

Unemployment in Serbia and How to Take Action

Despite a growing economy and improved job market, the unemployment rate in Serbia is still high at [19.7% in 2016](#). The country currently [ranks 168th out of 208 countries](#) with the highest total unemployment rate. For youths, that statistic is much, much worse with 44.2% of the younger population currently without work, according to the Serbian Statistical Office.

Competition, skill gaps, and lack of jobs are the main culprits for the staggering unemployment rate. As students graduate from college, they struggle to find job opportunities. This dissatisfaction has resulted in protests and discontent with the current government and its lack of concrete plans to help the workforce. These protests [began with public dissatisfaction](#) with the outcome of the presidential election in April 2nd, when Prime Minister Aleksandar Vucic was elected.

The country's economy is growing (approx. 3% in 2017), but the rate is not fast enough to keep up with the growing demand for jobs. Public dissatisfaction with the country's current economic policies, particularly among young Serbians, has caused many to consider leaving their home country entirely.

“All of my friends are looking for a way out of Serbia,” one protester, a recent university graduate, [told Politico](#). “They see no future here.”

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