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THE YOUTH LABOR MARKET IN UKRAINE: ASSESSMENT OF THE CURRENT STATE OF EMPLOYMENT

The aim of the article is to study employment of youth, graduates in economic conditions, burdened with political and economic crisis in Ukraine. Socio-economic instability has led to considerable difficulties in finding decent work for youth.

Attention is focused on the characteristics of the youth category, in which the problem of employment has a distinct character. This requires a permanent state monitoring and development of youth employment policy as part of the overall employment policy in the country.

The urgency of the problem is determined by the growing number of unemployed youth. Unemployment problem in the youngest age group requires more detailed research, which is associated with the highest rates of youth unemployment. Graduates are less competitive compared to other age groups of economically-active population.

The condition of youth employment is considered in the context of economic activity, giving rise to identification of the most attractive areas of youth employment and industries that are characterized by high levels of youth unemployment. Priority area of youth employment in Ukraine is the service sector.

The article emphasizes the practical absence of effective state regulation mechanism of processes of graduates' employment. Legislative guarantees of youth employment are not met in practice. Graduates today do not have government guarantees to provide them with workplaces.

Directions for improving youth employment policy are based on: addressing the imbalance between supply and demand in the youth labor market, strengthening communication "training – business" by implementing successful international experience.