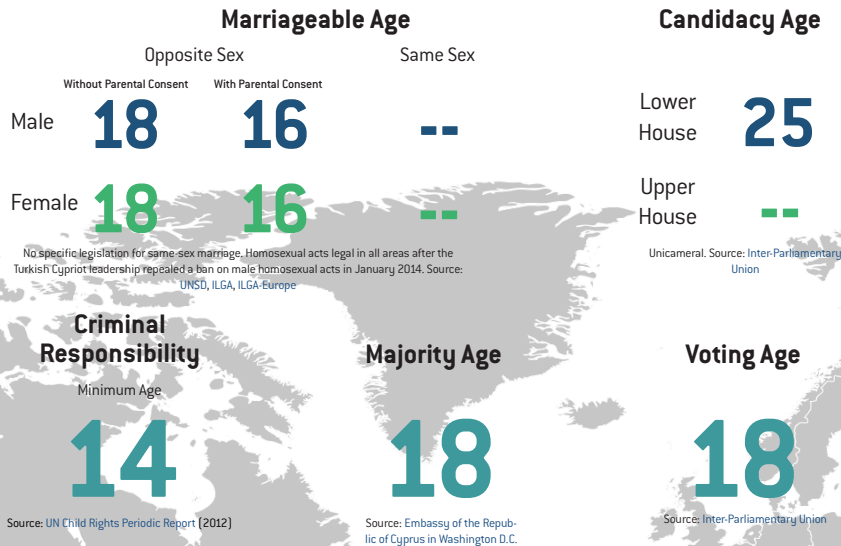


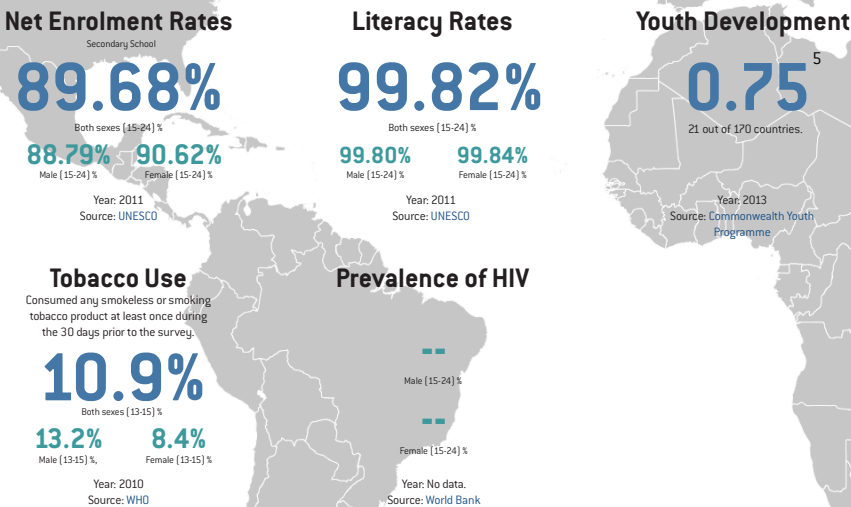
# Cyprus

According to a 2007 Council of Europe report on youth policy in Cyprus, there is no fixed definition of youth in Cyprus. However, a 2010 European Youth Partnership report mentions that for statistical purposes, youth is defined as aged 10-29.

## DEFINITION OF YOUTH



## SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE



## YOUTH POLICY & LEGISLATION

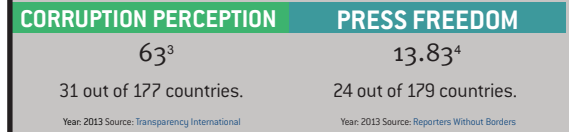
Cyprus lacks a unifying or over-arching youth policy, which the 2007 Council of Europe report describes as “guiding and governing themes within which the range of operational activity can be located”.

Instead, as listed in the 2012 youth policy briefing, Cyprus has a variety of laws that are concerned with youth issues such as No. 33(I) of 1994: Youth Board Law and No. 48(I) of 2001: Protection of Young Persons at Work.

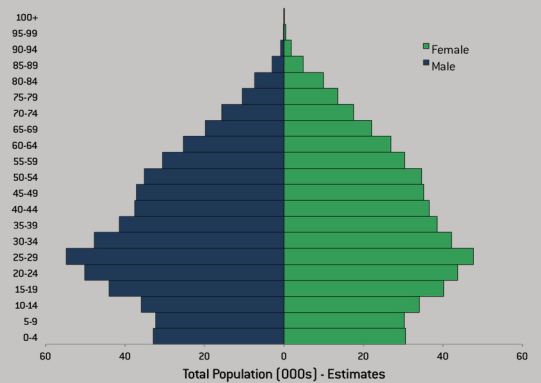
According to a 2012 European Commission report, there is also an inter-ministerial Consulting Committee on Youth consisting of representatives from 10 ministries and agencies. Ministries include the Ministry of Labour and Social Insurance, the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Justice and Public Order.

## YOUTH POLICY FACT SHEET

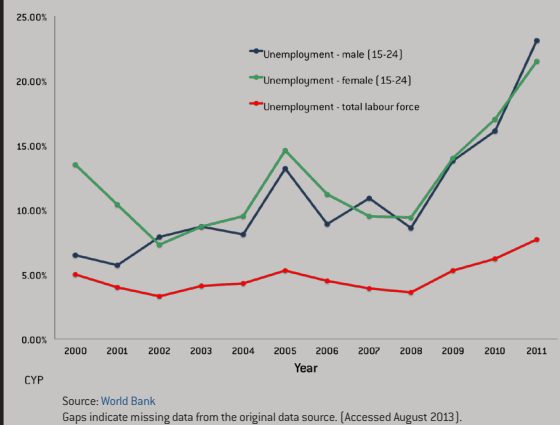
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## Population by Age and Sex 2010



## Youth Unemployment (share of labour force aged 15-24 available and seeking employment)



## Is there a national youth policy?

# No

There is no national youth policy yet. Briefings from 2012 and 2010. A policy review was done in 2007.

### YOUTH & PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

The **Youth Board of Cyprus** is comprised of seven members, each representing the youth organisations of each political party in the House of Representatives. The **Council of Ministers** appoints three members. Its aims include the promotion of “progress and prosperity” for young people, enhancing participation and “providing effective solutions to current youth problems”. The **Ministry of Education and Culture** is the liaison between the Board and the Council of Ministers. The Board is a “Semi-Governmental Organisation”, however its budget is provided fully by the state.

Is there a governmental authority (ministry, department or office) that is primarily responsible for youth?

**Yes**

### YOUTH & REPRESENTATION

The **Cyprus Youth Council** (previously the Cyprus Youth Council for International Co-operation) is a union of Non-Governmental Youth Organisations (NGYOs) in Cyprus. Founded in 1996, it currently has 51 members and is a full member of the **European Youth Forum**. Its aim is to promote dialogue and cooperation between youth.

The **2007 Council of Europe report** states that there is a lack of clarity about the Council’s role vis-à-vis the **Youth Board of Cyprus** and other youth organisations. It recommends “further discussion and urgent clarification” on its identity and status.

Does the country have a national youth organisation/association (council, platform, body)?

**Yes**

### YOUTH BUDGET & SPENDING

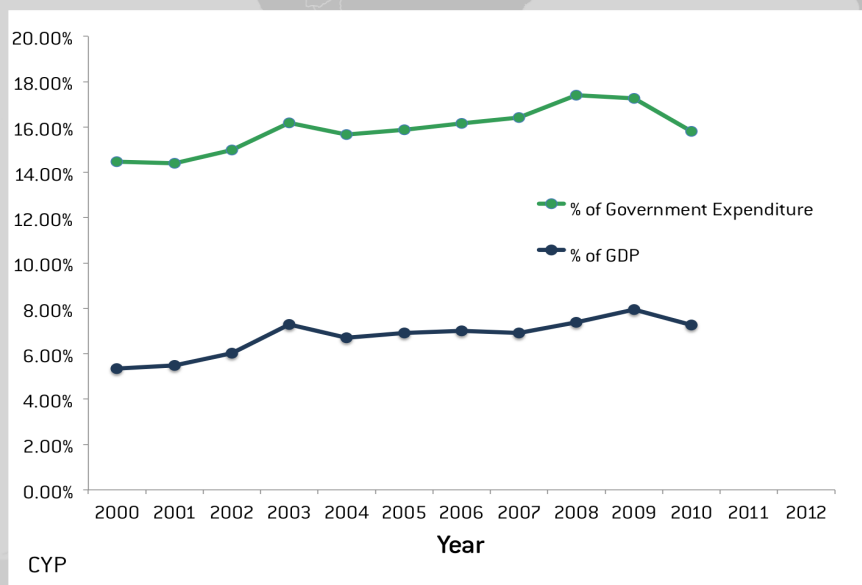
According to the **Youth Board of Cyprus website**, the budget for 2012 was EUR 6.6 million (USD 9.1 million). The website does not provide budgetary information after 2012.

According to the **World Bank**, Cyprus spent 15.80% of its government expenditure and 7.27% of its GDP on education provision in 2010.

What is the budget allocated to the governmental authority (ministry, department or office) that is primarily responsible for youth?

**EUR 6.6 million**  
**USD 9.1 million**

#### Total Expenditure on Education as a Percentage of Government Spending and GDP



Source: **World Bank**  
Gaps indicate missing data from the original data source. (Accessed August 2013).

#### Publications & Reviews

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#### Footnotes

- 1) A Human Development Index (HDI) value of zero means low human development, and a value of 1 means very high human development. HDI is a composite index measuring three dimensions: a long and healthy life, knowledge and a decent standard of living. (UNDP)
- 2) An Income Gini coefficient of zero means absolute equality, and a coefficient of 100 means absolute inequality. Note: figures multiplied by 100 for OECD data. (World Bank/OECD)
- 3) A Corruption Perception Index (CPI) value of zero means that a country is perceived as highly corrupt, and a value of 100 means it is perceived as very clean. (Transparency International)
- 4) A Press Freedom Index (PFI) value of zero means the highest degree of freedom that journalists, news organisations and netizens enjoy, and a value of 100 means the lowest. (Reporters Without Borders)
- 5) A Youth Development Index (YDI) value of zero means little or absolutely no youth development, and a value of 1 means the highest possible level of youth development attainable. YDI is a composite index measuring five domains: education, health, employment, political, and civic participation. (Commonwealth Youth Programme)



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