP, NHM programs, AB-HWC, SABLA, NSS, NYKS activities²⁹⁹. 	

²⁹³ PMVK, available from: <https://www.india.gov.in/spotlight/pradhan-mantri-kaushal-vikas-yojana#tab=tab-1>

²⁹⁴ NATIONAL SKILL INDIA MISSION, available from: <https://nationalskillindiamission.in/about/>

²⁹⁵ PRADHAN MANTRI MUDRA YOJANA, available at: chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://static.pib.gov.in/WriteReadData/specificdocs/documents/2021/dec/doc2021122931.pdf

²⁹⁶ GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, startupindia, available from: https://www.startupindia.gov.in/content/sih/en/startupgov/startup_recognition_page.html

²⁹⁷ Stand-up India, available from: <https://nsfdc.nic.in/en/stand-up-india>

²⁹⁸ Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Adolescent Health, available from: <https://nhm.gov.in/index1.php?lang=1&level=2&sublinkid=818&lid=221>

²⁹⁹ India's policy and programmatic response to mental health of young people: A narrative review, available from:

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2666560322000858#:~:text=%E2%80%A2%E2%80%A2Current%20policy%20and%20programming%20for%20youth>

		Anti bullying	SEHER program in Bihar ³⁰⁰ Guidelines on School Safety and Security ³⁰¹
	Social Inclusion	Youth Support for Transition to Independent Living	India does not have a specific national housing program exclusively for youth. However, young people can benefit from broader housing schemes and policies implemented by the government to provide affordable housing. (General) Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) ³⁰²
		Financial Support	///

Ministry	Constitution	Strategies	Age Restriction to Candidacy and Voting	Law	RIA	Policy	overall
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³⁰⁰ School-based anti-bullying interventions for adolescents in low- and middleincome countries: A systematic review, P7.

³⁰¹ Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education, Guidelines on School Safety and Security, available at: chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglefindmkaj/https://dsel.education.gov.in/sites/default/files/2021-10/guidelines_ sss.pdf

³⁰² Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY), available from: <https://pmay-urban.gov.in/>

Ireland



Ministry/ Agency/ Department		Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth (DCEDIY) ³⁰³	
Constitution		The Irish Constitution does not have specific sections dedicated exclusively to youth. However, it contains provisions that impact youth in terms of their rights and the responsibilities of the state towards children and families, like: Article 41,42 and 42A ³⁰⁴	
Strategy		The latest youth policy in Ireland is the National Youth Strategy (2015-2020) ³⁰⁵	
Age Restriction to Candidacy and Voting		<p>Dáil Éireann (House of Representatives): The minimum age for candidacy is 21 years³⁰⁶.</p> <p>Seanad Éireann (Senate): The minimum age for candidacy is 21 years³⁰⁷. Uachtarán na hÉireann: The minimum age to run for President of Ireland is 35 years³⁰⁸. The legal voting age is 18 years old³⁰⁹</p>	
Law		///	
Youth Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA)		///	
Policy Area (Better Outcomes, Brighter Futures - National	Education and training	Early dropouts	The Child and Family Agency (Tusla) is responsible for ensuring that every child either attends school regularly or receives an appropriate alternative

³⁰³ Gov.ie, Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, available at:

<https://www.gov.ie/en/organisation/departments-of-children-equality-disability-integration-and-youth/>

³⁰⁴ CONSTITUTION OF IRELAND, FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS-PERSONAL RIGHTS-THE FAMILY, available at: <https://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/cons/en/html#article41>

³⁰⁵ Department of Children and Youth Affairs, National Youth Strategy (2015-2020), available at: <chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.youthdeved.ie/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/20151008NatYouthStrat2015to2020.pdf>

³⁰⁶ CONSTITUTION OF IRELAND, DÁIL ÉIREANN, ARTICLE 16, available from: <https://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/cons/en/html#article16>

³⁰⁷ CONSTITUTION OF IRELAND, SEANAD ÉIREANN, ARTICLE 18, available from: <https://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/cons/en/html#article18>

³⁰⁸ CONSTITUTION OF IRELAND, THE PRESIDENT, ARTICLE 12-4-1.

³⁰⁹ Ibid

³¹⁰ Department of Children and Youth Affairs, Better Outcomes, Brighter Futures - National Policy Framework for Children & Young People (2014-2020), available at: <chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://assets.gov.ie/23796/961bbf5d975f4c88adc01a6fc5b4a7c4.pdf>

			minimum education ³¹¹ . DEIS Plan 2017 ³¹² .
		Brain drains	"Brain Drain to Brain Gain" initiative, supported by the Irish Health Service Executive (HSE) and other medical institutions, aims to better understand migration patterns among healthcare professionals and implement strategies to retain them ³¹³ . Additionally, significant investments in healthcare and social services, such as the €23.4 billion allocated in Budget 2023, are intended to improve working conditions and opportunities, thus reducing brain drain ³¹⁴ . The Irish government has invested heavily to reverse the brain drain. Enterprise Ireland, a state agency, pays for research projects and R&D collaborations, and provides mentoring and advice for

³¹¹ TUSLA, Child and Family Agency, available from: <https://www.tusla.ie/>

³¹² DEIS PLAN 2017, Delivering Equality of Opportunity in Schools, available at: <chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.gov.ie/pdf/?file=https://assets.gov.ie/24451/ba1553e873864a559266d344b4c78660.pdf>

³¹³ IRELAND BRAIN DRAIN TO BRAIN GAIN: IRELAND'S TWO-WAY FLOW OF DOCTORS, available at: chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://cdn.who.int/media/docs/default-source/health-workforce/migration-code/ireland-hw-study2017.pdf?sfvrsn=4d1c922f_3&download=true

³¹⁴ Ministers for Health announce investment of €23.4 billion in Ireland's Health and Social Care Services, available from: <https://www.gov.ie/en/press-release/6e1f6-ministers-for-health-announce-investment-of-23-4-billion-in-irelands-health-and-social-care-services/>

			technology transfer ³¹⁵ .
	Employment	Neet Prevention	Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) ³¹⁶ .
		Employment	Pathways to Work Strategy 2021 – 2025 is the Irish government’s national employment services strategy and overall framework for activation and employment support policy ³¹⁷ .
		Start-up funding for young entrepreneurs	Young Social Innovators (YSI) ³¹⁸ , Ireland’s Best Young Entrepreneur ³¹⁹ , The Back to Work Enterprise Allowance ³²⁰ .
	Health and Well-Being	Healthy lifestyle and nutrition	A Healthy Weight for Ireland: Obesity Policy and Action Plan 2016 – 2025 ³²¹ , Better Outcomes, The National Policy

³¹⁵ New Scientist, Science in Ireland: Reversing the brain drain, available from: <https://www.newscientist.com/article/mg18825282-000-science-in-ireland-reversing-the-brain-drain/#:~:text=The>

³¹⁶ KICKBOXING, KINDNESS & GOING THE EXTRA MILE, GOOD PRACTICE FOR WORKING WITH NEETS UNDER SICAP, available from: <chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.pobal.ie/app/uploads/2018/06/Good-practice-for-working-with-NEETs-under-SICAP-Summary-Report.pdf>

³¹⁷ Youth Wiki Ireland, Employment & Entrepreneurship, Integration of young people in the labour market, National Measures, available at: <https://national-policies.eacea.ec.europa.eu/youthwiki/chapters/ireland/36-integration-of-young-people-in-the-labour-market>

³¹⁸ Young Social Innovators (YSI), available at: <https://www.youngsocialinnovators.ie/>

³¹⁹ Local Enterprise Office, Ireland’s Best Young Entrepreneur, available at: <https://www.localenterprise.ie/Westmeath/FAQs/What-is-Ireland-s-Best-Young-Entrepreneur-Competition/>

³²⁰ Back to Work Enterprise Allowance, Introduction, available at: <https://www.citizensinformation.ie/en/social-welfare/social-welfare-payments-and-work/back-to-work-enterprise-allowance>

³²¹ Gov.ie, A Healthy Weight for Ireland: Obesity Policy and Action Plan 2016 – 2025, available at: <chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.gov.ie/pdf/?file=https://assets.gov.ie/10073/ccbd6325268b48da80b8a9e5421a9eae.pdf>

			<p>Framework for Children and Young People, 2014-2020 aims to ensure that children and young people are active and healthy³²². Outcome one, 'Active and Healthy', of Better Outcomes, National Youth Health Programme (NYHP)³²³, Be Healthy, Be Happy³²⁴</p>
		Mental health	<p>The Mental Health Act, this Act applies to both adults and children. Reference to children and young people are spread across parts of the Act, rather than contained within one section³²⁵. Well-being in post-primary schools: Guidelines for Mental Health Promotion and Suicide Prevention³²⁶.</p>
		Anti bullying	<p>Anti-bullying procedures for primary and post-primary schools, This Policy also aims to remove the</p>

³²² Better Outcomes, Brighter Futures: The National Policy Framework for Children and Young People, 2014-2020, Outcome one, 'Active and Healthy', Physical and Mental wellbeing P49, available at: <chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.gov.ie/pdf/?file=https://assets.gov.ie/23796/961bbf5d975f4c88adc01a6fc5b4a7c4.pdf>

³²³ National Youth Council of Ireland, National Youth Health Programme (NYHP), available at: <https://www.youth.ie/programmes/youth-health/>

³²⁴ Be Healthy, Be Happy, available at: <https://www.foroige.ie/start-club/young-people/foroige-programmes/be-healthy-be-happy>

³²⁵ Mental Health Act, 200, available at: <https://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2001/act/25/enacted/en/html>

³²⁶ Well-being in post-primary schools: Guidelines for Mental Health Promotion and Suicide Prevention, available from: <chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/publications/mentalhealth/wellbeingpostprimary.pdf>

			stigma associated with obesity, especially in children. ³²⁷
	Social Inclusion	Youth Support for Transition to Independent Living	The Child and Family Agency (Tusla) provide assistance to young people up to the age of 21 who have been in care, or up to 23 years if they are completing an education course ³²⁸ . Youth Aftercare Housing ³²⁹ . YOUTH HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY ³³⁰ . The Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) is a form of social housing support for people who have a long-term housing need ³³¹ .
		Financial Support	Student Grant Scheme ³³² . Direct financial assistance was not located; however, alternative forms of support are available: Youth Work Funding

Ministry	Constitution	Strategies	Age Restriction to Candidacy and Voting	Law	RIA	Policy	Overall
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³²⁷ Gov.ie, Anti-bullying procedures for primary and post-primary schools, available at:

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/cb6966-anti-bullying-procedures-for-primary-and-post-primary-schools/>

³²⁸ The Child and Family Agency (Tusla), available at: <https://www.tusla.ie/>

³²⁹ Youth Aftercare Housing, available at: <https://pmvtrust.ie/housing/housing-services/youth-aftercare-housing/>

³³⁰ YOUTH HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY, available at: chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.drugsandalcohol.ie/5070/1/DOHC_youth_homeless.pdf

³³¹ Citizen Information, Housing Assistance Payment (HAP), available at:

<https://www.citizensinformation.ie/en/housing/renting-a-home/help-with-renting/housing-assistance-payment>

³³² Student Grant Scheme, available at: <https://www.citizensinformation.ie/en/education/third-level-education/fees-and-supports-for-third-level-education/student-grant-scheme/>



Israel

Ministry/ Agency/ Department		Ministry of Aliyah and Integration ³³³ , Ministry of Welfare and Social Welfare ³³⁴ , Tenu'ot Noar (Youth Groups) ³³⁵	
Constitution		///	
Strategy		///	
Age Restriction to Candidacy and Voting		Every citizen aged 21 or older is eligible for election to the Knesset (Parliament), When the Prime Minister was directly elected, one must have been a member of the Knesset who is at least 30 to be a candidate for Prime Minister, Every Israel national of or over the age of eighteen years shall have the right to vote in elections to the Knesset ³³⁶ .	
Law		///	
Youth Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA)		///	
Policy Area (There is no national youth policy. However, there are a number of labour market	Education and training	Early dropouts	ORT-Israel (Organization for Rehabilitation through Training) operates a network of 125 educational institutions which includes programs to prevent dropouts ³³⁸ . Yeholot program ³³⁹ .
		Brain drains	A competitive program to increase high-quality Israeli research output by employing outstanding researchers by the Council for Higher Education (CHE) and the Aliyah and Integration Ministry ³⁴⁰ .

³³³ Ministry of Aliyah and Integration, available at:

https://www.gov.il/en/departments/ministry_of_aliyah_and_integration/govil-landing-page.

³³⁴ The Ministry of Welfare and Social Affairs, available at: <https://www.gov.il/en/departments/molasa/govil-landing-page>.

³³⁵ Tenu'ot Noar (Youth Groups), available at: <https://www.nbn.org.il/life-in-israel/education/child-and-teen/tenuot-noar-youth-groups/>

³³⁶ CONSTITUTE Israel 1958 (rev. 2013), Basic Law the Knesset (1958), Article 5,6, available from: https://www.constituteproject.org/constitution/Israel_2013

³³⁷ European Committee of the Right, division of powers, Israel - Youth and Sport, available at: <https://portal.cor.europa.eu/divisionpowers/Pages/Israel-Youth-and-Sports>

³³⁸ JEWISH VIRTUAL LIBRARY, Learning Together: Chapter I - Programs for Youth At-Risk & Dropout Prevention, available from: https://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/learning-together-chapter-i-programs-for-youth-at-risk-and-dropout-prevention?utm_content=cmp-true

³³⁹ YEHOLOT, available from: <http://www.yeholot.org.il/en/Programs>.

³⁴⁰ THE JERUSALEM POST, Israel approves NIS 120 million in order to combat brain drain, available from: <https://www.jpost.com/israel-news/article-743030>

Employment	Neet Prevention	The Afikim programme ³⁴¹
	Employment	The Israeli Employment Service ³⁴² , network of Employment Orientation Centres has also been created to reduce unemployment ³⁴³ .
	Start-up funding for young entrepreneurs	Keren Shemesh Fund for Young Entrepreneurs ³⁴⁴ .
Health and Well-Being	Healthy lifestyle and nutrition	The Israel National Program for Active & Healthy Living ³⁴⁵ .
	Mental health	ELEM YOUTH IN DISTRESS IN ISRAEL ³⁴⁶ . Youth-friendly mental health services by Foundation Dora ³⁴⁷ . Enosh The Israeli Mental Health Association ³⁴⁸
	Anti bullying	School based anti-bullying project in response to increased violence ³⁴⁹ .
Social Inclusion	Youth Support for Transition to Independent Living	///
	Financial Support	Unemployment insurance (Benefits) Intended to help those who are temporarily unemployed to maintain their standard of living while

³⁴¹ European Committee of the Right, division of powers, Israel - Youth and Sport, available at: <https://portal.cor.europa.eu/divisionpowers/Pages/Israel-Youth-and-Sports>

³⁴² Gov.il, Israeli Employment Service, available from: https://www.gov.il/en/departments/employment_service/govil-landing-page

³⁴³ ETF, Employment policy and institutional setting, ISRAEL EDUCATION, TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENTS 2020 P13.

³⁴⁴ Isreal Business Connection, Keren Shemesh Fund for Young Entrepreneurs, available from: <http://www.israelbusiness.org.il/financialassistance/smallbusiness/shemesh>

³⁴⁵ ACTIVE HEALTHY KIDS, GLOBAL ALLIANCE, ISREAL, available at: <https://www.activehealthykids.org/israel/>

³⁴⁶ ELEM YOUTH IN DISTRESS IN ISRAEL, available at: <https://elem.org/>

³⁴⁷ Foundation Dora, Youth-friendly mental health services in Jerusalem, available at: <https://www.fondationdora.org/en/nos-actions/sante-mentale/headspace-in-jerusalem/>

³⁴⁸ Mental Health Innovation Network, Enosh the Israeli Mental Health Association, available at: <https://www.mhinnovation.net/organisations/enosh-israeli-mental-health-association>

³⁴⁹ THE JERUSALEM POST, Education Ministry launches anti-bullying project in response to increased violence in schools, available at: <https://www.jpost.com/israel-news/article-695430>

			encouraging them to return to the labor market ³⁵⁰
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Ministry	Constitution	Strategies	Age Restriction to Candidacy and Voting	Law	RIA	Policy	Overall
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³⁵⁰ TAUBA CENTER FOR SOCIAL POLICY STUDIES IN ISRAEL, The Young Unemployed and Unemployment Benefits in Israel, available from: <https://www.taubcenter.org.il/en/research/the-young-unemployed-and-unemployment-benefits-in-israel/>

Ministry/ Agency/ Department		Department for Youth Policies and Universal Civil Service (Dipartimento per le Politiche Giovanili e il Servizio Civile Universale) ³⁵¹ .	
Constitution		<p>The Italian Constitution does not explicitly mention "youth" as a specific category. However, several articles indirectly address issues relevant to young people, particularly in the areas of education, labor, and social rights.</p> <p>Article 3 Equality and Non-Discrimination, Article 4 Right to Work, Article 31 Protection of the Family and Social Support, Article 34 Right to Education³⁵²</p>	
Strategy		The national youth strategy ³⁵³	
Age Restriction to Candidacy and Voting		<p>Chamber of Deputies: The minimum age to stand as a candidate is 25 years³⁵⁴.</p> <p>Senate: The minimum age to stand as a candidate is 40 years³⁵⁵.</p> <p>President of the Republic: The minimum age to stand as a candidate is 50 years.³⁵⁶</p> <p>Voting Age for the Chamber of Deputies and other general elections: 18 years³⁵⁷.</p> <p>Voting Age for the Senate: 25 years³⁵⁸.</p>	
Law		At national level, various drafts framework law on youth have been under discussion for the past few years. At regional level, out of the 20 Italian Regions, 17 adopted a legislation on youth policies in compliance with the constraints set by the Constitution, the current European and international legislations and the national strategy for youth ³⁵⁹ .	
Youth Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA)		///	
Policy Area	Education and training	Early dropouts	In the framework of the National Operational Programme for Schools - Skills and Learning

³⁵¹ Department for Youth Policies and Universal Civil Service (Dipartimento per le Politiche Giovanili e il Servizio Civile Universale), available from: <https://www.politichegiovanili.gov.it/>

³⁵² Constitution of the Italian Republic, available at: chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.senato.it/documenti/repository/istituzione/costituzione_inglese.pdf

³⁵³ The national youth strategy, available at: chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.politichegiovanili.gov.it/media/qf2fr4b/intesa-rep-202_cu-del-20-dicembre-2023.pdf

³⁵⁴ Constitution of the Italian Republic, Article 56, available at: chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.senato.it/documenti/repository/istituzione/costituzione_inglese.pdf

³⁵⁵ Constitution of the Italian Republic, Article 58.

³⁵⁶ Constitution of the Italian Republic, Article 85.

³⁵⁷ Constitution of the Italian Republic, Article 48, 56.

³⁵⁸ Constitution of the Italian Republic, Article 58,

³⁵⁹ Youth Wiki Italy, Youth Policy Governance, National youth law, available from: <https://national-policies.eacea.ec.europa.eu/youthwiki/chapters/italy/12-national-youth-law>

		<p>Environment 2014-2020³⁶⁰, resources amounting to 2.8 billion euro have been allocated with more than 52,343 projects financed throughout the country in favour of 8,000 schools for the training of more than 2 million 392 thousand students, teachers and adults.</p> <p>The Intervention Plan for reducing territorial gaps in education was presented in 2020³⁶¹. It is aimed at schools in the regions of Calabria, Campania, Puglia, Sardinia and Sicily and sees the implementation of measures to improve learning outcomes. Good practices related with school dropouts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gold database of INDIRE³⁶² • The Heritage and Interculture project³⁶³ • The database on the school projects in Lombardia by ORIM – Regional Observatory for Integration and Multiethnicity³⁶⁴ • The LOST project on school dropouts³⁶⁵
	Brain drains	While there are discussions about the problem, there have been no effective, large-scale initiatives or strategies implemented to prevent this exodus of skilled professionals. The situation remains a significant issue for the country ³⁶⁶ .
Employment	Neet Prevention	The Youth Guarantee initiative in Italy aims to boost youth employment and help individuals up to age 29 who are not in employment, education, or training (NEETs) ³⁶⁷ .
	Employment	Youth Recruitment Bonus ³⁶⁸ , to support the permanent employment of young people under 35. Italy can access the European Globalization Adjustment Fund (EGF) ³⁶⁹ to help those, including self-employed workers, who are unemployed due to

³⁶⁰ Programma Operativo Nazionale per la scuola competenze e ambienti per l'apprendimento, available from: chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.miur.gov.it/documents/20182/881790/ponkit_brochure_2017.pdf/72a2c343-3c24-4a98-8924-a6e5a23a1aa7

³⁶¹ Scuola, presentato il Piano di intervento per la riduzione dei divari territoriali in istruzione, available at: <https://www.miur.gov.it/web/guest/-/scuola-presentato-il-piano-di-intervento-per-la-riduzione-dei-divari-territoriali-in-istruzione>

³⁶² GOLD – Best practices of the Italian school, available at: <https://www.indire.it/progetto/gold/>

³⁶³ Patrimonio e Intercultura, Heritage and Interculture, available at: <https://patrimonioeintercultura.ismu.org/en/homepage-en/>

³⁶⁴ Orimregionelombardia, available from: <https://orimregionelombardia.it/>

³⁶⁵ Lost, available from: chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://ejbn4fvt9h.exactdn.com/uploads/2021/07/Lost_2014.pdf

³⁶⁶ SPRINGER NATURE, Research Communities, Brain drain, an Italian drama since many, too many years, available at: <https://communities.springernature.com/posts/brain-drain-an-italian-drama-since-many-too-many-years>

³⁶⁷ ANPAL, Youth Guarantee, available from: <https://www.anpal.gov.it/garanzia-giovani>

³⁶⁸ ANPAL, National Incentives Directory, available from: <https://www.anpal.gov.it/repertorio-nazionale-degli-incentivi>

³⁶⁹ Commissione europea, Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, EGF, available at: <https://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=326&langId=it>

		globalization or economic difficulties. Under the Jobs Act , young people (also) have the right to benefit from the ordinary monthly unemployment allowance ³⁷⁰ .
	Start-up funding for young entrepreneurs	Young entrepreneurs can access public grants through incentives on the government portal incentivi.gov.it ³⁷¹ . A guide vademecum ³⁷² details incentive programs for supporting young entrepreneurs. Beyond New Enterprises at Zero Rate ³⁷³ , New SELFIEmployment ³⁷⁴ , Resto al Sud ³⁷⁵ , New zero-interest enterprises ³⁷⁶ .
Health and Well-Being	Healthy lifestyle and nutrition	The Government Program “Gaining in Health. Making healthy choices easy” (Guadagnare Salute. Rendere facili le scelte salutari ³⁷⁷) promote healthy lifestyles and proper nutrition. OKkio alla Salute ³⁷⁸ . Guidelines for a healthy nutrition ³⁷⁹ . A working table for the prevention and contrast of overweight and obesity ³⁸⁰ . Progetto “Cuora il futuro” ³⁸¹ , EDU project ³⁸² ,

³⁷⁰ Youth Wiki Italy, Employment & Entrepreneurship, Integration of young people in the labour market, available from: <https://national-policies.eacea.ec.europa.eu/youthwiki/chapters/italy/36-integration-of-young-people-in-the-labour-market>

³⁷¹ [incentivi.gov.it](https://www.incentivi.gov.it), available from: <https://www.incentivi.gov.it>

³⁷² [incentivi.gov.it](https://www.incentivi.gov.it), available from: <https://www.incentivi.gov.it/it/catalogo>

³⁷³ INVITALIA, ON - OLTRE NUOVE IMPRESE A TASSO ZERO, available from:

<https://www.invitalia.it/cosa-facciamo/creiamo-nuove-aziende/nuove-imprese-a-tasso-zero/cose>

³⁷⁴ INVITALIA, NUOVO SELFIEMPLOYMENT, available from: <https://www.invitalia.it/cosa-facciamo/creiamo-nuove-aziende/nuovo-selfiemployment>

³⁷⁵ INVITALIA, Resto al Sud, available from: <https://www.invitalia.it/cosa-facciamo/creiamo-nuove-aziende/resto-al-sud>

³⁷⁶ Ministero delle Imprese e del Made in Italy, Nuove imprese a tasso zero (NITO-ON), available from: <https://www.mimit.gov.it/index.php/it/incentivi/misure-per-l-autoimprenditorialita-nuove-imprese-a-tasso-zero>

³⁷⁷ Ministero della Salute, Guadagnare Salute. Rendere facili le scelte salutari, see previous section, available from: chrome-

extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.salute.gov.it/imgs/C_17_pubblicazioni_605_allegato.pdf

³⁷⁸ Istituto Superiore di Sanità, EpiCentro - L'epidemiologia per la sanità pubblica, OKkio alla Salute, available from: <https://www.epicentro.iss.it/okkioallasalute/>

³⁷⁹ Ministero della Salute, available from: <https://www.salute.gov.it/portale/home.html>

³⁸⁰ Ministero della Salute, Insieme al Tavolo di lavoro per la prevenzione e il contrasto del sovrappeso e dell'obesità, available from:

https://www.salute.gov.it/portale/news/p3_2_1_1_1.jsp?lingua=italiano&menu=notizie&p=dalministero&id=3784

³⁸¹ ISTITUTO NAZIONALE DOCUMENTAZIONE RICERCA EDUCATIVA, Progetto “Cuora il futuro”, available at: <https://www.indire.it/progetto/progetto-cuora-il-futuro/>

³⁸² Italian Government, Department of Anti-Drug Policies, available at: <https://www.politicheantidroga.gov.it/>

		Mental health	<p>Strategy to promote mental well-being in children, adolescents and young people (Promuovere il benessere mentale nei bambini, adolescenti e giovani)³⁸³</p> <p>The National Prevention Plan outlines the health goals for the population and identifies the necessary actions and stakeholders to accomplish them. It stresses the importance of creating targeted interventions for childhood and adolescence³⁸⁴.</p>
		Anti bullying	<p>Law No. 70 of May 17, 2024 (Law No. 70), on the prevention and fight against bullying and cyberbullying, the law is aimed at preventing all forms of bullying and cyberbullying, with particular focus on minors as both victims and perpetrators³⁸⁵.</p>
	Social Inclusion	Youth Support for Transition to Independent Living	<p>First Home Mortgage Guarantee Fund³⁸⁶.</p> <p>Rent bonus for Youth³⁸⁷.</p> <p>Young Italians can get a room at a university residence by applying for calls regularly issued by universities³⁸⁸.</p>
		Financial Support	<p>Young people aged 18 and over, if earning an income below a certain threshold, could (also) access the Citizenship Income (RdC)³⁸⁹.</p> <p>Care Leavers Project³⁹⁰.</p>

Ministry	Constitution	Strategies	Age Restriction to Candidacy and Voting	Law	RIA	Policy	Overall
1	0.5	1	-1	0	0	0.9	2.4

³⁸³ Salute Mentale, Promuovere il benessere mentale nei bambini, adolescenti e giovani, available at: <https://www.salute.gov.it/portale/saluteMentale/dettaglioContenutiSaluteMentale.jsp?lingua=italiano&id=4240&area=salute%20mentale&menu=obiettivi>

³⁸⁴ Youth Wiki Italy, Health and Well-Being, Mental health, Improving the mental health of young people, available from: <https://national-policies.eacea.ec.europa.eu/youthwiki/chapters/italy/75-mental-health>

³⁸⁵ Law to Prevent Bullying and Cyberbullying, LEGGE 17 maggio 2024, n. 70, available from: <https://perma.cc/ZZ6N-XHBH>

³⁸⁶ CONSAP, Fondo Prima Casa, available from: <https://www.consap.it/fondo-prima-casa/>

³⁸⁷ Agenzia entrate, Rent bonus for Youth, available from: <chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.agenziaentrate.gov.it/portale/documents/>

³⁸⁸ Youth Wiki Italy, Social Inclusion, Access to quality services, available from: <https://national-policies.eacea.ec.europa.eu/youthwiki/chapters/italy/46-access-to-quality-services>

³⁸⁹ REDDITO DI CITTADINANZA, available from: <https://www.redditicittadinanza.gov.it/>

³⁹⁰ EUROPEAN UNION European Social Fund, PON INCLUSIONE, Care Leavers Project, available from: <https://poninclusion.lavoro.gov.it/areaintervento/lottaallapovera/Pagine/Care-Leavers>



Japan

Ministry		///	
Constitution		The Japanese Constitution does not explicitly mention "youth" as a specific category. However, several articles indirectly address issues relevant to young people, particularly in the areas of education and social rights. Article 13 and Article 26	
Strategy		///	
Age Restriction to Candidacy and Voting		To serve in the House of Representatives, candidates must be 25. Candidates must be 30 years or older for the House of Councillors ³⁹¹ . Additionally, individuals must be at least 18 years old to vote.	
Law		The youth policy is formulated based on the Act on Promotion of Development and Support for Children and Young People, which was enacted in 2009 ³⁹²	
Youth Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA)		///	
Policy Area	Education and training	Early dropouts	Preventing dropouts: school Attendance Support System, If they dropouts: Vocational training Hello Work ³⁹³
		Brain drains	Punishment of technical engineers
	Employment <u>Entrepreneurship</u>	Neet	Youth Support Stations (RYSS) income support for young jobseekers UB (unemployment benefits under 30) and PA (public assistance) Neet prevention and early recovery Is done through home visits to youth who have

³⁹¹ Journal of Contemporary East Asia Studies, Age of eligibility to run for election in Japan: a barrier to political careers, available from: [chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/pdf/10.1080/24761028.2019.1630052](https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/pdf/10.1080/24761028.2019.1630052)

³⁹² Educational Studies in Japan: International Yearbook No. 15, Youth Policy in the Hands of Whom?: A Comparative Study of Japanese Youth Policy in the Eyes of Europe, p73, available from: https://www.jstage.jst.go.jp/article/esjkyoiku/15/0/15_69/_article/-char/ja/

³⁹³ OECD, Investing in Youth: Japan, Chapter 2.

			dropped out of school or who are at risk ³⁹⁴ .
		Employment Strategy/ Labour Market Policies	Job Cafe, Job Cards, Scholarships. ³⁹⁵ Dual system and Technical Vocational Education under 30 ³⁹⁶
		Start-up funding for young entrepreneurs	2013 Revitalisation strategy Youth Independence Challenge Plan (entrepreneurship education in elementary, junior, high and senior high schools) ³⁹⁷
Health and Well-Being		Healthy lifestyle and nutrition	(General) Shokuiku (Food and Nutrition Education) Basic Act ³⁹⁸
		Mental health	(General) Mental Health Policies and Services and General Principles of Suicide Prevention Policy' (GPSPP) ³⁹⁹
		Anti bullying	Act for the Promotion of Measures to Prevent Bullying ⁴⁰⁰
Social Inclusion		Youth Support for Transition to Independent Living	General youth not mentioned: Social Housing Policy in Japan ⁴⁰¹
		Social benefits/ financial support	Child Benefits (Jido Teate ⁴⁰²) till the age of 18

³⁹⁴ ILO, Youth Employment Policy Summary JAPAN, p2.

³⁹⁵ Ibid p4.

³⁹⁶ Ibid p4.

³⁹⁷ Ibid p4.

³⁹⁸ Japanese Law Translation, Basic Act on Shokuiku (Food and Nutrition Education), available from: <https://www.japaneselawtranslation.go.jp/en/laws/view/3419>

³⁹⁹ The General Principles of Suicide Countermeasures Policy, available at: <chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.mhlw.go.jp/content/001250885.pdf>

⁴⁰⁰ Japanese Law Translation, Act for the Promotion of Measures to Prevent Bullying, available from: <https://www.japaneselawtranslation.go.jp/en/laws/view/3748/en>

⁴⁰¹ Social Housing Policy in Japan The Japan Federation of Housing Organizations (Judanren) October 2017, available from: chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.internationalhousingassociation.org/fileUpload_details.aspx?contentTypeID=3&contentID=254956&subContentID=706249&channelID=38488

⁴⁰² Prime Minister's Office of Japan, Major policies of the Kishida Cabinet 02, Policies supporting children and child-rearing, available at: https://japan.kantei.go.jp/ongoingtopics/policies_kishida/childsupport.html

			After 20 unemployment benefits ⁴⁰³
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Ministry	Constitution	Strategies	Age Restriction to Candidacy and Voting	Law	RIA	Policy	Overall
0	0.5	0	-1	1	0	0.8	1.3

<https://www.japanlivingguide.com/living-in-japan/government/child-allowance/>

⁴⁰³ OECD, Investing in Youth: Japan, Chapter 3, The income support system.



Ministry/ Agency/ Department		Ministry of Youth	
Constitution		Section 2, Article 2 No.7 ⁴⁰⁴	
Strategy		National Youth Strategy 2019-2025 ⁴⁰⁵	
Age Restriction to Candidacy and Voting		For House of Representatives (lower house) candidates must be 30 years old ⁴⁰⁶ . For the Senate (upper house) candidates must be 40 years old ⁴⁰⁷ . The minimum age for voting is 18 years.	
Law		///	
Youth Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA)		///	
Policy Area	Education and training	Early dropouts	Non-formal education centers in Amman by JOHUD ⁴⁰⁸ TVET programmes ⁴⁰⁹
		Brain drains	Managing Brain Drain Through Brain Train (in medical field) ⁴¹⁰ ,
	Employment	Neet Prevention	Promoting employment and training for youth NEETs in the Southern Mediterranean (2024-2026 ⁴¹¹)

⁴⁰⁴ دستور المملكة الأردنية الهاشمية، الفصل الثاني، حقوق الأردنيين والأردنيات وواجباتهم، المادة 6: <https://www.cco.gov.jo/AR/Pages>

⁴⁰⁵ Ministry of Youth, National youth strategy 2019 – 2025, available at: chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://nwm.unescwa.org/sites/default/files/2023-04/jordan_national_youth_strategy_2019-2025_english.pdf

⁴⁰⁶ Constitute, Jordan 1952 (rev. 2016), Article 70, available from:

https://www.constituteproject.org/constitution/Jordan_2016

⁴⁰⁷ Constitute, Jordan 1952 (rev. 2016), Article 64, available from:

https://www.constituteproject.org/constitution/Jordan_2016

⁴⁰⁸ Libraries Without Borders, New Ways of Learning for Drop-Out Students in Jordan, available at:

<https://www.librarieswithoutborders.org/2019/04/03/new-ways-of-learning-for-drop-out-students-in-jordan/>

⁴⁰⁹ UNICEF, JORDAN COUNTRY REPORT ON OUT-OF-SCHOOL CHILDREN, chapter 2, P21, available from: chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://jordan.un.org/sites/default/files/2022-09/OSC-Report-EN_0.pdf

⁴¹⁰ Oncology Medical Training and Practice: Managing Jordan's Brain Drain Through Brain Train—The King Hussein Cancer Center Experience, available at: <https://ascopubs.org/doi/pdf/10.1200/GO.20.00141>

⁴¹¹ ILO, Promoting employment and training for youth NEETs in the Southern Mediterranean, available from: <https://www.ilo.org/projects-and-partnerships/projects/promoting-employment-and-training-youth-neets-southern-mediterranean>

		Employment	The Jordan Vision 2025 a national vision and strategy ⁴¹²
		Start-up funding for young entrepreneurs	Urdon Mubtakar programme ⁴¹³ .
Health and Well-Being		Healthy lifestyle and nutrition	(The National Youth Strategy in Jordan) health strategies for young people ⁴¹⁴
		Mental health	(The National Youth Strategy in Jordan) health strategies for young people ⁴¹⁵
		Anti bullying	Diagnostic Study of National Efforts to Prevent and Respond to Violence in Schools in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan ⁴¹⁶
Social Inclusion		Youth Support for Transition to Independent Living	National Housing Program, in addition to other items this program also focuses on youth and newlyweds ⁴¹⁷ .
		Financial Support	Financing unemployed youth, (it's more like loan which will youth

⁴¹² HAL, open science, Youth Unemployment in Jordan, P 38, available at: <https://shs.hal.science/halshs-04362170v1/file/Youth-Unemployment-in-Jordan.pdf>

⁴¹³ Jordan River Foundation, Urdon Mubtakar's Fifth Edition Launches in Partnership with MoY, available at: <https://www.jordanriver.jo/en/media/news/urdon-mubtakar%E2%80%99s-fifth-edition-launches-partnership-moy>

⁴¹⁴ The National Youth Strategy in Jordan Health Chapter 2017-2025, Strategic Goal P58, available from: <chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://platform.who.int/docs/default-source/mca-documents/policy-documents/plan-strategy/JOR-AD-17-01-PLAN-STRATEGY-2017-eng-National-Youth-Strategy-Health-Chapter-2017-2025.pdf>

⁴¹⁵ The National Youth Strategy in Jordan Health Chapter 2017-2025, Strategic Goal P58, available from: <chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://platform.who.int/docs/default-source/mca-documents/policy-documents/plan-strategy/JOR-AD-17-01-PLAN-STRATEGY-2017-eng-National-Youth-Strategy-Health-Chapter-2017-2025.pdf>

⁴¹⁶ UNICEF JORDANN, وزارة التربية والتعليم واليونيسف ومبادرة التعلم الآمن يطلقون دراسة للحد من العنف والاستجابة له في مدارس المملكة الأردنية الهاشمية

⁴¹⁷ الموسسه العامه للاسكان و التطوير الحضري، البرنامج الوطنى للاسكان، من: <https://www.hudc.gov.jo/AR/Pages/>

			pay back to government in 8 years ⁴¹⁸⁾
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Ministry	Constitution	Strategies	Age Restriction to Candidacy and Voting	Law	RIA	Policy	Overall
1	1	1	-1	0	0	0.9	2.9

⁴¹⁸ تمويل الشباب العاطلين عن العمل، من:

Ministry/ Agency/ Department		Ministry Of Youth and Sport ⁴¹⁹	
Constitution		///	
Strategy		Youth Strategic plan 2024 - 2028 ⁴²⁰	
Age Restriction to Candidacy and Voting		The Lebanese Constitution does not specify an age requirement for the President. A candidate standing to be a member of the Parliament shall be 25 years of age ⁴²¹ . The minimum age for voting is 21 years ⁴²² .	
Law		///	
Youth Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA)		///	
Policy Area (National Youth Policy)	Education and training	Early dropouts	Supporting educational grants ⁴²³ . STAY IN SCHOOL PROGRAM ⁴²⁴
		Brain drains	/// ⁴²⁵
	Employment	Neet	Promoting employment and training for youth NEETs in the Southern Mediterranean

⁴¹⁹ Ministry Of Youth and Sport, available at: <http://minijes.gov.lb/>

⁴²⁰ The Youth Forum for Youth Policies - Lebanon Strategic plan 2024 – 2028, available from: <chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://youthforum-lb.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Strategy-En.pdf>

⁴²¹ Lebanese electoral law 2018, Article 7 The right of candidacy for member in parliament, available at: <https://www.ministryinfo.gov.lb/en/22598>

⁴²² THE LEBANESE CONSTITUTION, Article 21, available from: <chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.lp.gov.lb/backoffice/uploads/files/Lebanese%20%20Constitution-%20En.pdf>

⁴²³ Ministry Of Youth and Sport, National Youth Policy Action Plan p16/58, available at: chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://lebanon.unfpa.org/sites/default/files/pub-pdf/unicef_national_youth_policy_action_plan_english_1.pdf

⁴²⁴ وزارة الاعلام، LEDURA تطلق مبادرة STAY IN SCHOOL للحد من ظاهرة التسرب المدرسي، من: <https://www.nna.gov.lb/ar>

⁴²⁵ EFT, SKILLS AND MIGRATION COUNTRY FICHE LEBANON P14, available from: chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.etf.europa.eu/sites/default/files/2022-04/etf_skills_and_migration_country_fiche_lebanon_2021_en.pdf

			(2024-2026) by ILO ⁴²⁶ .
		Employment	Strengthening and activating the role of the National Employment Office to improve the readiness of the young workforce to join the labour market and create job opportunities for all young graduates ⁴²⁷ . National Employment Office ⁴²⁸ .
		Start-up funding for young entrepreneurs	Fostering employment through business support to young entrepreneurs ⁴²⁹ . Supporting Startups and Entrepreneurs in Lebanon ⁴³⁰ .
	Health and Well-Being	Healthy lifestyle and nutrition	Improving youth mental and physical health amid the stressful conditions they are facing ⁴³¹ . UNICEF's Health

⁴²⁶ ILO, Promoting employment and training for youth NEETs in the Southern Mediterranean, available from: <https://www.ilo.org/projects-and-partnerships/projects/promoting-employment-and-training-youth-neets-southern-mediterranean>

⁴²⁷ Ministry Of Youth and Sport, National Youth Policy Action Plan P9, available from: chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://lebanon.unfpa.org/sites/default/files/publication/unicef_national_youth_policy_action_plan_english_1.pdf

⁴²⁸ National Employment Office, Lebanon (NEO), available at: <http://www.lebweb.com/site/lebanon-neo-gov-lb-35031>

⁴²⁹ International Labour Office (ILO), Fostering employment through business support to young entrepreneurs in Lebanon, available at: chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.ilo.org/sites/default/files/wcmsp5/groups/public/@ed_emp/documents/publication/wcms_619773.pdf

⁴³⁰ Faster Capital, Supporting Startups and Entrepreneurs in Lebanon, available at: <https://fastercapital.com/countries/lebanon.html>

⁴³¹ Ministry Of Youth and Sport, National Youth Policy Action Plan p17, Sector 5: Health and High-Risk Behaviors, available at: chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://lebanon.unfpa.org/sites/default/files/publication/unicef_national_youth_policy_action_plan_english_1.pdf

			and Nutrition program ⁴³²
		Mental health	National Mental Health Strategy for Lebanon 2024–2030 ⁴³³ which has developed a sub strategy focused on the mental health of children, adolescents and youth ⁴³⁴ .
		Anti bullying	Promoting youth participation in programs that seek to achieve social stability and reduce stereotyped behaviours and social/ gender discrimination at local levels ⁴³⁵ . No Label an Anti-Bullying Movement ⁴³⁶ , The Red Bee by DOT Youth Street Team ⁴³⁷ .
	Social Inclusion	Youth Support for Transition to Independent Living	National Youth Policy primarily addresses broader issues...
		Financial Support	National Youth Policy Action plan mentioned financial support only for students who belong to

⁴³² UNICEF, Health and Nutrition Programme, available at: <https://www.unicef.org/lebanon/health-and-nutrition-programme>

⁴³³ WHO, Launch of National Mental Health Strategy for Lebanon 2024–2030, available at: <https://www.emro.who.int/lbn/lebanon-news/launch-of-national-mental-health-strategy-for-lebanon-2024-2030.html>

⁴³⁴ National Mental Health Strategy for Lebanon (2023-2030), At the level of leadership and governance P22, available at: [chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.moph.gov.lb/userfiles/files/\(1\)%20Mental%20health%20strategy-Lebanon-2023-2030-DRAFT%20FOR%20PUBLIC%20REVIEW-English.pdf](chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.moph.gov.lb/userfiles/files/(1)%20Mental%20health%20strategy-Lebanon-2023-2030-DRAFT%20FOR%20PUBLIC%20REVIEW-English.pdf)

⁴³⁵ Ministry Of Youth and Sport, National Youth Policy Action Plan P29, available from: chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://lebanon.unfpa.org/sites/default/files/pub-pdf/unicef_national_youth_policy_action_plan_english_1.pdf

⁴³⁶ OLBIOS, Preventing bullying in Lebanon, available at: <https://olbios.org/preventing-bullying-in-lebanon/>

⁴³⁷ DIGITAL OPPORTUNITY TRUST LEBANON, available from: <https://lebanon.dotrust.org/story/malak/>

			disadvantaged groups funding their education ⁴³⁸ .
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Ministry	Constitution	Strategies	Age Restriction to Candidacy and Voting	Law	RIA	Policy	Overall
1	0	1	-1	0	0	0.8	1.8

⁴³⁸ Ministry Of Youth and Sport, National Youth Policy Action Plan p58, Sector 5: Health and High-Risk Behaviors, available at: chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://lebanon.unfpa.org/sites/default/files/pub-pdf/unicef_national_youth_policy_action_plan_english_1.pdf



Ministry/ Agency/ Department		Ministry of Youth and Sports ⁴³⁹	
Constitution		///	
Strategies		Partly Youth Engagement Strategy in Ghadames ⁴⁴⁰	
Age Restriction to Candidacy and Voting		To vote, one must be at least 18 years old. To be eligible for a parliamentary position, the age requirement is 25. To run for presidency, a candidate must be 35 years old ⁴⁴¹ .	
Law		///	
Youth Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA)		///	
Policy Area (National Youth Policy (NYP))	Education and training	Early dropout prevention	Youth Education and Training (YET) Program. Education Cannot Wait (ECW) Multi-Year Resilience Programme (MYRP) 2022-2024 ⁴⁴²
		Brain drains	///
	Employment and Entrepreneurship	Neet Prevention	Youth Employment Initiative (YEI): providing training, internships, and job placement services. ILO, New EU-funded Regional Programme for Youth NEETs in Southern Mediterranean ⁴⁴³ .
		Employment	National Employment Strategy and

⁴³⁹ Ministry of Youth, available from: <https://youth.gov.ly/>

⁴⁴⁰ UNSMIL, United Nations Support Mission in Libya, New Youth Engagement Strategy for Libya in Ghadames, available at: <https://unsmil.unmissions.org/unsmil-launches-new-youth-engagement-strategy-libya-ghadames>

⁴⁴¹ المركز العربي للأبحاث ودراسة السياسات، قانون انتخاب مجلس النواب الليبي: الحثييات، والمقاصد، والتداعيات، من:

<https://www.dohainstitute.org/ar/PoliticalStudies/Pages/Intentions-and-Implications-of-Libyan-Parliaments-New-Election-Law.aspx>

⁴⁴² ECW Multi-Year Resilience Programme: Libya 2022 – 2024, available at:

<https://www.educationcannotwait.org/resource-library/ecw-multi-year-resilience-programme-libya-2022-2024>.

⁴⁴³ International Labour Organization, ILO Launches New EU-funded Regional Programme for Youth NEETs in Southern Mediterranean, available from: <https://www.ilo.org/resource/news/ilo-launches-eu-funded-regional-neet-programme>

			Vocational Training Centers: includes job creating programs and provide practical training in various trades ⁴⁴⁴ . TVET system ⁴⁴⁵ .
		Start-up funding for young entrepreneurs	Libyan Enterprise Fund: DERAYA ⁴⁴⁶ and Tatweer Entrepreneurship
	Health and Well-Being	Healthy lifestyle and nutrition	(General) Public Health Campaigns, School Programs, International Support like WHO EMRO ⁴⁴⁷
		Mental health	(General) Mental Health Strategy 2024-2030 ⁴⁴⁸
		Anti bullying	Libya does not have a widely recognized or government-sponsored national anti-bullying program specifically for youth but there is a dedicated helpline available for individuals experiencing bullying ⁴⁴⁹ .
	Social Inclusion	Youth Support for Transition to Independent Living	Housing loans ⁴⁵⁰

⁴⁴⁴ European Training Foundation, VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN LIBYA, p24/30, available from: https://south.euneighbours.eu/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/vet_in_libya-7.pdf

⁴⁴⁵ YOUTH EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS IN LIBYA, TRANSITION FROM EDUCATION/TVET TO EMPLOYMENT p55, available from: <https://www.unicef.org/mena/media/23501/file/Youth>

⁴⁴⁶ UNDP, New entrepreneurship initiative to boost job creation in Libya, available from: <https://www.undp.org/libya/press-releases/new-entrepreneurship-initiative-boost-job-creation-libya>

⁴⁴⁷ WHO COUNTRY OFFICE, LIBYA ANNUAL REPORT 2022, available from: <chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://iris.who.int/bitstream/handle/10665/368511/9789292741105-eng.pdf>

⁴⁴⁸ WHO, WHO & Libya Approve National Mental Health Plan, available at: <https://libyareview.com/44019/who-libya-approve-national-mental-health-plan/>

⁴⁴⁹ Libyan Psychosocial Support Team, available at: <https://findahelpline.com/countries/ly/topics/bullying>

⁴⁵⁰ The Libya Observer, first batch of housing loans for youth, available from: <https://libyaobserver.ly/inbrief/dbeibah-delivers-first-batch-housing-loans-youth>

		Social benefits\financial support	
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Ministry	Constitution	Strategies	Age Restriction to Candidacy and Voting	Law	RIA	Policy	Overall
1	0	0.5	-1	0	0	1	1.5



Ministry/ Agency/ Department		Ministry of Youth, Culture and Communication ⁴⁵¹	
Constitution		Article 33 and Article 170 ⁴⁵²	
Strategy		National Integrated Youth Strategy 2015-2030 ⁴⁵³	
Age Restriction to Candidacy and Voting		House of Representatives (Chamber of Deputies): A candidate must be at least 23 years old. The minimum age for voting is 18 years ⁴⁵⁴ . House of Councillors (Chamber of Councillors): For the upper house, a candidate must be at least 30 years old ⁴⁵⁵ .	
Law		///	
Youth Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA)		///	
Policy Area	Education and training	Early dropouts	Informal education system ⁴⁵⁶ .
		Brain drains	Mobilization strategies, Like: 'Mobilization Program Skills, TOKTEN (Transfer of Knowledge through Expatriate Nationals) ⁴⁵⁷ .

⁴⁵¹ Ministry of Youth, Culture and Communication, available from: <https://mjcc.gov.ma/ar/>

⁴⁵² Constitute, Morocco 2011, available from: https://www.constituteproject.org/constitution/Morocco_2011

⁴⁵³ New Integrated National Initiative for Moroccan Youth, available at: <chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglefindmkaj/https://www.cese.ma/media/2024/07/Synthese-ENG-New-Integrated-National-1.pdf>

⁴⁵⁴ INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION, MOROCCO

Majliss-annouwab (House of Representatives), available at: http://archive.ipu.org/parline-e/reports/2221_B.htm

⁴⁵⁵ INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION, MOROCCO, Majlis al-Mustacharin (House of Councillors), available from: http://archive.ipu.org/parline-e/reports/2222_B.htm

⁴⁵⁶ Haut-Commissariat au Plan, Rapport National sur la Population et Développement au Maroc, 2023, available from: https://www.hcp.ma/Rapport-national-sur-la-population-et-developpement-au-Maroc-trente-ans-apres-la-conference-du-Caire-de-1994_a3854.html.

⁴⁵⁷ Boukharouaa, The Moroccan Diaspora and its Contribution to the Development of Innovation in Morocco, available from: https://www.researchgate.net/publication/367672933_The_Impact_of_Brain_Drain_on_Development_A_case_study_of_Morocco

Employment and Entrepreneurship	Neet Prevention	The "Default Nudge" ⁴⁵⁸ and reintroduced military service in 2018
	Employment	National Employment Strategy 2015 - 2015 ⁴⁵⁹
	Start-up funding for young entrepreneurs	Moukawalati ⁴⁶⁰ (My Enterprise)
Health and Well-Being	Healthy lifestyle and nutrition	The National Strategy for Youth Health (Stratégie Nationale de la Santé des Adolescents et des Jeunes) 2022-2030 ⁴⁶¹ , Youth Health Programs and Moroccan Green Generation 2020-2030
	Mental health	National Strategic Plan for the Promotion of Mental Health of Adolescents and Young People ⁴⁶² .
	Anti bullying	Anti-bullying campaigns in schools ⁴⁶³

⁴⁵⁸Youth policy center, The Default Nudge for NEET Reduction in Morocco, available from: <chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.youthpolicycenter.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/PB-NUDGING-NEETs-FV-1.pdf>

⁴⁵⁹ Moroccan Ministry of Economic Inclusion, Small Business, Employment and Skill, La Stratégie Nationale pour l'Emploi du Royaume du Maroc, 2015, accessed June 25, 2024, <https://miepeec.gov.ma/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/SNE-Documents-de-synth%C3%A8se.pdf>.

⁴⁶⁰ Moukawalati Program, available from: <http://www.guelmiminvest.ma/anglais/moukawalati.php>

⁴⁶¹ Moroccan Ministry of Health, Stratégie Nationale de la Santé des Adolescents et des Jeunes 2022-2030, available at, <https://www.sante.gov.ma/Documents/2023/12/SNSAJ%202020-2030.pdf>.

⁴⁶² Being, Mapping Youth Mental Health Landscapes: Local Insights from 13 Countries, MOROCCO, available at: chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://being-initiative.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Mapping-Youth-Mental-Health-Landscapes_April-18-2024.pdf

⁴⁶³ Understanding and Combating Bullying: A Critical Issue in Morocco, available from: <https://www.morocoworldnews.com/2022/10/352118/understanding-and-combating-bullying-a-critical-issue-in-morocco>

		Youth Support for Transition to Independent Living	Financial Assistance for house costing ⁴⁶⁴
	Social Inclusion	Financial Support	(General) Financial Aid: targeting low-income families. This program provides direct monthly payments of 500 dirhams (about \$50) ⁴⁶⁵

Ministry	Constitution	Strategies	Age Restriction to Candidacy and Voting	Law	RIA	Policy	Overall
1	1	1	-1	1	0	0.9	3.9

⁴⁶⁴ Morocco's ambitious direct housing aid program in numbers, available from: <https://en.hespress.com/73210-moroccos-ambitious-direct-housing-aid-program-in-numbers.html>

⁴⁶⁵ VOA, In First, Morocco Launches Social Benefits Program, available from: <https://www.voaafrica.com/a/in-first-morocco-launches-social-benefits-program-/7412130.html>

Ministry/ Agency/ Department		Te Manatū Whakahiato Taiohi ⁴⁶⁶	
Constitution		///	
Strategy		Youth Plan Voice, Leadership, Action ⁴⁶⁷	
Age Restriction to Candidacy and Voting		A New Zealand citizen can be election candidate if he or she will be 18 years old by nomination day ⁴⁶⁸ , minimum voting age is 18 ⁴⁶⁹ .	
Law		The Oranga Tamariki Act, Treaty of Waitangi ⁴⁷⁰ .	
Youth Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA)		///	
Policy Area (Youth Policy ⁴⁷¹ based on the Mana Taiohi values <small>from www.greens.org.nz/472</small>)	Education and training	Early dropout prevention	Attendance and Engagement strategy, Intervention initiatives ⁴⁷³
		Brain drains	New private (Nau Mai) Welcome Home - released by The Helen Clark Foundation and WSP ⁴⁷⁴ .
	Employment <u>Entrepreneurship</u>	Neet Prevention	Youth Service (NEET) ⁴⁷⁵ ,

⁴⁶⁶ Te Manatū Whakahiato Taiohi, available at: <https://myd.govt.nz/>

⁴⁶⁷ Youth Plan Voice, Leadership, Action Strategic Framework, available at: <chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.myd.govt.nz/documents/young-people/youth-plan/youth-plan-voice-leadership-action/youth-plan-strategic-document-final-.pdf>

⁴⁶⁸ TE KAITIAKI TAKE KOWHIRI, Information about becoming a candidate in an election p11, available at: <chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://elections.nz/assets/pagecomponent-file-files/Election-Access-Fund-/EC-Election-candidate-info-Easy-Read-17-2-23.pdf>

⁴⁶⁹ TE KAITIAKI TAKE KOWHIRI, Are you eligible to enrol and vote? Available at: <https://vote.nz/enrolling/get-ready-to-enrol/are-you-eligible-to-enrol-and-vote/>

⁴⁷⁰ Oranga Tamariki Act 1989, Children's and Young People's Well-being Act 1989, available at: <https://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/1989/0024/latest/whole.html>

⁴⁷¹ Te Manatū Whakahiato Taiohi, AN INTRODUCTION AND CONTEXT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUTH POLICY, available from: <chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.myd.govt.nz/documents/policy-and-research/policy-document-final.pdf>

⁴⁷² Green, Youth Policy, Values and Principles, available from: https://www.greens.org.nz/youth_policy#:~:text=The%20Youth%20Policy%20is%20based,%2C%20whai%20w%C4%81hitanga%2C%20m%C4%81tauranga.

⁴⁷³ Indian news link 25, Falling Behind: The Impact of School Dropouts in New Zealand, available at:

⁴⁷⁴ Newshub. Immigration

'Brain drain' reversing for first time in 20 years, but NZ needs to do more to entice Kiwis back from overseas, available at: <https://www.newshub.co.nz/home/new-zealand/2021/08/brain-drain-reversing-for-first-time-in-20-years-but-nz-needs-to-do-more-to-entice-kiwis-back-from-overseas-report.html>

⁴⁷⁵ MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, How our Youth Service NEET works, available at: <https://www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/work-programmes/initiatives/phrae/youth-service-for-neet.html>

		Employment	He Poutama Rangatahi (HPR) Youth Employment Action Plan ⁴⁷⁶
		Start-up funding for young entrepreneurs	Grants for New Zealand Startups ⁴⁷⁷ , Young Enterprise Scheme (YES) ⁴⁷⁸
	Health and Well-Being	Healthy lifestyle and nutrition	National Healthy Food and Drink Policy, Healthy Eating for Young People - HE1230 ⁴⁷⁹
		Mental health	Mental Health and Wellbeing Commission Act 2020 ⁴⁸⁰ , On Youth health part of Health New Zealand website multiple apps are mentioned to address this problem, ⁴⁸¹
		Anti bullying	Bullying-Free NZ ⁴⁸²
Social Inclusion	Youth Support for Transition to Independent Living	KiwiBuild, Youth Housing also help residents set individual goals for independent living skills, education, employment, and securing permanent housing ⁴⁸³ . Youth	

⁴⁷⁶ OUR YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ACTION PLAN, Setting our young people on a strong pathway to fulfilling working lives, Actions to support people to overcome barriers to employment, available at: <chrome-extension://efaidnbnmnibpcjpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.mbie.govt.nz/dmsdocument/6613-our-youth-employment-action-plan#:~:text=The%20Youth%20Employment%20Action%20Plan,experienced%20by%20a%20particular%20group.>

⁴⁷⁷ Grants for New Zealand Startups, available at: <https://www.editionstudio.co.nz/insights/startup-grants-new-zealand>

⁴⁷⁸ AUCKLAND BUSINESS CHAMBER, Young Enterprise Scheme (YES) Students, available at: <https://aucklandchamber.co.nz/programmes-scholarships/yes/yes-students/>

⁴⁷⁹ Nznutrition Foundation, Young People, available from: <https://nutritionfoundation.org.nz/healthy-eating/teenagers/#:~:text=Eat%20a%20wide%20range%20of,calcium%2C%20iron%20and%20vitamin%20B12>

⁴⁸⁰ New Zealand Egislation, Mental Health and Wellbeing Commission Act 2020, available at: <https://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/2020/0032/latest/whole.html>

⁴⁸¹ Health New Zealand, Youth health, available at: <https://www.tewhatauora.govt.nz/for-health-professionals/clinical-guidance/specific-life-stage-health-information/youth-health/>

⁴⁸² Bullying free nz, available at: <https://bullyingfree.nz/>

⁴⁸³ LIFE WISE, Housing Services, Youth Housing, available at: <https://www.lifewise.org.nz/our-services/housing-services/youth->

			Transition Services (e Tuarāwharau) ⁴⁸⁴
		Social benefits/ financial support	Youth Payment ⁴⁸⁵

Ministry	Constitution	Strategies	Age Restriction to Candidacy and Voting	Law	RIA	Policy	Overall
1	0	1	0	1	0	1	4

housing/#:~:text=Lifewise's%20Youth%20Housing%20Service%20provides,with%20support%20at%20each%20step.

⁴⁸⁴ Youth Transition Services, Te Tuarāwharau, available at: <https://mmsouth.org.nz/what-we-do/youth-transition-services/>

⁴⁸⁵ WORKING AND INCOME, Youth Payment, available at: <https://www.workandincome.govt.nz/products/a-z-benefits/youth-payment.html>



Ministry/ Agency/ Department	<p>Currently, the government administration, such as the Minister of Education and Science, Minister of Sport and Tourism, and Minister of Family and Social Policy, hold responsibility for implementing specific public policies. In 2008, there were initial plans to appoint a Youth Plenipotentiary, but as of now, no such appointment has been made. It is worth mentioning that the Ministry of Education and Science is often seen as the principal authority supporting youth structures.⁴⁸⁶.</p> <p>The Polish Council of Youth Organisations (PROM) is an independent, national-level umbrella group of youth organisations and acts as the country's National Youth Council. Established in 2011, it represents 30 Polish youth organisations and more than 250,000 young people⁴⁸⁷. According to its website, PROM's currently most important task is "to take action to create a coherent and modern policy for young people in Poland.</p>
Constitution	<p>The Polish Constitution does not have a specific article that exclusively focuses on "youth" as a distinct category separate from children or adults. However, various provisions indirectly relate to youth by addressing rights relevant to young people, such as the right to education⁴⁸⁸, Equality Before the Law⁴⁸⁹, Freedom of Expression⁴⁹⁰, Freedom of Assembly⁴⁹¹, Political Participation⁴⁹² and Right to Health Protection⁴⁹³.</p>
Strategy	<p>There is no strategy in Poland directly relating to young people, the Polish government is in the process of developing a new national "Strategy for the Young Generation." In 2021 and 2022, consultations about the strategy's content were held with young people throughout the country. No draft document is available yet⁴⁹⁴.</p>

⁴⁸⁶ Youth Wiki Poland, Youth policy decision-making, available at: <https://national-policies.eacea.ec.europa.eu/youthwiki/chapters/poland/14-youth-policy-decision-making>

⁴⁸⁷ Ibid.

⁴⁸⁸ Poland's Constitution of 1997, Article 70, available at: chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.constituteproject.org/constitution/Poland_1997.pdf

⁴⁸⁹ Poland's Constitution, Article 32.

⁴⁹⁰ Poland's Constitution, Article 54.

⁴⁹¹ Poland's Constitution, Article 57.

⁴⁹² Poland's Constitution, Article 62.

⁴⁹³ Poland's Constitution, Article 68, No5.

⁴⁹⁴ Youth Wiki Poland, National youth strategy, available at: <https://national-policies.eacea.ec.europa.eu/youthwiki/chapters/poland/13-national-youth-strategy>

Age Restriction to Candidacy and Voting	Voting age: 18 years old for all elections (national, local, and European) ⁴⁹⁵ . Candidacy age: 21 years for the Sejm and European Parliament. 30 years for the Senate. 35 years for the Presidency. 18 years for local government offices ⁴⁹⁶ .	
Law	There is no single official document specifically dedicated to the needs and rights of young people in Poland known as the "Youth Law". However, youth-related regulations are addressed in various legal acts such as the Constitution of the Republic of Poland (1997), Family and Guardianship Code ⁴⁹⁷ , Labour Code ⁴⁹⁸ , Act on support and rehabilitation of minors, Education Law, Act on Higher Education, Post-graduate Placements Act, Act on health care for pupils, or the Associations Act ⁴⁹⁹ .	
Youth Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA)	///	
Policy Area (According to the Government Plenipotentiary for Youth Policy, the Polish government is currently working on creating a new national "Strategy for the Young Generation." In 2021	Education and training	Early dropouts Poland has one of the lowest rates of early school leavers in the European Union. Although there is no specific legislation addressing the issue, it is tackled in the Strategy of Human Capital Development 2020 ⁵⁰¹ and Lifelong Learning Strategy ⁵⁰² .
		Brain drains (General) Polish Returns Program (Program Powrotów) ⁵⁰³ . "Homing" and "Reintegration" Programs ⁵⁰⁴ , Financing for projects designed as postdoctoral fellowships, carried out by young doctors (postdocs) returning to scientific research after a break.

⁴⁹⁵ KODEKS WYBORCZY, Article 10, available at: chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://pkw.gov.pl/uploaded_files/1588806909_kodeks-wyborczy-2020-maj.pdf

⁴⁹⁶ KODEKS WYBORCZY, Article 11.

⁴⁹⁷ Act of 25 February 1964 - Family and Guardianship Code.

⁴⁹⁸ Labor Code, available at: <https://isap.sejm.gov.pl/isap.nsf/DocDetails.xsp?id=WDU20220001510>

⁴⁹⁹ Law on Associations, available from: <https://isap.sejm.gov.pl/isap.nsf/DocDetails.xsp?id=wdu19890200104>

⁵⁰⁰ Youth Wiki Poland, Youth Policy Governance, available at: <https://national-policies.eacea.ec.europa.eu/youthwiki/chapters/poland/1-youth-policy-governance>

⁵⁰¹ STRATEGIA ROZWOJU KAPITAŁU LUDZKIEGO 2020, Etap życia: Edukacja szkolna P15, available from: chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/http://g.ekspert.infor.pl/p/_dane/akty_pdf/MPO/2013/112/640.pdf#zoom=90

⁵⁰² Perspektywa uczenia się przez całe życie P 7 and 10, available from: chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://archiwum.men.gov.pl/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/plll_2013_09_10zal_do_uchwaly_rm.pdf

⁵⁰³ Polish Returns Program (Program Powrotów), NAWA, available at: <https://nawa.gov.pl/en/scientists/polish-returns>

⁵⁰⁴ Foundation for Polish Science, POWROTY / REINTEGRATION, available at: <https://www.fnp.org.pl/en/oferta/powroty/>

	Employment	Neet Prevention	Youth Guarantee Initiative ⁵⁰⁵ .
		Employment	Many services and instruments for young people are provided through public labor market institutions such as Employment Offices and the Voluntary Labor Corps (OHP) ⁵⁰⁶ , also the Youth Guarantee ⁵⁰⁷ Initiative has played a significant role in enhancing the employment prospects of young individuals. It was introduced in Poland in 2014.
		Start-up funding for young entrepreneurs	First Business – Start-up Support ⁵⁰⁸
	Health and Well-Being	Healthy lifestyle and nutrition	In the National Health Program for 2021-2025, addiction prevention is a primary focus, covering alcohol, psychoactive substances, tobacco, and behavioral addiction. These prevention efforts are integrated into the overall initiative and not considered as independent programs ⁵⁰⁹ .
		Mental health	The National Mental Health Protection Programme for 2017-2022 includes objectives aimed at both medical (for ill individuals) and social aspects (for the general population). The program has a broad focus on the entire population, with a specific objective that targets the youth: "offering guidance and counseling to school children, parents, and teachers ⁵¹⁰ ."
		Anti bullying	Safe School Program (Program Bezpieczna Szkoła) The program

⁵⁰⁵ Youth Guarantee Implementation Plan in Poland, P14, available at: <chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://dlamlodych.praca.gov.pl/documents/1152786/1155303/Youth>

⁵⁰⁶ Ochotnicze Hufce Pracy (OHP), available at: <https://ohp.pl/>

⁵⁰⁷ Youth Guarantee Implementation Plan in Poland, available at: <chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://dlamlodych.praca.gov.pl/documents/1152786/1155303/Youth>

⁵⁰⁸ Polski Bank Rozwoju, Pożyczka na samozatrudnienie, available at: <https://www.bgk.pl/produkty/pozyczka-na-samozatrudnienie/>

⁵⁰⁹ NHP 2021-2025, available at: <https://www.gov.pl/web/zdrowie/npz-2021-2025>

⁵¹⁰ Narodowy Program Ochrony Zdrowia Psychicznego, available at: <https://www.gov.pl/web/zdrowie/narodowy-program-ochrony-zdrowia-psychicznego1>

			provides comprehensive guidelines and resources for school directors, teachers, parents, and students to recognize and respond to various threats ⁵¹¹ . School Without Hate Campaign (Szkoła bez przemocy) ⁵¹² .
	Social Inclusion	Youth Support for Transition to Independent Living	(General) The Social Welfare Act ⁵¹³ specifies the procedures for providing support to individuals over 18 years old who are transitioning out of facilities like residential care for children and young people with intellectual disabilities. Housing for the Young scheme (Mieszkanie dla młodych) ⁵¹⁴
		Financial Support	Family benefits are offered to parents to help young people until age 18, or 21 if the child continues to attend school and 24 if the child is disabled and continues to attend school or a higher education institution. Unemployment benefits as support for the unemployed ⁵¹⁵ .

Ministry	Constitution	Strategies	Age Restriction to Candidacy and Voting	Law	RIA	Policy	overall
0.5	0	0	-1	0	0	0.5	0

⁵¹¹ Bezpieczna szkoła. Zagrożenia i zalecane działania profilaktyczne w zakresie bezpieczeństwa fizycznego i cyfrowego uczniów – poradnik MEN, available at: <https://www.gov.pl/web/edukacja/bezpieczenstwo-fizyczne-i-cyfrowe-uczniow--poradnik-men>

⁵¹² Szkoła bez przemocy, available at: <https://zpe.gov.pl/a/szkola-bez-przemocy/D4YuULhdO>

⁵¹³ Ustawy o pomocy społecznej, available at: <https://isap.sejm.gov.pl/isap.nsf/DocDetails.xsp?id=WDU20210002268>

⁵¹⁴ Mieszkanie dla młodych, available from: <https://www.gov.pl/web/gov/skorzystaj-z-programu-mieszkanie-dla-mlodych>

⁵¹⁵ Youth Wiki Poland, Access to quality services, available from: <https://national-policies.eacea.ec.europa.eu/youthwiki/chapters/poland/46-access-to-quality-services>



Russia

Ministry/ Agency/ Department		Federal Agency for Youth Affairs “Rosmolodyozh”	
Constitution		Specific Areas: Articles 19, 37, 38, 41, 43, 44 ⁵¹⁶	
Strategy		Youth Development Strategy (2013 - 2025 ⁵¹⁷)	
Age Restriction to Candidacy and Voting		Candidates must not be younger than 35 years of age ⁵¹⁸ , individuals must be at least 18 years old to vote ⁵¹⁹ .	
Law/ Act		Federal Law on Youth Policy	
Youth Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA)		///	
Policy Area	Education and training	Early dropout prevention	Vocational training and re-training ⁵²⁰ , Extra-curricular education system ⁵²¹
		Brain drains	Retention and Return policies in higher education ⁵²²
	Employment and Entrepreneurship	Neet Prevention	///
		Employment	The National Programme on Employment Promotion, internship program for graduates aged

⁵¹⁶ CONSTITUTE, Russian Federation 1993 (rev. 2014), Article 19: Protection of Rights and Freedoms, 37: Right to Work, 38: Support for Families, 41: Right to Health Protection, 43: Right to Education, 44: Cultural Rights, available at: https://www.constituteproject.org/constitution/Russia_2014

⁵¹⁷ Youth policy.org, Policy & Legislation, available at: <https://www.youthpolicy.org/factsheets/country/russia>

⁵¹⁸ The Constitution of the Russian Federation, Article 81, No.2, available from: <http://www.constitution.ru/en/10003000-05.htm>

⁵¹⁹ LIBRARY OF CONGRESS, Russia: New Election Law, available at: <https://www.loc.gov/item/global-legal-monitor/2020-08-10/russia-new-election-law-creates-more-flexibility-in-setting-length-and-place-of-voting/>

⁵²⁰ ILO, JOBS AND SKILLS FOR YOUTH: REVIEW OF POLICIES FOR YOUTH EMPLOYMENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION, Policies and institutions for youth employment, page 98.

⁵²¹ Kosaretsky, Sergey; Ivanov, Ivan: Inequality in extracurricular education in Russia - In: International journal for research on extended education, available from: https://www.pedocs.de/volltexte/2021/22890/pdf/IJREE_2019_2_Kosaretsky_Ivanov_Inequality_in_Extracurricular.pdf

⁵²² OUTBOUND STUDENT MOBILITY RUSSIA: CREATING A PATH FOR BRAIN CIRCULATION THROUGH HIGHER EDUCATION, available from: <https://cyberleninka.ru/article/n/outbound-student-mobility-in-russia-creating-a-path-for-brain-circulation-through-higher-education/viewer>

			18 to 20 years ⁵²³
		Start-up funding for young entrepreneurs	support for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) ⁵²⁴
Health and Well-Being		Healthy lifestyle and nutrition	Healthy Lifestyle Promotion by Rosmolodezh
		Mental health	Youth-friendly health services (YFHSs)
		Anti bullying	KiVa. a program for anti-bullying in high schools ⁵²⁵
Social Inclusion		Youth Support for Transition to Independent Living	Providing Young Families With Housing ⁵²⁶
		Financial support	Monthly cash payment of EDV for children under 18 years and under 23 years of age studying in educational institutions full-time ⁵²⁷

⁵²³ ILO, JOBS AND SKILLS FOR YOUTH: REVIEW OF POLICIES FOR YOUTH EMPLOYMENT of THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION, Policies and institutions for youth employment, page 78.

⁵²⁴ Ibid, page 65.

⁵²⁵ Electronic journal, "Modern Foreign Psychology", 2022. Volume 11. No. 4. pp. 136-144, available at: https://translated.turbopages.org/proxy_u/ru-en.ru.cdd45a7c-6681c41f-8cdd9be4-74722d776562/https/psyjournals.ru/journals/jmfp/archive/2022_n4/jmfp_2022_n4_Prikhodko_Suvorova.pdf

⁵²⁶ International Journal of Financial Research, Providing Young Families with Housing in Russia: Financial, Economical, Administrative, and Regulatory Aspects, available from: <https://www.sciedu.ca/journal/index.php/ijfr/article/view/19772/12088>

⁵²⁷ Социальный фонд России, Ежемесячная денежная выплата, Кто имеет право на получение ЕДВ, available at: https://sfr.gov.ru/grazhdanam/social_support/get_soc_vip_inv/

Ministry	Constitution	Strategies	Age Restriction to Candidacy and Voting	Law	RIA	Policy	Overall
1	0.5	1	-1	1	0	0.9	3.4



Ministry/ Agency/ Department		The Office of the Republic of Slovenia for Youth ⁵²⁸	
Constitution		The Constitution of Slovenia does not explicitly mention "youth" as a distinct category but it includes several provisions that are relevant to young people like: Article 57 Right to Education, Article 53 Protection of Family Life, Article 50 Social Security and Care, Article 14 Equality and Non-Discrimination ⁵²⁹ .	
Strategy		The Resolution on the National Programme for Youth 2013–2022 (Resolucija o Nacionalnem programu za mladino 2013–2022) ⁵³⁰ ,	
Age Restriction to Candidacy and Voting		Every citizen who has attained the age of eighteen years has the right to vote and be elected ⁵³¹ .	
Law/ Act		Act on Public Interest in the Youth Sector ⁵³² . Youth Council Act (Zakon o mladinskih svetih) ⁵³³ . Students Association Act (Zakon o skupnosti študentov) ⁵³⁴	
Youth Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA)		///	
Policy Area	Education and training	Early dropouts	No specific national strategy or program has been implemented in Slovenia to prevent early leaving from education and training (ELET). ELET is not seen as a concern in Slovenia as the percentage of early leavers in the 18-24 age group is one of the lowest in Europe ⁵³⁵ .
		Brain drains	Regional Scholarship Schemes is a program in order to prevent brain drain from certain regions of the Republic of Slovenia ⁵³⁶ .

⁵²⁸ Republic of Slovenia, gov.si, Office for Youth, available at: <https://www.gov.si/en/state-authorities/bodies-within-ministries/office-for-youth/>

⁵²⁹ CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA, available at: [chrome-extension://efaidnbnmnibpcjpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.venice.coe.int/webforms/documents/?pdf=CDL\(2000\)059-e](chrome-extension://efaidnbnmnibpcjpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.venice.coe.int/webforms/documents/?pdf=CDL(2000)059-e)

⁵³⁰ REPUBLICA SLOVENIJA, Resolution on the National Youth Program 2013-2022 (ReNPM13-22), available from: <https://pisrs.si/pregledPredpisa?id=RESO93>

⁵³¹ REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA, The Constitution of the Republic of Slovenia, Article 43 Right to Vote, available from: <https://www.varuh-rs.si/en/about-us/legal-framework/the-constitution-of-the-republic-of-slovenia/>

⁵³² REPUBLICA SLOVENIJA, Act on Public Interest in the Youth Sector (ZJIMS), available from: <https://pisrs.si/pregledPredpisa?id=ZAKO5834>

⁵³³ REPUBLICA SLOVENIJA, Act on Youth Councils (ZMS), available from: <https://pisrs.si/pregledPredpisa?id=ZAKO2614>

⁵³⁴ REPUBLICA SLOVENIJA, Zakon o skupnosti študentov (ZSKUŠ), available from: <https://pisrs.si/pregledPredpisa?id=ZAKO346>

⁵³⁵ Youth Wiki Slovenia, Education and Training, Preventing early leaving from education and training (ELET) available from: <https://national-policies.eacea.ec.europa.eu/youthwiki/chapters/slovenia/63-preventing-early-leaving-from-education-and-training-elet>

⁵³⁶ Youth Wiki Slovenia, Employment & Entrepreneurship, Skills forecasting, available from: <https://national-policies.eacea.ec.europa.eu/youthwiki/chapters/slovenia/33-skills-forecasting>

	Employment and Entrepreneurship	Neet Prevention	Following the implementation of the Youth Guarantee scheme , there has been a specific emphasis on supporting young individuals experiencing prolonged periods of unemployment ⁵³⁷ .
		Employment	The YOUTH GUARANTEE program includes measures to quickly get young people into the workforce, divided into two parts: Early action and activation that includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lifelong guidance • Systemic changes to traineeship • Reform of the VET system • Promotion of creativity, entrepreneurship and innovation Activation of young people in the labour market: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthening counselling work with youth at the ESS • Counsellors for rapid activation of youths • Consultants for youths suffering from long-term unemployment • Prevention and detection of in the labour market • Training and education of unemployed youth • Incentives for youth employment • Measures for vulnerable youth • Projects for youth⁵³⁸.
		Start-up funding for young entrepreneurs	The SEF (Javni Sklad Republike Slovenije za podjetništvo) offers financial support for newly established innovative enterprises ⁵³⁹
Health and Well-Being	Healthy lifestyle and nutrition	Wind in the Hair (Veter v laseh) ⁵⁴⁰ Model 'Healthy Lifestyle' (Model Zdrav življenjski slog) ⁵⁴¹ . Activelygo to School' (Aktivno v šolo) ⁵⁴² Good Appetite (Dober tek, student!) ⁵⁴³	
	Mental health	Resolution on National programme of Mental Health 2018–2028 (Resolucija o Nacionalnem programu duševnega zdravja 2018–2028) is a strategic document with the aim to determine	

⁵³⁷ Youth Wiki Slovenia, Employment & Entrepreneurship, Integration of young people in the labour market, available from: <https://national-policies.eacea.ec.europa.eu/youthwiki/chapters/slovenia/36-integration-of-young-people-in-the-labour-market>

⁵³⁸ Youth Wiki Slovenia, Employment & Entrepreneurship, Integration of young people in the labour market, available from: <https://national-policies.eacea.ec.europa.eu/youthwiki/chapters/slovenia/36-integration-of-young-people-in-the-labour-market>

⁵³⁹ Youth Wiki Slovenia, Employment & Entrepreneurship, Start-up funding for young entrepreneurs, available from: <https://national-policies.eacea.ec.europa.eu/youthwiki/chapters/slovenia/36-integration-of-young-people-in-the-labour-market>

⁵⁴⁰ Wind in the Hair (Veter v laseh), available at: <https://www.vetervlaseh.si/>

⁵⁴¹ Model 'Healthy Lifestyle' (Model Zdrav življenjski slog) available at: http://www.zdravjevsoli.si/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=30&Itemid=27

⁵⁴² Actively go to School' (Aktivno v šolo), available from: <https://aktivnovsolo.si/>

⁵⁴³ Good Appetite (Dober tek, student!), available from: <https://nijz.si/dober-tek-student>

			measures in the field of mental health, the programme measures regarding mental health of children and adolescents are one of the priorities of the programme ⁵⁴⁴ . This is me (To sem jaz) ⁵⁴⁵
		Anti bullying	
	Social Inclusion	Youth Support for Transition to Independent Living	The housing policy framework in Slovenia is based on two main documents: the 2003 Housing Act and the Resolution on the National Housing Programme 2015–2025 ⁵⁴⁶ . The National Programme for Youth ⁵⁴⁷ also address housing conditions for young people under priority field 4. The program aims to provide regulated housing availability for young individuals and establish support mechanisms for their housing needs.
		Financial Support	The government supports children and young people through a range of grants, including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • social assistance • parental allowance • childcare allowance • partial payment for lost income⁵⁴⁸. The State scholarship (Državna štipendija) ⁵⁴⁹ .

Ministry	Constitution	Strategies	Age Restriction to Candidacy and Voting	Law	RIA	Policy	Overall
0.5	0.5	1	0	1	0	0.9	3.9

⁵⁴⁴ PUBLICA SLOVENIJA, available at: Resolucija o nacionalnem programu duševnega zdravja 2018–2028 (ReNPDZ18–28)

⁵⁴⁵ This is me (To sem jaz), available from: <https://www.tosemjaz.net/>

⁵⁴⁶ REPUBLICA SLOVENIJA, Resolucija o nacionalnem stanovanjskem programu 2015–2025 (ReNSP15–25), available from: <https://pisrs.si/pregledPredpisa?id=RESO114>

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⁵⁴⁸ REPUBLICA SLOVENIJA, MINISTRSTVO ZA DELO, DRUZINO, SOCIALNE ZADEVE IN ENAKE MOZNOSTI, FAMILY BENEFITS, available at: http://mddsz.arhiv-spletisc.gov.si/si/delovna_podrocja/druzina/starsevsko_varstvo_in_druzinski_prejemki/druzinski_prejemki/

⁵⁴⁹ REPUBLIKA SLOVENIJA, eUPRAVA, Štipendije, Državna štipendija available at: <https://e-uprava.gov.si/podrocja/izobrazevanje-kultura/stipendije/drzavna-stipendija.html>

Ministry/ Agency/ Department		Department of Women, Youth and People with Disabilities National Youth Development Agency (NYDA)	
Constitution		Bill of Rights “Children”, Section 28 of the Bill of Rights ⁵⁵⁰	
Strategy		Integrated Youth Development Strategy (2020-2025) ⁵⁵¹	
Age Restriction to Candidacy and Voting		President must be a member of the National Assembly, and any eligible voter can become a member of the National Assembly and be elected President ⁵⁵² . Every citizen eligible to vote for the National Assembly can also be a member of a provincial legislature ⁵⁵³ . Every citizen eligible to vote for the National Assembly can also be a member of the Assembly. Minimum voting age is 18 years ⁵⁵⁴ .	
Law/Act		National Youth Development Agency Act, 2008 (Act No. 54 of 2008) ⁵⁵⁵	
Youth Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA)		///	
Policy Area (National Youth Policy 2020 –	Education and training	Early dropouts	School Dropout Prevention Strategies ⁵⁵⁶
		Brain drains	To address this issue (APET) recommends that

⁵⁵⁰ The Constitution, Section 28 of the Bill of Rights “Children”, available from: <chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.justice.gov.za/constitution/SACConstitution-web-eng.pdf>

⁵⁵¹ National Youth Development Agency, Strategic Plan (2020-2025), available from: <chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.nyda.gov.za/Portals/0/downloads/FINAL%20APPROVED%205-YEAR%20NYDA%20STRATEGIC%20PLAN%202020-2025.pdf>

⁵⁵² The Constitution 1996, Section 87, Election of President, available from: <chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.justice.gov.za/constitution/SACConstitution-web-eng.pdf>

⁵⁵³ The Constitution 1996, Section 106, Provincial Legislatures, available from: <chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.justice.gov.za/constitution/SACConstitution-web-eng.pdf>

⁵⁵⁴ The Constitution 1996, Section 47, Membership, available at: <chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.justice.gov.za/constitution/SACConstitution-web-eng.pdf>

⁵⁵⁵ Government Gazette, REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA, National Youth Development Agency Act, 2008 (Act No. 54 of 2008), available at: chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.gov.za/sites/default/files/gcis_document/201409/3178013.pdf

⁵⁵⁶ ZERO DROPOUT, School Dropout Prevention Strategies, available at: <chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://zerodropout.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Zero-Dropout-Final.pdf>

			African countries effectively harness digital technologies powered by artificial intelligence and blockchain technologies ⁵⁵⁷ . Research and innovation, increase in qualified staff to support expansion of research-intensive HEIs, TVETs and research centres ⁵⁵⁸ .
	Employment and Entrepreneurship	Neet Prevention	Department of Science and Innovation (DSI) is connecting NEET youth with 225000 opportunities through the national Pathway Management Network (PMN), in collaboration with the department of employment and labour (DEL), the DHET, the national youth development Agency (NYDA) and other role players in civil society ⁵⁵⁹ .
		Employment	Presidential Youth Employment Intervention (PYEI) ⁵⁶⁰ . NYDA's programs aim to equip young people

⁵⁵⁷ AFRICAN UNION DEVELOPMENT AGENDA, Tackling Africa's Brain Drain Challenge Through Smart Digital Technologies, available from: https://www.nepad.org/blog/tackling-africas-brain-drain-challenge-through-smart-digital-technologies#_ftn13

⁵⁵⁸ STISA-2024, Science, Technology and Innovation Strategy for Africa, Technical Competences P30, available from: chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://au.int/sites/default/files/newsevents/workingdocuments/3178-wd-stisa-english_-_final.pdf

⁵⁵⁹ Skills Strategy: Support for the South African Economic Reconstruction and Recovery Plan, Build on and link to current plans and programmes P20, available at: chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://lmi-research.org.za/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Skills-Strategy_Support-for-the-SA-ERRP_Final-Report.pdf

⁵⁶⁰ National Treasury, Republic of South Africa, available at: <http://www.jobsfund.org.za/pyei.aspx>

			with the skills and resources needed to enter the workforce or start their own businesses ⁵⁶¹ . THE SKILLS DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1998 ⁵⁶² .
		Start-up funding for young entrepreneurs	Entrepreneurship Initiatives ⁵⁶³ . the South African Institute for Entrepreneurship ⁵⁶⁴ .
	Health and Well-Being	Healthy lifestyle and nutrition	NATIONAL ADOLESCENT & YOUTH HEALTH POLICY 2017 ⁵⁶⁵ . Many programs have been implemented like: Adolescent and Youth Friendly Services (AYFS), School-based programmes and services, Efforts to address violence, Substance abuse initiatives ⁵⁶⁶ . My body, my health: my wealth national youth-led campaign aims to promote healthy diets, physical activity, and mental wellness ⁵⁶⁷ .

⁵⁶¹ National Youth Development Agency (NYDA), available at: <https://www.nyda.gov.za/>

⁵⁶² THE SKILLS DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1998, available at:

<https://static.pmg.org.za/docs/2000/appendices/000229SDASummary.htm#:~:text=The%20Skills%20Development%20Act%20aims,of%20work%20and%20labour%20mobility>

⁵⁶³ Youth Entrepreneurship in South Africa, Government Initiatives, available from:

<https://smesouthafrica.co.za/youth-entrepreneurship-in-south-africa>

⁵⁶⁴ The South African Institute for Entrepreneurship, available at: <https://www.entrepreneurship.co.za/>

⁵⁶⁵ NATIONAL ADOLESCENT & YOUTH HEALTH POLICY 2017, available at: <chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.health.gov.za/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/National-Adolescent-and-Youth-Health-Policy-2017.pdf>

⁵⁶⁶ Youth health and well-being: Why it matters, What is being done to improve youth health? P64, available from: chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://ci.uct.ac.za/sites/default/files/content_migration/health_uct_ac_za/533/files/Child_Gauge_2015-Health.pdf

⁵⁶⁷ Unicef, South Africa, available at: <https://www.unicef.org/southafrica/press-releases/youth-take-lead-promoting-better-nutrition-and-healthier-young-lives>

		Mental health	NATIONAL ADOLESCENT & YOUTH HEALTH POLICY 2017 ⁵⁶⁸ . Mental health policy frame- work and strategic plan 2013–2020 ⁵⁶⁹ , Child and adolescent mental health ⁵⁷⁰ , Mental health care act 17 of 2002 ⁵⁷¹ . Child and adolescent mental health policy in South Africa ⁵⁷² .
		Anti bullying	The South African Schools Act 84 of 1996 (SASA) ⁵⁷³ , The Children’s Act 38 of 2005 ⁵⁷⁴ , The Protection from Harassment Act 17 of 2011 ⁵⁷⁵ . THE CHILD JUSTICE ACT 75 OF 2008, AMENDED BY THE CHILD JUSTICE AMENDMENT ACT 28 OF 2019 ⁵⁷⁶ .

⁵⁶⁸ NATIONAL ADOLESCENT & YOUTH HEALTH POLICY 2017, available at: chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.health.gov.za/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/National-Adolescent-and-Youth-Health-Policy-2017.pdf

⁵⁶⁹ Department of Health. National mental health policy framework and strategic plan, available at: 2013–2020. 2013. <https://www.mindbank.info/item/4018>.

⁵⁷⁰ Department of Health. Republic of South Africa. Policy guidelines. Child and adolescent mental health. <http://www.health.gov.za/.../mental-health?...policy...child-and-adolescent-mental>

⁵⁷¹ . Department of Health. Republic of South Africa. Mental health care act 17 of 2002. 2004 http://www.justice.gov.za/legislation/acts/2002-017_mentalhealthcare.pdf.

⁵⁷² Child and adolescent mental health policy in South Africa: history, current policy development and implementation, and policy analysis, available at: file:///C:/Users/hussn/Downloads/s13033-018-0213-3.pdf

⁵⁷³ South Afrika Government, South African Schools Act 84 of 1996, available at: chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.gov.za/sites/default/files/gcis_document/201409/act84of1996.pdf

⁵⁷⁴ REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA, Children's Act 38 of 2005, available at: chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.gov.za/sites/default/files/gcis_document/201409/a38-053.pdf

⁵⁷⁵ REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA, The Protection from Harassment Act 17 of 2011, available at: chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.gov.za/sites/default/files/gcis_document/201409/a172011.pdf

⁵⁷⁶ Family Laws South Africa, ADDRESSING CHILD BULLYING AT SCHOOL IN SOUTH AFRICA: LEGAL RAMIFICATIONS AND RESTORATIVE JUSTICE, available at: <https://familylaws.co.za/addressing-school-child-bullying-south-africa-legal-ramifications-restorative-justice>

Social Inclusion	Youth Support for Transition to Independent Living	There is another issue regarding Young people that is leaving state care: Youth Leaving Care Programme (Project Lungisela) ⁵⁷⁷ In the New Housing Policy and Strategy it is mentioned that “State housing policies and subsidy programmes must reflect a constant awareness of and provision for the special needs of the youth” ⁵⁷⁸
	Financial Support	Child Support Grant (1-18 years) ⁵⁷⁹ , Foster Child Grant ⁵⁸⁰

Ministry	Constitution	Strategies	Age Restriction to Candidacy and Voting	Law	RIA	Policy	Overall
1	0	1	0	1	0	0.9	3.9

⁵⁷⁷ Child Care in Practice, Project Lungisela: Supporting Young People Leaving State Care in South Africa P6, available at: <chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://mamelani.org.za/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Project-Lungisela-Supporting-Young-People-Leaving-State-Care-in-South-Africa.pdf>

⁵⁷⁸ Department of Housing, A New Housing Policy and Strategy for South Africa Special Needs Housing P 23, available from: chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://housingfinanceafrica.org/app/uploads/White-Paper_New-Housing-Policy-1994.pdf

⁵⁷⁹ Department of Social Development, South Africa, available from: <https://www.issa.int/gp/240016>

⁵⁸⁰ REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA, Foster child grant, available at: <https://www.gov.za/services/child-care-social-benefits/foster-child-grant>

Ministry/ Agency/ Department		Spanish Youth Institute (INJUVE) ⁵⁸¹ and the Youth Interministerial Commission.	
Constitution		Section 48: The public authorities shall promote conditions for the free and effective participation of young people in political, social, economic and cultural development ⁵⁸² . Section 27	
Strategy		Estrategia Joven 2030 ⁵⁸³	
Age Restriction to Candidacy and Voting		There is no restriction of being able to vote or to be a candidate for any public office of direct election other than to have reached the age of 18 ⁵⁸⁴	
Law		There is not a national youth law made by the General Government Administration. However, there are laws about youth in 13 of the 17 Autonomous Regions.	
Youth Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA)		///	
Policy Area	Education and training	Early dropout prevention	Law Celaá or LOMLOE ⁵⁸⁵ Educational Success Plan + ⁵⁸⁶
		Brain drains	Plan de Retorno del Talento España ⁵⁸⁷ .
	Employment and Entrepreneurship	Neet Prevention	
		Employment	Spanish Active Employment

⁵⁸¹ Injuve, available from: <https://www.injuve.es/en>

⁵⁸² CONSTITUTE, Spain 1978 (rev. 2011), available from: https://www.constituteproject.org/constitution/Spain_2011

⁵⁸³ Youth Wiki, Spain, Youth policy in Spain, available at: <https://national-policies.eacea.ec.europa.eu/youthwiki/chapters/spain/overview>

⁵⁸⁴ Youth Wiki, Spain, Young people as voters, articles 2 and 6 of the Organic Law of Electoral Regime, available from: <https://national-policies.eacea.ec.europa.eu/youthwiki/chapters/spain/52-youth-participation-in-representative-democracy>

⁵⁸⁵ Youth Wiki, Spain, Education and Training, Preventing early leaving from education and training (ELET), available from: <https://national-policies.eacea.ec.europa.eu/youthwiki/chapters/spain/63-preventing-early-leaving-from-education-and-training-elet>

⁵⁸⁶ Castilla-La Mancha, Plan for Educational Success and Prevention of Early School Dropout, available at: <https://www.educa.jccm.es/es/sistema-educativo/estrategia-exito-educativo-castilla-mancha/plan-exito-educativo>

⁵⁸⁷ SERVICIO PUBLICO DE EMPLEO ESTATAL (SESP), Return Plan to Spain, available at: <https://sepe.es/HomeSepe/en/Personas/plan-retorno-espana.html>

			Support Strategy 2021-2024 ⁵⁸⁸ Youth Guarantee Plus 2021-2027 Plan for decent work for young people (Plan Garantía Juvenil Plus 2021-2027 de trabajo digno para las personas jóvenes ⁵⁸⁹)
		Start-up funding for young entrepreneurs	Empresa Nacional de Innovación, ENISA ⁵⁹⁰ annual call for the National Youth Entrepreneurship Competition for innovative and viable projects ⁵⁹¹ Youth Guarantee + 2021-2027 Plan ⁵⁹²
	Health and Well-Being	Healthy lifestyle and nutrition	Health Promotion and Prevention Strategy ⁵⁹³ Strategy for Nutrition, Physical Activity and Obesity

⁵⁸⁸ Agencia Estatal Boletín Oficial del Estado, Royal Decree 1069/2021, of December 4, approving the Spanish Active Employment Support Strategy 2021-2024, available at: https://www.boe.es/diario_boe/txt.php?id=BOE-A-2021-20185

⁵⁸⁹ Agencia Estatal Boletín Oficial del Estado, Resolution of June 24, 2021, available from: https://www.boe.es/diario_boe/txt.php?id=BOE-A-2021-10587

⁵⁹⁰ GOBIERNO DE ESPAÑA, MINISTERIO DE INDUSTRIA Y TURISMO, enisa, available from: <https://www.enisa.es/>

⁵⁹¹ Agencia Estatal Boletín Oficial del Estado, Extracto de la Resolución de 1 de junio de 2022, available from: https://boe.es/diario_boe/txt.php?id=BOE-B-2022-19120

⁵⁹² Agencia Estatal Boletín Oficial del Estado, Plan de Garantía Juvenil Plus 2021-2027 de trabajo digno para las personas jóvenes, available from: <https://www.sepe.es/HomeSepe/Personas/encontrar-trabajo/Garantia-Juvenil/plan-garantia-juvenil-plus>

⁵⁹³ MINISTERIO DE SANIDAD, Estrategia de Promoción de la Salud y Prevención en el Sistema Nacional de Salud, available from: <https://www.sanidad.gob.es/areas/promocionPrevencion/estrategiaSNS/home.htm>

			Prevention (NAOS) ⁵⁹⁴
		Mental health	(General) Mental Health Strategy of the National Health System 2022-2026 ⁵⁹⁵
		Anti bullying	Organic Law 2/2006 of May 3, Article 19 N.2 ⁵⁹⁶ The Spanish Association for the Prevention of Bullying (AEPAE) ⁵⁹⁷ Telephone service for cases of abuse and bullying at school ⁵⁹⁸
	Social Inclusion	Youth Support for Transition to Independent Living/ Housing Assistance	the Housing Assistance Programme (Programa de ayudas al alquiler de vivienda) ⁵⁹⁹ Bono alquiler joven ⁶⁰⁰
		Social benefits	Royal Decree 164/2019, of 22 March, which establishes a free

⁵⁹⁴ GOBIERNO DE ESPAÑA, MINISTERIO DE DERECHOS SOCIALES, CONSUMO Y AGENDA 2030, the NAOS Strategy, available from:

https://www.aesan.gob.es/AECOSAN/web/nutricion/seccion/estrategia_naos.htm

⁵⁹⁵ Estrategia de Salud Mental del Sistema Nacional de Salud Período 2022-2026, available from: <chrome-extension://efaidnbmnmnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.consaludmental.org/publicaciones/Estrategia-Salud-Mental-2022-2026.pdf>

⁵⁹⁶ Agencia Estatal Boletín Oficial del Estado, Legislación consolidada, available from: <https://boe.es/buscar/act.php?id=BOE-A-2006-7899>

⁵⁹⁷ AEPAE, available at: <https://aepae.es/aepae>

⁵⁹⁸ GOBIERNO DE ESPAÑA, MINISTERIO DE EDUCACION, FORMACION PROFESIONAL Y DEPORTES, available from: <https://www.educacionfpydeportes.gob.es/mc/sgctie/acoso-escolar.htm>

⁵⁹⁹ Youth Wiki, Spain, Social Inclusion, Access to quality services, Housing, available from: <https://national-policies.eacea.ec.europa.eu/youthwiki/chapters/spain/46-access-to-quality-services>

⁶⁰⁰ MINISTERIO DE VIVIENDA Y AGENDA URBANA, Sistema Estatal de Referencia del Precio del Alquiler de Vivienda, available from: <https://www.mivau.gob.es/>

			basic payment account system for the benefit of people in a situation of vulnerability or at risk of financial exclusion ⁶⁰¹ .
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Ministry	Constitution	Strategies	Age Restriction to Candidacy and Voting	Law	RIA	Policy	Overall
0.5	1	1	0	0.5	0	0.9	3.9

⁶⁰¹ Youth Wiki, Spain, Social Inclusion, Access to quality services, Financial services, available from: <https://national-policies.eacea.ec.europa.eu/youthwiki/chapters/spain/46-access-to-quality-services>



Sweden

Ministry/ Agency/ Department		There is no specific ministry dedicated to youth, however, there are multiple ministries that are responsible for overseeing youth-related matters like: Ministry of Health and Social Affairs, Ministry of Employment, Ministry of Climate and Enterprise, Swedish National Agency for Education, \Swedish Agency for youth and civil society ⁶⁰² ,	
Constitution		Term "youth" is not explicitly mentioned in any of the articles of the Swedish Constitution. However, the principles laid out in the Constitution apply to all citizens, including youth, under the general terms of "everyone," "all citizens," and similar language. Like: Chapter 1, Article 2 of the Instrument of Government, and Chapter 2, on Fundamental Rights and Freedoms.	
Strategy		Government's bill 'With youth in focus – a policy for good living conditions, power and influence' ⁶⁰³	
Age Restriction to Candidacy and Voting		Riksdagen (Parliamentary) Elections: The minimum age for candidacy is 18 years ⁶⁰⁴ . Municipal and County Council Elections: minimum age for candidacy in municipal and county council elections is 18 ⁶⁰⁵ . The legal voting age is 18 years old ⁶⁰⁶	
Law		No national law but there are pieces of legislation which address the needs and rights of young people. Relevant legislation includes: 1) Act concerning support and service for persons with certain functional impairments (Lagen om stöd och service till vissa funktionshindrade, LSS) 2) Aliens act (Utlänningslagen) 3) Care of young people's act (Lag med särskilda bestämmelser om vård av unga) 4) Education act (Skollagen) 5) Higher education act (Högskolelag) 6) Parents code (Föräldrabalken) 7) Social services act (Socialtjänstlagen) ⁶⁰⁷	
Youth Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA)		///	
Policy Area	Education and training	Early dropouts	Collaboration for the best school (Samverkan för bästa skola) ⁶⁰⁸ , The national school development

⁶⁰² MUCF, Myndigheten for ungdomsoch civilsamhalletsfragor, Swedish Agency for youth and civil society, available at: <https://www.mucf.se/ungdomspolitik>

⁶⁰³ Government's bill 'With youth in focus – a policy for good living conditions, power and influence', available from: <chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcgclefindmkaj/https://data.riksdagen.se/fil/66D9A442-488C-4A98-9053-34A553ECE749>

⁶⁰⁴ INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION, SWEDEN Riksdagen (Parliament), available from: http://archive.ipu.org/parline-e/reports/2303_B.htm

⁶⁰⁵ Local Government Act, Chap. 4 Elected representatives, Eligibility, Section 5, available from: <chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcgclefindmkaj/https://www.government.se/contentassets/9577b5121e2f4984ac65ef97ee79f012/the-swedish-local-government-act/>

⁶⁰⁶ Local Government Act, Chap. 4 Elected representatives, Voting rights Section 2.

⁶⁰⁷ Youth Wiki, Sweden, Youth Policy Governance, National youth law, available from: <https://national-policies.eacea.ec.europa.eu/youthwiki/chapters/sweden/12-national-youth-law>

⁶⁰⁸ Skolverket, Collaboration for the best school, available from: <https://www.skolverket.se/skolutveckling/leda-och-organisera-skolan/skolverkets-riktade-insatser/samverkan-for-basta-skola>

Employment and Entrepreneurship		programme (Nationella skolutvecklingsprogram) ⁶⁰⁹ , https://www.skolverket.se/skolutveckling/nationella-skolutvecklingsprogram ⁶¹⁰ .
	Brain drains	Sweden has put in place several significant "Brain Drain policies" like: Exceptional researchers and knowledge workers can benefit from a reduced tax rate, decreasing from 40% to 25% for a period of up to 3 years also all researchers' children have the right by law to day-care ⁶¹¹ .
	Neet Prevention	Myndigheten for ungdomsoch civilsamhalletsfragor (MUCF), has the government's mandate to support actors who work with young people who neither work nor study. It includes local and regional actors as well as national ones. The aim is to effectively help young people to establish themselves in the labor market and thereby contribute to the achievement of the government's youth policy goals ⁶¹² .
	Employment	Public Employment Service ⁶¹³ , Swedish Confederation of Professional Employees ⁶¹⁴ , Saco Student Council ⁶¹⁵ , Swedish Agency for Government Employers ⁶¹⁶ , Young Enterprise Sweden (Ung företagsamhet) ⁶¹⁷ , Future-Seeds (Framtidsfrön) ⁶¹⁸ , Young Innovators ⁶¹⁹ .
	Start-up funding for young entrepreneurs	Swedish Federation of Business Owners ⁶²⁰ . The Swedish Board of Agriculture (Jordbruksverket) ⁶²¹ provides: 1) Agricultural start-up support for people up to 40 years old who have started a farm for the first time. 2) Compensatory support for farmers in areas where farming conditions are unfavourable.

⁶⁰⁹ Skolverket, National School Development Programmes, available at:

<https://www.skolverket.se/skolutveckling/nationella-skolutvecklingsprogram>

⁶¹⁰ Skolverket, Teach newly arrived students, available from:

<https://www.skolverket.se/skolutveckling/inspiration-och-stod-i-arbetet/stod-i-arbetet/undervisa-nyanlandaelever>

⁶¹¹ Brain Drain Competition Policies in Europe: a Survey P9, available from: <chrome-extension://efaidnbmninnibpcapglefindmkaj/https://amsacta.unibo.it/id/eprint/4756/1/534.pdf>

⁶¹² MUCF, Myndigheten for ungdomsoch civilsamhalletsfragor, Young people who neither work nor study, available at: <https://www.mucf.se/uppdrag/unga-som-varken-arbetar-eller-studerar>

⁶¹³ Swedish Public Employment Service, available at: <https://arbetsformedlingen.se/other-languages/english-engelska>

⁶¹⁴ TCO, Swedish Confederation of Professional Employees, available at: <https://tco.se/om-tco/tco-in-english>

⁶¹⁵ Saco Student Council, available at: <https://www.saco.se/studier/saco-studentrad/>

⁶¹⁶ Swedish Agency for Government Employers, available at: <https://www.arbetsgivarverket.se/in-english>

⁶¹⁷ JA Sweden, available at: <https://ungforetagsamhet.se/about-ja-sweden-0>

⁶¹⁸ Vi är Framtidsfrön, available at: <https://www.framtidsfron.se/om-oss/>

⁶¹⁹ Unga innovatorer, Innovation in school, available from: <https://ungainnovatorer.se/>

⁶²⁰ Swedish Federation of Business Owners, available at: <https://www.foretagarna.se/om-foretagarna/in-english>

⁶²¹ The Swedish Board of Agriculture, available from: <https://jordbruksverket.se/languages/english/swedish-board-of-agriculture>

Health and Well-Being	Healthy lifestyle and nutrition	The current Swedish governing document for healthy lifestyles and healthy nutrition policy is the government's bill 'A renewed public health policy' (En förnyad folkhälsopolitik). Specific target groups in the bill are children, young people and parents ⁶²² .
	Mental health	SKR's work with mental health and suicide prevention ⁶²³ . Främjande av psykiskt välbefinnande hos barn och ungdomar ⁶²⁴ .
	Anti bullying	Municipality Bullying Prevention Model (MBPM) encourages schools to use their own resources to work on their own problems and to come up with tailor-made solutions ⁶²⁵ .
Social Inclusion	Youth Support for Transition to Independent Living	There is no national housing policies designated specifically for young people. Sweden does not have social housing programmes either. Young people with special needs have the right to apply for access to housing with special services ⁶²⁶ .
	Financial Support	Young people under the age of 18 years old are normally the responsibility of their parents, as are young people under the age of 21 who still are in upper secondary education. They do not have the right to claim individual income support ⁶²⁷ . Financial aid (studiestöd) is money young people can receive during their active student years. There are various kinds of financial aid for studies ⁶²⁸ .

Ministry	Constitution	Strategies	Age Restriction to Candidacy and Voting	Law	RIA	Policy	Overall
0.5	0.5	1	0	0.5	0	0.8	3.3

⁶²² En förnyad folkhälsopolitik, available at: <chrome-extension://efaidnbmninnibpcapjpcgglefindmkaj/https://www.regeringen.se/contentassets/e6210d374d4642328ba dd71f64ca9846/en-fornyad-folkhalsopolitik-prop.-200708110>

⁶²³ Agreement on mental health and suicide prevention, available at: <https://skr.se/halsasjukvard/psykiskhalsa/overenskommelsepsykiskhalsa.234.html>

⁶²⁴ Promotion of psychological well-being in children and young people, available at: <https://www.sbu.se/sv/publikationer/SBU-utvarderar/framjande-av-psykiskt-valbefinnande-hos-barn-och-ungdomar/>

⁶²⁵ Forskning and Forändring, Bullying prevention in a Swedish municipality: Supported decentralised reasoning P71, available at: file:///C:/Users/hussn/Downloads/marter,+Journal+editor,+05_FOF_1217_Web.pdf

⁶²⁶ Youth Wiki, Social Inclusion, Access to quality services, available from: <https://national-policies.eacea.ec.europa.eu/youthwiki/chapters/sweden/46-access-to-quality-services>

⁶²⁷ Ibid

⁶²⁸ Cns, we make studies possible, Student finance – grants and loans for studies, available from: <https://www.csn.se/languages/english.html#h-Studentfinancegrantsandloansforstudies>



Ministry/ Agency/ Department		Commissione federale per l'infanzia e la gioventù (CFIG) ⁶²⁹	
Constitution		Switzerland's constitution places a significant emphasis on the rights and development of youth, Article 11 (Protection of Children and Young People), Article 41 and 67 (Education and Development), Article 68 (Sport Participation) ⁶³⁰	
Strategy		///	
Age Restriction to Candidacy and Voting		Voting Age: 18 years for federal elections; 16 years for specific cantonal elections in some cantons ⁶³¹ . Candidacy Age: 18 years for federal and most cantonal elections.	
Law		Rights of the Child of 1989 ⁶³² .	
Youth Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA)		///	
Policy Area (Switzerland's last major youth policy update was in 2015 ⁶³³ . Each of the 26 cantons has the	Education and training	Early dropouts	
		Brain drains	
	Employment	Neet Prevention	
		Preventing unemployment	
		Start-up funding for young entrepreneurs	
	Health and Well-Being	Healthy lifestyle and nutrition	

⁶²⁹ Confederazione Svizzera, CFGI, available at: <https://ekkj.admin.ch/it/>

⁶³⁰ Constitute, Switzerland 1999 (rev. 2002), available at: https://www.constituteproject.org/constitution/Switzerland_2002

⁶³¹ Available at: <https://fspj.ch/themen/stimmrechtsalter-16/>

⁶³² Politica infanzia e gioventu Svizzera, Confederazione, available at: <https://www.politicainfanziaioventu.ch/situazione-attuale/confederazione>.

⁶³³ POLITIQUE DE L'ENFANCE ET DE LA JEUNESSE EN SUISSE, available at: <chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://pjp-eu.coe.int/documents>

		Mental health	
		Anti bullying	
	Social Inclusion	Youth Support for Transition to Independent Living	
		Financial Support	

Ministry	Constitution	Strategies	Age Restriction to Candidacy and Voting	Law	RIA	Policy	Overall
0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1



Ministry		Ministry of Youth and Sports	
Constitution		Article 8	
Strategy		The National Youth Strategy 2035 ⁶³⁴	
Age Restriction to Candidacy and Voting		Candidates must be above age 23 ⁶³⁵ , individuals must be at least 18 years old to vote.	
Law		Policies	
Youth Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA)		///	
Policy Area	Education and training	Early dropout prevention	The Second Chance Project which pursue informal education and vocational training ⁶³⁶
		Brain drains	Doesn't have a specific policy for brain drain but by crating job facilities like (Smart Tunisia ⁶³⁷) and (Startup Tunisia) boosting employment can attract the attention of its youth.
	Employment and Entrepreneurship	Neet Prevention	TVET strategy and 'dual system' (work-study; alternance) ⁶³⁸

⁶³⁴ Trovit.tn, Youth on the Horizon 2035 Finally Hope for Tunisia?, available from: <https://trovit.tn/news/la-jeunesse-a-lhorizon-2035-enfin-un-espoir-pour-la-tunisie#gsc.tab=0>

<https://www.tap.info.tn/en/Portal-Top-News-EN/17564808-national-youth>

⁶³⁵ Carnegie Endowment for international Peace, Tunisia's New Electoral Law, available at: <https://carnegieendowment.org/posts/2022/10/tunisia-new-electoral-law-is-another-blow-to-its-democratic-progress?lang=en>

⁶³⁶ Republique tunisienne, Ministere des Affaires Sociales, Programme de la deuxième chance pour les adolescents, available from: <https://www.social.gov.tn/fr/programme-de-la-deuxi%C3%A8me-chance-pour-les-adolescents>

⁶³⁷ FONDATION TUNISIE, Smart Tunisia, available from: <https://fondationtunisie.org/en/smart-tunisia/>

⁶³⁸ World Bank Report, Youth Inactivity and Unemployment in Tunisia, available from: https://www.worldbank.org/content/dam/Worldbank/document/MNA/tunisia/breaking_the_barriers_to_Youth_inclusion_eng_chap3.pdf

		Employment	Active labour market programs (ALMPs)/Decree No 2012-2369 of 16 October 2012 ⁶³⁹
		Start-up funding for young entrepreneurs	Startup Tunisia ⁶⁴⁰
	Health and Well-Being	Healthy lifestyle and nutrition	(General) National health strategy (nutrition policies)
		Mental health	National multisectoral plan for the mental health of children and adolescents ⁶⁴¹
		Anti bullying	School programs to educate students, Teachers and parents ⁶⁴²
	Social Inclusion	Youth Support for Transition to Independent Living	
		Social benefits/financial support	AMEN (provide monthly cash transfers to vulnerable families with children ages 6-18 ⁶⁴³)

⁶³⁹ ILO, PUBLIC POLICIES FOR THE SOCIAL AND SOLIDARITY ECONOMY AND THEIR ROLE IN THE FUTURE OF WORK, THE CASE OF TUNISIA, available from:

https://webapps.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---ed_emp/---emp_ent/---coop/documents/publication/wcms_740732.pdf

⁶⁴⁰ Startup Tunisia, available from: https://startup.gov.tn/fr/startup_act/benefits_to_Startups

⁶⁴¹ IEPA, Adolescent mental health in the MENA region: spotlight on Tunisia, available from:

<https://iepa.org.au/iepa-news/adolescent-mental-health-in-the-mena-region-spotlight-on-tunisia/>

⁶⁴² Pub Med, Bullying Among Tunisian Middle School Students: the Prevalence, Psychosocial Associated Factors and Perceived Involvement of Parents, Teachers and Classmates, available at:

<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/29784895/>

⁶⁴³ USAID, The Ministry of Social Affairs, UNICEF, and the United States Launch Tunisia's Social Safety Net Partnership to Benefit Children and Vulnerable Families, available from: <https://www.usaid.gov/tunisia/press-releases/oct-13-2022-ministry-social-affairs-unicef-and-US-launch-tunisia-social-safety-net-partnership>

Ministry	Constitution	Strategies	Age Restriction to Candidacy and Voting	Law	RIA	Policy	Overall
1	1	1	-1	0	0	0.8	2.8

Ministry/ Agency/ Department	<p>Ministry in charge of youth England: The Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF).</p> <p>Scotland: Department of Education and Lifelong Learning, Scottish Executive</p> <p>Wales: Department for Children, Education, Lifelong Learning and Skills, Welsh Assembly</p> <p>Northern Ireland: Department of Education⁶⁴⁴</p> <p>National Youth Agency (NYA)/ British Youth Council (BYC)⁶⁴⁵</p>
Constitution	///
Strategy	<p>England: National Youth Guarantee (2023-2025)⁶⁴⁶, Scotland: National Youth Work Strategy (2023-2028)⁶⁴⁷, Northern Ireland: Children and Young People's Strategy 2020-2030⁶⁴⁸, Wales: Youth Work Strategy (2019-2022)⁶⁴⁹.</p>
Age Restriction to Candidacy and Voting	<p>The minimum age to stand as a candidate is 18 for all UK elections⁶⁵⁰, The minimum voting age in the UK is 18 years this applies to all general elections with exceptions in Scotland and Wales, where it has been lowered to 16 for devolved and local elections⁶⁵¹.</p>
Law/Act	<p>England: The Education Act 1996, Section 6 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 inserted new sections 507A and 507B into this Act, to secure young people's access to positive activities.</p> <p>Scotland: Education Act 1980, Further and Higher Education Act 1992. Northern Ireland: Education and Libraries Order 1986 and the Youth Service</p>

⁶⁴⁴ COUNTRY SHEET ON YOUTH POLICY UNITED KINGDOM, Youth Ministry P5, available from: <chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://pjp-eu.coe.int/documents/42128013/47261554/UK.pdf/1f87e391-6049-4838-862d-c38c76bb43dd>

⁶⁴⁵ British Youth Council (BYC), available at: <https://nya.org.uk/byc/>

⁶⁴⁶ UK Youth, National Youth Guarantee, available at: <https://www.ukyouth.org/2023/02/national-youth-guarantee-one-year-on>

⁶⁴⁷ Youth Link Scotland, National Youth Work Strategy (2023-2028), available at: <https://www.youthlink.scot/policy-influence/policy/nyws/>

⁶⁴⁸ Northern Ireland Executive, Children and Young People's Strategy, available at: <chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/education/final-executive-children-and-young-people%27s-strategy-2020-2030.pdf>

⁶⁴⁹ Welsh Government, Youth Work Strategy for Wales, available from: <chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2019-06/youth-work-strategy-for-wales.pdf>

⁶⁵⁰ Legislation.gov.uk, Electoral Administration Act 2006, Part 5 Standing for election, available from: <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2006/22/contents>

⁶⁵¹ UK Parliament, House of Commons Library, Who can vote in UK elections?, available from: <https://commonslibrary.parliament.uk/research-briefings/cbp-8985/>

		Order 1989 Children’s Services Co-operation Act ⁶⁵² . Wales: Learning and Skills Act 2000 ⁶⁵³ .	
	Youth Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA)	///	
Policy Area	Education and training	Early dropout prevention	England: Raising the Participation Age (RPA) ⁶⁵⁴ , Pupil premium ⁶⁵⁵ . Scotland: Scottish Attainment Challenge ⁶⁵⁶ , preventing and managing school exclusions ⁶⁵⁷ . Northern Ireland: Education Welfare Service ⁶⁵⁸ . Wales: Pupil Development Grant (PDG) ⁶⁵⁹
		Brain drains	Graduate Retention Strategies ⁶⁶⁰ , Research and Development Funding ⁶⁶¹ .
	Employment and Entrepreneurship	Neet Prevention	England: Transitions beyond full-time academic or vocational education, Traineeships programme, The Raising of the

⁶⁵² Legislation.gov.uk, Children’s Services Co-operation Act, available at: <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/niu/2015/10/contents/enacted>

⁶⁵³ COUNTRY SHEET ON YOUTH POLICY UNITED KINGDOM, National legislation on Youth P11, available at: <chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://pjp-eu.coe.int/documents/42128013/47261554/UK.pdf/1f87e391-6049-4838-862d-c38c76bb43dd>

⁶⁵⁴ Department for Education ‘Evidence check’ memorandum Raising the participation age (RPA), available at: <chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.parliament.uk/globalassets/documents/commons-committees/Education/evidence-check-forum/Raising-participation-age.pdf>

⁶⁵⁵ GOV.UK, Department for Education, Pupil premium, available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pupil-premium/pupil-premium>

⁶⁵⁶ Education Scotland, Scottish Attainment Challenge, available from: <https://education.gov.scot/learning-in-scotland/programmes/scottish-attainment-challenge>

⁶⁵⁷ Scottish Government, preventing and managing school exclusions, available from: <https://www.gov.scot/publications/included-engaged-involved-part-2-positive-approach-preventing-managing-school/pages/9/>

⁶⁵⁸ Education Authority, Education Welfare Service, available from: <https://www.eani.org.uk/services/education-welfare-service>

⁶⁵⁹ Welsh Government, Pupil Development Grant overview, available from: <https://www.gov.wales/pupil-development-grant-pdg-overview-html>

⁶⁶⁰ Lambert Smith Hampton, Brain Gain, available from: <https://www.lsh.ie/explore/research-and-views/view-points/2022/jan/brain-gain>

⁶⁶¹ Brain Drain Competition Policies in Europe: a Survey P9, available at: <chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://amsacta.unibo.it/id/eprint/4756/1/534.pdf>

		Participation Age (RPA). Scotland: Developing the Young Workforce: Scotland's Youth Employment Strategy. Northern Ireland: Pathways to Success. Wales: Youth Engagement and Progression Framework ⁶⁶² .	
	Employment	Youth Employment Policy ⁶⁶³ .	
	Start-up funding for young entrepreneurs	Government-backed loans for young entrepreneurs along with mentoring and support ⁶⁶⁴ . Prince's Trust Enterprise Programme ⁶⁶⁵ .	
	Health and Well-Being	Healthy lifestyle and nutrition	Association for Young People's Health (AYPH) ⁶⁶⁶ .
		Mental health	England: Child and adolescent mental health services (CAMHS) ⁶⁶⁷ . Scotland: Mental Health Counselling in Schools ⁶⁶⁸ , Mental Health strategy (2024-2028) ⁶⁶⁹ .

⁶⁶² Early leaving and the NEET agenda across the UK, Findings P831, available at:

<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/epdf/10.1080/13639080.2021.1983525?needAccess=true>

⁶⁶³ UK YOUTH, Youth Employment: Policy Update, available at: <https://www.ukyouth.org/2023/08/policy-update-august/>

⁶⁶⁴ British Business Bank, Support and funding for young entrepreneurs, available at: <https://www.startuploans.co.uk/support-and-guidance/business-guidance/finance/support-for-young-entrepreneurs>.

⁶⁶⁵ Prince's Trust, Support for starting a business, available from: <https://www.princes-trust.org.uk/how-we-can-help/support-starting-business>

⁶⁶⁶ AYAP, Overview and Policy Implications, P17, available from: chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://ayph-youthhealthdata.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/KDYP_OverviewAndPolicyImplications.pdf

⁶⁶⁷ Youth Health Data, Child and adolescent mental health services (CAMHS), available from: <https://ayph-youthhealthdata.org.uk/key-data/use-of-health-services/child-and-adolescent-mental-health-services-camhs/>

⁶⁶⁸ Children and Young Peoples Commissioner Scotland, Mental Health in Scotland, available from: <https://www.cypcs.org.uk/positions/mental-health-2/#scotland>

⁶⁶⁹ Children and Young Peoples Commissioner Scotland, Our Plan 2024-28, available at: <chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.cypcs.org.uk/wpcypcs/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Strategic-Plan-Final-Version-online.pdf>

			<p>Northern Ireland: ‘STILL WAITING’ A Rights Based Review of Mental Health Services and Support for Children and Young People⁶⁷⁰.</p> <p>Wales: All-Age Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2024-2034 has Actions regarding young people⁶⁷¹.</p>
		Anti bullying	By law, all state (not private) schools must have a behaviour policy in place that includes measures to prevent all forms of bullying among pupils ⁶⁷² .
	Social Inclusion	Youth Support for Transition to Independent Living	Youth Transitioning Support ⁶⁷³ , Housing Benefit for Young People ⁶⁷⁴ , Independent Living Programme ⁶⁷⁵ .
		Social benefits/ Financial support	Child Benefit, Youth Allowance England: Support for those aged 16 to 19: Jobseeker's Allowance ⁶⁷⁶ , Care to learn ⁶⁷⁷ , Parents' Learning

⁶⁷⁰ NICCY, ‘STILL WAITING’ A Rights Based Review of Mental Health Services and Support for Children and Young People in Northern Ireland P40, available at: <chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.niccy.org/wp-content/uploads/media/3114/niccy-still-waiting-report-sept-18-web.pdf>

⁶⁷¹ Welsh Government, All-Age Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2024-2034 P7, available at: <chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.gov.wales/sites/default/files/consultations/2024-02/draft-mental-health-and-wellbeing-strategy-children-and-young-people-version.pdf>

⁶⁷² GOV.UK, Bullying at school, School and the law, available at: <https://www.gov.uk/bullying-at-school>

⁶⁷³ Youth Transitioning Support (YTS), available from: <https://ytsuk.co.uk/#about>

⁶⁷⁴ GOV.UK, Housing support for young people, available from: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/housing-support-for-young-people>

⁶⁷⁵ ENDING YOUTH HOMELESSNESS, Independent Living Programme, available from: <https://centrepoin.org.uk/what-we-do/independent-living-programme>

⁶⁷⁶ GOV.UK, JSA for 16- to 17-year-olds, available from: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/jsa-for-16-to-17-year-olds-guidance-for-dwp-staff-making-a-severe-hardship-decision>

⁶⁷⁷ GOV.UK, Care to Learn, available from: <https://www.gov.uk/care-to-learn/eligibility>

			Allowance ⁶⁷⁸ , Health costs ⁶⁷⁹ . Scotland: Child Payment ⁶⁸⁰ . Northern Ireland: Child Benefit under 16, or 19 ⁶⁸¹ . Wales: Child Benefit under 16 years old - or 20 years ⁶⁸² .
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Ministry	Constitution	Strategies	Age Restriction to Candidacy and Voting	Law	RIA	Policy	Overall
1	0	1	0.5	0.5	0	0.9	3.9

⁶⁷⁸ GOV.UK, Parents' Learning Allowance, available from: <https://www.gov.uk/parents-learning-allowance/eligibility>

⁶⁷⁹ NHS, Help with health costs, available at: <https://www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/help-with-health-costs/>

⁶⁸⁰ Scottish Child Payment, available from: <https://young.scot/get-informed/what-benefits-can-i-claim-in-scotland>

⁶⁸¹ Citizen Information, Child Benefit in Northern Ireland, available at: <https://www.citizensinformation.ie/en/social-welfare/families-and-children/child-benefit/>

⁶⁸² Citizen advice, Wales Child Benefit, available from: <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/wales/benefits/child-benefit/before-you-claim/check-if-you-can-get-child-benefit/>



<p>Ministry/ Agency/ Department</p>	<p>There is no single entity responsible for all youth-related issues in the U.S., but multiple federal agencies like the Department of Education, Department of Labor, Department of Health and Human Services, and Department of Justice, in collaboration with state governments and NGOs, coordinate efforts to address various aspects of youth development, from education and employment to health and justice⁶⁸³.</p>
<p>Constitution</p>	<p>Specific Areas: Article I, Section 2, Clause 2 - Article I, Section 3, Clause 3 - Article II, Section 1, Clause 5 - 26th Amendment - 14th Amendment, Section 1⁶⁸⁴.</p>
<p>Strategy</p>	<p>United States does not have a centralized youth policy, but instead uses various strategies and policies to address issues affecting young people. The current federal youth policy is a result of creating programs in different social policy areas. Many programs for youth were created during the War on Poverty and continue today. Several new programs have been created across different agencies. There are over 50 federal programs for youth in six policy areas: job training, education, juvenile justice, social services, public health, and national service. (1980s-Present)⁶⁸⁵</p>
<p>Age Restriction to Candidacy and Voting</p>	<p>President: A candidate must be at least 35 years old⁶⁸⁶ Senate: Candidates must be at least 30 years old⁶⁸⁷ House of Representatives: Candidates must be at least 25 years old⁶⁸⁸ The legal voting age is 18 for all federal, state, and local elections⁶⁸⁹.</p>
<p>Law</p>	<p>US does not have a dedicated "Youth Law" at the federal level. Instead, there are laws at federal and state levels that cover youth issues like education, employment, criminal justice, and welfare. Like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)⁶⁹⁰ • Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA)⁶⁹¹ • Juvenile Justice⁶⁹²

⁶⁸³ MbK Alliance CE, The Modern School of Politics, Features of youth policy in the USA, available at: <https://www.mbkalliance.org/features-of-youth-policy-in-the-usa/>

⁶⁸⁴ Cornell Law School, Legal Information Institute, U.S. Constitution, available at: <https://www.law.cornell.edu/constitution>

⁶⁸⁵ Vulnerable Youth: Background and Policies, Current Youth Programs, available from: <chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://sgp.fas.org/crs/misc/RL33975.pdf>

⁶⁸⁶ U.S. Constitution, Article II, Section 1.

⁶⁸⁷ U.S. Constitution, Article I, Section 3

⁶⁸⁸ U.S. Constitution, Article I, Section 2.

⁶⁸⁹ U.S. Constitution, 26th Amendment, Section 1.

⁶⁹⁰ U.S., Department of Education, Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), available from: <https://www.ed.gov/essa?src%3Dn>

⁶⁹¹ U.S., Department of Labor, Wages and the Fair Labor Standards Act, available from: <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/flsa>

⁶⁹² Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act, available from: <https://ojjdp.ojp.gov/library/publications/redline-version-juvenile-justice-and-delinquency-prevention-act-amended>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Welfare⁶⁹³ • Voting and Political Rights 	
Youth Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA)		///	
Policy Area (The federal government has not adopted a single overarching federal policy or legislative vehicle that addresses the challenges that young people experience in adolescence or while making the transition to	Education and training	<p>Early dropout prevention</p> <p>Brain drains</p>	<p>NDPC 15 Effective Strategies⁶⁹⁵</p> <p>Not a specific policy in general to stop Brain drain but some state vies like: Michigan’s "Come Home" Program, North Dakota’s "Find the Good Life" Campaign⁶⁹⁶</p> <p>(General) But U.S. has a variety of programs and policies in place to promote brain gain, attracting talented professionals, researchers, students, and entrepreneurs from around the world. Programs like the H-1B visa⁶⁹⁷, OPT for international students⁶⁹⁸, and employment-based green cards (EB-2/EB-3)⁶⁹⁹ are central to these efforts.</p>
	Employment and Entrepreneurship	Neet Prevention	Youth.gov defines NEET youth in the U.S. as young people aged 16 to 24 who are disconnected from both work and education. This group is also referred to as "Opportunity Youth." They face challenges such as social exclusion, limited job prospects, and higher risks of long-term unemployment, there are numerous approaches to tackle this problem such as: 21st Century Community Learning Centers, Adolescent Literacy Research Network,

⁶⁹³ FOSTER CARE INDEPENDENCE ACT OF 1999, available from: <chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.congress.gov/106/plaws/publ169/PLAW-106publ169.pdf>

⁶⁹⁴ Vulnerable Youth: Background and Policies, available from: <chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://sgp.fas.org/crs/misc/RL33975.pdf>

⁶⁹⁵ NATIONAL DROPOUT PREVENTION CENTER, Effective Strategies, available from: <https://dropoutprevention.org/effective-strategies/>

⁶⁹⁶ FIND THE GOOD LIFE IN NORTH DAKOTA, THE GOOD LIFE STARTS, available from: <https://findthegoodlife.com/>

⁶⁹⁷ U.S DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, H-1B Program, available at: <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/immigration/h1b>

⁶⁹⁸ Optional Practical Training (OPT) for International Students, available at: <https://oiss.yale.edu/employment-taxes/employment-for-international-students/f-1-students/optional-practical-training/opt-description-and-eligibility>

⁶⁹⁹ U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Green Card for Employment-Based Immigrants, available from: <https://www.uscis.gov/green-card/green-card-eligibility/green-card-for-employment-based-immigrants>

			Bureau of Land Management Youth Initiatives, Comprehensive Centers Program, USDA 1890 National Scholars Program ⁷⁰⁰ .
		Employment	The federal government funds four major job training and workforce development programs for youth: Youth Connections, Reentry Employment Opportunities, Youth Build, and Career Pathways ⁷⁰¹ .
		Start-up funding for young entrepreneurs	U.S. Small Business Association ⁷⁰²
	Health and Well-Being	Healthy lifestyle and nutrition	Adolescent Health programs include: National Academies Board on Children, Youth, and Families, National Fruit and Vegetable Program, Share with Youth: #0to60 — The Fastest Way to Living Healthy Starts Right Now ⁷⁰³ .
		Mental health	The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Administration for Children and Families (ACF), and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) focus on public health programs for youth. These initiatives tackle issues like mental health, substance abuse and teen pregnancy prevention ⁷⁰⁴ . SAMHSA is organized into four centers, one of which is the Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) ⁷⁰⁵ .

⁷⁰⁰ Youth.GOV, Opportunity Youth, available from: <https://youth.gov/youth-topics/opportunity-youth>

⁷⁰¹ US DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, Employment and Training Administration, Youth Programs and Services, available from: <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/youth>

⁷⁰² Youth.GOV, Featured Grant Opportunity, U.S. Small Business Association, available from: <https://youth.gov/funding-search/federal-funding-sources/us-small-business-association>

⁷⁰³ Youth.GOV, Adolescent Health, available from: <https://youth.gov/youth-topics/adolescent-health>

⁷⁰⁴ Vulnerable Youth: Background and Policies, Job Training and Workforce Development, available from: <chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpegclefindmkaj/https://sgp.fas.org/crs/misc/RL33975.pdf>

⁷⁰⁵ Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Behavioral Health Resources for Youth, available at: <https://www.samhsa.gov/school-campus-health/behavioral-health-resources-youth>

		Anti bullying	StopBullying.gov, Safe Schools/Healthy Students (SS/HS) is a program funded by the Federal government to prevent violence and substance abuse among young people, schools, and communities ⁷⁰⁶ .
	Social Inclusion	Youth Support for Transition to Independent Living	Administration for Children and Families/Family and Youth Services Bureau Runaway and Homeless Youth Programs, Family Unification Program, John H. Chafee Foster Care Program for Successful Transition to Adulthood ⁷⁰⁷
		Social benefits/financial support	John H. Chafee Foster Care Program for Successful Transition to Adulthood, ⁷⁰⁸ Providing Direct Financial Assistance to Youth and Young Adults (The program supports youth and young adults in or formerly in foster care.) ⁷⁰⁹

Ministry	Constitution	Strategies	Age Restriction to Candidacy and Voting	Law	RIA	Policy	overall
0.5	0	0.5	-1	0.5	0	0.5	1

⁷⁰⁶ Youth.GOV, Safe Schools/Healthy Students (SS/HS), available from: <https://youth.gov/federal-links/safe-schoolshealthy-students-sshs>

⁷⁰⁷ Youth.GOV, Homelessness and Housing Instability, available from: <https://youth.gov/youth-topics/homelessness-and-housing-instability>

⁷⁰⁸ Youth.GOV, John H. Chafee Foster Care Program for Successful Transition to Adulthood, available from: <https://youth.gov/federal-links/john-h-chafee-foster-care-program-successful-transition-adulthood>

⁷⁰⁹ Child Welfare Capacity Building Collaborative, Providing Direct Financial Assistance to Youth and Young Adults, available from: <https://capacity.childwelfare.gov/states/resources/financial-assistance-youth>