

## **Youth of South Africa: Comparing those in education, training and employment with those who are socially excluded**

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Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) and the Education Policy Unit (EPU) of Witwatersrand University are collaborating on studying the interface between education, training and work. As part of the programme, this paper compares the youth of the country (aged 15-34 years, divided into four equal age groups), who are socially excluded (they are not in education or training and they are not gainfully employed – also known as NEET youth) with those who are not-NEET (those who are in education or training, or gainfully employed). It uses the data of the General Household Survey of July 2010 for this comparison. The logistic regression analysis has led to some notable differences between NEET and non-NEET youth groups. The previously disadvantaged under apartheid continue to be disadvantaged. Whilst overall, NEET youth tend to be African, female, aged 20 -24 years and living informal settlements or in traditional rural areas, they are less likely to have access to services such as reticulated water, safe sanitation and electricity. However, a change may be occurring in the age category 15-19 years. In future, further analysis will be undertaken using various Stats SA and other data sets to gain a better understanding of the links between education, training and work.

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