

Factsheet: Mozambique

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DEFINITION OF YOUTH

The present [youth policy](#) (1996) defines youth as citizens between 15-35 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	16	XX
Female	18	16	XX

Homosexual acts illegal. Source: [UNSD](#), [ILGA](#)

VOTING AGE

18

Source: [Inter-Parliamentary Union](#)

MAJORITY AGE

18

Source: [Constitution of the Republic of Mozambique](#) (2004)

CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY

16

Minimum Age
Source: [Penal Code of Mozambique](#) (2011)

GDP PER CAPITA

USD 605.03

Year: 2013

Source: [World Bank](#)

HDI

0.327

Year: 2013

Source: [UNDP](#)

178 out of 187 countries.

GINI

45.66

Year: 2009

Source: [World Bank](#)

CORRUPTION PERCEPTION

31

119 out of 177 countries.

Year: 2014

Source: [Transparency International](#)

PRESS FREEDOM

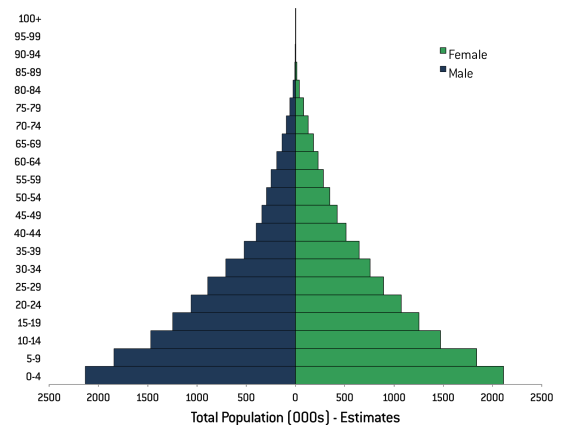
29.26

79 out of 180 countries.

Year: 2013

Source: [Reporters Without Borders](#)

POPULATION BY AGE AND SEX 2010



SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INDEX

0.29

159 out of 170 countries.

Year: 2013

Source: [Commonwealth Youth Programme](#)

LITERACY RATES

76.67%

Both sexes (15-24) %

83.67% **69.73%**

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

Year: 2015

Source: [UNESCO](#)

NET ENROLMENT RATE

Secondary School

17.73%

Both sexes %

18.15% **17.32%**

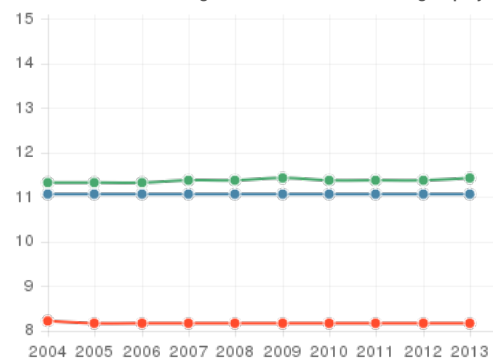
Male % Female %

Year: 2012

Source: [UNESCO](#)

YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT

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



SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

PREVALENCE OF HIV

2.7%

Male (15-24) %

6.1%

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.

10.00%

Both sexes (13-15) %

12.70%

Male (13-15) %

7.40%

Female (13-15) %

Year: 2010

Source: [WHO](#)

POLICY & LEGISLATION

According to a [press release](#) published on the government's website, in October 2013 parliament approved a new youth policy. However, a digital version is not yet available. The [2012 draft](#) outlines the policy's key activities (Original in Portuguese. Translation by Google translate) :

- Focus on technical and vocational education;
- Fostering labour / employment and entrepreneurship ;
- Promotion of housing for young people;
- Sport, arts and culture including the development of cultural & sporting infrastructure;
- Awareness about sexual and reproductive health and combating HIV / AIDS;
- Strengthening moral and civic education.

Mozambique has a [National AIDS Strategic Plan](#), a [National Education Strategic Plan](#) and Operational Plan for AIDS which all include sections dedicated to youth (more information below).

Is there a national youth policy?

YES

Mozambique [adopted](#) a new youth policy in 2013 (not yet online), replacing the [1996 version](#).

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 of Youth and Sport](#) is responsible for all matters related to youth. The government also established the inter-sectoral [Committee for Support to the Development of Young and Adolescent People \(CIADAJ\)](#), which includes representatives from all the key ministries, national NGOs and religious organisations associated with adolescent and youth development. The [National Youth Institute \(INJ\)](#) provides the ministry with research to monitor and inform the government's efforts in youth policy.

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

YES

YOUTH AND REPRESENTATION

The [National Youth Council \(CNJ\)](#) serves as a national forum for Provincial Youth Councils (CPJ), which unite numerous youth associations. Registered members of local youth organisations elect the officials of the Executive Committees of the CPJ to represent them at the CNJ. The elected president of the national council sits in the government's National Assembly. Mozambique is also party to the [African Youth Charter](#).

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

YES

BUDGET & SPENDING

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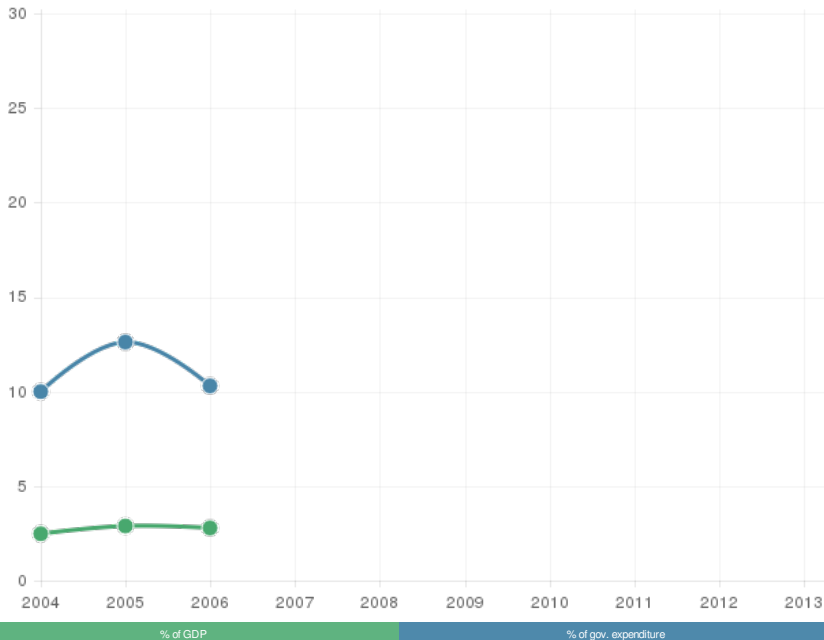
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% of GDP

% of gov. expenditure

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