

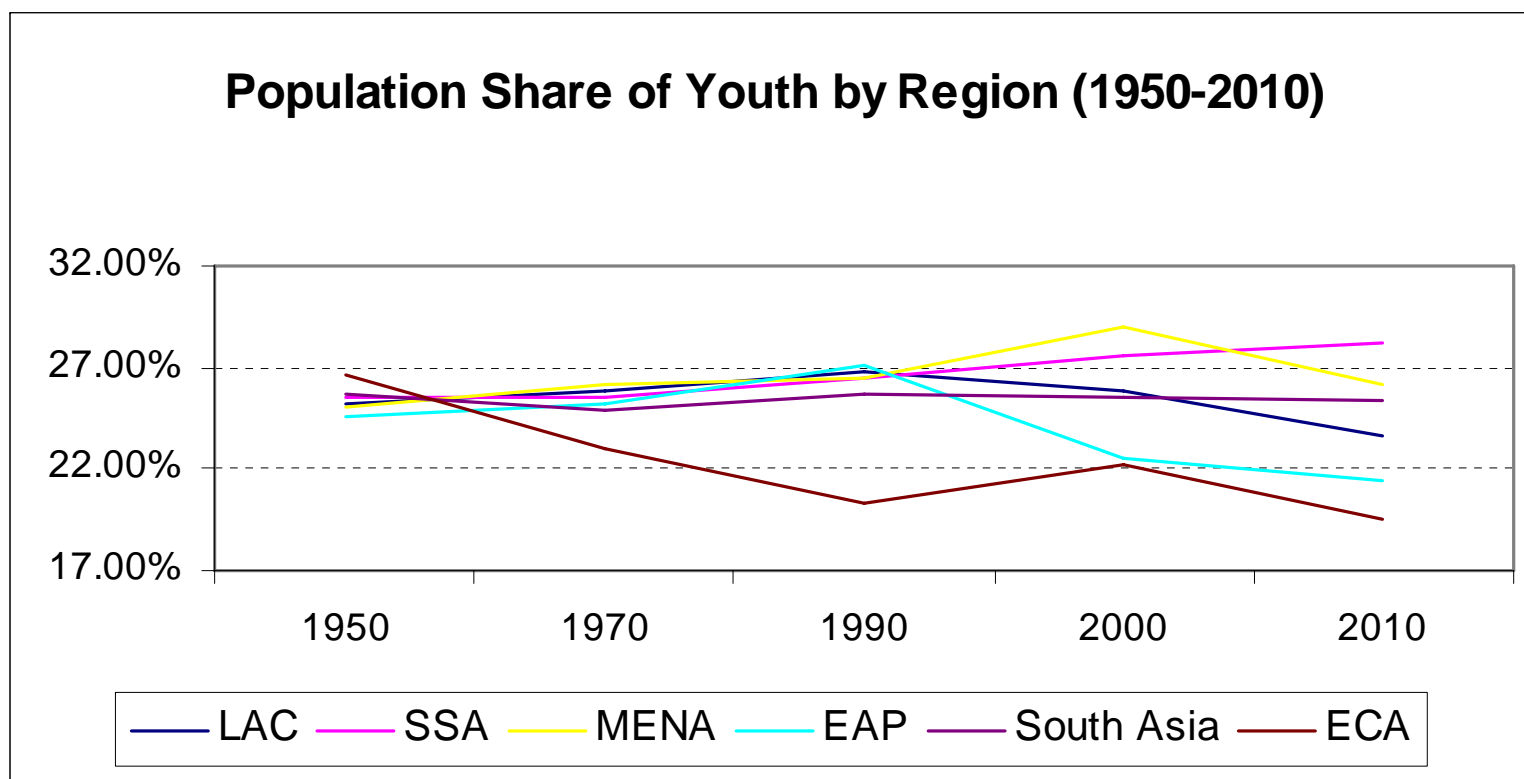
# Youth in Africa's Labor Market

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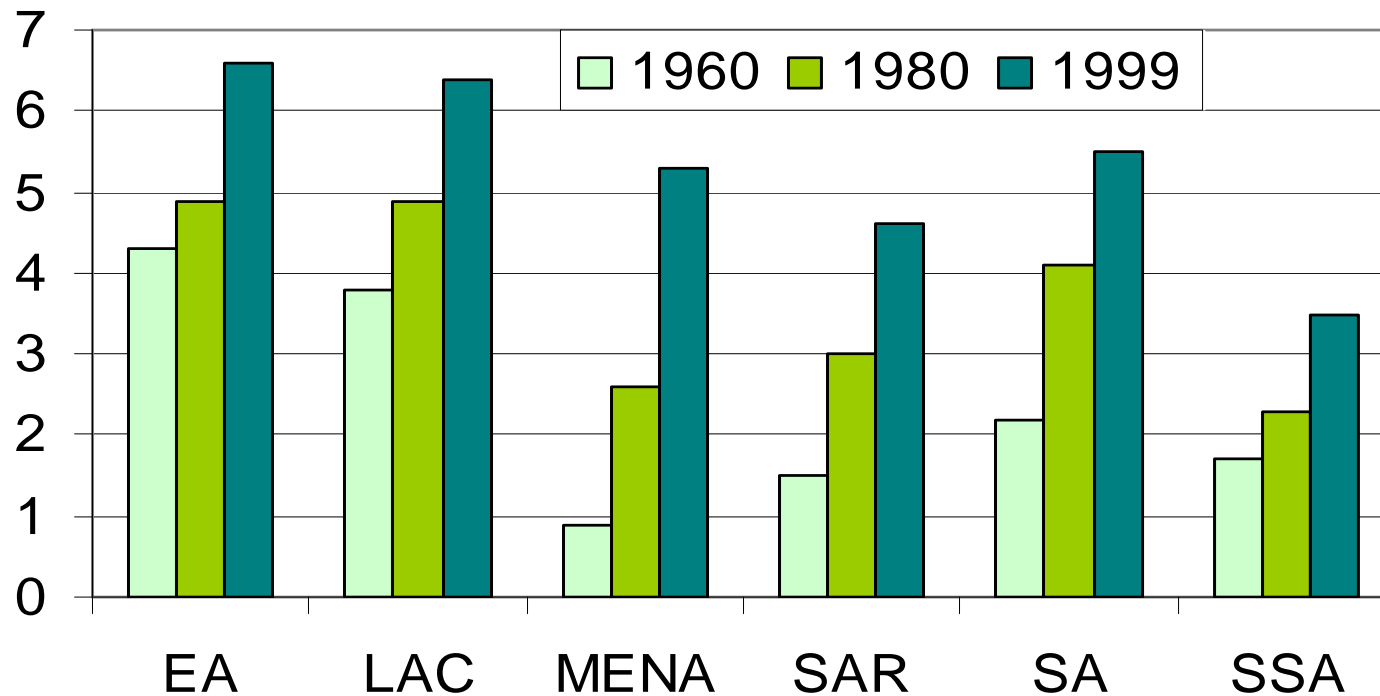
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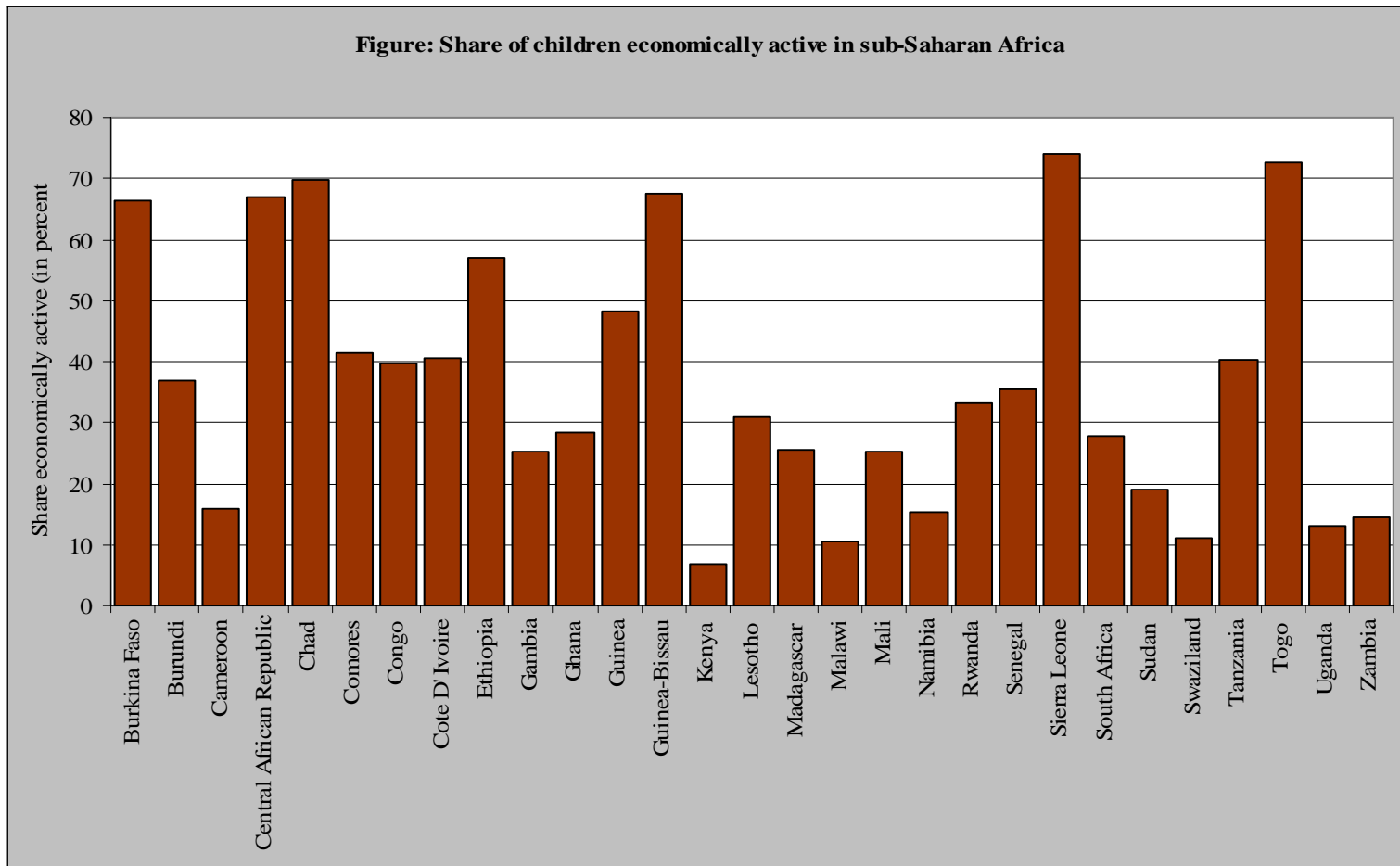
# The share of youth in SSA is the highest in the world



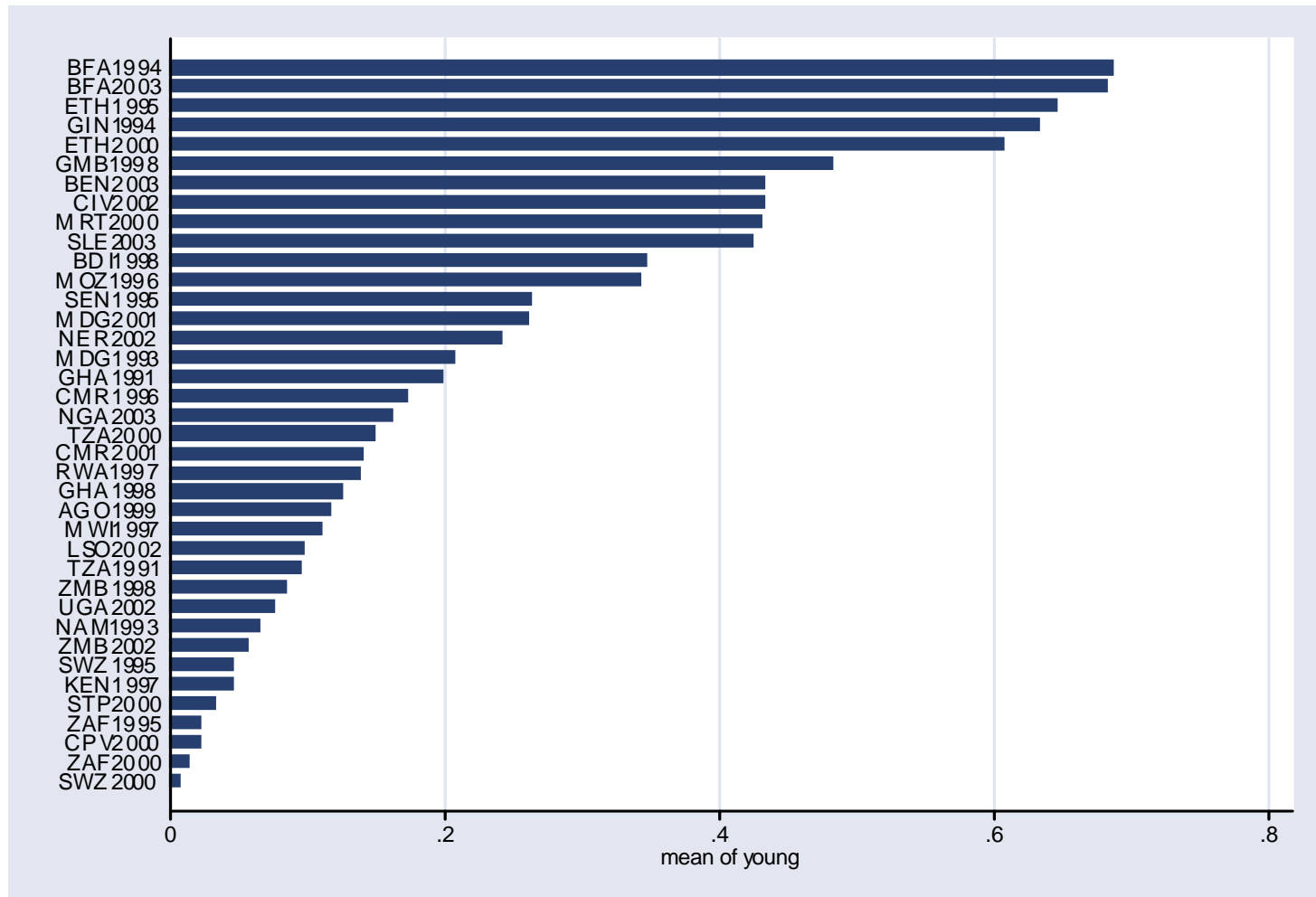
Despite important increase in educational attainment, SSA is still lagging behind other regions



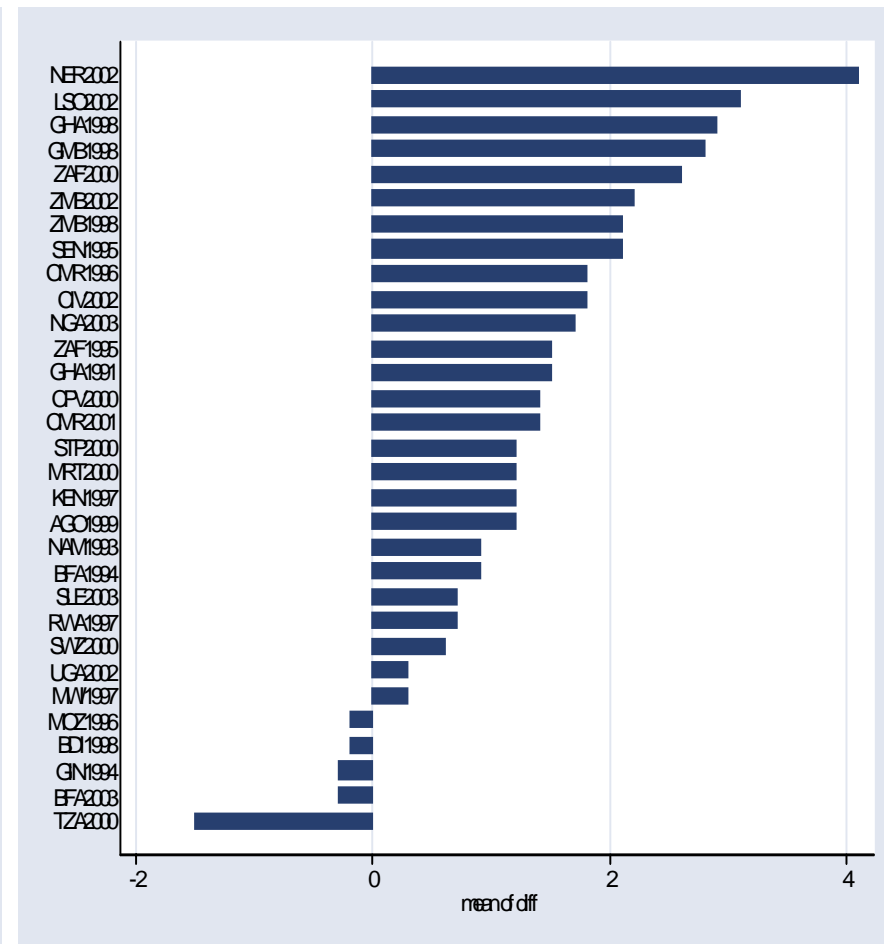
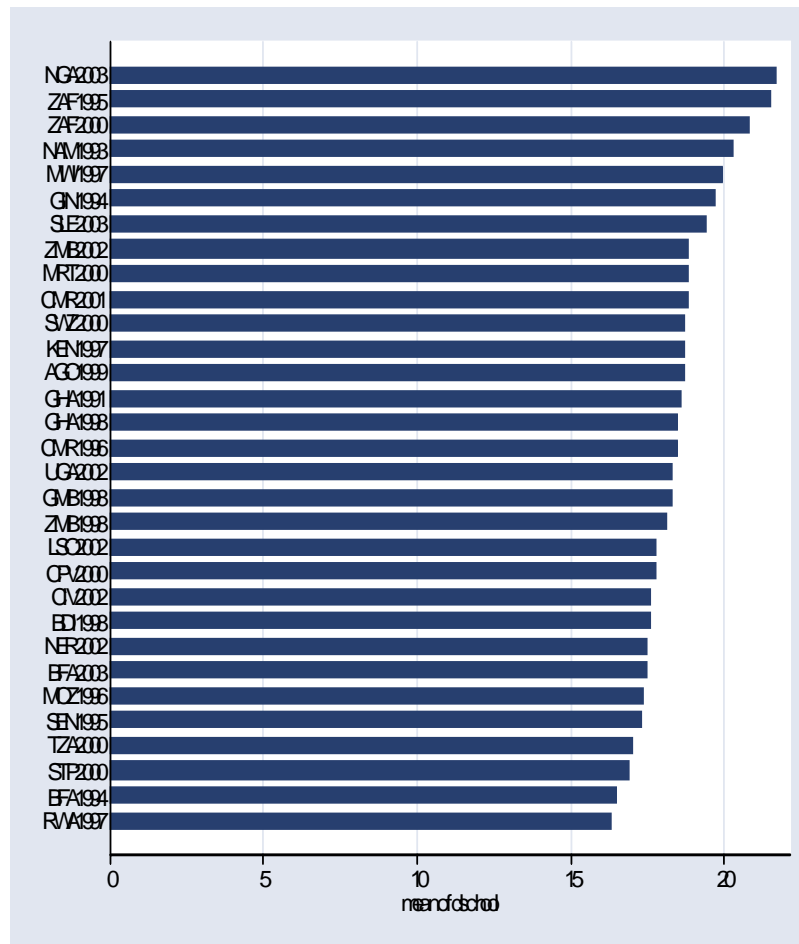
# The incidence of child labor persists



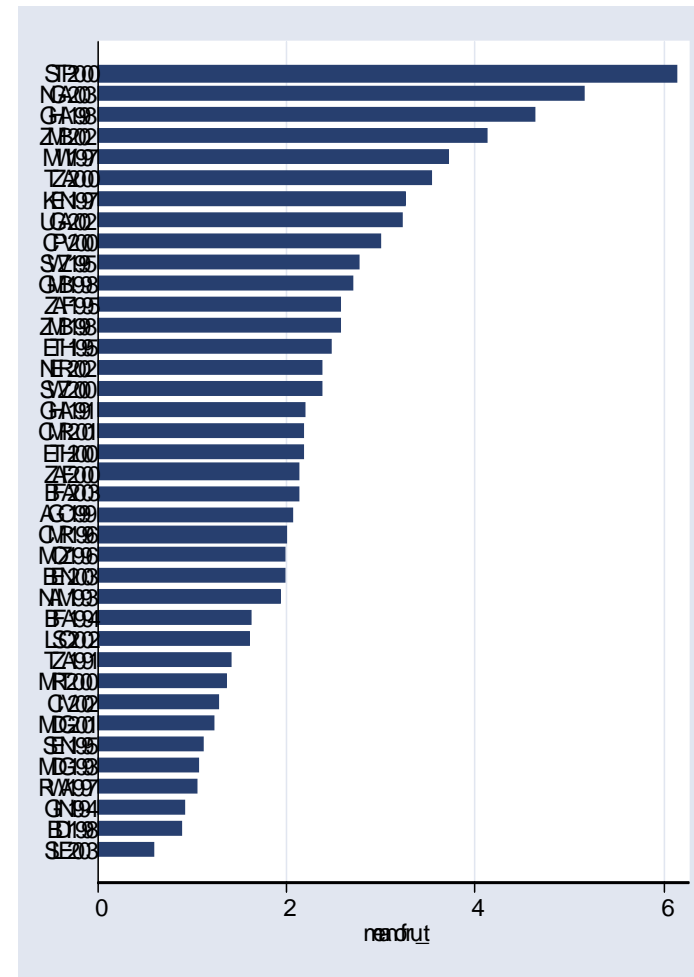
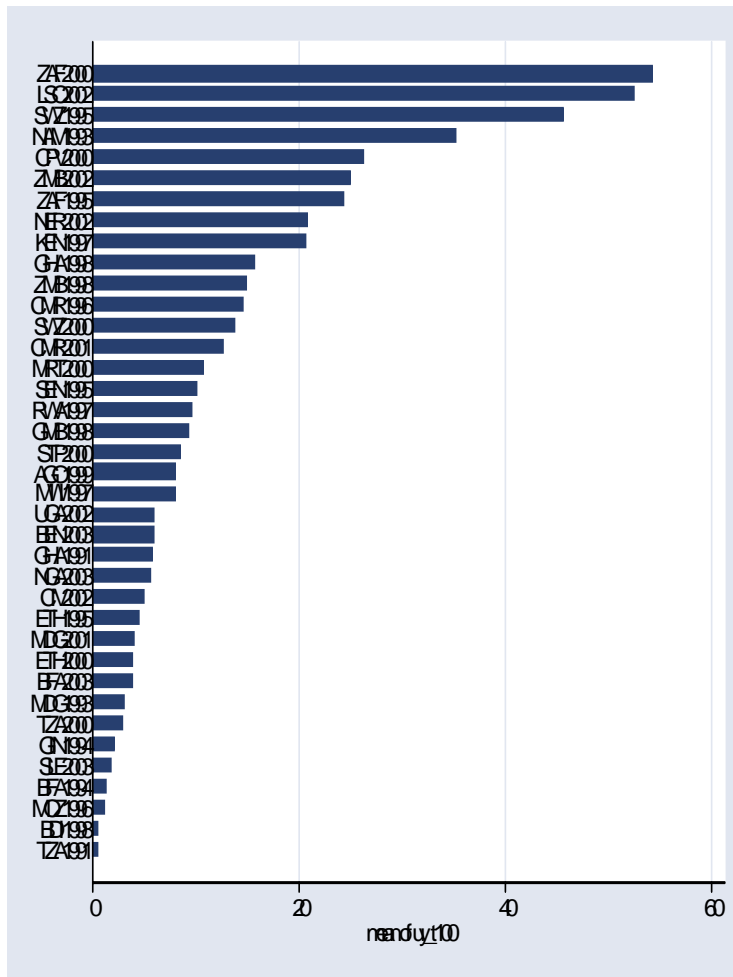
# And a large share of young men and women has never attended school



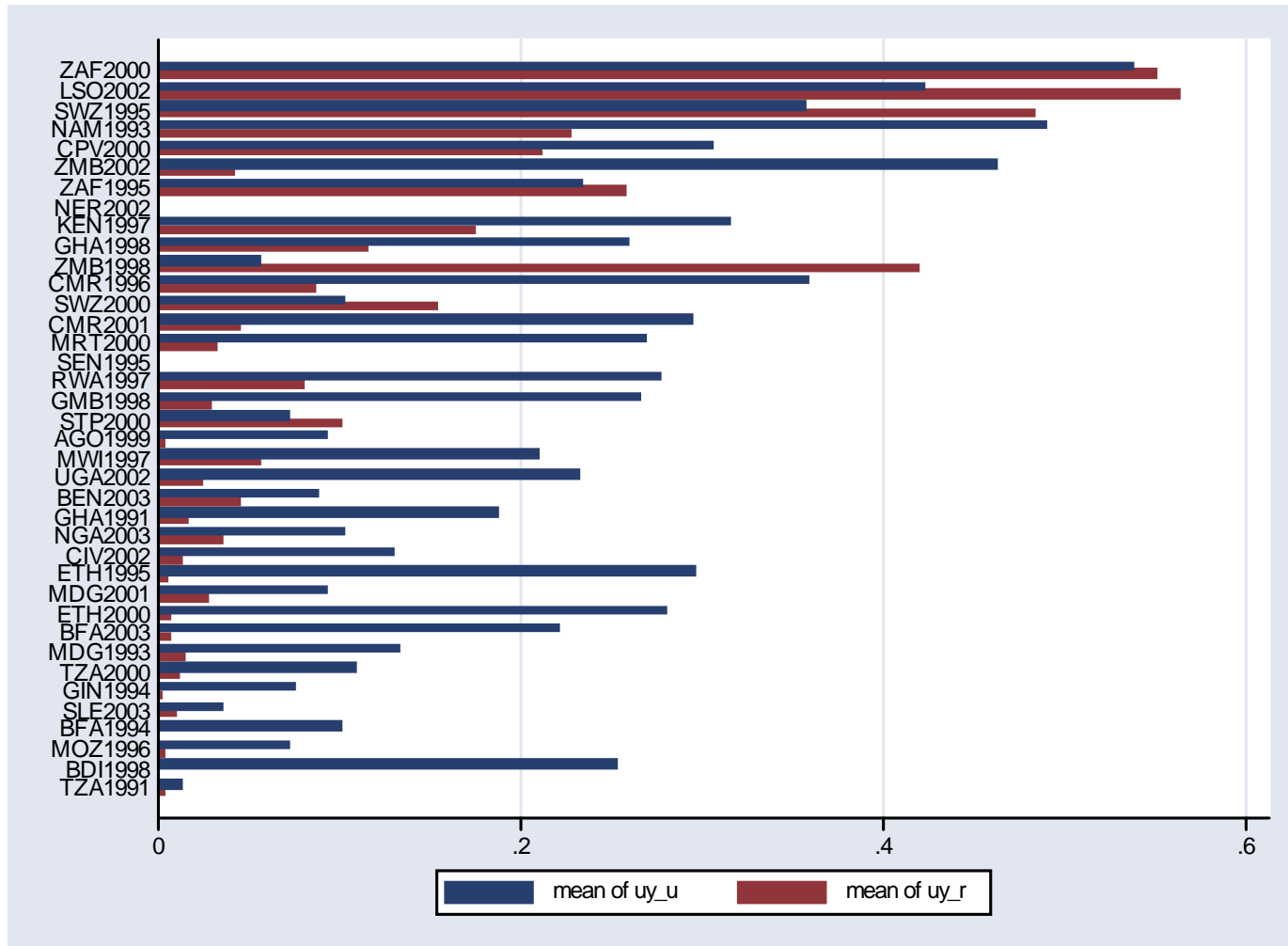
For those who went to school, the average age of exiting school is between 16 and 22 years.  
 And the transition from school to work varies from -1.5 to 4.1 years



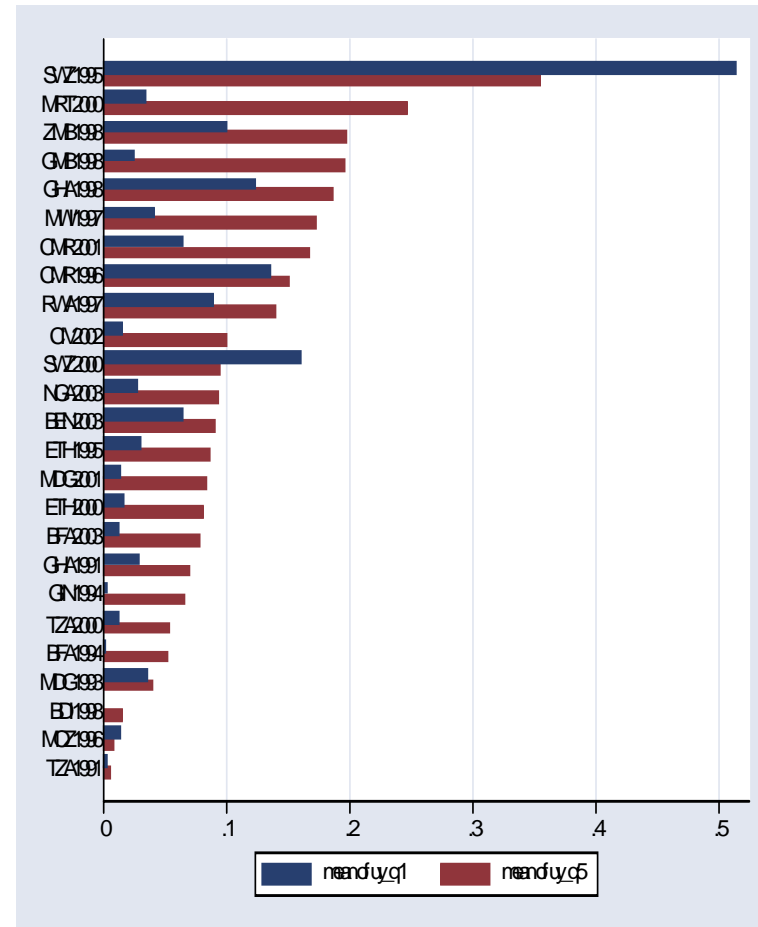
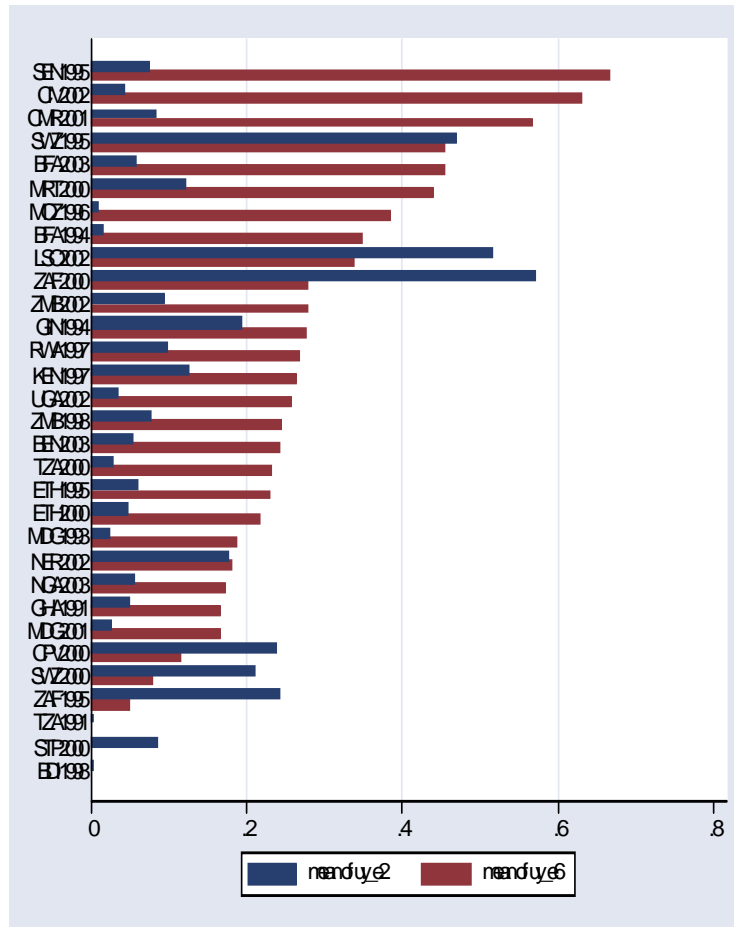
Once in the labor market the unemployment rate for youth is high...  
 Also relative to adults (with significant variation)



# But this seems to be generally an Urban Phenomenon

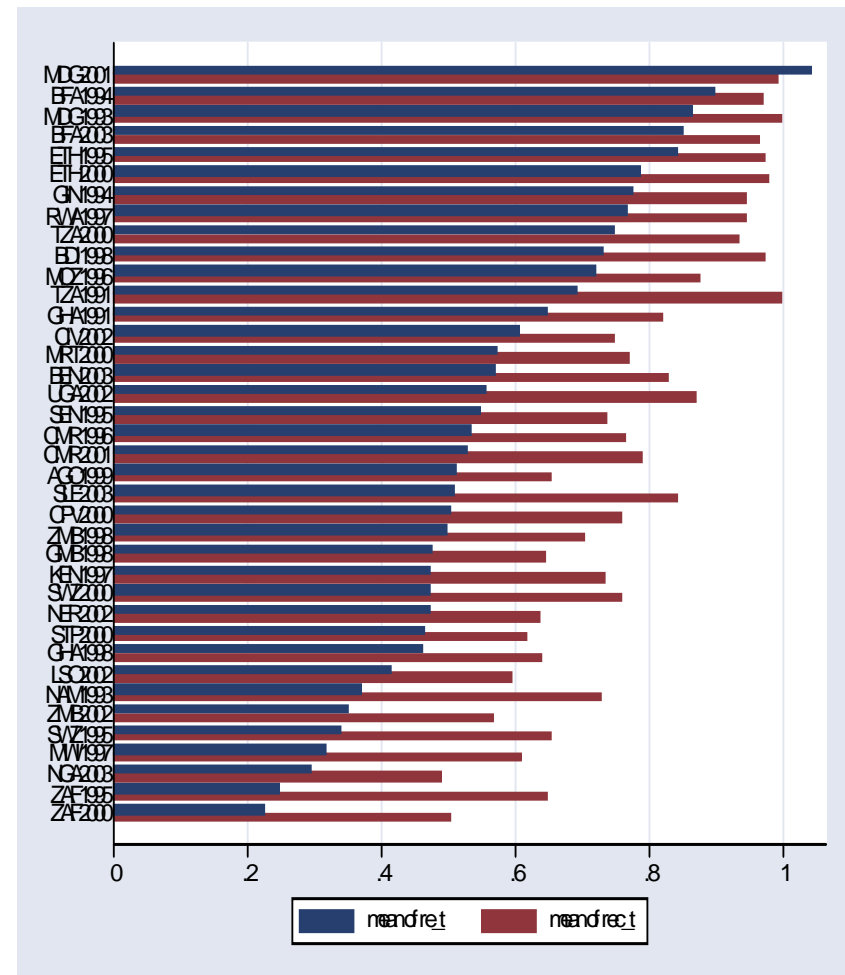
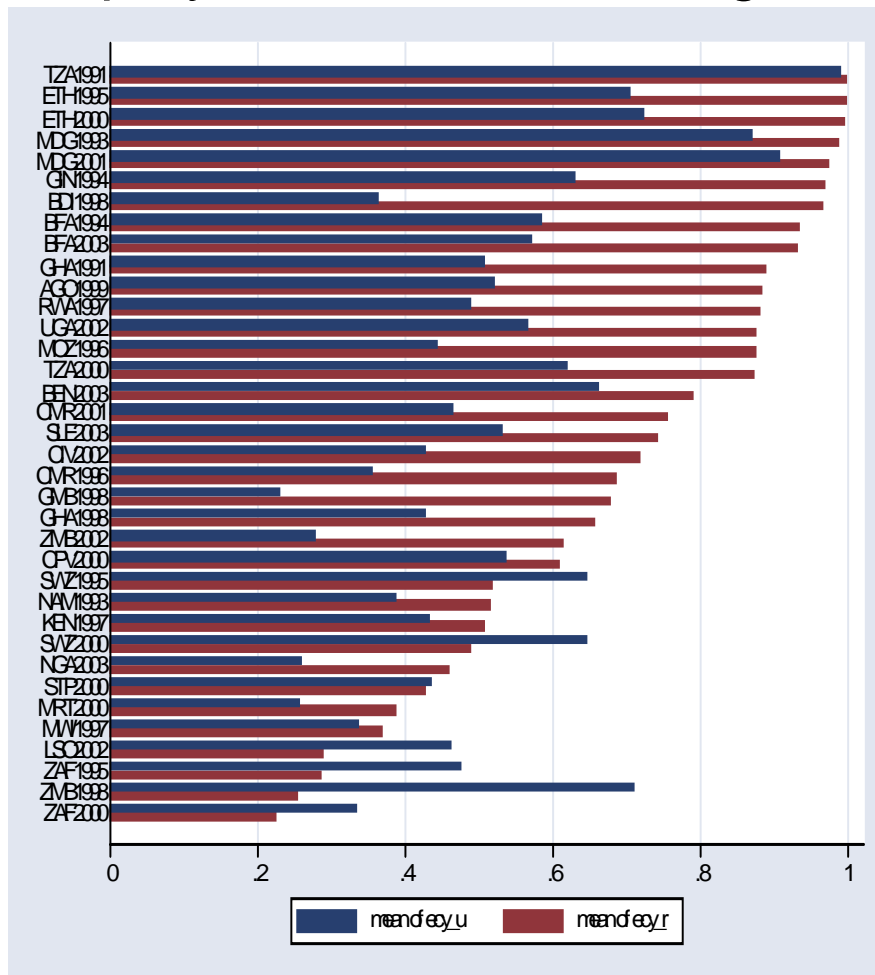


# And concentrated among the better off (educated/rich households)



For those who cannot afford to be unemployed, many are employed in rural areas

And for those who are out of school, the relative employment rate is not high



# Work Characteristics are different for youth, with high degree of informality

Country	Modality							
	Waged		Informal		Self		Other	
	youth	adult	youth	adult	youth	adult	youth	adult
Burkina Faso	3,24	7,55	90,85	59,29	5,82	32,49	0,09	0,68
Burundi	1,66	5,78	85,26	39,51	12,84	54,22	0,24	0,49
Cameroon	8,18	16,43	26,12	14,5	65,7	69,07		
Ethiopia	46,69	75,68	27,81	16,95	17,84	3,75	7,67	3,63
Gambia	10,07	19,22	46,07	13,83	42,73	65,82	1,13	1,12
Kenya	17,94	30,83	44,41	19,74	37,59	48,64	0,07	0,79
Madagascar	7,78	15,93	68,08	31,12	22,78	50,63	1,36	2,32
Malawi	18,82	26,68	7,12	5,11	70,28	64,89	3,77	3,33
Mozambique	15,13	16,61			53,45	69,56	1,19	0,47
STP	63,21	57,79	28,8	41,53			7,99	0,68
Uganda	3,24	7,55	90,85	59,29	5,82	32,49	0,09	0,68
Zambia	9,54	23,85	51,76	16,85	37,79	58,3	0,91	1

Notes: (a) 15-24 years age group; (b) 25-50 years age group; (c) As reflected by average weekly working hours.  
Source: UCW calculations based on World Bank Standard Files and Standard Indicators (SFSI) datasets

# And a large share of girls are not in school and not at work

