

Factsheet: Kosovo

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DEFINITION OF YOUTH

The [Law on Empowerment and Participation of Youth \(2009\)](#) defines youth in Kosovo as 15-24 years.

CANDIDACY AGE

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

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

MARRIAGEABLE AGE

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

A court may grant an application to marriage for minors aged 16-18. No data for marriage with parental consent. No specific legislation for same-sex marriage. Source: [Family Law \(2004\)](#), [UNSD](#), [ILGA](#)

VOTING AGE

18

Source: [Inter-Parliamentary Union](#)

MAJORITY AGE

18

Source: [Family Law \(2004\)](#)

CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY

14

Minimum Age
Source: [Juvenile Justice Code of Kosovo \(2012\)](#)

GDP PER CAPITA

USD 3877.17

Year: 2013

Source: [World Bank](#)

HDI

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Year: No data.

Source: [UNDP](#)

GINI

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Year: No data.

Source: [World Bank](#)

CORRUPTION PERCEPTION

33

110 out of 177 countries.

Year: 2014

Source: [Transparency International](#)

PRESS FREEDOM

29.29

80 out of 180 countries.

Year: 2013

Source: [Reporters Without Borders](#)

POPULATION BY AGE AND SEX 2010

100+
95-99
90-94
85-89
80-84
75-79
70-74
65-69
60-64
55-59
50-54
45-49
40-44
35-39
30-34
25-29
20-24
15-19
10-14
5-9
0-4

No Data

Total Population (000s) - Estimates

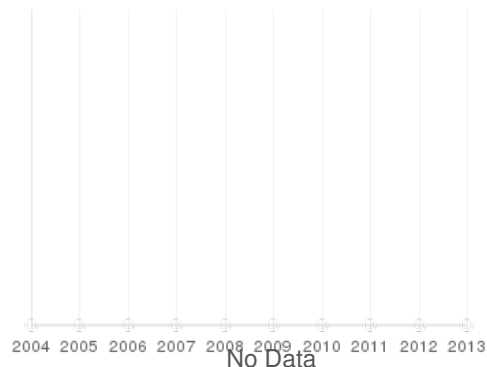
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Source: [United Nations - Department of Economic and Social Affairs - Population Division](#)

2012 Revision - Estimates. Including Kosovo. (Accessed August 2013).

YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT

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



SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INDEX

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Year: No data.

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: #N/A

Source: [UNESCO](#)

NET ENROLMENT RATE

Secondary School

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Both sexes %

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Male % Female %

Year: No data.

Source: [UNESCO](#)

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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Both sexes (13-15) %

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Male (13-15) %

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Female (13-15) %

Year: No data.

Source: [WHO](#)

POLICY & LEGISLATION

The [Law on Empowerment and Participation of Youth \(2009\)](#) outlines rights, responsibilities and obligations of governmental authorities and youth organisations. The [Youth Strategy 2013-2017 and Action Plan 2013-2015](#) has a vision for young people

[...] to become active, healthy, educated citizens, who enjoy a good and qualitative life and prepare to face all challenges of life as responsible members of local, regional, European and world community.

The strategy focuses on youth participation, non-formal education, employment & entrepreneurship, education, health, security, sports, culture, recreation, and social integration.

Is there a national youth policy?

YES

Kosovo has a [youth law](#) and [youth strategy with action plan](#).
A 2011 [review](#) exists.

male - (15-24)

female - (15-24)

total labour force

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

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

The [Youth Department](#) within the [Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sport](#) has responsibility for youth affairs and policy in Kosovo. The department is mandated to implement the Youth Strategy & Action Plan, conduct analysis of the youth sector, develop programs for identified groups of youth, coordinate with departments, municipalities & organisations to develop and implement policies, support the formation of clubs & associations for youth, encourage financial and other support for the youth sector, and provide information for youth about services and programs.

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

YES

YOUTH AND REPRESENTATION

The [Central Youth Action Council of Kosovo](#) (CYAC) exists to

[...] advance the rights of young people and to ensure that strong collective voice of young people heard to policy and decision makers at all levels.

Activities of the CYAC include research, representation to government, participation in youth policy design & implementation, awareness campaigns, and youth exchanges. In 2013 CYAC received support from the [Organisation for Security and Co-Operation in Europe](#) (OSCE) to aid their participation in policy- and decision-making locally and nationally.

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

YES

BUDGET & SPENDING

The Government of Kosovo allocated EUR 1.3 million (USD 1.8 million) for youth in 2013 in the [Central Budget](#) (2013). This is further broken down into allocations of EUR 333,963 (USD 457,720) for Youth Prevention and Integration, EUR 758,290 (USD 1.0 million) for Development and Support of Youth, and EUR 200,336 (USD 274,574) for Development of Integration Policies. The [World Bank](#) has not calculated spending on education as a percentage of government expenditure or GDP for Kosovo from 2000.

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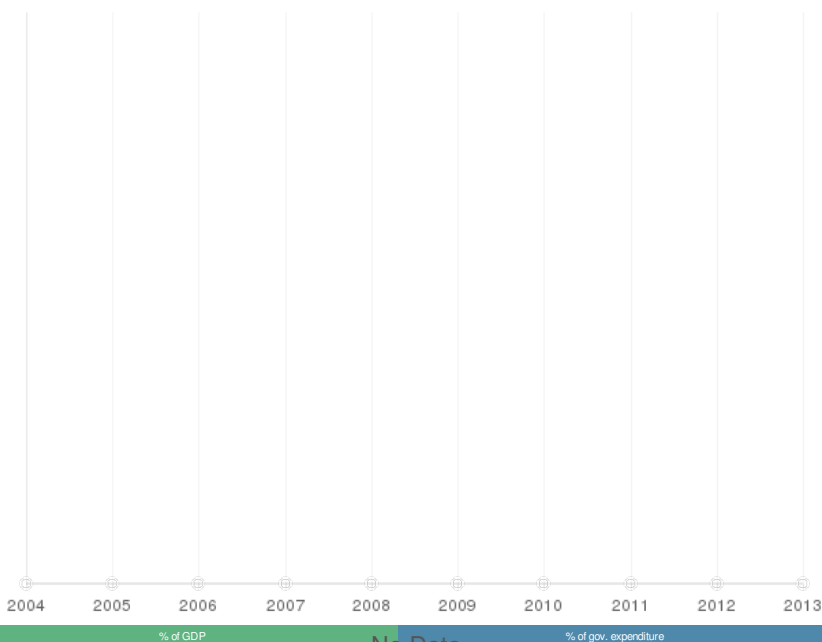
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No Data

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% of GDP % of gov. expenditure

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