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EMPIRICAL EVALUATION OF YOUTH EMPLOYMENT IN THE REPUBLIC OF BELARUS (REGIONAL ASPECT)

The report reflects some results of the empirical research of employment and unemployment problems among youth in the Vitebsk region, Belarus. The research was conducted within the project “Prevention of youth unemployment in border regions of Latvia and Belarus in conditions of overcoming the crisis”, implemented with the support of the Belarusian Republican Foundation for Fundamental Research. The investigation takes into account peculiarities of statistical evaluation of the level of employment and unemployment in Belarus (taking into account only the registered unemployed, lack of evaluation of non-standard forms of employment, etc.). Empirical Program of youth labor market research is based on the survey of 307 young people aged 15–29 years living in Vitebsk region, Belarus. The basis of the questionnaire is the methodology of the ILO household surveys, the formulation of monitoring economy and public health of the World Bank, methodological approaches of the researchers of the Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences of Daugavpils University. The survey results have provided information on the level of unemployment; its causes; job search methods; intentions and individual characteristics of young people, contributing to the effective employment; the necessary measures of assistance from the regional labor market institutions.