

Outreach youth work

2024

Young people in outreach youth work

20,659



Coming to outreach youth work



- 27 % by themselves or via friend/relative
- 30 % educational institutions
- 12 % health and social services
- 10 % other youth work
- 22 % authorities and others

Goals with young people

smoothing the transitions

55 %

transition to essential services

social empowerment

54 %

stronger life management

enhancing the social inclusion

46 %

increasing inclusion in personal life

Positive steps forward by young people

82 % on daily life skills

80 % on study and work-life skills

79 % on life management



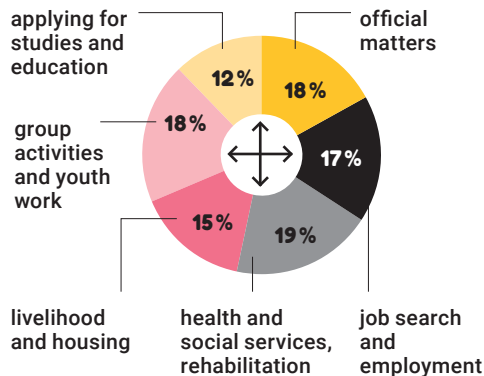
Age distribution



Typical life situation

- unemployed or student (at drop-out risk)
- living off on parents or social security
- outside the services
- unclear future prospects

Topics of guidance



Sources: OKM/AVI: National outreach youth work survey 2024, Into: Outreach youth work Sovari (Social Empowerment Indicator) 2024.

What is outreach youth work?

Outreach youth work offers 15–28-year-olds an opportunity for confidential contact with adults. Together with young people, outreach youth work looks for answers to their questions, promotes growth and participation in society, and helps young people get the support they need. Outreach youth work follows the Youth Act. There are about 550 outreach youth workers in Finland.

Values

- **Voluntary, youth-oriented, confidential**
Outreach youth work stands by young people's side and works together with them, not on their behalf. Co-operation is based on voluntary participation and trust.
- **Holistic approach**
Young people are helped in a comprehensive way and, when necessary, we implement cross-sectoral cooperation.
- **No thresholds, listening to young people**
Outreach youth work is free of charge, easily accessible and responds to the needs of young people. Young people are heard, and information is used to further develop the work.

93%

of young people
experienced social
empowerment.

Young people give
outreach youth work
a very high score:

4,7

on a scale 1–5

Into – Association for Outreach Youth Work and Workshop Activities strengthens and develops outreach youth work and workshop activities nationwide in Finland.



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