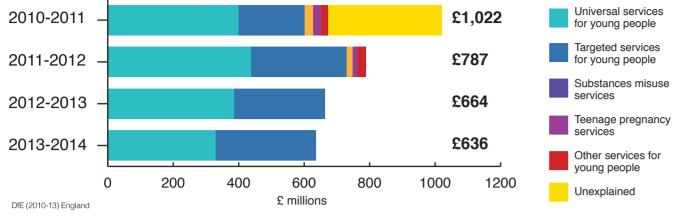
Estimated Local Authority expenditure on youth services (£m net)

It is currently impossible to show accurately how the level of investment in young people and youth services that local authorities make has changed over the past five years because of a change in reporting requirements.



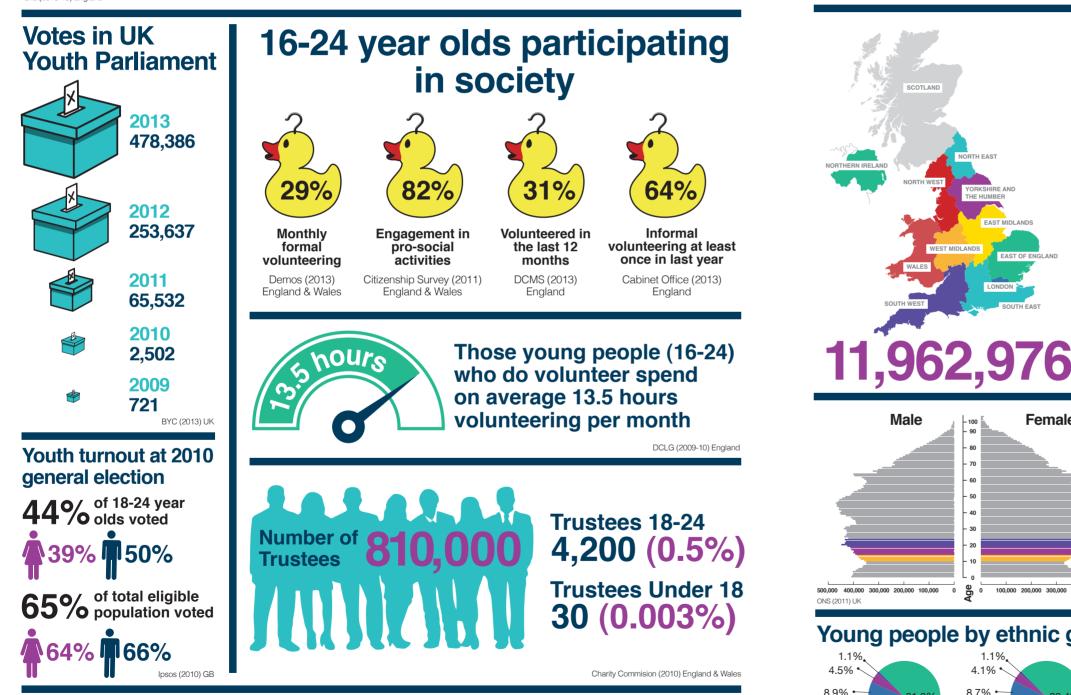


Welcome to Youth Report 2013 a snapshot of data and statistics about young people and youth services. Youth Report was launched in July 2013 with the aim of creating an intelligence hub for the youth sector. Youth Report will make existing data, statistics, research and practice examples more accessible to anyone who is planning activities, services and investment with and for young people.

As expected, we found that existing data has severe limitations. These lie in the diversity of data sources, the diversity in purposes for which data has been produced, and the lack of common data sets. Where possible we have

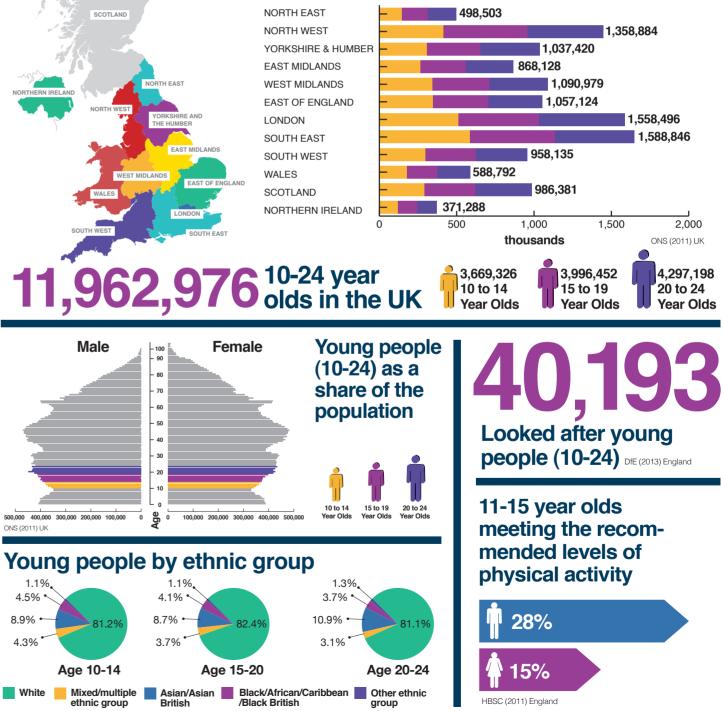
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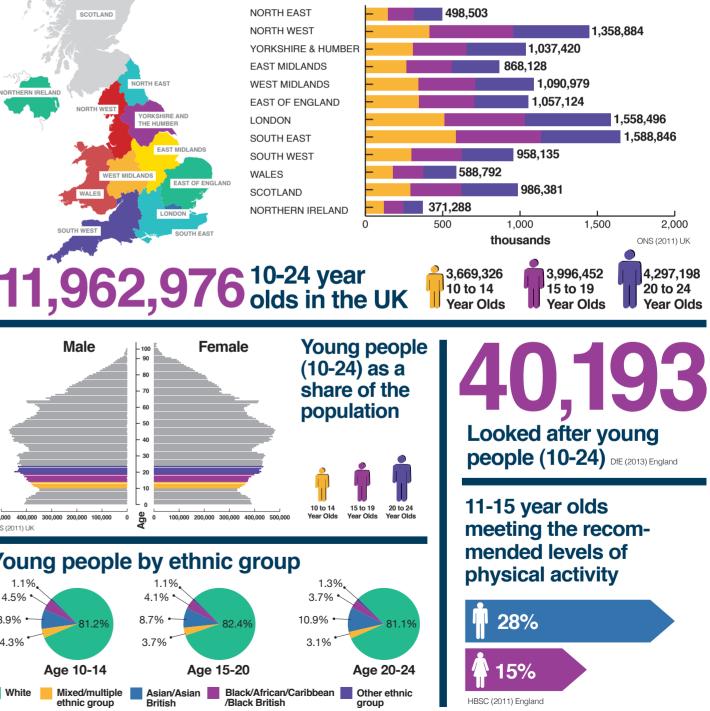
Above everything, this first Youth Report shows the need for urgent and much greater collaboration between research, policy and practice so that whatever limited investment is made into the potential of young people can be made on the basis of sound knowledge. Youth Report is grateful to the many individuals and organisations that try hard to shed light on what works for young people today. Youth Report has taken

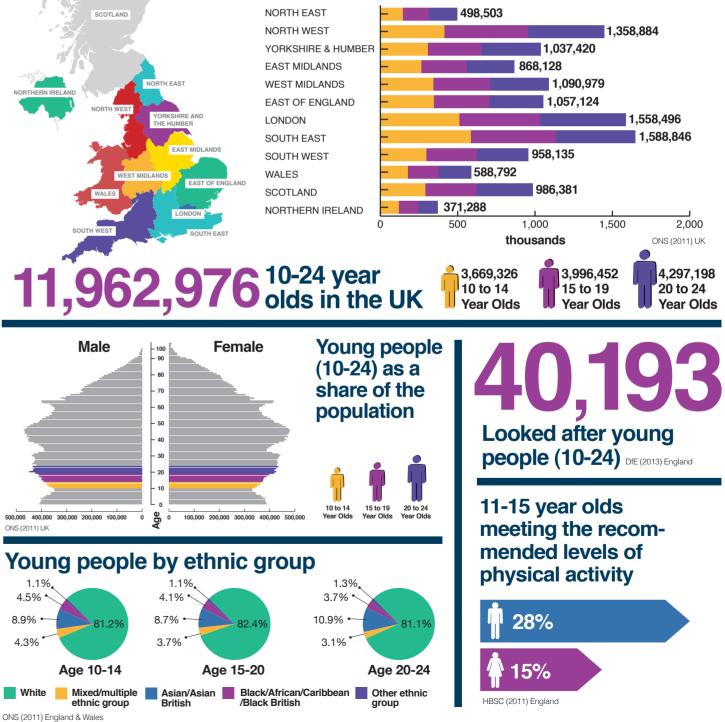




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their work as inspiration for this publication and we hope to contribute to a community of researchers in the future

This first Youth Report publication is a call for action. We urgently need to create a better evidence base that combines data and statistics with evidence of the impact of good practice. Such an evidence base needs to draw in young people as researchers and put their voice and experience at its core. In the coming year, Youth Report will work to develop a particular focus on showing how investment in young people's potential brings positive returns not just to young people, but all of us.

Young people aged 10-24

Young people 75,000 (16-24) experiencing homelessness in a year

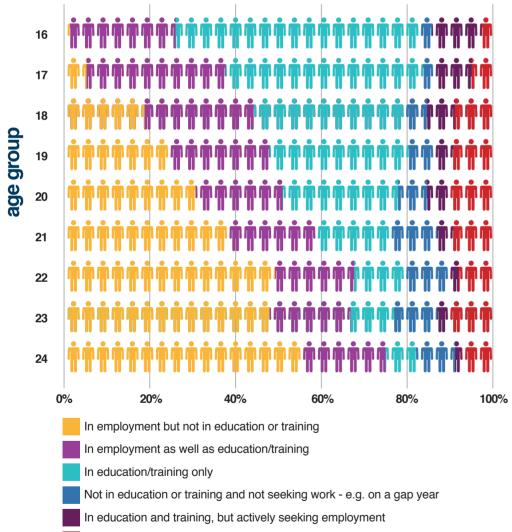
York University and Centrepoint (2008) UK

238,820 16-25 year olds who identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual or other

ONS (2011) UK

93% Heterosexual / Straight 1.1% Gav / Lesbian 0.4% Bisexual 0.3% Other 3.6% Don't Know 1.1% No Response

Young people in the labour market



Unemployed (actively seeking work) and not in education or training

2,956,011

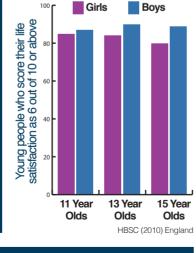


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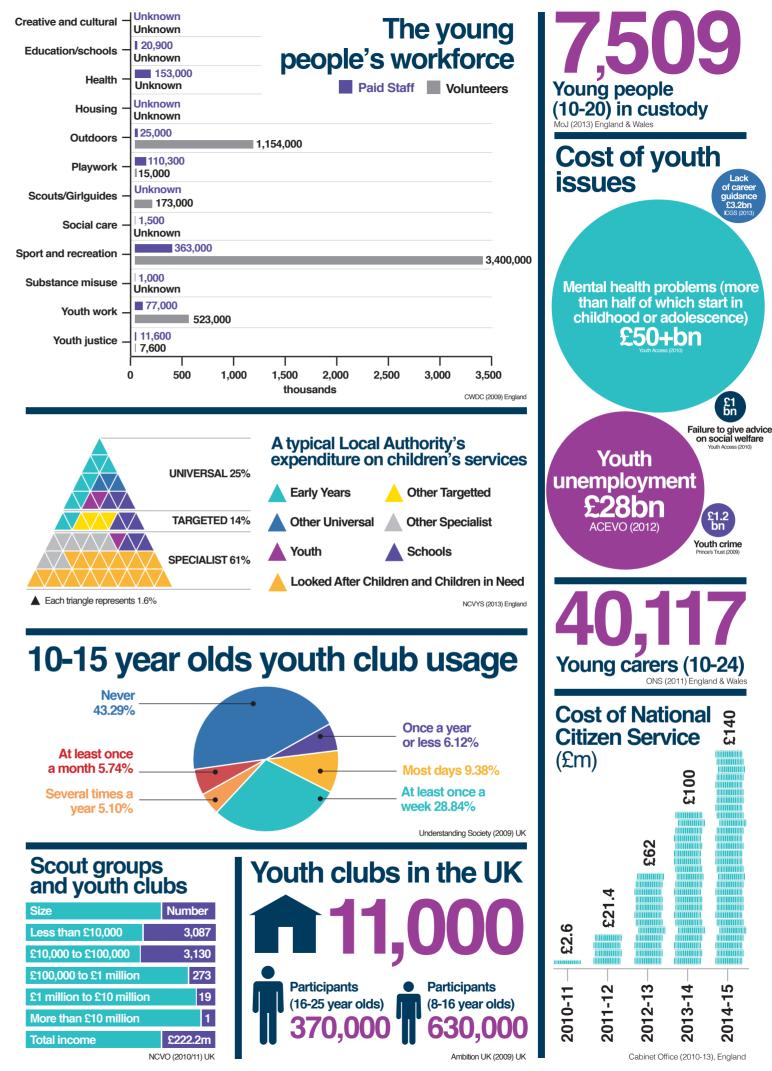
For every £1

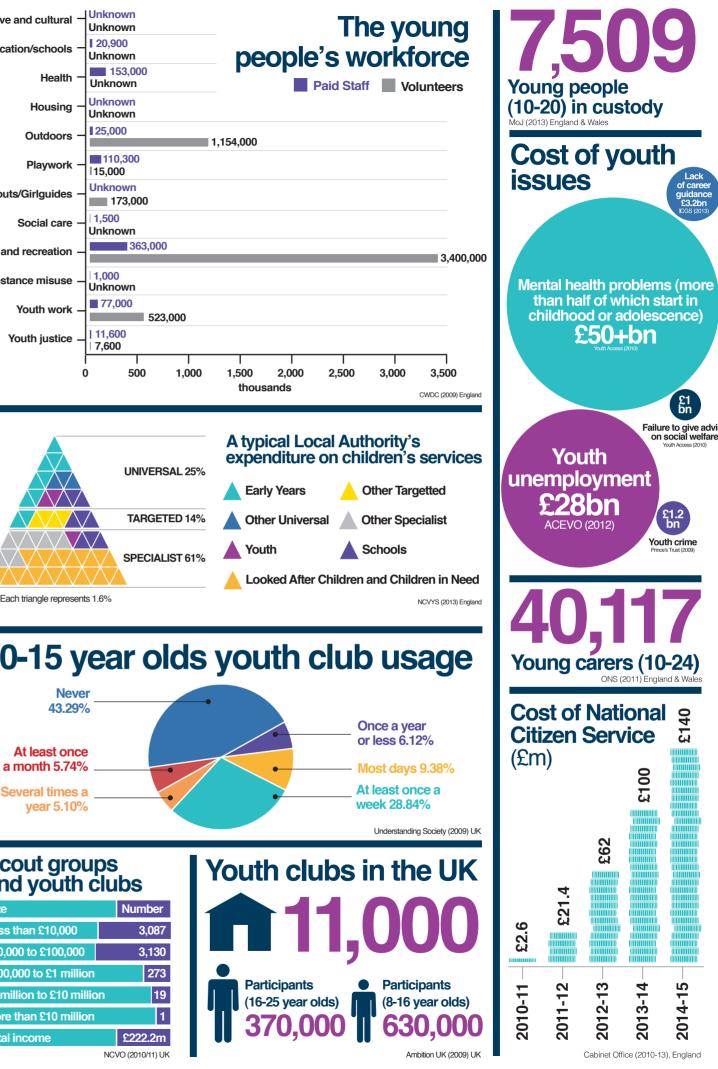


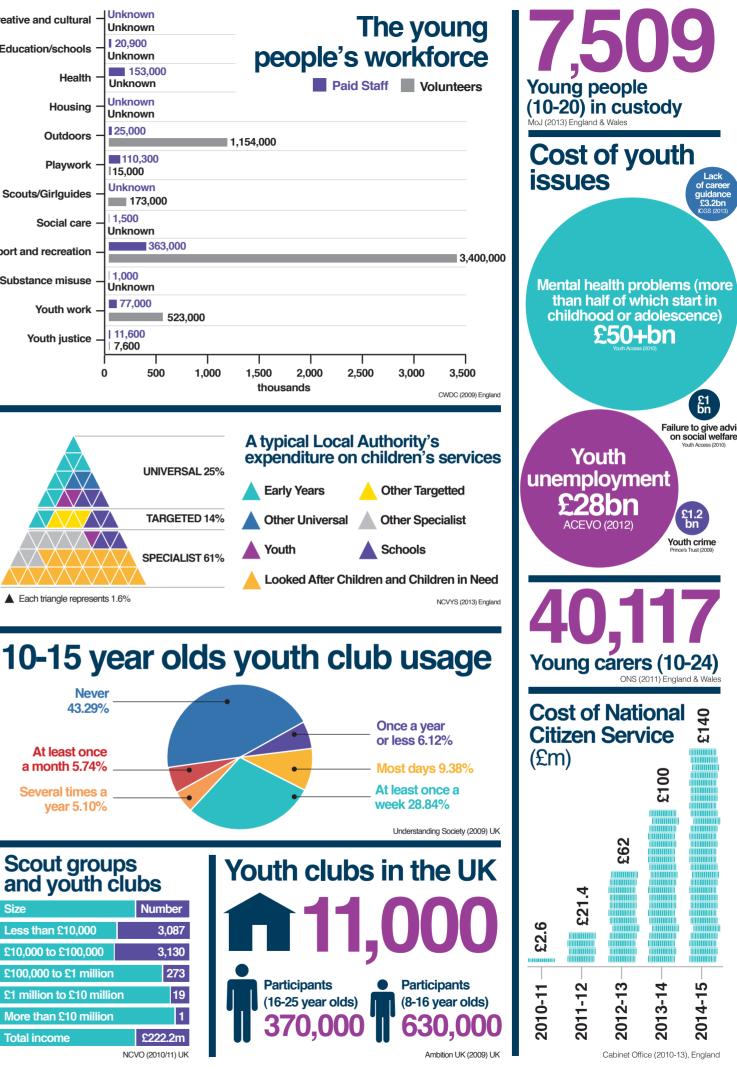


Young people (11-24) at risk of poverty or social exclusion

ONS (2013 April-June) UK







Eurostat (2011) UK