



CHILD LABOUR SURVEY SERBIA 2021

AT A GLANCE

Nearly one out of ten children are involved in child labour, meaning work that they are too young to perform, and/or work that is physically or psychologically injurious to their health and well-being.

9.5%

Child labour prevalence rate
(Children 5–17 years old)

More than 61,000 young children are involved in child labour. Some of them are too young to work in economic activities and others are performing hazardous household chores.

9.3%

Child labour prevalence rate
(Children 5–14 years old)

One out of ten children above the minimum age for work is involved in hazardous activities, which can lead to injuries or illness.

10.1%

Hazardous work prevalence rate
(Children 15–17 years old)

Serbia has ratified the main conventions relating to child labour, setting the minimum age for work at 15 years and identifying a list of activities that are dangerous for children.

Ratified child labour conventions	Year	Minimum Age for Admission to work	Identifying a list of activities that are dangerous for children
C. 138	2000	Light work	N.A.
C. 182	2003	Hazardous list	Yes

HAZARD EXPOSURE IN THE WORKPLACE

Children in hazardous work are mostly exposed to dust, or use dangerous machines or tools or are exposed to extreme weather conditions.



Aged 5–17



CHILD LABOUR BY AGE-GROUP, GENDER AND AREA OF RESIDENCE

Boys are more likely to be involved in child labour and in hazardous work than girls.

AGE PROFILE



6.7%

5–11 years old

15.1%

12–14 years old

10.1%

15–17 years old

In peri-urban and rural areas, child labour is three times higher than in urban areas.

GENDER



7.2%

Girls

11.7%

Boys

RESIDENCE



5.0%

Urban

16.0%

Other

CHILD LABOUR BY SECTOR OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

Most child labour is found in agriculture; it is also far from negligible in the service sector.

SECTOR



5–14 years old

59.9%

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40.1%

15–17 years old

66.1%

Agriculture

7.2%

Industry

26.7%

Services

REASONS FOR BEING INVOLVED IN CHILD LABOUR

Most of children report to be involved in child labour to contribute to family income, to acquire skills or to help in family business.



43.8%

Supplementing family income

38.0%

Acquiring skills

10.1%

Helping in family business

HOURS SPENT IN WORK AND IN HOUSEHOLD CHORES

Children's involvement in work and household chores increases with age.



Average number of hours per week spent at work

11.7

5–14 years old

23.3

15–17 years old

Time spent at work or in household chores can impact children's performances at school.

Average number of hours in household chores and child labour per week

14.6

5–14 years old

28.7

15–17 years old

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