

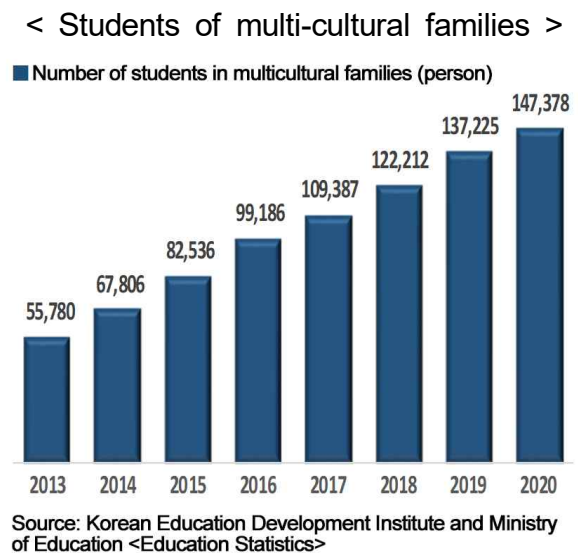
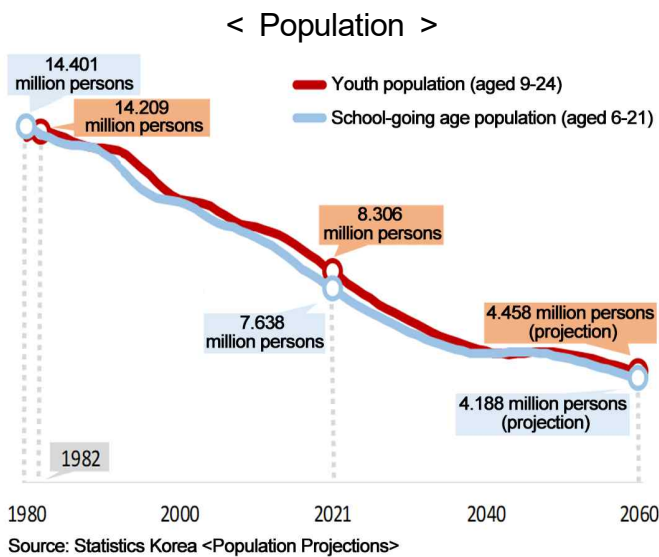


2021 Statistics on the Youth

◆ Population

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- In 2021, the school-going age population aged 6~21 was 7.638 million persons, which occupied 14.7% of the total population. This share of the school-going age population would show an ever-decreasing trend to reach 9.8% in 2060.
- In 2020, the number of students in multicultural families increased by 7.4% to 147 thousand persons. Unlike a drop in the number of the total students, the number of students in multicultural families showed an increase.



◆ Health

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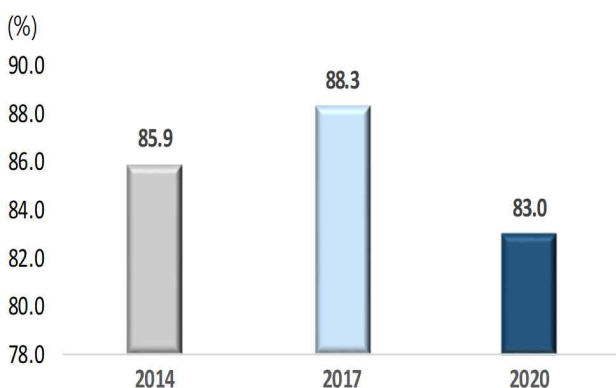
- The average hours of sleeping on weekdays recorded 9 hours and 13 minutes for the youth aged 9~12, 8 hours and 4 minutes for the youth aged 13~18 and 8 hours for the youth aged 19~24.
- In 2020, 97.3% of the youth aged 13~18 thought that they were physically healthy. 97.7% of them thought that they were mentally healthy.
- In 2020, 34.2% of middle and high school students felt stress in their daily life. Specifically, 37.9% of high school students and 30.4% of middle school students felt stress in their daily life.
 - 25.2% of middle and high school students felt depressive for the recent 1 year.
- In 2019, the number of deaths of the youth was 1,953 persons, which dropped by 3.2% from 2018. As for causes of death, intentional self-harm (suicide) was the top cause of death, which was followed by safety accidents and malignant neoplasms (cancer).

◆ Learning and education

In 2020, 83.0% of elementary, middle and high school students were satisfied with their school life, which showed a decrease compared to 3 years ago.

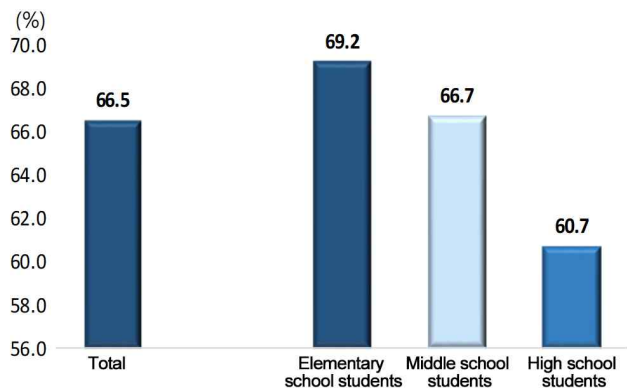
- In 2020, 83.0% of elementary, middle and high school students were satisfied with their school life, down 5.3%p from 2017.
- In 2020, the private education participation rate of elementary, middle and high school students recorded 66.5%, falling by 7.8%p from 2019.
 - As for the private education participation rate by school level, elementary, middle and high school students recorded 69.2%, 66.7% and 60.7%, respectively.
 - In 2020, the private education participation hours of students stood at 5.3 hours per week, which dropped by 1.2 hours from 2019.
- In 2020, the college enrollment rate of high school graduates stood at 72.5%, which showed a continuously increasing trend from 2017.
- In 2019, the percentage of employed college graduates was 67.1%, down 0.6%p from 2018.

< Satisfaction with school life >



Source: Ministry of Gender Equality and Family <Comprehensive Survey of Korean Youth>

< Private education participation rate (2020) >



Source: Statistics Korea <Private Education Expenditures Survey of Elementary, Middle and High School Students>



Economic activities

In 2020, the employment to population ratio of the youth stood at 42.2%. Whereas, the unemployment rate stood at 9.0%.

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 - In 2020, the employment to population ratio stood at 6.6% for the youth aged 15~19, 41.1% for the youth aged 20~24 and 67.6% for the youth aged 25~29.
- As for employed persons aged 20~29 by occupation, in 2020, 'Professionals and related workers' occupied the largest share at 28.2%, which was followed by 'Clerks' (22.1%) and 'Service workers' (15.2%).
- In 2019, the average monthly wage of the youth aged 20~24 increased by 7.7% to 2.152 million won. The average monthly wage of the youth aged 25~29 increased by 4.7% to 2.583 million won in 2019.
- In 2020, 39.9% of the youth aged 13~24 experienced a part-time job, which dropped by 8.8%p from 2017.

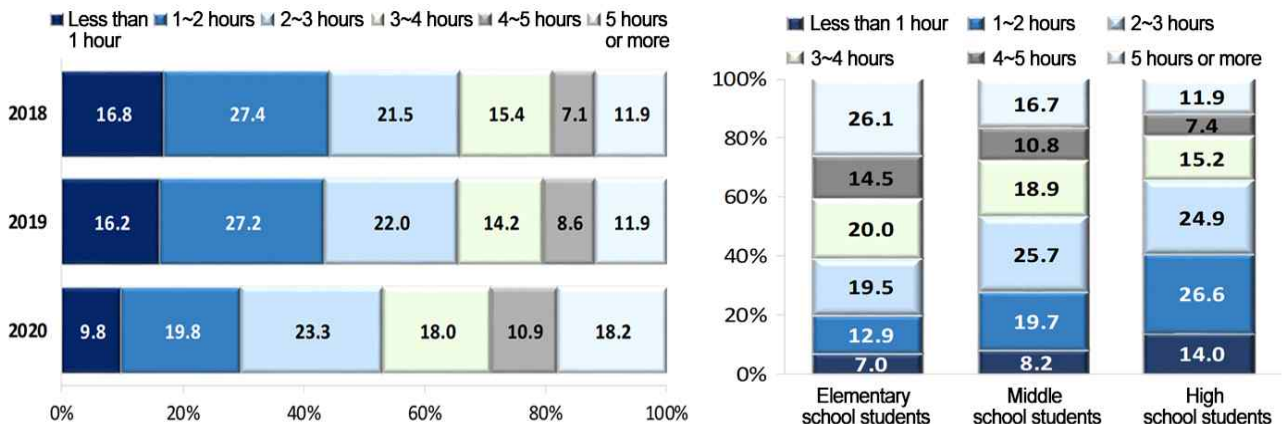


Leisure

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- In 2020, the largest share (23.3%) of elementary (4th~6th grade students), middle and high school students spent 2~3 hours on leisure activities on weekdays, which was followed by '1~2 hours' (19.8%), '5 hours or more' (18.2%) and '3~4 hours' (18.0%).
- In 2020, the average weekly hours spent on the Internet marked 27.6 hours for teenagers and 29.5 hours for those aged 20~29.
 - As for the main purposes of Internet use, 'Education and learning' occupied the largest share of teenagers. 'Data and information acquisition' occupied the largest share of the youth aged 20~29.

< Time spent on leisure activities by year and school level (2020) >



Source: National Youth Policy Institute <Children's and Youth Rights Survey>

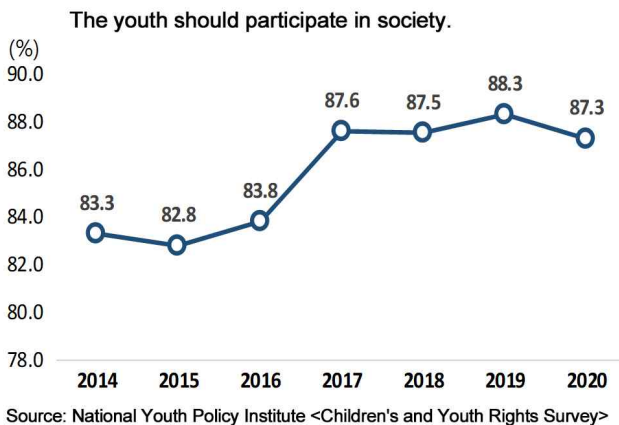


Social participation and awareness

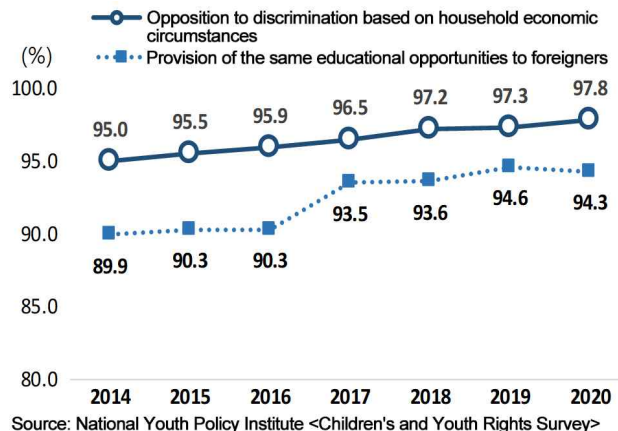
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- In 2020, 97.1% of elementary (4th~6th grade students), middle and high school students thought that males and females should have equal rights in all aspects.
- In 2020, 94.3% of elementary (4th~6th grade students), middle and high school students thought that foreigners residing in Korea should have the same educational opportunities as Korean nationals.

< Awareness of social participation >



< Awareness of discrimination >

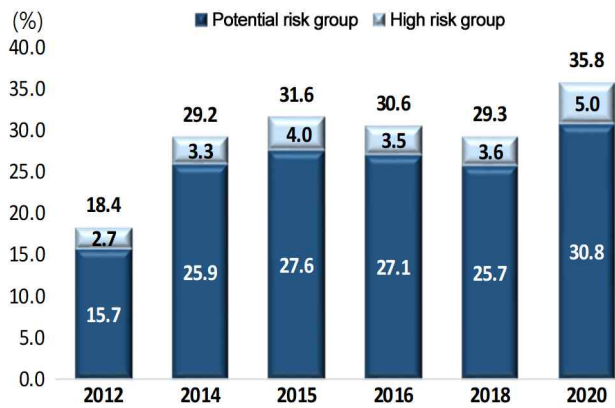


Safety and behavior

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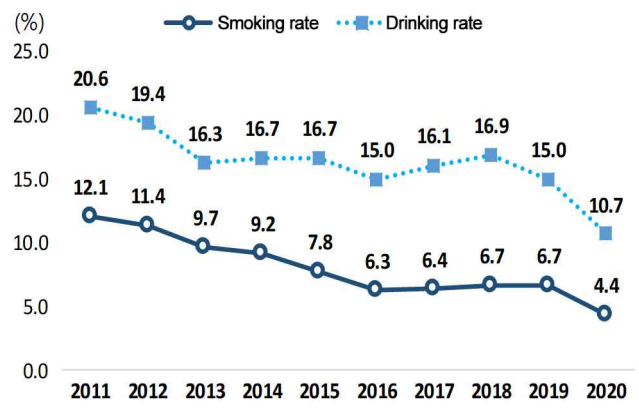
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 - As for excessive dependence on smartphones by school level, middle school students recorded the highest percentage of 39.6%, which was followed by high school students (35.0%) and elementary school students (30.5%).
- In 2020, the smoking rate and the drinking rate of middle and high school students for the recent 30 days stood at 4.4% and 10.7%, respectively.
- As for main sources of anxiety in Korean society, in 2020, the largest share of the youth mentioned 'New type of disease' (32.2%), which was followed by 'Crimes' (22.6%) and 'Economic risk' (10.1%).

< Excessive dependence on smartphones >



Source: Ministry of Science and ICT, National Information Society Agency
<Survey of Dependence on Smartphones>

< Smoking and drinking >



Source: Ministry of Education and Korea Disease Control and Protection Agency
<Survey of Youth Health Behavior>

◆ Relationship

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- In 2020, 46.0% of the youth aged 9~24 thought that their academic performance stress increased due to COVID-19.