

Sub Saharan Africa has a lower youth unemployment rate than the global average

In 2013, there were an estimated 73.4 million unemployed youth globally. By 2018, it is projected that only 11.7% of Sub Saharan Africa's (SSA) total youth labour force will be unemployed, which is 1.1% lower than the projected world youth average as well as Developed Economies and the European Union (EU). These results suggest that the common perception that SSA has high unemployment is false. This world-beating trend is projected to continue for SSA, at least for the next 5 years.

The labour force participation rate measures the proportion of a country's working-age population that engages actively in the labour market. At the regional level, the Labour participation rate of SSA's youth in 2012 was 5% higher than the world average and higher than developed economies including the EU, Europe (non EU), South Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean.

