

Factsheet: Ivory Coast

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DEFINITION OF YOUTH

While Côte d'Ivoire does not provide a definition of youth, the [Youth Card](#) is available to all citizens ages 16-35.

CANDIDACY AGE

Lower House **23**
Source: [Inter-Parliamentary Union](#)

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

MARRIAGEABLE AGE

	Without Parental Consent	Opposite Sex With Parental Consent	Same Sex With Parental Consent
Male	20	--	--
Female	18	--	--

No data for marriage with parental consent. No specific legislation for same-sex marriage. Source: [UNSD, ILGA](#)

VOTING AGE

21

Source: [Inter-Parliamentary Union](#)

MAJORITY AGE

21

Source: [Civil Code](#) (n.d)

CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY

10

Minimum Age
Source: [Penal Code of Côte D'Ivoire](#) (1981)

SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INDEX

0.23

168 out of 170 countries.

Year: 2013

Source: [Commonwealth Youth Programme](#)

LITERACY RATES

50.23%

Both sexes (15-24) %

59.61% **40.68%**

Male (15-24) % Female (15-24) %

Year: 2015

Source: [UNESCO](#)

NET ENROLMENT RATE

Secondary School

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Both sexes %

Year: No data.

Source: [UNESCO](#)

GDP PER CAPITA

USD 1528.94

Year: 2013

Source: [World Bank](#)

HDI

0.432

Year: 2013

Source: [UNDP](#)
171 out of 187 countries.

GINI

43.19

Year: 2008

Source: [World Bank](#)

CORRUPTION PERCEPTION

32

115 out of 177 countries.
Year: 2014

Source: [Transparency International](#)

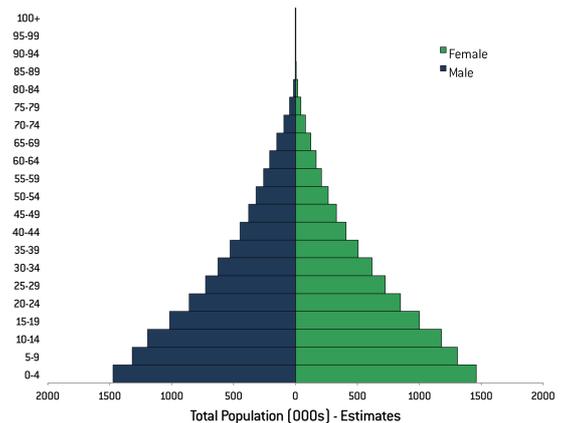
PRESS FREEDOM

31.63

101 out of 180 countries.
Year: 2013

Source: [Reporters Without Borders](#)

POPULATION BY AGE AND SEX 2010



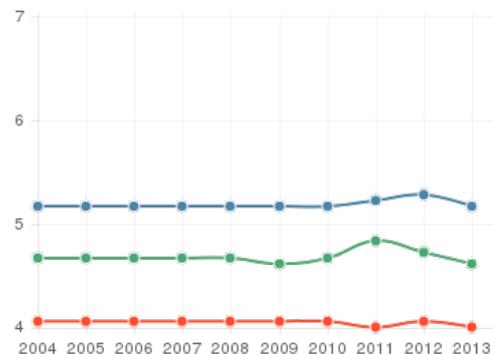
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Source: [United Nations - Department of Economic and Social Affairs - Population Division](#)

2012 Revision - Estimates. (Accessed August 2013).

YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT

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



SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

PREVALENCE OF HIV

0.7%

Male (15-24) %

1.0%

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.

19.10%

Both sexes (13-15) %

26.30%

Male (13-15) %

10.90%

Female (13-15) %

Year: 2010

Source: [WHO](#)

POLICY & LEGISLATION

According to a [statement](#) by the President, drafting of a national youth policy is under way. However no information is currently available. The [Civic Action Service for Employment and Development](#) (SCAED) aims to:

- Provide a civic, academic and professional education
- Facilitate the placement of the beneficiaries in traineeships within enterprises;
- Facilitate young people's integration within the country's economic fabric.

The [National Youth Fund](#) (FNJ) provides financial support and guidance to young people who want to engage in community oriented entrepreneurial activities. The [Youth Card](#) (Carte Jeune), launched in 2012 and available to all aged 16-35, gives access to the Ministry's projects and programmes, such as job offers, vocational training and various discounts.

Is there a national youth policy?

DRAFT

Côte d'Ivoire is *drafting* a national youth policy. A draft is not yet available online.

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

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PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

The [Ministry for the Promotion of Youth, Sports and Leisure](#) is in charge of youth policy. In a [2011 speech](#), the Minister presented plans for a national youth policy and a policy on national civic service. The former is described as having a wider scope, which ranges from education, financial support, protection of young people's well being. The National Civic Service Policy aims to shape young people into citizens, to educate to the respect of state institutions and community values. Unfortunately, digital copies of the policies are not currently available.

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

YES

YOUTH AND REPRESENTATION

The [National Youth Council of Côte d'Ivoire](#) (CNJCI) includes education-based youth associations, different youth federations and youth NGOs represented by elected delegates. The CNJCI "aims to encourage youth civic participation, to represent the country's culturally, politically and social diverse youth and share opinions and advice on matters regarding young people". Possession of the [Youth Card](#) is necessary to elect CNJCI representatives, and having an independent income is a requisite for candidacy.

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

YES

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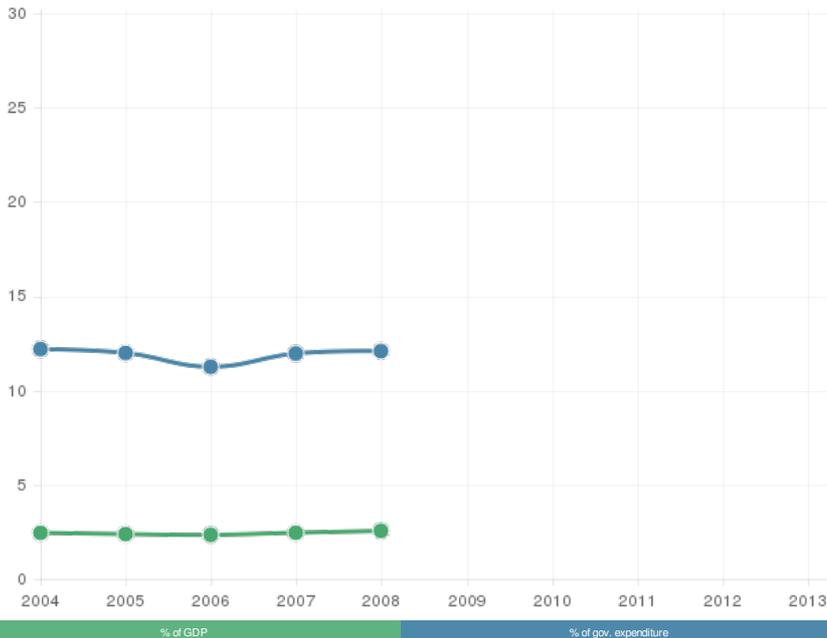
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% of GDP

% of gov. expenditure

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