DEFINITION OF YOUTH
The national youth strategy 2005-2009 of Jordan defines youth as between 12-30 years.

CANDIDACY AGE

| Lower House | 30 |
| Upper House | 40 |

Source: Inter-Parliamentary Union

MARRIAGEABLE AGE

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YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INDEX

0.62
90 out of 175 countries.

Source: Commonwealth Youth Programme

LITERACY RATES

99.25%
Both sexes (15-24) %

99.12%
99.38%
Male (15-24) %
Female (15-24) %

Source: UNESCO

NET ENROLMENT RATE

Secondary School
87.91%
Both sexes %

86.49%
89.37%
Male %
Female %

Source: UNESCO

PREVALENCE OF HIV

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Male (15-24) %

Female (15-24) %

Source: World Bank

TOBACCO USE

26.10%
Both sexes (13-15) %

34.10%
Male (13-15) %

19.40%
Female (13-15) %

Year: 2010
Source: WHO

POLICY & LEGISLATION

The vision of the national youth strategy 2005-2009 is of Jordanian young people who are:

Aware of themselves and their abilities, loyal to their country and proactively take part in its progress and development, able to deal with the variables and developments of this age in a confident, aware and steadfast manner, within a secure and supporting environment.

The priorities identified are: 1) Participation; 2) Civil rights and citizenship; 3) Recreational activity and leisure time; 4) Culture and information; 5) Information technology and globalisation; 6) Education and training; 7) Employment; 8) Health; 9) Environment. The youth strategy expired in 2009 and it is unclear whether this has been renewed or replaced.

Is there a national youth policy?

UNCLEAR

Jordan has a 2005 national youth strategy. It is about to be renewed. A short study is from 2009 available.

Source: World Bank

Gaps indicate missing data from the original data source. (Accessed May 2014).

BUDGET & SPENDING

What is the budget allocated to the governmental authority (ministry, department or office) that is primarily responsible for youth and/or...
The Higher Council for Youth (HCY), which has the status of a ministry, is responsible for youth affairs and the national youth strategy. According to the youth study (2009), the HCY replaced the previous Ministry of Youth in 2001 and is also responsible for regulating and managing youth clubs, organisations, youth centres, and programmes for “talented and disadvantaged youth.” The youth study notes that implementing the youth strategy across governmental departments has been challenging with no “long-term, comprehensive, joint action plan.”

The Jordan Youth Innovation Forum (JYIF) is the main national youth organisation and aims to “increase the youth active participation in the development process.” It focuses on national and international volunteering, leadership, cultural interaction, participation, and youth work. According to the youth study (2009), no youth federations exist, but the JYIF exists as a large network of NGOs with 40 organisational members, 300 individual members and over 84,000 followers on their official Facebook Page.

According to the 2012 budget, the planned budget for the Higher Council for Youth is JOD 8.5 million (USD 12.0 million). The World Bank does not calculate spending on education as a percentage of government expenditure or GDP for Jordan since 2000.