

3. Employment & Entrepreneurship

Republic of North Macedonia, since it's independent is suffering from high rate of unemployment. Unfortunately, most vulnerable category are young people. The rate of youth unemployment since the independent of North Macedonia (1991) was constantly over 50% until 2015 when for the first time it dropped below 50%.

According to the data of the [State Statistical Office](#), in the II quarter of 2020, the labor force in the Republic of North Macedonia numbered 953 039 persons, of which 793 416 were employed, while 159 623 were unemployed persons. The activity rate in this period was 56.5, the employment rate was 47.1, while the unemployment rate was 16.7.

With aim to achieve higher employability of young people, the Government in recent year is working on new measures through a combination of employment, education and social assistance policies (more in the next chapters).