Factsheet: New Zealand

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DEFINITION OF YOUTH

New Zealand's national youth development strategy defines young people as between the ages of 12-24 years.

CANDIDACY AGE

| Lower House | 18 |
| Upper House | -- |

Source: Inter-Parliamentary Union

MARRIAGEABLE AGE

| Male | 18 | 16 | 18 |
| Female | 18 | 16 | 18 |

Source: Inter-Parliamentary Union

VOTING AGE

| Male | 18 |
| Female | 18 |

Source: Inter-Parliamentary Union

MAJORITY AGE

| Male | 20 |
| Female | 20 |

Source: Age of Majority Act (1970)

CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY

| Male | 10 |
| Female | 10 |


SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INDEX

0.8

6 out of 170 countries.

Year: 2013

Source: Commonwealth Youth Programme

LITERACY RATES

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Secondary School

96.96%

Both sexes (15-24) %

96.84% | 97.09%

Male % | Female %

Year: 2012

Source: UNESCO

NET ENROLMENT RATE

Secondary School

96.96%

Both sexes %

96.84% | 97.09%

Male % | Female %

Year: 2012

Source: UNESCO

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

20.10%

Both sexes (13-15) %

18.70% | 21.50%

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

Year: 2010

Source: WHO

POLICY & LEGISLATION

The national youth development strategy vision is for a "country where young people are vibrant and optimistic through being supported and encouraged to take up challenges." The policy focuses on four goals:

1. Ensuring a consistent strengths-based youth development approach.
2. Developing skilled people to work with young people.
3. Creating opportunities for young people to actively participate and engage.
4. Building knowledge on youth development through information and research.

The strategy takes a "positive youth development" approach with regard to international obligations and indigenous communities in particular. It is closely linked to the Agenda for Children and various health, crime and protection plans.

GDP PER CAPITA

USD 41555.83

Year: 2013

Source: World Bank

HDI

0.919

Year: 2013

Source: UNDP

GINI

7 out of 187 countries.

Year: No data.

Source: World Bank

CORRUPTION PERCEPTION

91

2 out of 177 countries.

Year: 2014

Source: Transparency International

PRESS FREEDOM

8.55

9 out of 180 countries.

Year: 2013

Source: Reporters Without Borders

BUDGET & SPENDING

What is the budget allocated to the governmental authority (ministry, department or office) that is primarily responsible for youth and/or...
What is the budget allocated to the governmental authority (ministry, department or office) that is primarily responsible for youth programming?

NZD 9 MILLION
USD 7.4 MILLION

The Ministry of Youth Development is an amalgamation of the former Ministry of Youth Affairs and the Ministry of Social Development’s previous responsibility for youth policy. The Ministry supports young people in “using their knowledge, skills and experience to participate confidently in their communities.” It has three key functions: (1) Encouraging and supporting a youth development approach; (2) Supporting and facilitating youth involvement and input into decision-making processes; and (3) Funding of youth development services.

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

YES

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

NO

The 2013/14 budget estimates provide NZD 5.2 million (USD 4.3 million) for the provision of implementation of the Youth Development Strategy Aotearoa, NZD 889,000 (USD 727,534) for the Youth Development Partnership Fund and NZD 2.9 million (USD 2.7 million) for leadership and service delivery to promote the interests of, and improve outcomes for, young people. According to the World Bank, New Zealand spent 16.08% of its government expenditure on education provision in 2008, and 7.26% of its GDP in 2011.

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Source: World Bank
Gaps indicate missing data from the original data source. (Accessed August 2013).