

Youth perspectives on climate

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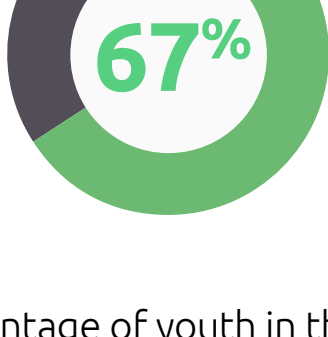
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Amid climate anxiety, the spirit of youthful hope is still alive

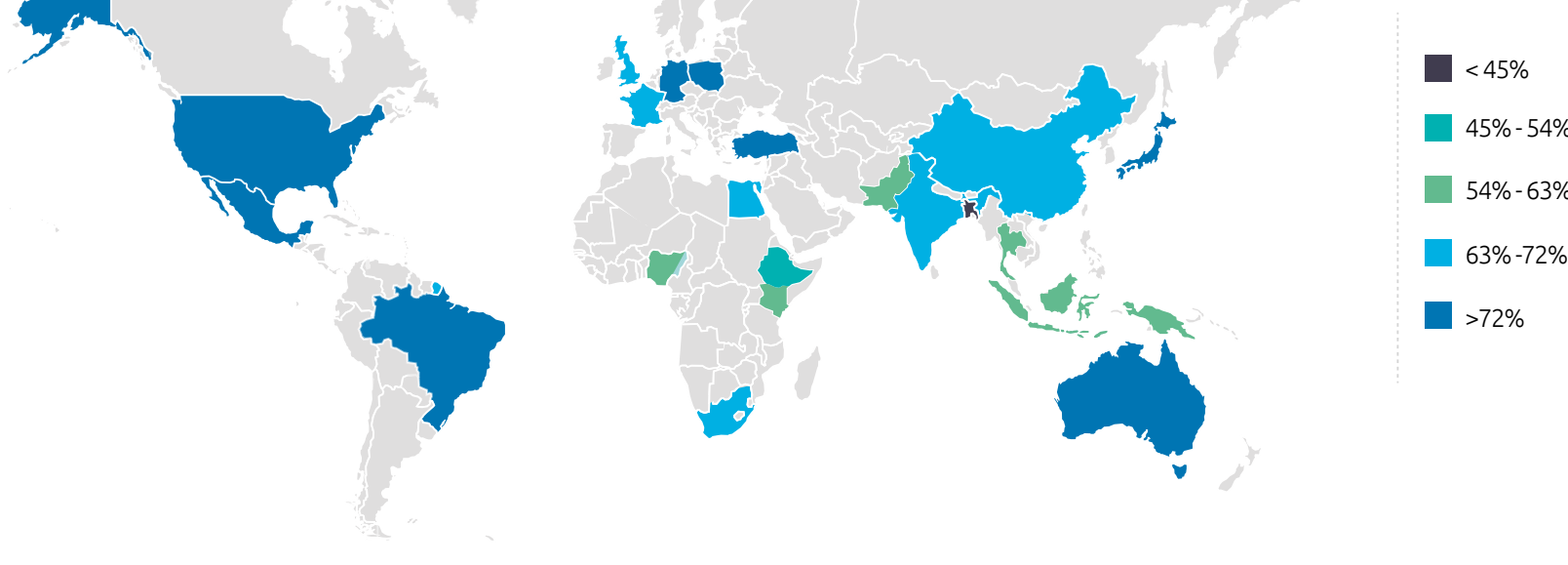
Most youth worry about climate change



of youth globally say they are worried about how climate change could affect their future

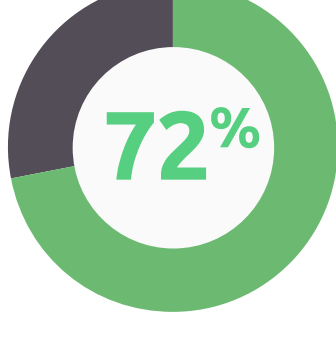
A smaller percentage of youth in the Global South (65%) than their Global North peers (76%) report this high level of anxiety

Percentage of youth by country who agree with the statement: I'm worried about how climate change could affect my future



Source: Capgemini Research Institute and UNICEF, Youth and green skills survey, February–March 2025, N = 5,100 youth aged 16–24; N = 4,245 youth in the Global South and N = 855 youth in the Global North.

Youthful optimism is still strong



of youth globally believe there is still time to fix the problems caused by climate change

Youth value green skills, but worry they lack them

Most youth believe green skills are the key to a brighter future

61%

of youth globally agree that developing green skills will unlock new career opportunities

Percentage of youth in the Global South who agree with the statement: Developing green skills will open up new career opportunities for me

Country	%
All youth	61%
Global South	60%
Egypt	71%
Indonesia	68%
South Africa	68%
Brazil	66%
Turkey	65%
Mexico	65%
Bangladesh	63%
Thailand	61%
India	58%
China	58%
Ethiopia	57%
Nigeria	57%
Kenya	53%
Pakistan	43%

Percentage of youth in the Global North who agree with the statement: Developing green skills will open up new career opportunities for me

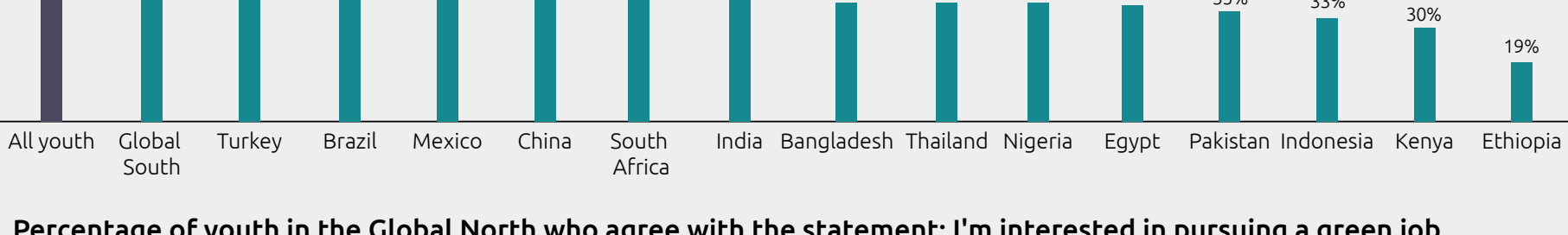
Country	%
All youth	61%
Global North	65%
Australia	89%
Poland	72%
Germany	67%
US	64%
France	63%
Japan	62%
UK	45%

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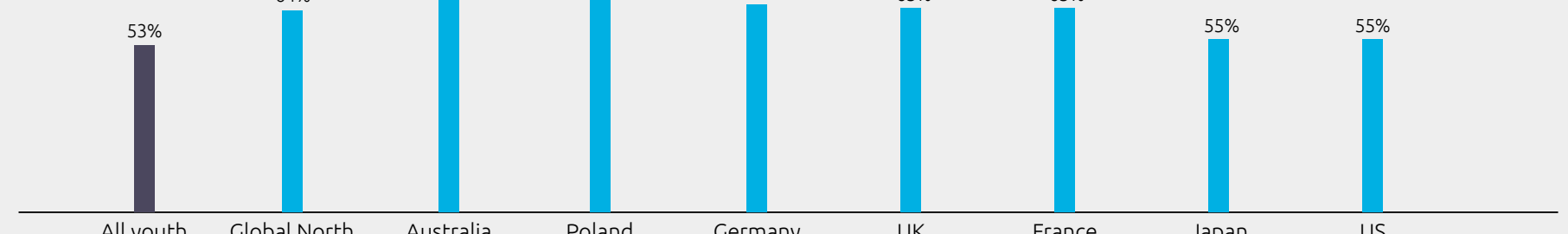
The young want to get their hands dirty

Slightly over half (53%) of youth globally are interested in a green job, rising to 64% in the Global North

Percentage of youth in the Global South who agree with the statement: I'm interested in pursuing a green job



Percentage of youth in the Global North who agree with the statement: I'm interested in pursuing a green job

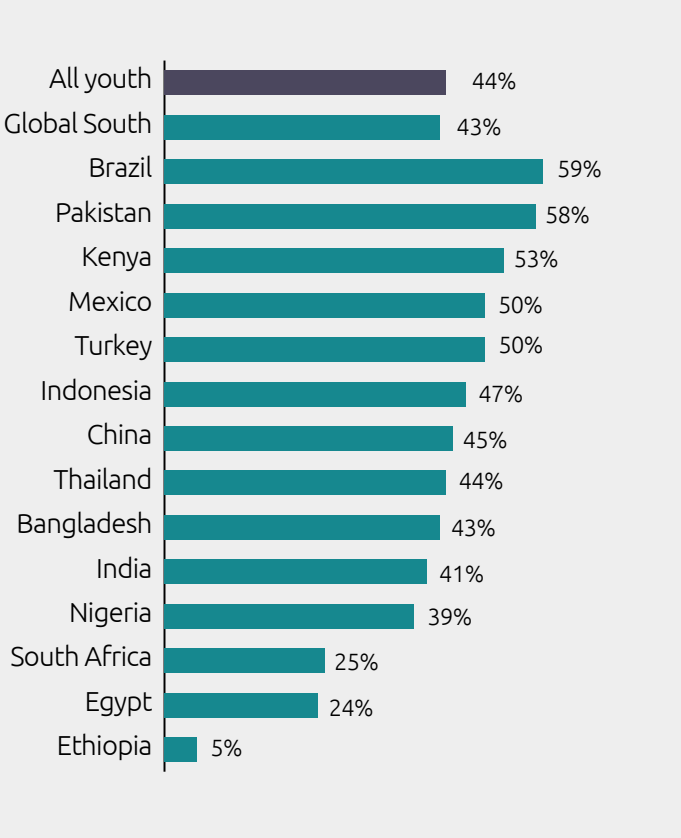


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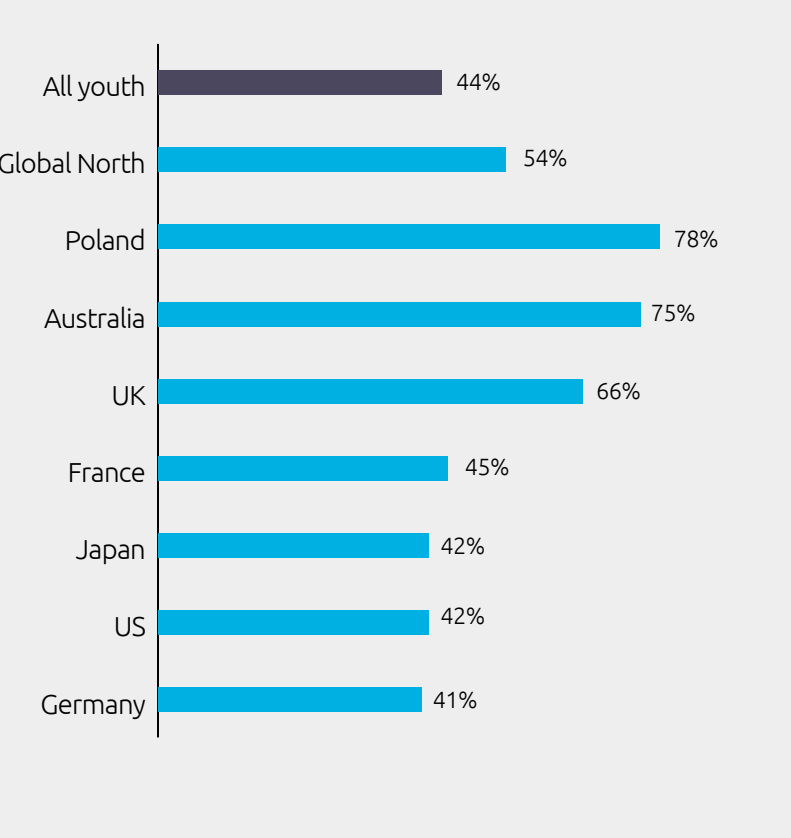
Youth are not equipped with the necessary green skills

Less than half (44%) of youth globally believe they have the green skills necessary to be successful in today's workforce

Percentage of youth in the Global South who agree with the statement: I have the green skills necessary to be successful in today's workforce



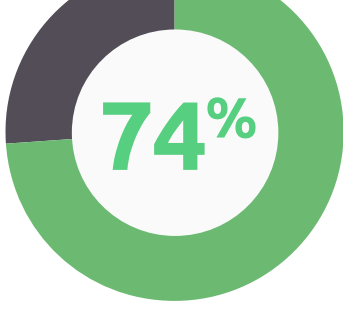
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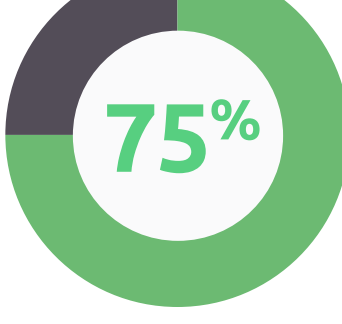
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Youth want to be part of the solution

Youth believe business executives and politicians should do more

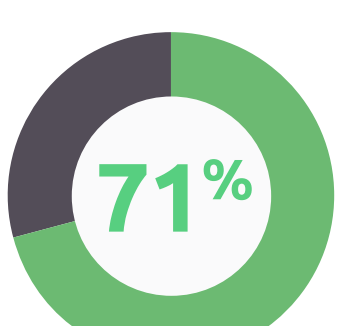


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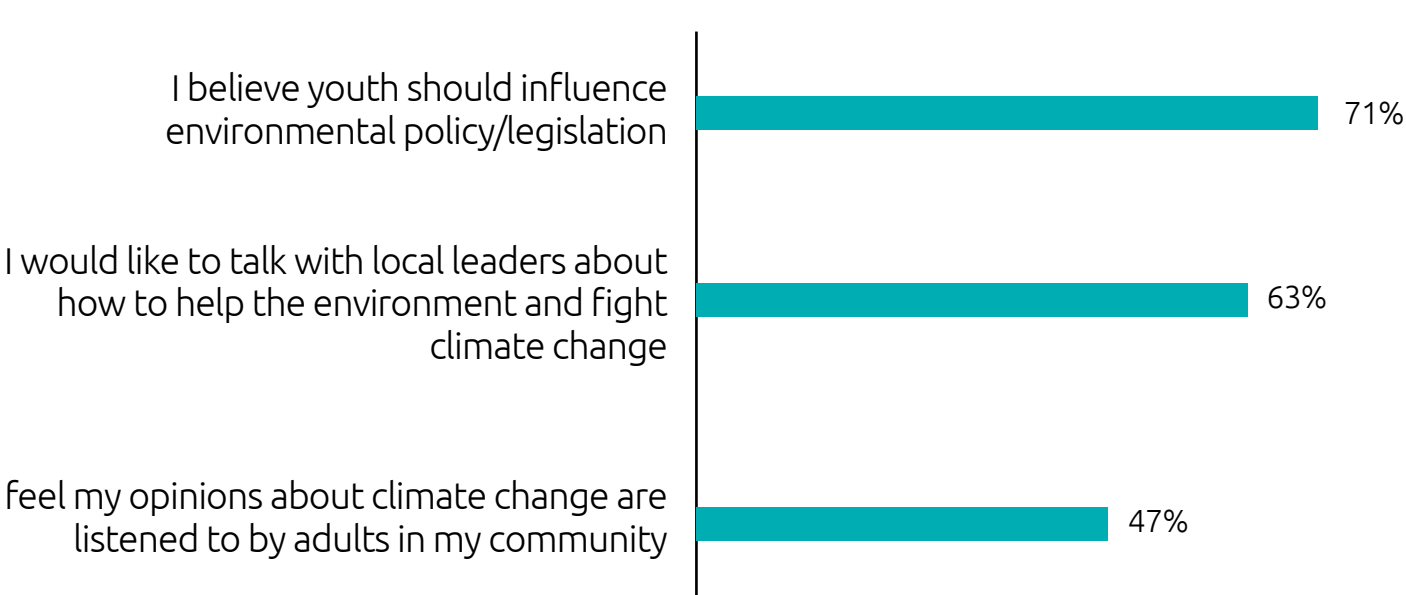
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Youth want to influence climate and environmental policy directly, but they feel policymakers ignore them



of youth globally believe they should have a strong influence on environmental policy and legislation, yet only 47% feel community leaders listen to their opinions

Percentage of youth who agree with the statements below



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Recommendations for policymakers and corporate leaders: Inspire youth by pushing green skills

Based on insights from our global youth survey, supporting data from secondary sources, and our experience working on green skills programs and corporate sustainability initiatives, we propose the following recommendations.

For policymakers	For corporate leaders
Work alongside youth voices	Co-design green job pathways with youth
Integrate green skills into core education curricula	Increase the ratio of youth securing green jobs within their first five years of work
Democratize access to green learning opportunities in the Global South	Support community-based green skills initiatives
Align climate goals with youth employment and education strategies	Incorporate youth voices into ESG and climate strategies
	Invest in youth-led climate projects, entrepreneurship, and volunteerism

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