

EXPLORING GENDER DIFFERENCES AND OTHER SOCIO- DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS OF NEET ALBANIAN YOUNG PEOPLE

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ABSTRACT

As the most energetic and creative part of the Albanian population young people are still lacking employment, educational and carrier development opportunities. Although policy makers have recognized the importance of adequate employment and educational strategies, understanding the situation of NEET young people still remains a challenge at both policy and practice aspects. The standard methodologies applied to identify unemployment rate among young people are not sufficient to fully understand the complexity of NEET young people in Albania. Inability of national institution to provide comprehensive information in relation to this category is considered as one of the present challenges. The purpose of this paper is to examine the gender differences among NEET young people. The demographic aspect include information about age, gender, marital status, educational level, educational and employment level of the parents, period of unemployment status, monthly income, accommodation. The snowball sampling strategy was used in the period January-March 2021 with the intention to provide a better insight on NEET youth situation in Albania from a gender perspective.

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