

Factsheet: Burkina Faso

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DEFINITION OF YOUTH

The [national youth policy](#) of 2008 defines youth as those between 15 and 35, and recognizes their different needs. The definition corresponds with those of the [African Union](#) and [Economic Community of West African States \(ECOWAS\)](#).

CANDIDACY AGE

Lower House **21**
Source: [Inter-Parliamentary Union](#)

Upper House **--**
Source: [Inter-Parliamentary Union](#)
Unicameral.

MARRIAGEABLE AGE

	Opposite Sex		Same Sex
	WITHOUT PARENTAL CONSENT	WITH PARENTAL CONSENT	
Male	20	18	--
Female	17	15	--

No specific legislation for same-sex marriage. Homosexual acts legal. Source: [Family Code of Burkina-Faso \(1989\)](#), [ILGA](#)

VOTING AGE

18
Source: [Inter-Parliamentary Union](#)

MAJORITY AGE

18
Source: [Family Code of Burkina-Faso \(1989\)](#)

CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY

13
Minimum Age
Source: [Penal Code of Burkina Faso \(1996\)](#)

SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INDEX

0.43
134 out of 170 countries.
Year: 2013
Source: [Commonwealth Youth Programme](#)

LITERACY RATES

45.43%
Both sexes (15-24) %
47.56% **43.24%**
Male (15-24) % Female (15-24) %
Year: 2015
Source: [UNESCO](#)

NET ENROLMENT RATE

Secondary School
19.74%
Both sexes %
21.53% **17.88%**
Male % Female %
Year: 2012
Source: [UNESCO](#)

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PREVALENCE OF HIV

0.4%
Male (15-24) %
0.5%
Female (15-24) %
Year: 2013
Source: [World Bank](#)

TOBACCO USE

Consumed any smokeless or smoking tobacco product at least once 30 days prior to the survey.
16.80%
Both sexes (13-15) %
22.60% **11.50%**
Male (13-15) % Female (13-15) %
Year: 2010
Source: [WHO](#)

POLICY & LEGISLATION

The [national youth policy](#) (2008) has the general objective to contribute to "the well-being of young people by making them actors and beneficiaries of national development." Additionally, it seeks to build a sense of "citizenship and patriotism" among young people and to strengthen youth participation. The policy builds on the recognition of the rights of young people and sees them as active partners in the elaboration, implementation and evaluation of youth programs. The policy moreover mandates that young people must be involved in the policy through their associative movements and civil society, and the concerns of young people should be taken into account in budgets and programs of local communities. Burkina Faso has also ratified the [African Youth Charter](#).

Is there a national youth policy?

YES

The [national youth policy](#) of Burkina Faso was adopted in 2008. A French summary is available online.

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

GDP PER CAPITA

USD 683.95
Year: 2013
Source: [World Bank](#)

HDI

0.343
Year: 2013
Source: [UNDP](#)
181 out of 187 countries.

GINI

39.78
Year: 2009
Source: [World Bank](#)

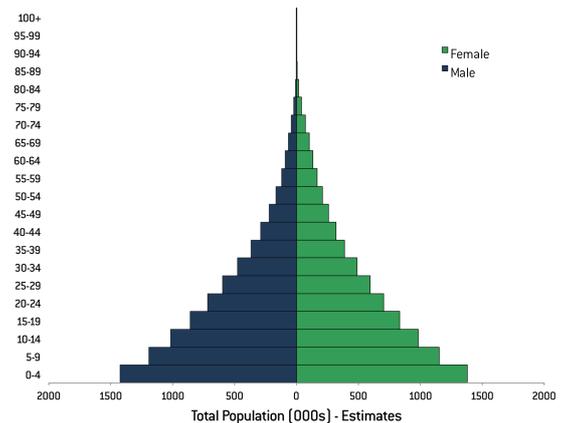
CORRUPTION PERCEPTION

38
85 out of 177 countries.
Year: 2014
Source: [Transparency International](#)

PRESS FREEDOM

24.45
52 out of 180 countries.
Year: 2013
Source: [Reporters Without Borders](#)

POPULATION BY AGE AND SEX 2010



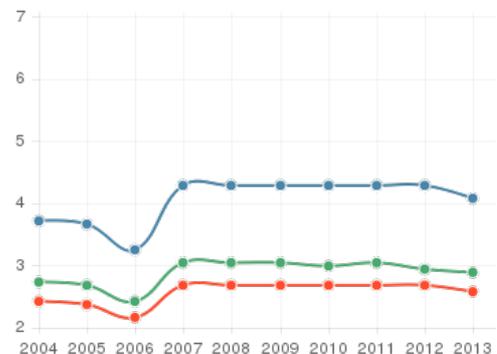
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Source: [United Nations - Department of Economic and Social Affairs - Population Division](#)

2012 Revision - Estimates. (Accessed August 2013).

YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT

Share of labour force aged 15-24 available and seeking employment



male - (15-24)

female - (15-24)

total labour force

Source: [World Bank](#)

Gaps indicate missing data from the original data source. (Accessed August 2013).

BUDGET & SPENDING

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

The [Ministry of Youth, Professional Education and Employment](#) is in charge of implementing the [national youth policy](#). Thus, the ministry is responsible for the education, entertainment and the promotion of youth outside of school; regulation and monitoring of movements and youth organizations; integration of youth in national development processes; issues of training and employment of young people; as well as for the creation of forums of dialogue with young people.

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

YES

youth programming?

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YOUTH AND REPRESENTATION

As reported on [lefaso.net](#) in 2005, the National Youth Council (CNJ), a consultative body of and for young people, was founded in 2004. It is a non-political platform for youth organisations and movements. The CNJ convenes regular meetings and consultations of youth, to support young people to participate in and "contribute to national development", states the [national youth policy](#) (2008). According to the policy the CNJ acts as an interface between young people and the ministry responsible for youth. Moreover, it ensures the consideration of the concerns of young people.

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

YES

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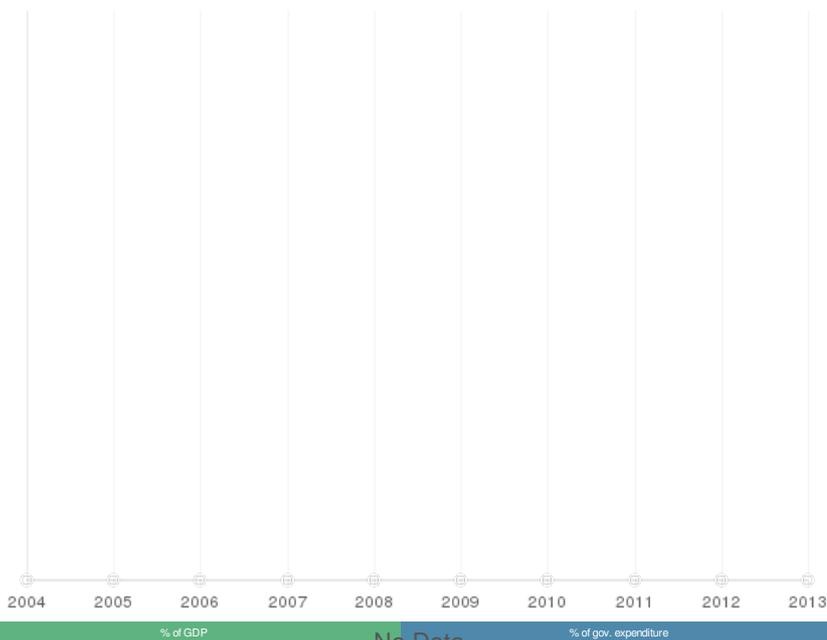
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No Data

% of GDP

% of gov. expenditure

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