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Summary: More than 90% of this year's recruitment to the Chinese military could be drawn from fresh graduates and high school students, in a bid to meet the People's Liberation Army's modernisation targets and ease the country's record youth unemployment. Analysts said that a drive to encourage educated young people to join the PLA was likely to have a twin purpose, with Beijing determined to achieve a world-class military by 2050 and more than 11 million graduates expected to swell the job market this year. The army is still finding it difficult to attract the country's most outstanding young people, according to Zhou Chenming, a researcher with the Beijing-based Yuan Wang military science and technology think tank "Compared with top public universities like Peking and Tsinghua, military academies are less attractive to outstanding high school students in first-tier cities like Beijing and Shanghai." Related: China Youth Jobless Rate Hits Record 20.8% in Challenge for Policymakers and Why Has Youth Unemployment Risen So Much in China?

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