



Did you know that?

Youth and extrem(es/ism) in statistics

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1 EXTREMELY YOUTHFUL COUNTRIES

In Turkey, 26% of the population is under the age of 15. This is closely followed by 23% in Albania, 22% in Azerbaijan and 21% in Iceland!



2 EXTREMELY YOUTHFUL CITIES

Since 2006, Podgorica, Montenegro has been the youngest European city.

3 EXTREMELY RICH YOUNG PEOPLE

Europe's youngest billionaire is Prince Albert von Thurn und Taxis, 29, from Germany – who is worth a whopping €1.5 billion! Prince Albert is the only European under the age of 30 who appears on the 2012 Forbes list, but he is closely followed by 35 year-old Maxim Nogotkov (Russia) and Yvonne Bauer (Germany).

4 COUNTRIES WITH EXTREME GENERATIONAL GAPS

1. Monaco

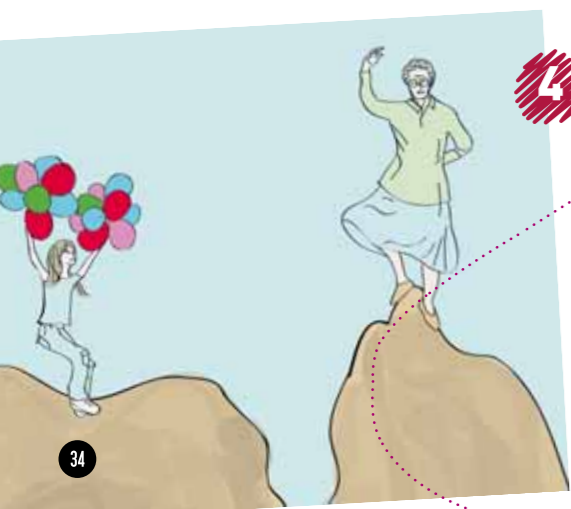
Old to young ratio – 2.18:1
65 years and over – 26.9%
0-14 years – 2.18%

2. Latvia

Old to young ratio – 1.25:1
65 years and over – 16.9%
0-14 years – 13.5%

3. Slovenia

Old to young ratio – 1.25:1
65 years and over – 16.8%
0-14 years – 13.4%



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TOP FIVE EUROPEAN EXTREME SPORTS

1. Cheese rolling, Gloucestershire, England
2. Kite skiing, Chamonix, France
3. Caving, Iceland
4. Snowmobiling, Greenland
5. Mountain biking, Morzine, France



6 COUNCIL OF EUROPE: AN EXTREME COMMITMENT TO YOUTH

Since 1972, 5 000 young people have been trained every year in one of its two residential youth centres. Between January and June 2013, it has awarded 58 grants for a total of €676 000 to youth projects.



7 EXTREME MUSIC

Shock Rock: an umbrella term for artists who combine rock music with elements of theatrical shock value in live performances.

Notable European shock rock performers are King Diamond (DK), Screaming Lord Sutch (UK), Rammstein (DE) and Lordi (FI).

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EXTREME LACK OF POLITICAL PARTICIPATION

Less than half (40%) of children believe that voting in elections is an effective tool for improving the situation in their countries (as high as 50% in western Europe and EU candidate countries), but 16% believe that elections are ineffective (particularly in transition countries within the western CIS and the Caucasus).

9 EXTREME HAPPINESS

Two thirds of all children feel happy most of the time, more so in western Europe (80%) than transition countries (60%). In general, girls feel happy more often than boys, as do urban dwellers compared to rural children.



10 YOUNG EUROPEAN EXTREME ADVENTURERS

The youngest person to have stood on the top of Europe's highest peak (Mount Elbrus, 5 642 meters above sea level), is the Ukrainian Yunona Bukasova, at the tender age of 9 years and 1 month old. Aged 16, Dutch teenager Laura Dekker became the youngest person to complete a solo around the world sailing adventure in 2012. Dutch authorities tried to prevent the expedition, as the girl should have been in school. *The Guinness Book of World Records* also refused to recognise the feat, stating that they did not want to encourage other young people to skip school. The youngest relay team to ever have swum the English Channel consisted of six 12 year-old boys from the Royal Tunbridge Wells Monson Swimming Club. The mammoth swim was completed on 4 September 1968.