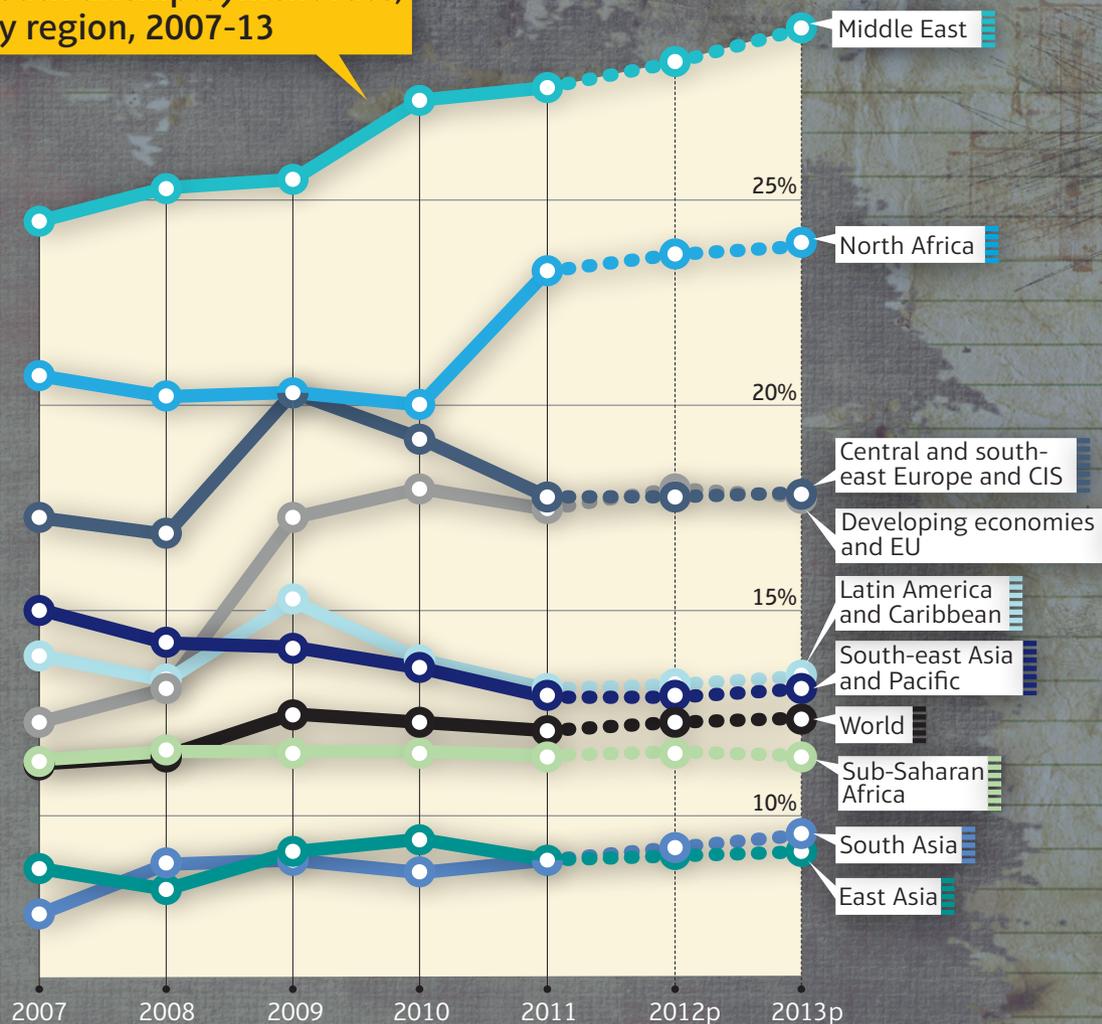


# Youth unemployment

*'The long-term consequences of persistently high youth unemployment include the loss of valuable work experience and the erosion of occupational skills. Moreover, unemployment experiences early in the career of a young person are likely to result in wage scars that continue to depress employment and earnings prospects even decades later'*

José Manuel Salazar-Xirinachs, International Labour Organization, assistant director-general for policy

Youth unemployment rate, by region, 2007-13



**73.4m**

15-24 year-olds unemployed globally

**5.69m**

15-24 year-olds unemployed in EU 27

**51%**

youth unemployment in Spain and Greece

Youth unemployment rates in OECD countries in December 2007 and March 2012

