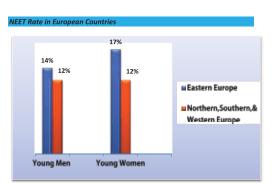
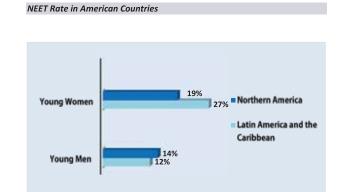


Source: The Global Employment Trends for Youth 2017 (ILO) repo





The NEET rate provides another piece of the youth labour market picture. It is a broad measure of untapped potential of youth who could contribute to national development through work. It is essential to understand the depth and breadth of this problem with the root causes of the issue in formulating policies and strategies.



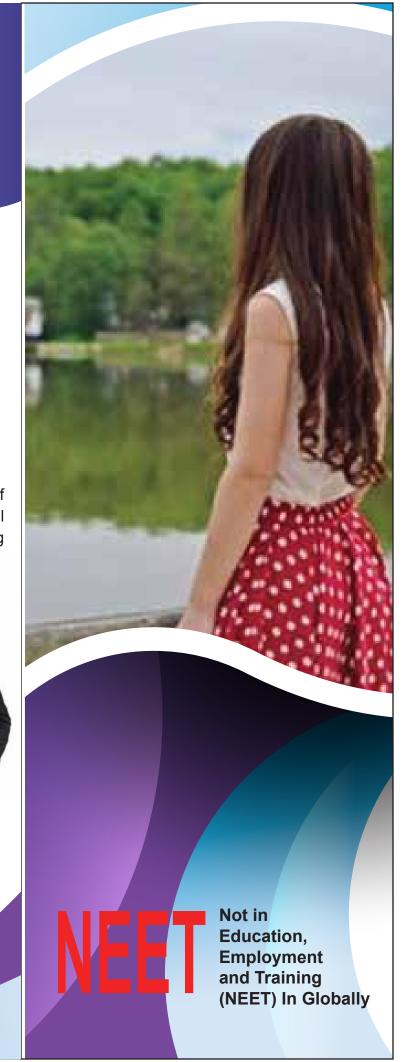
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What does NEET means?

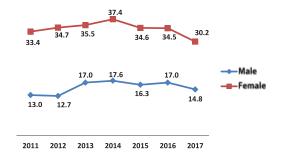
NEET stands for "Not in Education, Employment, or Training". It is relatively a new indicator and it provides an important picture of the youth engagement in labour market. NEET rate considers all young people in the age group 15 -24 who are neither employed nor in education and training. It captures the unutilized labour potential of the youth population and also can identify the vulnerable individuals in terms of income security in long-run. NEET group consists of both unemployed, those without work but actively looking for work and inactive youths, who are not engaged in any employment or educational or training activity and also not looking for work.



Youth NEET Rate in Sri Lanka -Total NEET group is fluctuating over the period 2012 to 2017.

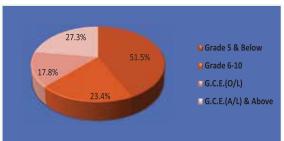






According to the above chart female NEET rate is (30.2%) higher than that of males (14.8%). It depicts that one out of every six youth males belongs to the NEET group, while one out of three female youths are in NEET category. This chart implies a gradual decline in female NEET proportion in consequent to the peak in 2014, which has resulted in similar trend in overall NEET ratio as well.

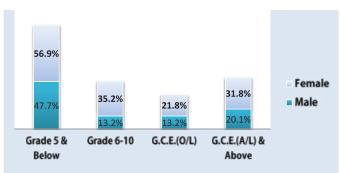
NEET Rate by Education Level in Sri Lanka 2017



Source: LES 2017

Youth with Grade 5 and below level of education are having the highest NEET rate of 51.5%.

NEET Rate By Level of Education and Gender-2017



Less educated youth are having the highest NEET rate. Among them female youth with grade 5 and below level of education are having the highest NEET rate, 56.9 percent. The lowest NEET rate is reported for the group with G.C.E (O/L) education.

The extraction divulged that developing soft skills such as English and Information Technology are important areas in making youth more employable with confidence. And the responsible it is needed to pay more attention to implement effective mechanism to provide opportunities for youth to develop the employability skills. It is possible to make certain changes from the school level education followed by the proper monitoring mechanism. The education system has to focus to produce skillful and talented students to comply with demand oriented match the needs. Active labour market mechanism need to be implemented by way of availability of updated labour market information, career guidance for employability development are in need.

World Population Young Women are NEETs Young Men are NEETs

The Global Employment Trends for Youth 2017 (ILO) report found that rates of young people who are not in employment, education or training (NEET) varies widely according to both location and sex.

NEET Rate in Asian Countries-2018

