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### **Unemployment, health, the economy, and education are top priorities of young Moroccans**

Unemployment and health are the most important problems that Moroccan youth want their government to address, followed by management of the economy and education, the latest Afrobarometer survey shows.

But few youth (aged 18-35) give their government passing marks for its performance on these four priority issues, with education receiving the strongest approval rating and job creation the weakest.

Survey findings show that while a majority of young Moroccans possess secondary or post-secondary educational qualifications, far surpassing their elders, they are also more likely than older generations to face unemployment.

#### **Key findings**

- About seven in 10 young Moroccans (69%) have secondary or post-secondary education, outstripping previous generations (Figure 1).
- But youth (aged 18-35) are also more likely than their elders to be unemployed: 21% say they are not employed and are looking for jobs, compared to 4%-6% of 36- to 55-year-olds (Figure 2).
  - These youth who are unemployed (i.e. not employed and looking for work) include 9% who identify as students (Figure 3).
- Unemployment and health top the list of most important problems that Moroccan youth want their government to address, followed by management of the economy and education (Figure 4).
- Fewer than four in 10 young Moroccans say the government is doing a good job of addressing educational needs (38%), improving basic health services (26%), managing the economy (15%), and creating jobs (14%) (Figure 5).

#### **Afrobarometer surveys**

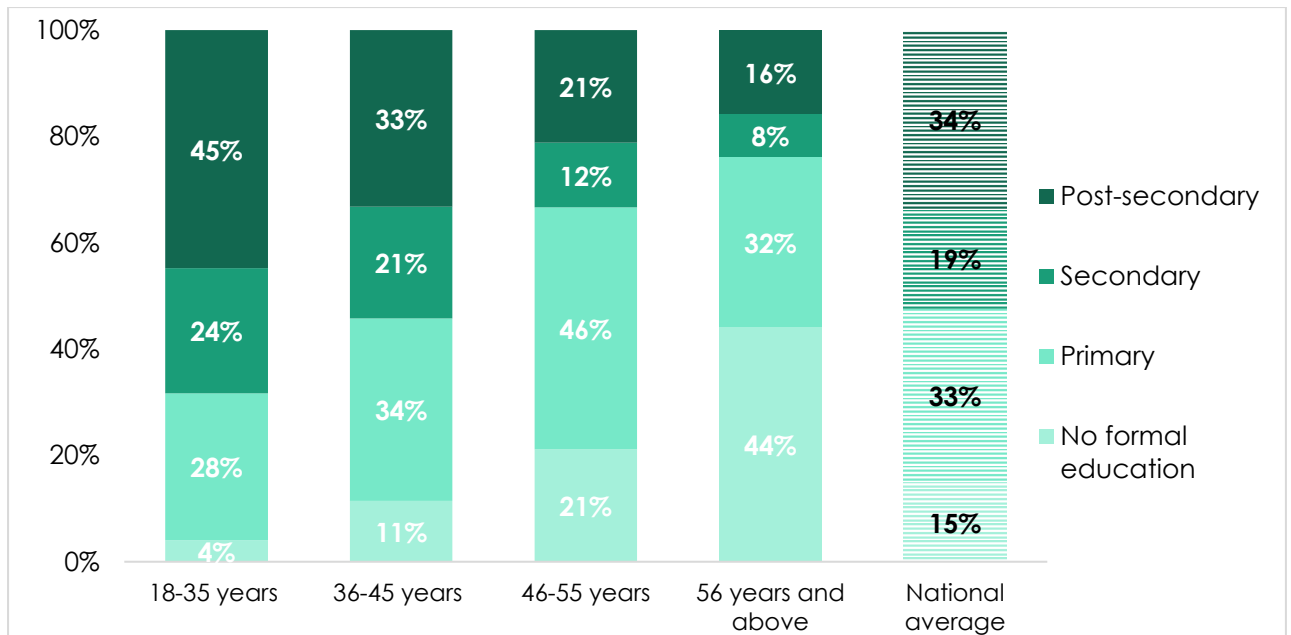
Afrobarometer is a pan-African, non-partisan survey research network that provides reliable data on African experiences and evaluations of democracy, governance, and quality of life. Nine survey rounds in up to 42 countries have been completed since 1999. Round 9 surveys (2021/2023) cover 39 countries. Afrobarometer's national partners conduct face-to-face interviews in the language of the respondent's choice.

The Afrobarometer team in Morocco, led by Global for Survey and Consulting (GSC), interviewed 1,200 adult Moroccans between 31 August and 19 September 2022. A sample of this size yields country-level results with a margin of error of +/-3 percentage points at a 95%

confidence level. Previous Afrobarometer surveys were conducted in Morocco in 2013, 2015, 2018, and 2021.

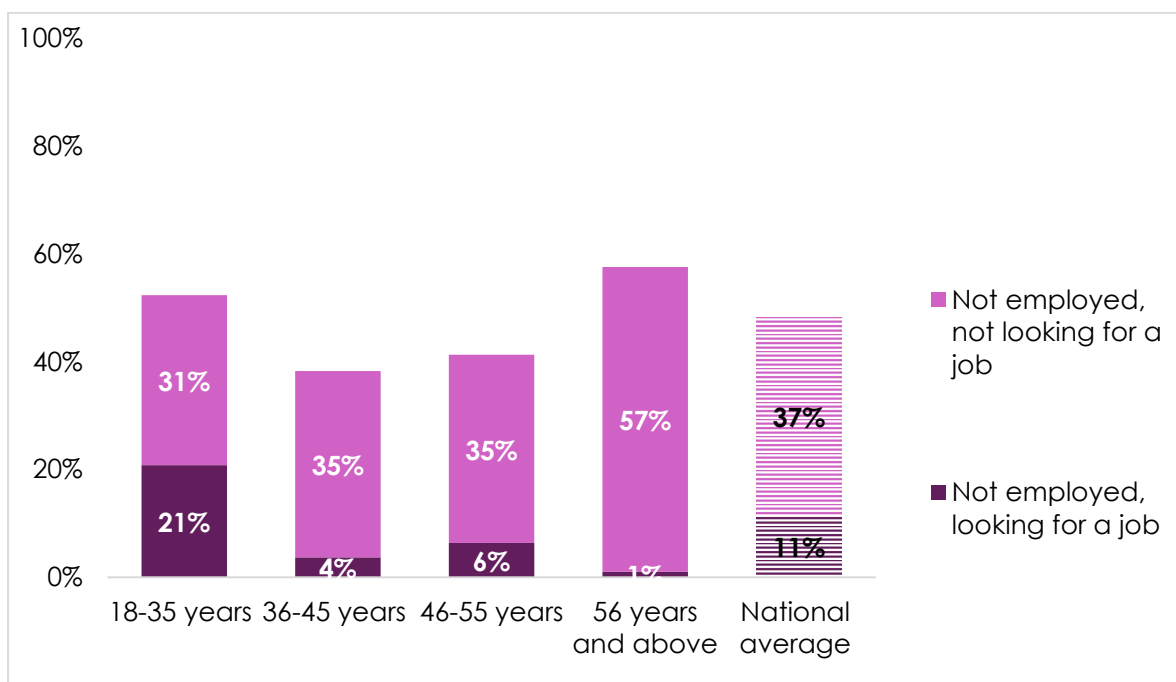
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**Figure 1: Level of education | by age group | Morocco | 2022**



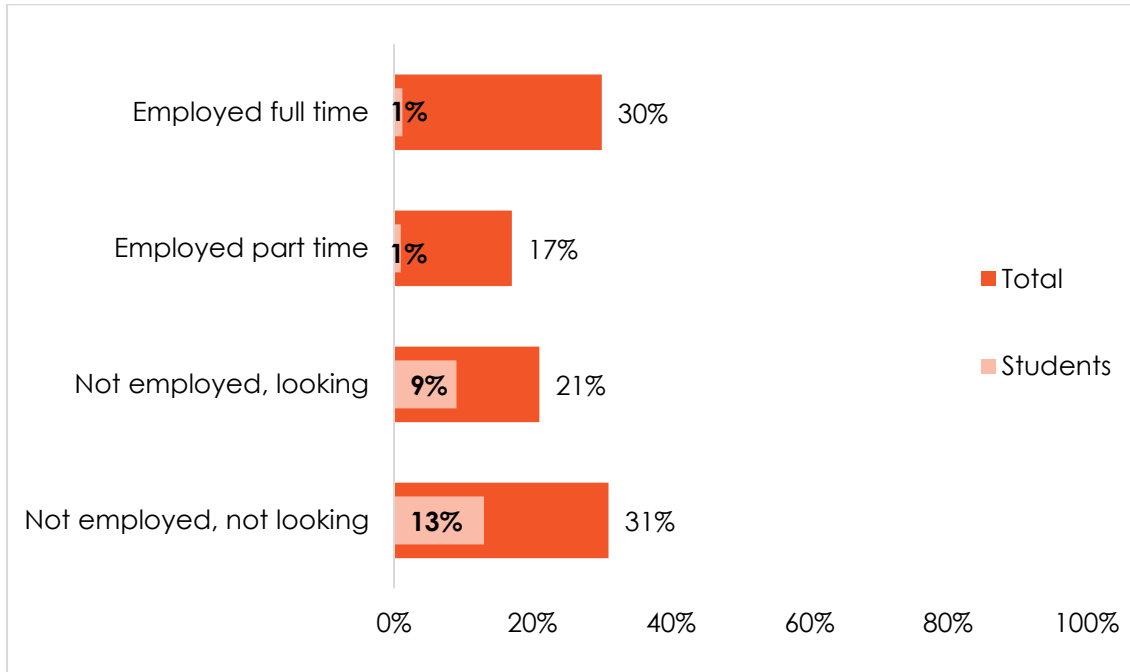
**Respondents were asked:** What is your highest level of education?

**Figure 2: Unemployment rate | by age group | Morocco | 2022**



**Respondents were asked:** Do you have a job that pays a cash income? [If yes:] Is it full time or part time? [If no:] Are you currently looking for a job?

**Figure 3: Employment and student status** | respondents aged 18-35 years | Morocco | 2022

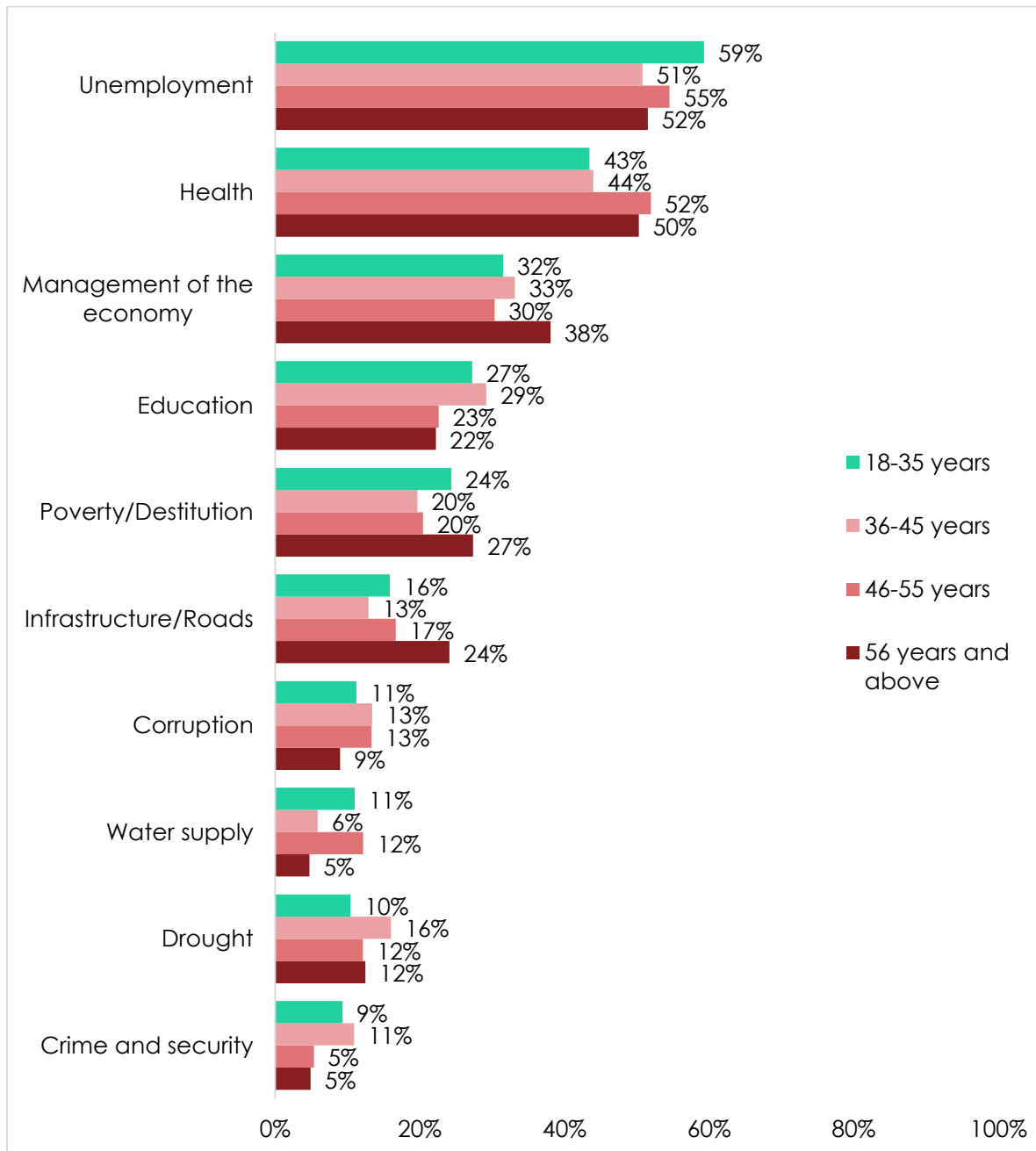


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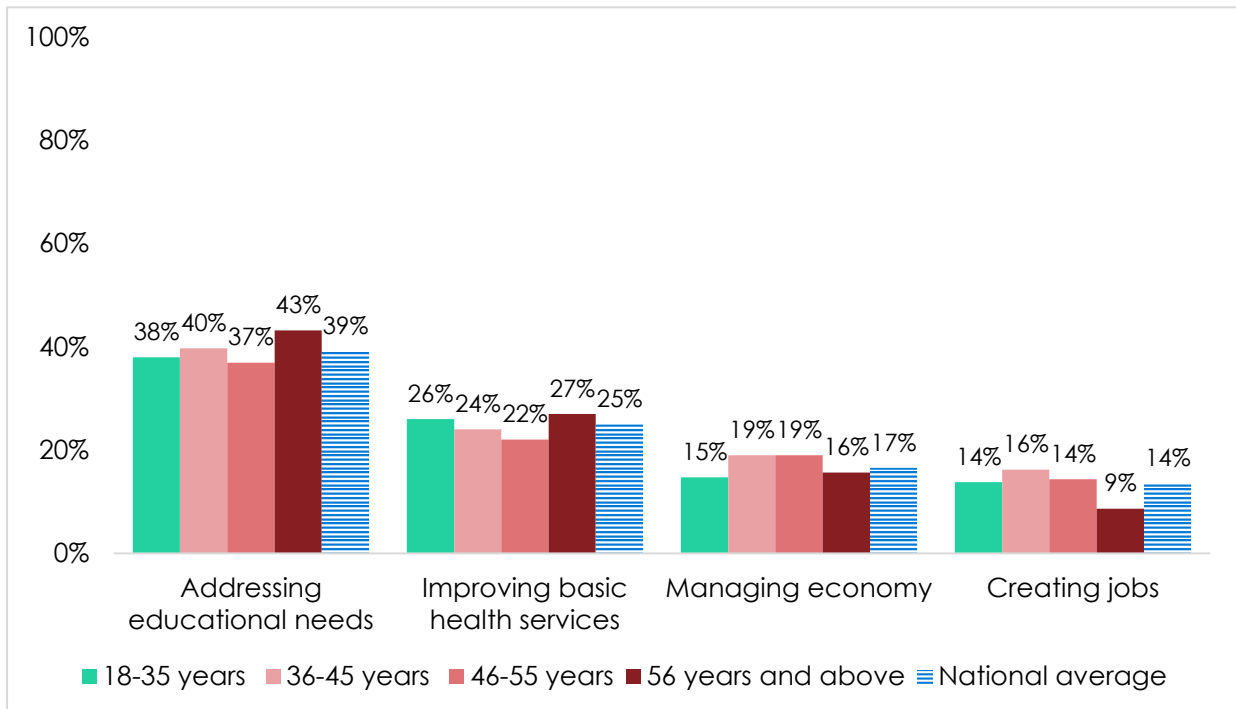
*What is your main occupation? [If not currently working:] What was your last main occupation? (% who say "student")*

**Figure 4: Most important problems | by age group | Morocco | 2022**



**Respondents were asked:** In your opinion, what are the most important problems facing this country that government should address? (Up to three responses per person; figure shows % of respondents who cite each problem among their three priorities)

**Figure 5: Approval of government performance on education, health, the economy, and jobs | by age group | Morocco | 2022**



**Respondents were asked:** How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, or haven't you heard enough to say? (% who say "fairly well" or "very well")

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