



2019 Statistics on the Youth

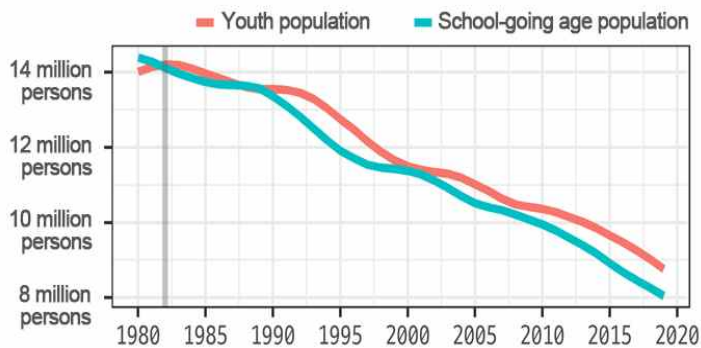


Population

In 2019, the youth population recorded 8.765 million persons. The school-going age population would decrease by 1.80 million persons for the next decade.

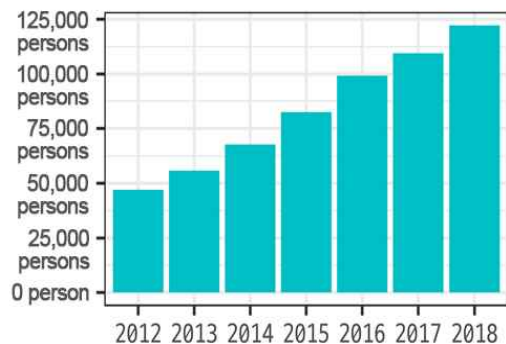
- In 2019, the youth population aged 9~24 was 8.765 million persons, which showed a decreasing trend after recording a peak (14.209 million persons) in 1982. The school-going age population aged 6~21 was 8.047 million persons, which would decrease to 6.249 million persons in 2029.
- The number of students in multi-cultural families increased by 11.7% from 109 thousand persons in 2017 to 122 thousand persons in 2018. The share of students in multi-cultural families stood at 2.2%, exceeding 2% for the first time.

[Population]



Source: Statistics Korea <Population Projections>

[Students in multi-cultural families]



Source: Korean Education Development Institute <Education Statistics>



Health

Compared to 2016, the proportion of the youth working out regularly marked an increase. In the meantime, the proportion of the youth having breakfast or having an adequate sleep marked a decrease.

- The obesity rate of elementary, middle and high school students stood at 25.0% (overweight: 10.6%, obese: 14.4%) in 2018, up 1.1%p from 23.9% (overweight: 10.3%, obese: 13.6%) in 2017.
- In 2018, the proportion of the youth working out regularly showed an increase compared to 2016. The proportion of the youth having breakfast or having an adequate sleep showed a decrease compared to 2016.

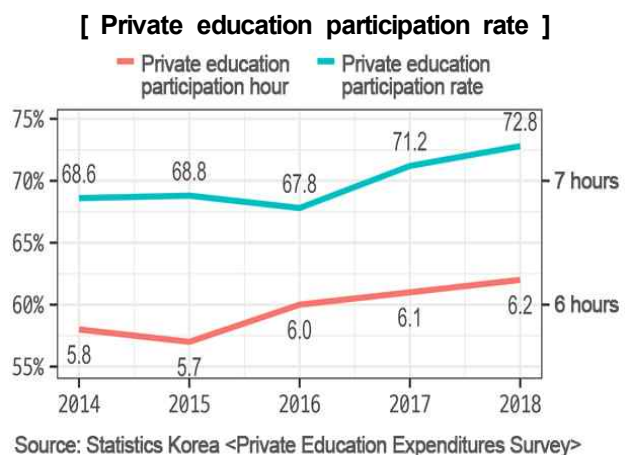
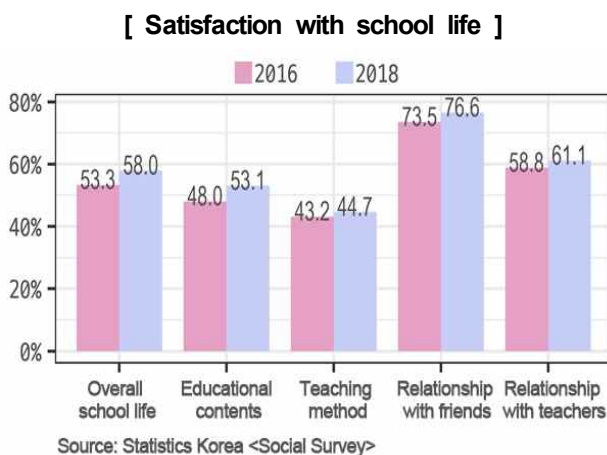
	Having breakfast (↓)	Having an adequate sleep (↓)	Working out regularly (↑)
2016 (%)	57.7	71.9	35.0
2018 (%)	53.1	71.5	35.6

- In 2018, 45.0% of the youth aged 13~24 felt stress from their overall life. This percentage fell by 1.2%p from 46.2% in 2016.
- In 2018, 72.0% of the youth thought they were healthy. This percentage went up by 1.6%p from 70.4% in 2016.

◆ Learning and education

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- In 2018, the college enrollment rate of high school graduates stood at 69.7%, up 0.8%p from 68.9% in 2017.
- The college enrollment rate of female students stood at 73.8%, which was 7.9%p higher than that of male students (65.9%).
- The private education participation rate of elementary, middle and high school students stood at 72.8% in 2018, which rose by 1.7%p from 71.2% in 2017. The private education participation hours of elementary, middle and high school students stood at 6.2 hours per week in 2018, which rose by 0.1 hour from 6.1 hours per week in 2017.



◆ Leisure and economic activities

Compared to 2017, the average weekly hours for Internet use rose by 54 minutes for teens and 36 minutes for the youth aged 20~29.

- In 2018, the average weekly hours spent on the Internet for teens marked 17 hours and 48 minutes (2 hours and 32 minutes on a daily basis). The average weekly hours spent on the Internet for the youth aged 20~29 marked 24 hours and 12 minutes (3 hours and 27 minutes on a daily basis).

- For the past 6 years, the average weekly hours spent on the Internet showed an ever-increasing trend.

Average weekly hours	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Teens	14.1	14.4	14.5	15.4	16.9	17.8
Youth aged 20~29	20.3	20.5	21.0	22.8	23.6	24.2

- In 2018, the employment-population ratio for the youth aged 15~29 stood at 42.7%, up 0.6%p from 2017. The unemployment rate of the youth aged 15~29 stood at 9.5%, down 0.3%p from 2017.

Youth aged 15~29	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Employment-population ratio (%)	39.5	40.5	41.2	41.7	42.1	42.7
Unemployment rate (%)	8.0	9.0	9.1	9.8	9.8	9.5

- In 2018, 9.0% of middle and high school students experienced a part-time job, which showed a drop from 11.3% in 2016.

◆ Safety and behavior

The smoking rate and the drinking rate of middle and high school students increased to 6.7% and 16.9%, respectively, in 2018.

- In 2017, the youth dying from safety accidents amounted to 458 persons, which decreased by 68 persons (12.9%) compared to 2016. The death rate of safety accidents stood at 4.9 per 100,000 youth population, which showed a decreasing trend.

Safety accidents of the youth	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Number of deaths (person)	652	684	561	526	458
Death rate (per 100,000 persons)	6.4	6.9	5.7	5.5	4.9

- The smoking rate and the drinking rate of middle and high school students stood at 6.7% and 16.9%, respectively, in 2018. These two figures recorded an increase compared to 2017.

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Smoking rate (%)	12.1	11.4	9.7	9.2	7.8	6.3	6.4	6.7
Drinking rate (%)	20.6	19.4	16.3	16.7	16.7	15.0	16.1	16.9

- The proportion of teens with the risk of excessive dependence on mobile phones decreased to 29.3% in 2018 after marking 30.6% in 2016. The proportion of middle school students with risk of excessive dependence on mobile phones showed the highest figure.

- Teens with the risk of excessive dependence on mobile phones: 25.5% in 2013 → 29.2% in 2014 → 31.6% in 2015 → 30.6% in 2016 → 30.3% in 2017 → 29.3% in 2018
- Students with the risk of excessive dependence on mobile phones: 22.8% of elementary school students < 28.3% of high school students < 34.0% of middle school students

◆ Social participation and awareness

96.2% of the youth thought that 'Males and females should have equal rights'.

- In 2018, 96.2% of 4th~6th grade elementary school students, middle school students and high school students thought that 'Males and females should have equal rights'. Recently the youth showed an improvement in the awareness of gender equality.
 - Awareness of gender equality for the youth: 93.5% in 2014 → 93.9% in 2015 → 93.9% in 2016 → 95.5% in 2017 → 96.2% in 2018
- As for trust in our society, the youth aged 13~24 recorded 5.38 points on average.
 - * I don't believe our society at all. (Score: 0) ~ I believe our society very much. (Score: 10)
- As for interest in social issues or political problems, the youth recorded 4.93 points on average.
 - * I'm not interested in social issues or political problems at all. (Score: 0) ~ I'm very interested in social issues or political problems. (Score: 10)
- The turnout rate of the youth 'aged 19' and 'aged 20~24' showed an increasing trend in all recent elections.

	Presidential election			Election for the National Assembly			Local election		
	2007	2012	2017	2008	2012	2016	2010	2014	2018
19 (%)	54.2	74.0	77.7	33.2	47.2	53.6	47.4	52.2	54.1
20~24 (%)	51.1	71.1	77.1	32.9	45.4	55.3	45.8	51.4	52.9

- In 2017, 46.3%, 59.6% and 61.2% of the youth were positive about fairness, human rights and diversity of our society, respectively. More than half of the youth recognized human rights and diversity positively.