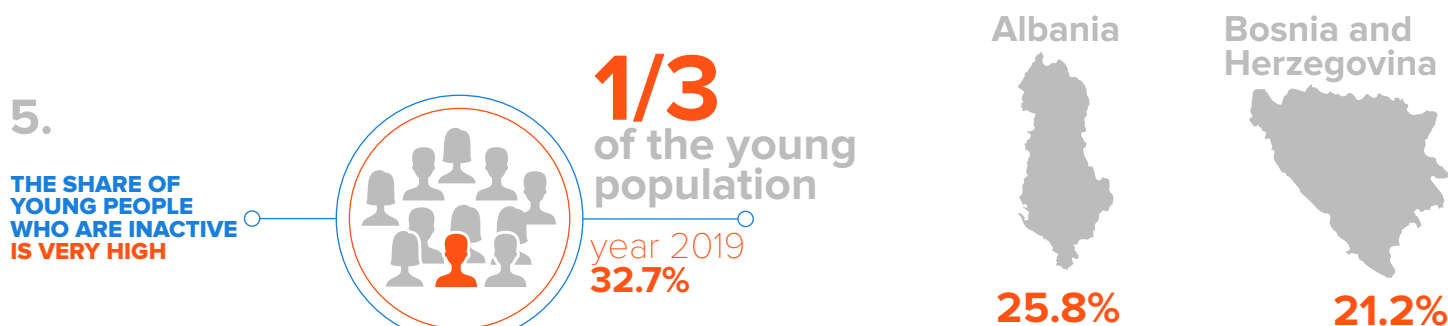
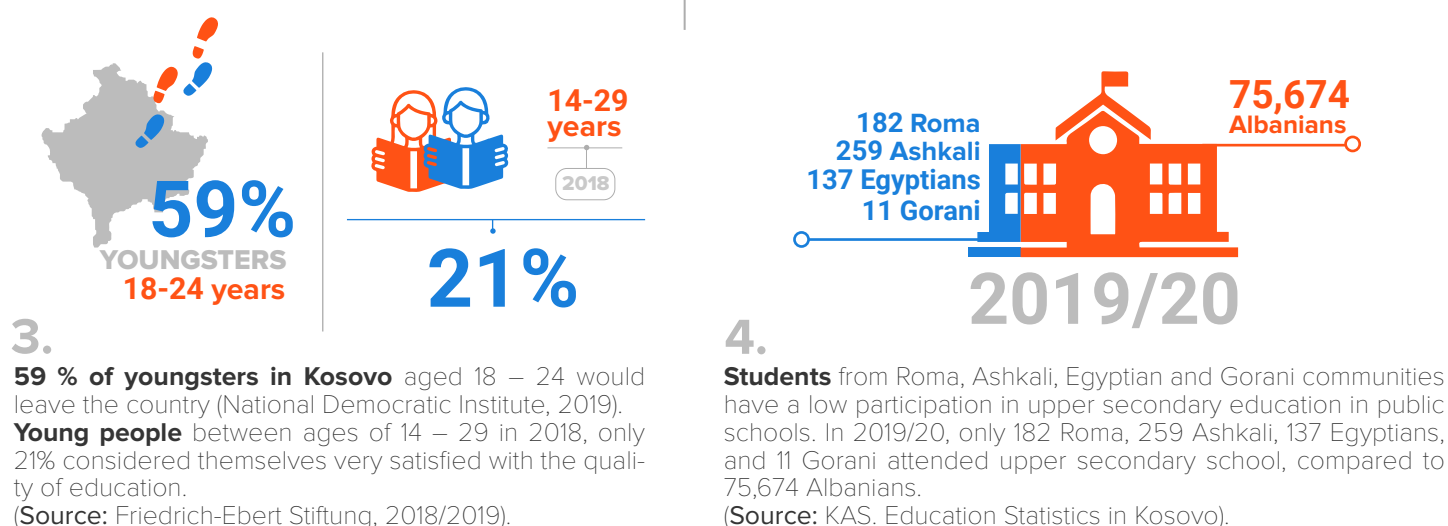
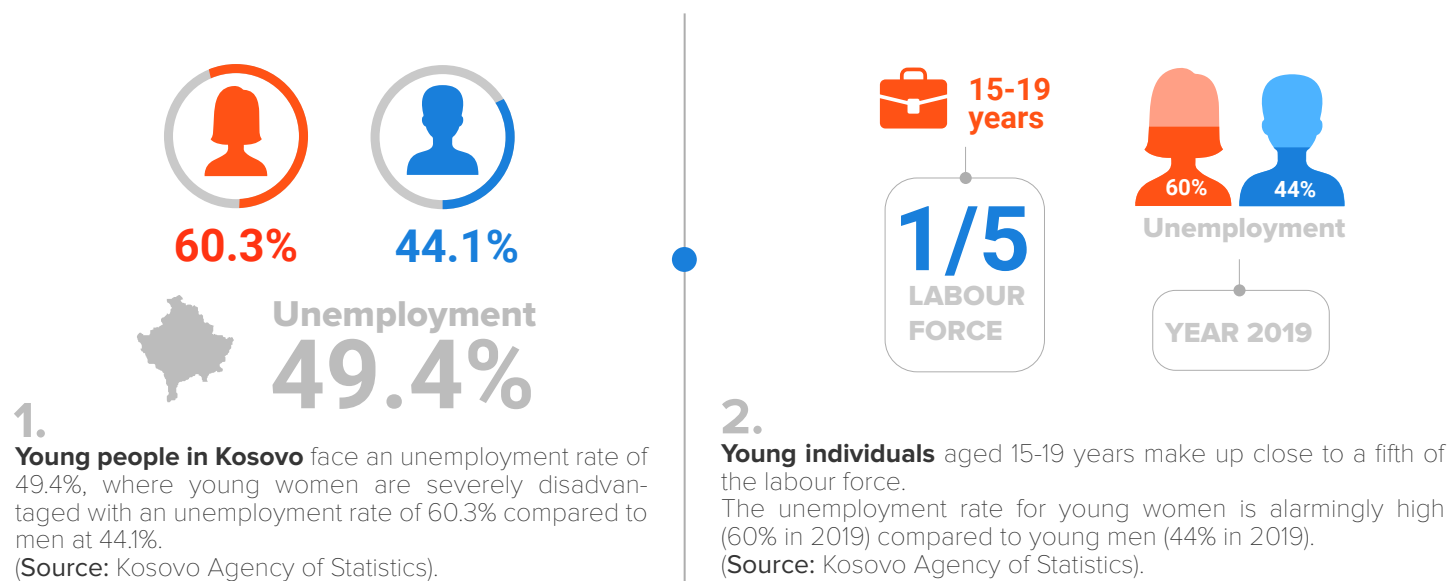


What are the challenges of being young in Kosovo?



The share of young people who are inactive (unemployed, not in school, and not in training) is very high, reaching 1/3 of the young population in Kosovo for several years in a row (Kosovo Agency of Statistics, 2012-2018). In 2019, Kosovo had the highest rate of inactive youth (32.7%) in the Western Balkans, followed by Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina with 25.8% and 21.2% respectively.
(Kosovo Agency of Statistics, Source: World Bank).

Only around 10% of young Kosovars are of the opinion that their interests are well-represented in national politics.
(Source: Friedrich-Ebert Stiftung, 2018/19).

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Young individuals aged 15-24 mainly work in industries such as service activities, wholesale and retail trade, and construction, where young men take a bigger employment share than young women in almost all industries with a high employment rate. (Source: Millennium Challenge Corporation).

56%

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56% of young people work in occupations that do not match their educational qualifications, and more than half of the respondents believe that acquaintances in a relevant field and/or connections with people who are in power are very important factors in finding a job. (Source: Friedrich-Ebert Stiftung, 2018/19).

8.

The most common barriers that hinder rural youth employment are:



80.5% of women

67.6% of men

Of young people aged 15 – 24 living in rural areas of Kosovo, 80.5% of women were unemployed compared to 67.6% of men. (Source: NGO LENS).



17.9%
lack of appropriate job opportunities



14.3%
lack of adequate transport to work



14.3%
lack of schedule flexibility



14.3%
lack of part time jobs



14.2%
lack of time due to family/child care



10.7%
lack of self confidence to perform a job



7.1%
lack of support from family and inadequate qualification



81.4%
rural youngsters are dependent on their parents as a source of income



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