

YOUTH VOICE CENSUS



2022 REPORT

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What is the Youth Voice Census?

The Youth Voice Census is an annual survey, presented as a report with the results made available to the public. The census explores youth employment issues including (but not limited to) careers advice, apprenticeships, social action and unemployment provision, developed in collaboration with Amazing Apprenticeships, Skills Training UK, The Edge Foundation and Pearson.

Youth voice. Real people. Big data.

Every year, the Youth Voice Census is filled in by a wide cohort of young people. The means it can provide a detailed picture of the youth population. **This year, over 4,000 young people aged 11-30 completed the survey.** The findings for 2022 reveal more than ever before about young people's challenges and aspirations, factoring in their identity, background and protected characteristics to take into account additional burdens placed on young people in marginalised groups.

At a glance

- Young people's mental health is at an all time low with over half of all young people believing that anxiety or poor mental health is holding them back.
- Those with protected characteristics felt the most disadvantaged; they were at least 10% less likely to feel safe where they lived, to think employers wanted to hire them or feel confident they had the tools to succeed.
- Fewer young people than ever before feel prepared to access and apply for work.
- Access to quality work is not improving; only 14.2% of young people think they can access quality work where they live.



2022 Statistics

- 28.5% of young people said they are experiencing 'social, emotional and mental health challenges'
- Over half of young people think their biggest barrier to work will be a lack of work experience
- Young people in work cited one of their biggest barriers to accessing work for them had been work experience (45.2%)
- 51% of young people looking for work thought their anxiety was the biggest barrier to accessing work
- 31.2% of young people in work struggle with their wellbeing
- 55% of current apprentices stated that their school, college or sixth form did not help them with the application/recruitment process.
- Less than a third (28.7%) think employers are supportive of hiring young people
- 18.9% of young people required to work from home do not have the space to do so.

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