

Factsheet: Mexico

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DEFINITION OF YOUTH

According to the National Youth Programme 2014-2018, youth are those between 12 and 29 years as defined in the Law of the Mexican Institute of Youth (2006).

CANDIDACY AGE

Lower House **21**
Source: Inter-Parliamentary Union

Upper House **25**
Source: Inter-Parliamentary Union

MARRIAGEABLE AGE

	Without Parental Consent	Opposite Sex With Parental Consent	Same Sex
Male		18	16 ++
Female		18	14 ++

Each federal state has its own civil code for marriage and exceptions exist. Civil unions are legal nationally, and same-sex marriage is legal in Mexico City and Quintana Roo. Source: UNSD, ILGA

VOTING AGE

18
Source: Inter-Parliamentary Union

MAJORITY AGE

18
Source: Federal Civil Code (1928)

CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY

11
Minimum Age
Minimum age of criminal responsibility varies across states, however the Young Offenders Federal Act covers youth beginning at age 11. Source: Young Offenders Federal Act of Mexico (1991)

SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INDEX

0.74
30 out of 170 countries.
Year: 2013
Source: Commonwealth Youth Programme

LITERACY RATES

99.04%
Both sexes (15-24) %
98.87% Male (15-24) %
99.21% Female (15-24) %
Year: 2015
Source: UNESCO

NET ENROLMENT RATE

Secondary School
67.88%
Both sexes %
66.42% Male %
69.38% Female %
Year: 2012
Source: UNESCO

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PREVALENCE OF HIV

0.1%
Male (15-24) %

0.1%
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.

28.60%
Both sexes (13-15) %

27.80%
Male (13-15) %

28.50%
Female (13-15) %
Year: 2010
Source: WHO

POLICY & LEGISLATION

Mexico's National Youth Programme 2014-2018 was released in April 2014 after a comprehensive consultation through public forums, an online survey, mobile consultation units, a video submission contest, roundtable discussions with stakeholders and online discussion boards. The programme identifies four main objectives:

- Prosperity (education, employment & housing)
- Welfare (physical, emotional and social development)
- Participation
- Inclusion

Each objective has a series of strategies and action items. The programme includes several success indicators, containing both a baseline measurement from 2013 and a goal for 2018. Indicators include Mexico's score in the Youth Development

Is there a national youth policy?

YES

Mexico has a youth programme for 2014-2018, after a nationwide consultation to renew the 2008-2012 programme.

GDP PER CAPITA

USD 10307.28
Year: 2013
Source: World Bank

HDI

0.775
Year: 2013
Source: UNDP
71 out of 187 countries.

GINI

48.07
Year: 2012
Source: World Bank

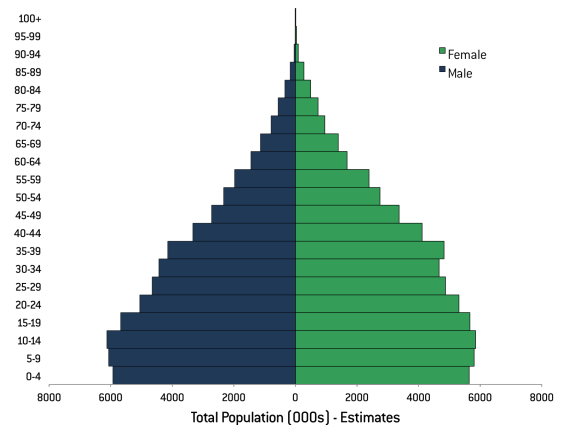
CORRUPTION PERCEPTION

35
103 out of 177 countries.
Year: 2014
Source: Transparency International

PRESS FREEDOM

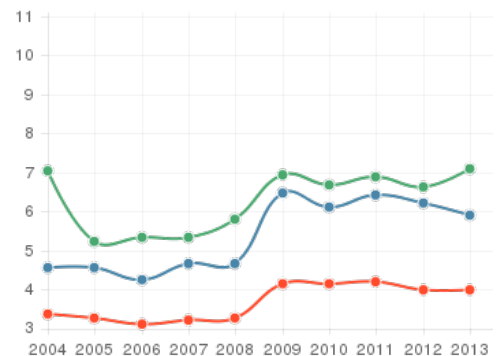
45.04
152 out of 180 countries.
Year: 2013
Source: Reporters Without Borders

POPULATION BY AGE AND SEX 2010



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

Index (a measure developed by [The Commonwealth](#)) and percentage of the youth population who have been a victim in a crime.

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

The [Mexican Institute of Youth](#) (IMJUVE) is the main federal governmental agency responsible for young people. Established by the [Law of the Mexican Institute of Youth](#) (2006), its main responsibilities include defining and implementing youth policy, proposing special programmes to the Federal Executive concerning indigenous youth, and promoting coordination among different departments and agencies in the area of youth. The law also mandates a Monitoring Board for Projects and Programmes, composed of ten Mexican youth, who will monitor projects and make recommendations.

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

YES

YOUTH AND REPRESENTATION

Mexico has no national and/or regional youth councils and no apparent permanent structures for youth involvement in decision-making. However, youth participation was emphasised in the consultation processes in the development of the [National Youth Programme 2014-2018](#). [National consultations](#) took place for the first time in the development of a youth policy. The [Law of the Mexican Institute of Youth](#) (2006) also mandates a Monitoring Board for Projects and Programmes, comprised of ten young people selected by IMJUVE involved in monitoring and providing feedback.

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

NO

BUDGET & SPENDING

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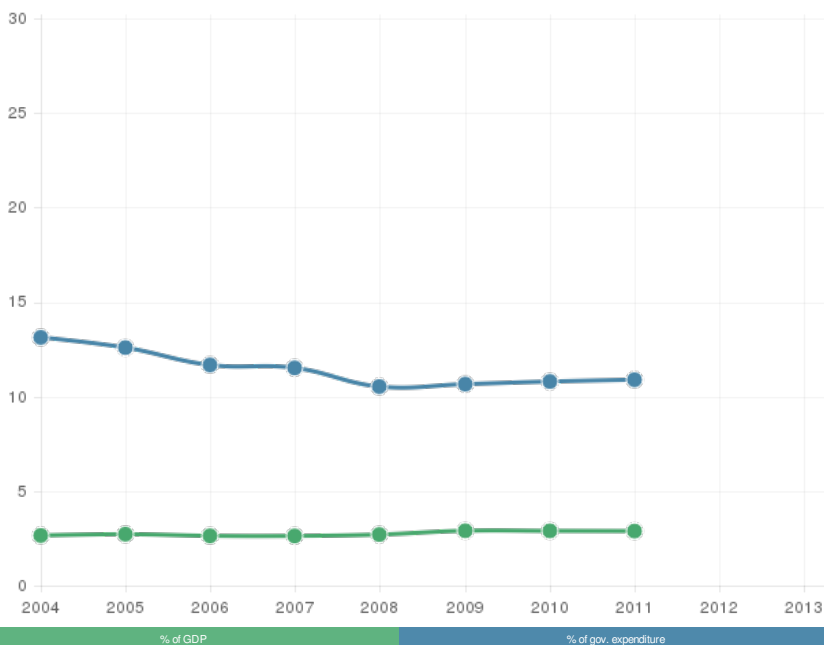
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% of GDP

% of gov. expenditure

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