**Factsheet: Paraguay**

**Does Paraguay have a national youth policy?**

**YES**

The national youth plan of Paraguay was adopted in 2011 and covers the period 2011–2013.

**DEFINITION OF YOUTH**

The national youth plan (2011) of Paraguay defines youth as between 15-29 years.

**CANDIDACY AGE**

| Lower House | 25 |
| Upper House | 40 |

Source: Inter-Parliamentary Union

**MARRIAGEABLE AGE**

| Male | 20 | 16 | -- |
| Female | 20 | 16 | -- |

Source: Inter-Parliamentary Union

No specific legislation for same-sex marriage. Source: UNSD, ILGA

**VOTING AGE**

18

Source: Inter-Parliamentary Union

**MAJORITY AGE**

18


**CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY**

14

Source: Penal Code of Paraguay (1997)

**YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INDEX**

0.67

71 out of 170 countries.

Source: Commonwealth Youth Programme

**LITERACY RATES**

99.03%

Both sexes (15-24) %

98.60% Males (15-24) %

99.48% Females (15-24) %

Source: UNESCO

**NET ENROLMENT RATE**

62.56%

Both sexes %

60.33% Males %

64.87% females %

Year: 2015

Source: UNESCO

**PREVALENCE OF HIV**

0.3%

Male (15-24) %

0.2%

Female (15-24) %

Year: 2013

Source: World Bank

**TOBACCO USE**

16.70%

Both sexes (13-15) %

20.80% Males (13-15) %

12.90% Females (13-15) %

Year: 2010

Source: WHO

**GDP PER CAPITA**

USD 4264.65

Year: 2013

Source: World Bank

**HDI**

0.669

Year: 2013

Source: UNDP

**GINI**

48.01

Year: 2012

Source: World Bank

**CORRUPTION PERCEPTION**

24

150 out of 177 countries.

Year: 2014

Source: Transparency International

**PRESS FREEDOM**

31.81

105 out of 180 countries.

Year: 2013

Source: Reporters Without Borders

**POPULATION BY AGE AND SEX 2010**

Source: United Nations - Department of Economic and Social Affairs - Population Division


**YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT**

18.30%

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

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 National Secretariat for Youth (SNJ) is responsible for youth, and according to the official Facebook Page, is the "leading institution" for youth policy in Paraguay. Created by Presidential Decree No. 262, the SNJ is an agency under the Presidency with the mission to, "[o]rganize, harmonize and coordinate the actions of the State to meet the needs and expectations of young people." The national youth plan was originally developed by the Office of the Vice Minister for Youth and the Ministry for Education and Culture but the SNJ is now responsible for implementation.

YOUTH AND REPRESENTATION

The national youth plan notes that no national youth organisation or association currently exists, with no structure acting as an "interlocutor" between youth and government agencies. The establishment of a national youth council is described as a priority of the 2011-2013 plan, in order "to strengthen and formalize the contribution of organized youth" across changes in government and policies. However, it is unclear what progress has been made in implementing the youth plan, as no information could be found regarding the establishment of a national youth council for Paraguay.

BUDGET & SPENDING

No documentation on the budget for youth in Paraguay could be found online. According to the World Bank, Paraguay spent 4.80% of its GDP on education in 2011, but does not calculate what this translates to in terms of percentage of government expenditure.

TOTAL EXPENDITURE ON EDUCATION AS A PERCENTAGE OF GOVERNMENT SPENDING AND GDP

Source: World Bank
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PUBLICATIONS AND REVIEWS

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