STUDENT CRISIS IN EUROPE
THE KEY FIGURES

PRESSURE - ISOLATION - DROP OUT

More and more students are struggling right now. The student crisis is affecting their mental health, living conditions, engagement and academic results

Here are some key statistics highlighting the extent of the Student Crisis in Europe

MENTAL HEALTH DECLINE

UP TO

80%

OF YOUNG PEOPLE ARE NOW MORE LIKELY TO REPORT SYMPTOMS OF
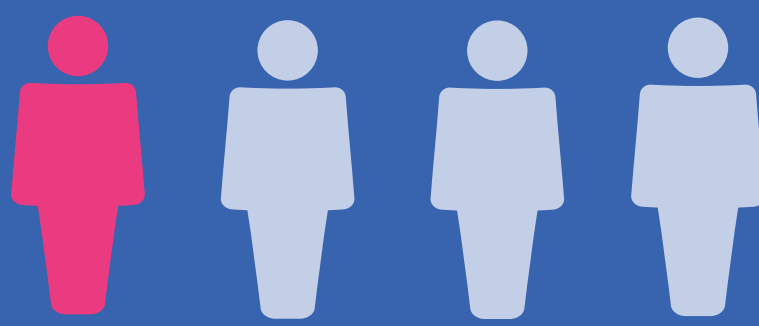
DEPRESSION

OR ANXIETY

(OECD, May 2021)

INCREASING FINANCIAL STRUGGLES

Across Europe, more students than ever before are now living below the poverty line

ON AVERAGE

25%

OF EUROPEAN STUDENTS EXPERIENCE (VERY) SERIOUS FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES

(Times Higher Education, October 2022)

INCREASING ACADEMIC PRESSURE

Increasing numbers of students are reporting feeling stressed about their course or reporting difficulties in their education

ONLY

20%

OF STUDENTS EFFECTIVELY SEEK

PROFESSIONAL HELP

(European University Association, July 2022)

RISING SOCIAL ISOLATION

Leaving home, meeting new people and make new friends can be hard for students

THE EU HAS SEEN A

400%

INCREASE IN 18-25 YEAR OLDS WHO REPORTED FEELING

LONELY

IN 2021 VS 2016

(European Commission, July 2021)

MISCOMMUNICATION

Communications are poor. Students are feeling betrayed and that institutions are failing to meet expectations

WHILE STUDENTS SPEND ON AVERAGE

8-10

HOURS A DAY

ON THEIR SMARTPHONES

(Higher Education Students' Financial Difficulties, June 2021)

STUDENT HOUSING CRISIS

New build stalls, housing and room shortages are leaving some students homeless

THE AVERAGE HOUSING PROVISION RATE ACROSS EUROPEAN CITIES IS CURRENTLY

12.5%

AND WITH INCREASING STUDENT NUMBERS IT IS

EXPECTED TO WORSEN

(Savills, October 2022)

DROP OUT

ALL OF THESE POINTS LEAD TO STUDENTS DROPPING OUT OF THEIR STUDIES

ON AVERAGE 9.6%

OF 18-24 YEAR-OLDS IN THE EU ARE EARLY LEAVERS FROM EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Leaving education early can have significant consequences for the individual, as well as for society, in the long term.

(European Commission, May 2023)

To overcome this student crisis, institutions should adopt a holistic approach of student well-being and experience

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