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# Youth inequality & discrimination - what's the deal?

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**Participation**

**Employment  
& social  
protection**

**Housing**

**Education**

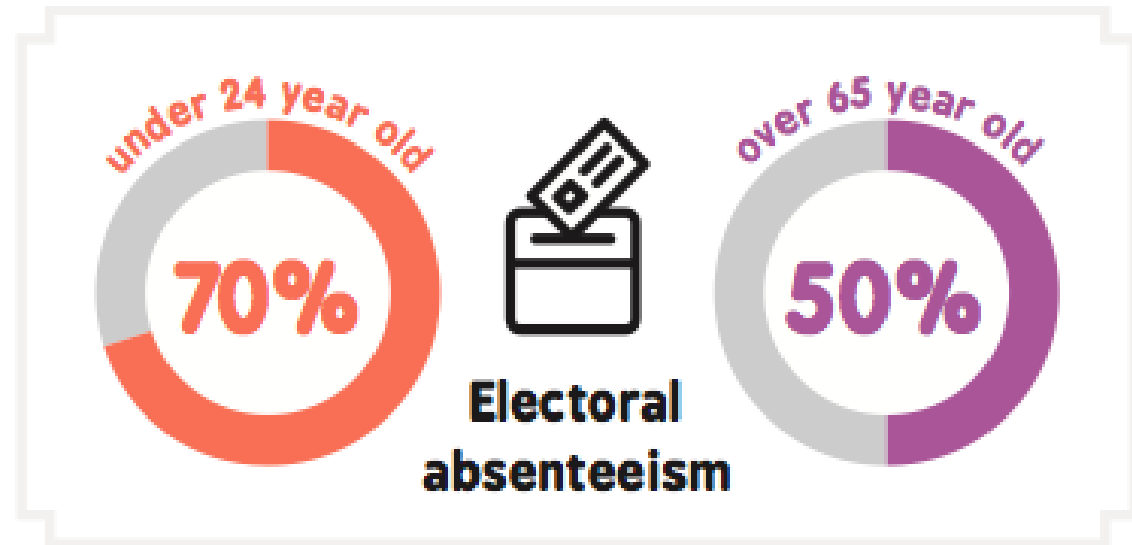
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## Participation

- Consistent underrepresentation
- Unaligned voting & candidacy age
- Lack of citizenship education

## Participation



→ Loss of trust in public institutions & in formal institutional politics



## Employment & social protection

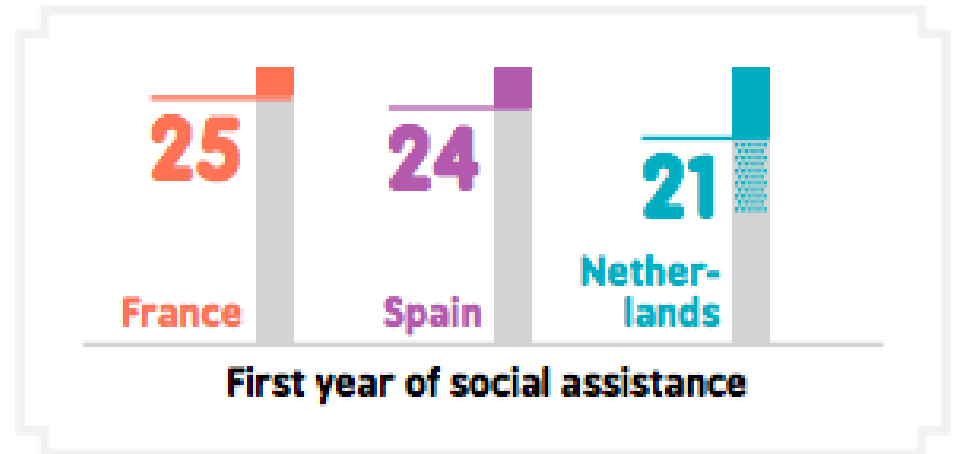
- Unemployment rates; “deceiving” decrease
- Precarious jobs (0-hours); no contributions
- Entry-level jobs ↓ (unpaid) internships ↑
- Youth wages
- Conditions to access benefits/assistance



## Employment & social protection

- 1/4 youth (15-29) A.R.O.P.E. (Eurostat)
- >1/10 youth experiencing in-work poverty
- Almost 1/5: age-based discrimination (18-24) in job search (European Youth Forum)

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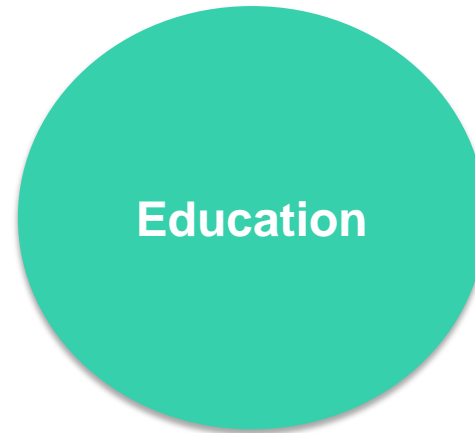
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- Extended transition to independent living; ‘stay-at-home’ policies
- Lack of access to affordable, decent housing
- Youth as “unreliable” tenants



- Austerity & cuts to education spending: most disadvantaged youth impacted
- Violence/bullying
- School & classroom segregation



- Access to healthcare
- Conscientious objection to military service
- Age-determination for young asylum-seekers
- Financial services (loans, mortgages, etc.)



→ Limited awareness of rights, laws and protective mechanisms



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# Multiple discrimination

- 77% perceive being discriminated against (European Youth Forum) on grounds of...
  - Gender (34%)
  - Age 18-24 (29%)
  - Sexual orientation & religion or belief (18%)
  - Physical appearance (17%)

# Recap...

- Loss of trust in public institutions & in formal institutional politics
- Shut out & excluded from safety nets
- Limited awareness of rights, laws and protective mechanisms

# So... what?





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