



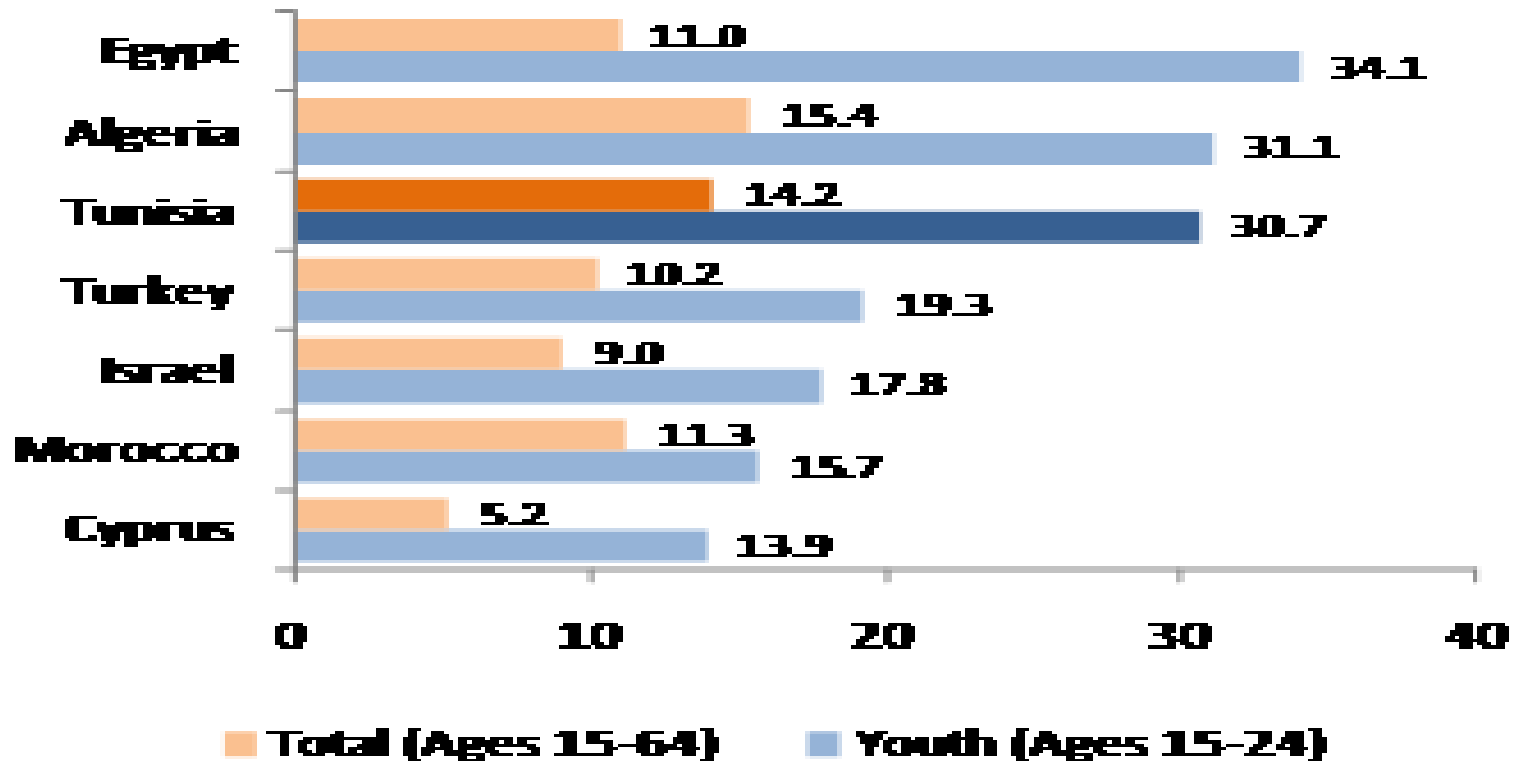
# Local Employment, Skills and Entrepreneurship in the Mediterranean

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# Local Conditions & Challenges

Unemployment among the youth in the region (2005-2006)



Source: UN and World Bank

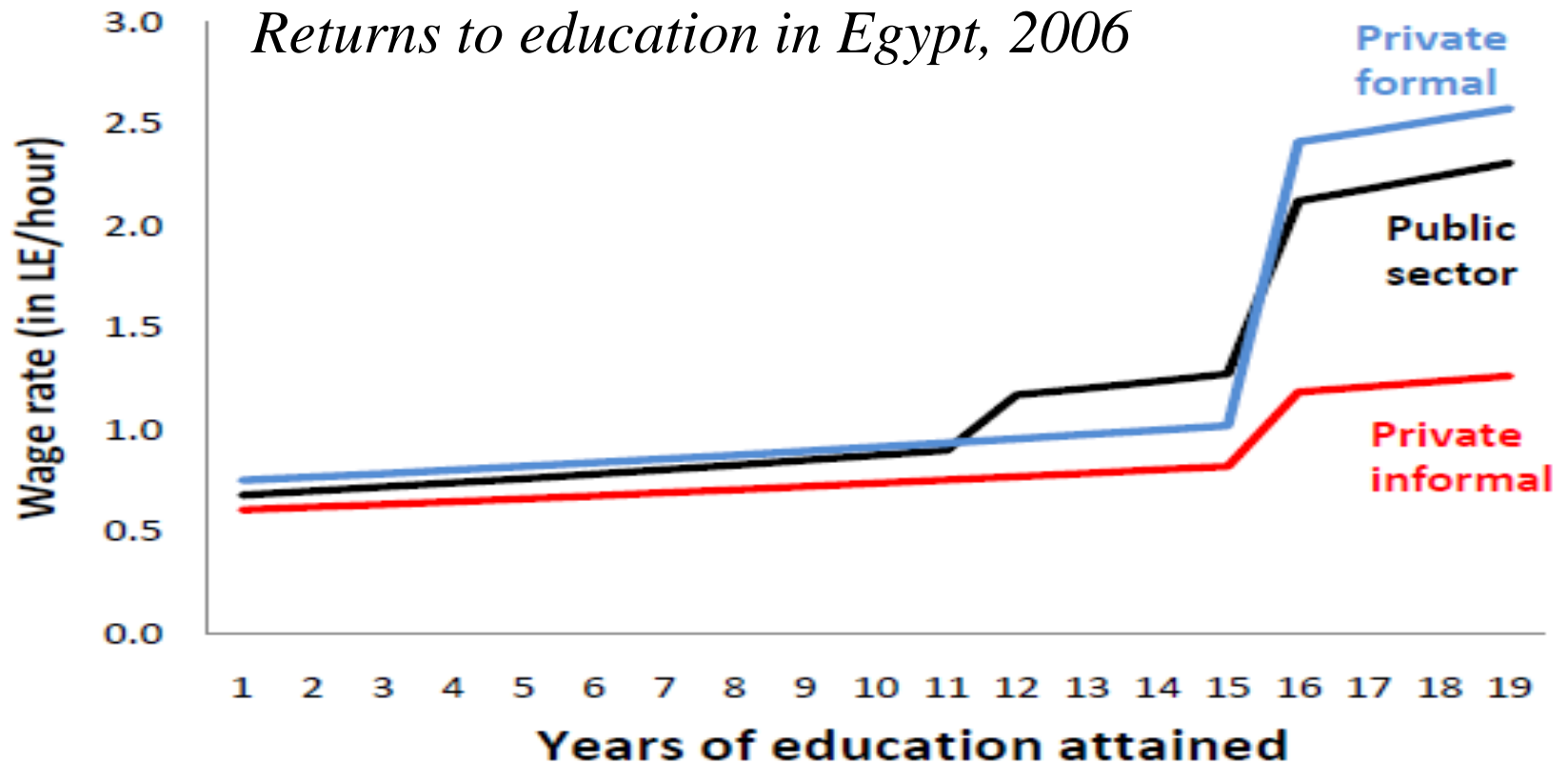
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	Algeria	Egypt	Jordan	Lebanon	Morocco	Syria	Tunisia
Total Number of formal enterprises	400,000	2,500 000	140,000	180,000*	755,000	700,000**	102,000
Number of SMEs < 50 employees	390,000	2,450 000	135,000	175,000*	750,000	695,000	98,000

*Source: Sabaudia Consulting Estimates based on various national statistics*

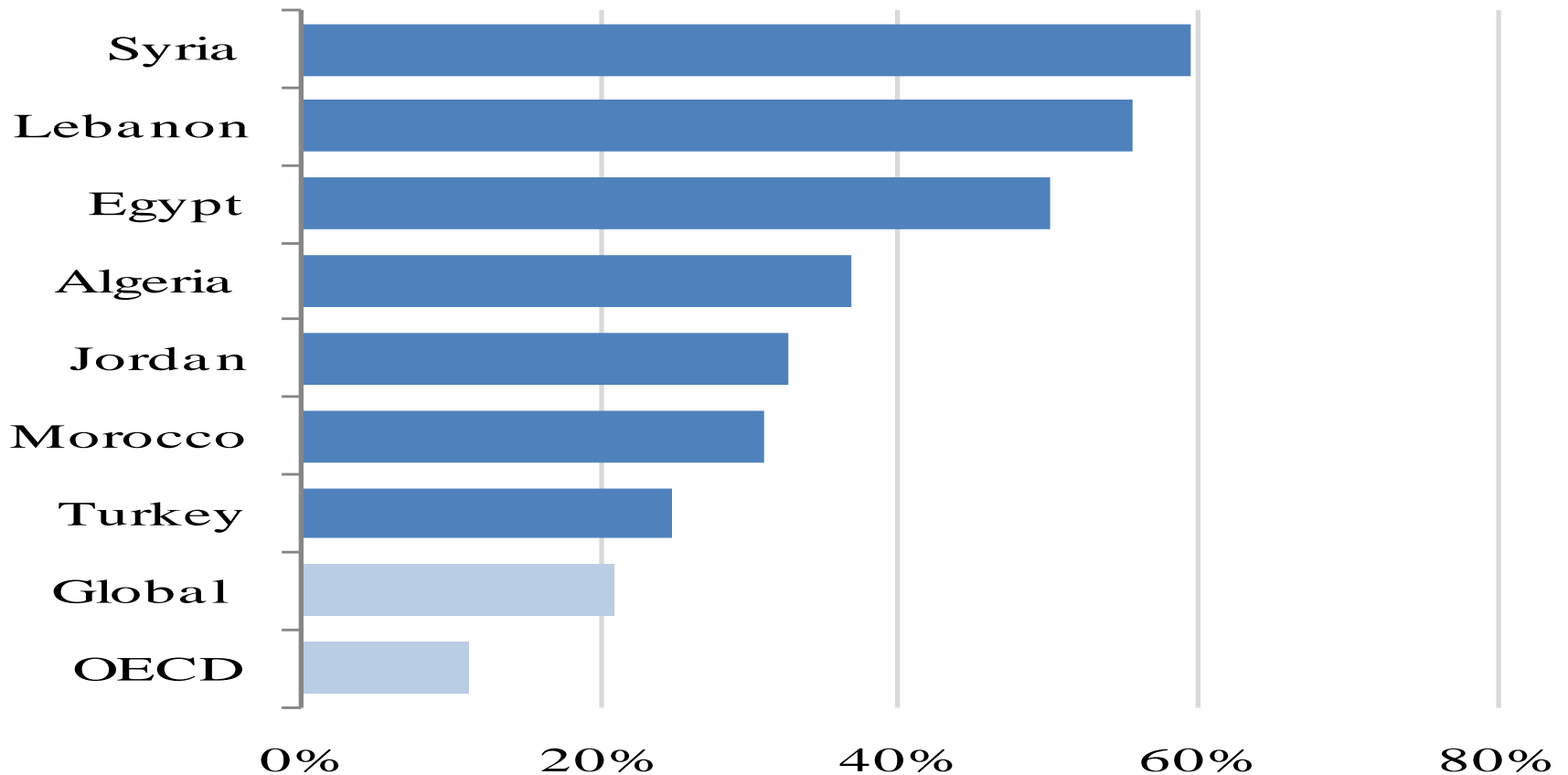
*\* 2002 Study, based on 1996 census is indicating 166,000; \*\* estimate based on data from several ministries*

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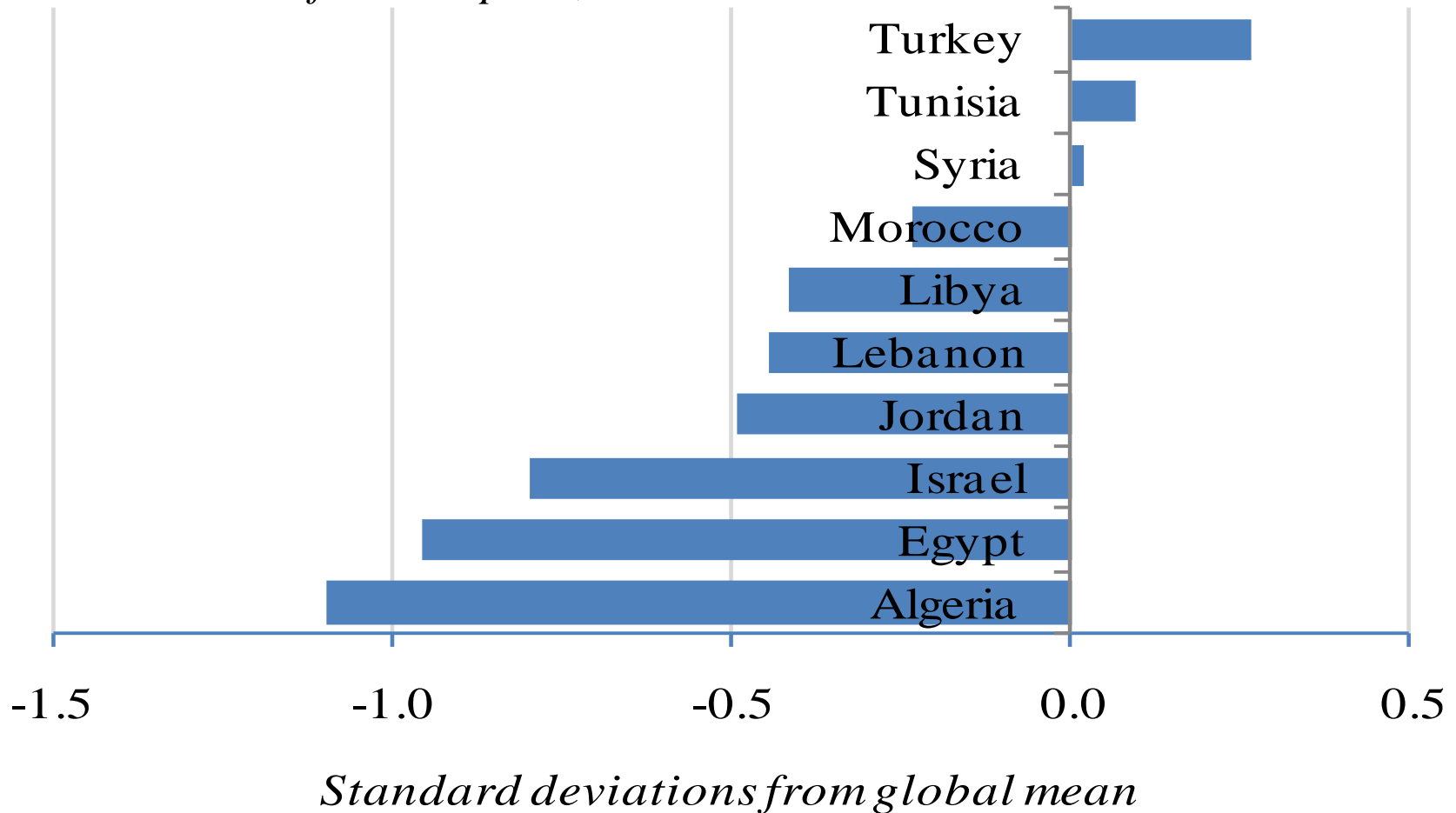
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Share of firms identifying skill level as major constraint, 2007-2009



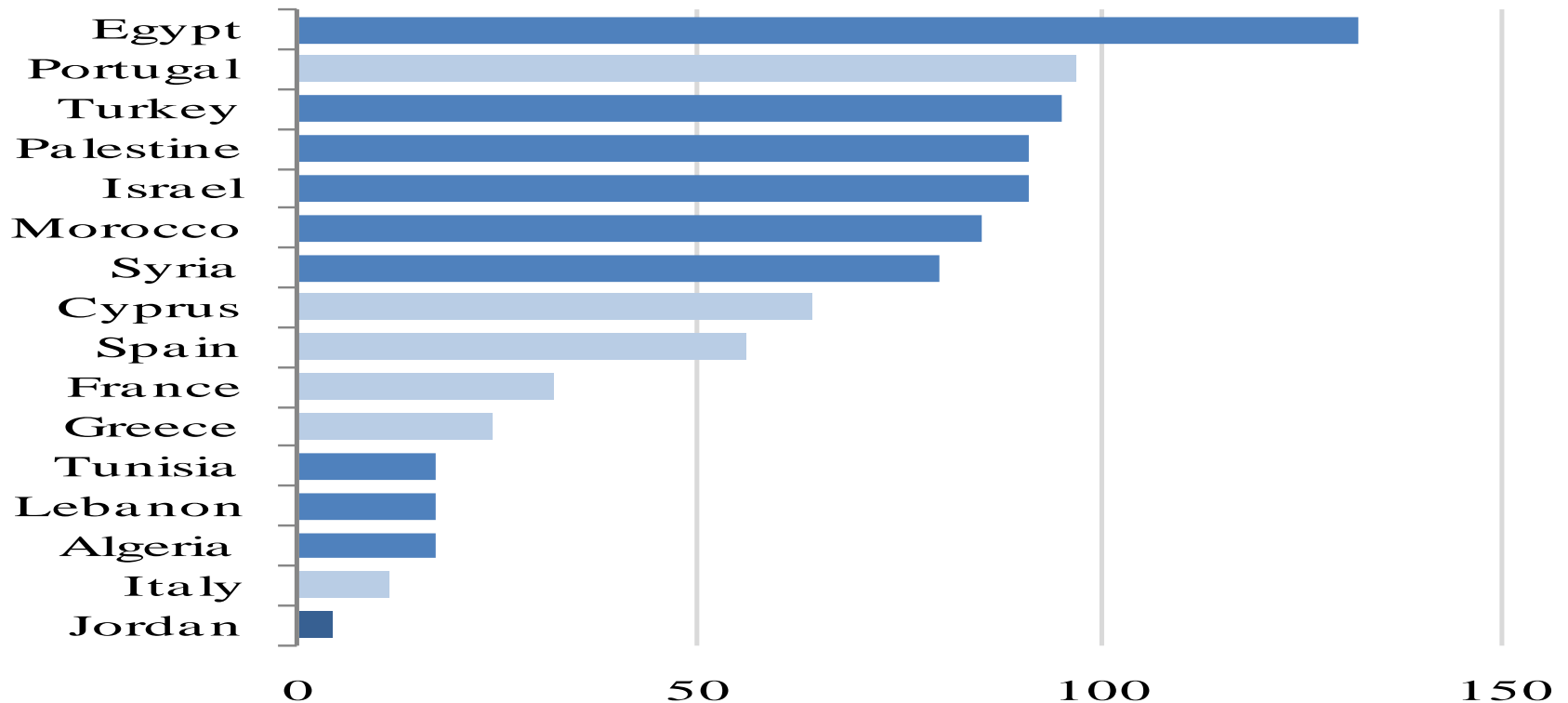
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*Control for corruption, 2009*



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Redundancy costs, weeks of salary, 2010



Source: World Bank, Doing Business Indicators, 2010

# Policy Actions

- Expand youth training programmes with specific targets
- Improve services provided by technology clusters
- Promote Schumpeterian entrepreneurship and financing networks
- Reduce informality
- Tackle gender discrimination
- Reform of public sector
- Increase public accountability
- Establish a platform for entrepreneurship to share best practices