

Factsheet: Israel

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DEFINITION OF YOUTH

A [EUROMED study](#) (2009) states that while there is no official definition of youth in Israel, when the term is employed it often refers to those aged 13 to 18 years. 18 years is the age of conscription into the military for both females and males.

CANDIDACY AGE

Lower House **21**
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	18	18	++
Female	18	18	++

Minimum marriageable age increased from 17 to 18 in November 2013. Family courts able to recognise marriage for 16 and above in special cases. Civil unions/partnerships legal. Source: [The Times of Israel](#) (4 November 2013), [UNSD](#), [ILGA](#).

VOTING AGE

18

Source: [Inter-Parliamentary Union](#)

MAJORITY AGE

18

Source: [Israel Capacity and Guardianship Law 5722 \(1962\)](#)

CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY

12

Minimum Age
The 2008 Youth Law Amendment sets out the rights of minors in criminal proceedings. Source: [Penal Law of Israel \(1977\)](#)
[No Legal Frontiers \(2011\)](#)

SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INDEX

0.75

18 out of 170 countries.

Year: 2013

Source: [Commonwealth Youth Programme](#)

LITERACY RATES

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Both sexes (15-24) %

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

Year: No data.

Source: [UNESCO](#)

NET ENROLMENT RATE

Secondary School

98.07%

Both sexes %

96.61% **99.61%**
Male % Female %

Year: 2011

Source: [UNESCO](#)

GDP PER CAPITA

USD 36051.15

Year: 2013

Source: [World Bank](#)

HDI

0.9

Year: 2013

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

GINI

42.78

Year: 2010

Source: [World Bank](#)

CORRUPTION PERCEPTION

60

37 out of 177 countries.
Year: 2014

Source: [Transparency International](#)

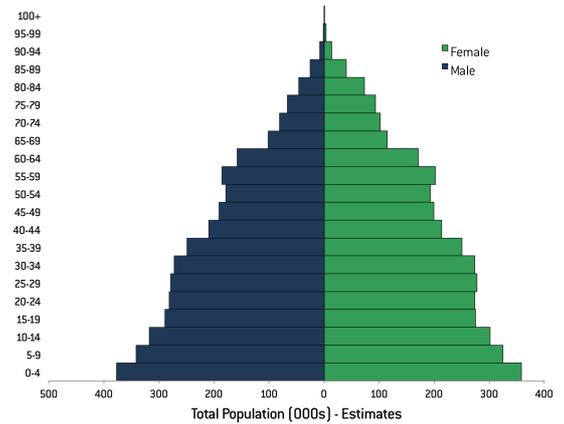
PRESS FREEDOM

31.19

96 out of 180 countries.
Year: 2013

Source: [Reporters Without Borders](#)

POPULATION BY AGE AND SEX 2010



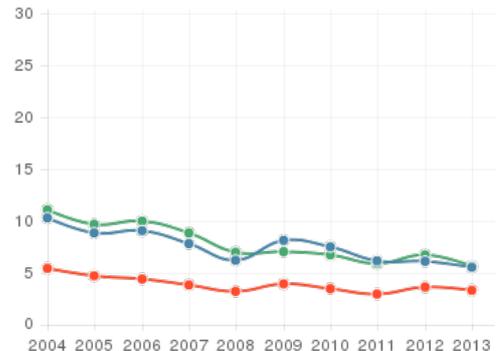
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Source: [United Nations - Department of Economic and Social Affairs - Population Division](#)

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

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Male (15-24) %

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Female (15-24) %

Year: No data.

Source: [World Bank](#)

TOBACCO USE

Consumed any smokeless or smoking tobacco product at least once 30 days prior to the survey.

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Male (13-15) % Female (13-15) %

Year: No data.

Source: [WHO](#)

POLICY & LEGISLATION

A [planning document](#) (2008) by the [Ministry of Education](#) (MoE) and a [EUROMED study](#) (2009) state that Israel has no national youth policy but plans to create one, and that efforts to establish a youth law - guaranteeing a dedicated budget for youth issues - have been inconclusive. The MoE [planning document](#) (2008) states that previous work on youth policy has focused on specific issues, such as preventing the use of drugs and alcohol by the [Anti Drug Authority](#), preventing dropouts by the Ministry of Education, and preparing youth for military service by the [Ministry of Defense](#). The MoE states that a national youth policy should cover all areas of life, determine the development, planning, budgeting and operation procedures of youth services, and detail the responsibilities of different ministries.

Is there a national youth policy?

NO

Israel has no national youth policy, but [plans to create one](#). A [2009 briefing](#) is available.

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

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

A report (2008) by the Ministry of Education's (MoE) Social and Youth Administration unit states that Israel does not have a national level organisation with overall responsibility for establishing a complete and integrated view of youth policy or for coordinating the work different services working with young people. The same report states, however that at least 11 different ministries are involved in developing youth related programs and services. A [study on youth policy in Israel](#) (2009) reports that the MoE has a "Youth and Non-Formal Education Department".

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

YES

YOUTH AND REPRESENTATION

Israel's [National Student and Youth Council](#) is an elected body representing 700,000 young people. The council was established in 1993 and operates under the [Ministry of Education](#). The Council is an umbrella organisation for all Israeli regional youth councils and student councils. According to their official [Facebook](#) page, the council participates in decision-making in a range of ministries and bodies dealing with youth matters, including the [Knesset](#) (the legislative branch of the Israeli government), the [Ministry of Education](#), and the [Israeli Police](#).

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

YES

BUDGET & SPENDING

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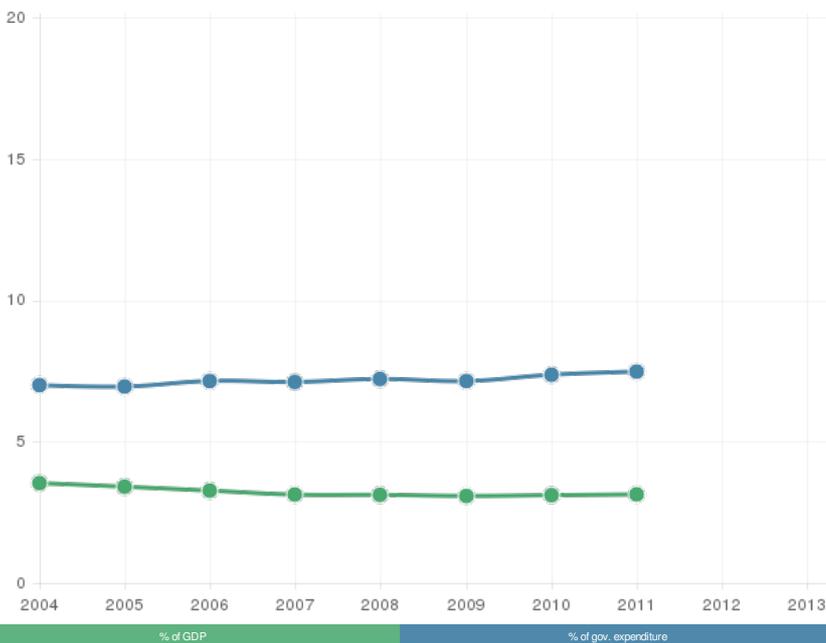
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% of GDP

% of gov. expenditure

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