

Factsheet: Spain

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DEFINITION OF YOUTH

An [analysis of youth participation](#) (2011) states that most organisations and experts in Spain define youth as those aged 15 to 29 years. A [country fact sheet](#) (2009) reports that youth associations are legally defined as formal gatherings of 14-29 year olds.

CANDIDACY AGE

Lower House **18**

Source: [Inter-Parliamentary Union](#)

Upper House **18**

Source: [Inter-Parliamentary Union](#)
Partially indirectly elected and appointed.

MARRIAGEABLE AGE

	Without Parental Consent	With Parental Consent	Same Sex
Male	18	16	16
Female	18	16	16

Source: [El Pais](#) (2013), [ILGA](#)

VOTING AGE

18

Source: [Inter-Parliamentary Union](#)

MAJORITY AGE

18

Source: [Spanish Civil Code](#) (2009)

CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY

14

Minimum Age
The Juvenile Penal Law identifies different age brackets: 14 - 16 years old, 17 - 18 years old. Source: [Penal Code](#) (2000)

GDP PER CAPITA

USD 29863.18

Year: 2013

Source: [World Bank](#)

HDI

0.885

Year: 2013

Source: [UNDP](#)

27 out of 187 countries.

GINI

35.75

Year: 2010

Source: [World Bank](#)

CORRUPTION PERCEPTION

60

37 out of 177 countries.

Year: 2014

Source: [Transparency International](#)

PRESS FREEDOM

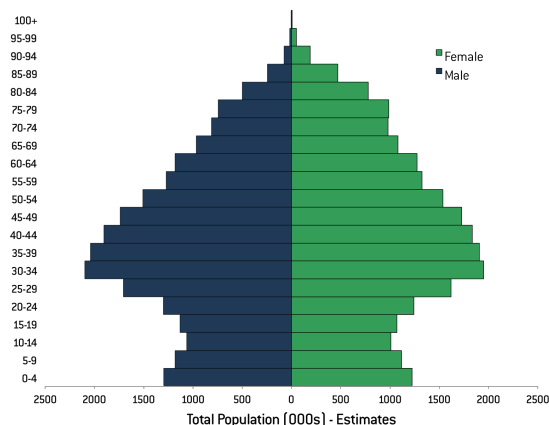
20.63

35 out of 180 countries.

Year: 2013

Source: [Reporters Without Borders](#)

POPULATION BY AGE AND SEX 2010



SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INDEX

0.67

73 out of 170 countries.

Year: 2013

Source: [Commonwealth Youth Programme](#)

LITERACY RATES

99.74%

Both sexes (15-24) %

99.72% **99.77%**

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

Year: 2015

Source: [UNESCO](#)

NET ENROLMENT RATE

Secondary School

95.63%

Both sexes %

94.89% **96.42%**

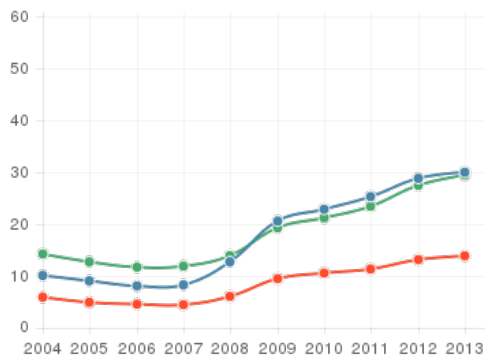
Male % Female %

Year: 2012

Source: [UNESCO](#)

YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT

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



SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

PREVALENCE OF HIV

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.

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Year: No data.

Source: [WHO](#)

POLICY & LEGISLATION

A [National Report on the EU Youth Strategy 2010-2012](#) (2012) states that no national level youth act exists. Under Spain's decentralised structure, responsibility for youth sits with the [Autonomous Communities](#). Between 2008-2011, a [White Paper on Youth Policy in Spain 2020](#) was drafted. This was expected to establish a comprehensive, nationwide strategy on youth. It is unclear whether this has been adopted. The [Strategy for Youth Entrepreneurship and Employment 2013-2016](#) (2013) aims to improve young people's employability, promote youth employment, equal opportunities and entrepreneurship. Article 48 of the [Spanish Constitution](#) (1978) states that "public authorities shall promote conditions for the free and effective participation of young people in political, social, economic and cultural development".

Is there a national youth policy?

UNCLEAR

Spain is discussing a [draft white paper on youth policy](#). A 2012 briefing adds detail and context.

BUDGET & SPENDING

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PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

The [Youth Institute \(INJUVE\)](#) is a public body under the [Ministry of Health, Social Services and Equality](#). INJUVE aims to promote equal opportunities, facilitate youth participation in political, social, economic and cultural development, and to encourage cross-governmental collaboration. INJUVE develops international cooperation through programmes of the [European Union](#), [Council of Europe](#), and [Ibero-American Youth Organisation](#), runs the [Spanish Youth Observatory](#), provides grants and technical support to youth associations, and promotes [Youth Information Services](#).

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

YES

YOUTH AND REPRESENTATION

[Law 18/1983](#) legislated for the establishment of the [Youth Council of Spain \(CJE\)](#). The CJE is a platform organisation with 76 member organisations - including regional youth councils. Its objectives include contributing to the development of youth policy, encouraging youth participation, acting as an intermediary between youth and government, and raising awareness on youth issues. The CJE is a member of the [European Youth Forum](#). In 2013, the Spanish government announced plans to [abolish the CJE](#), resulting in objections from the President of the European Parliament.

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

YES

BUDGET & SPENDING

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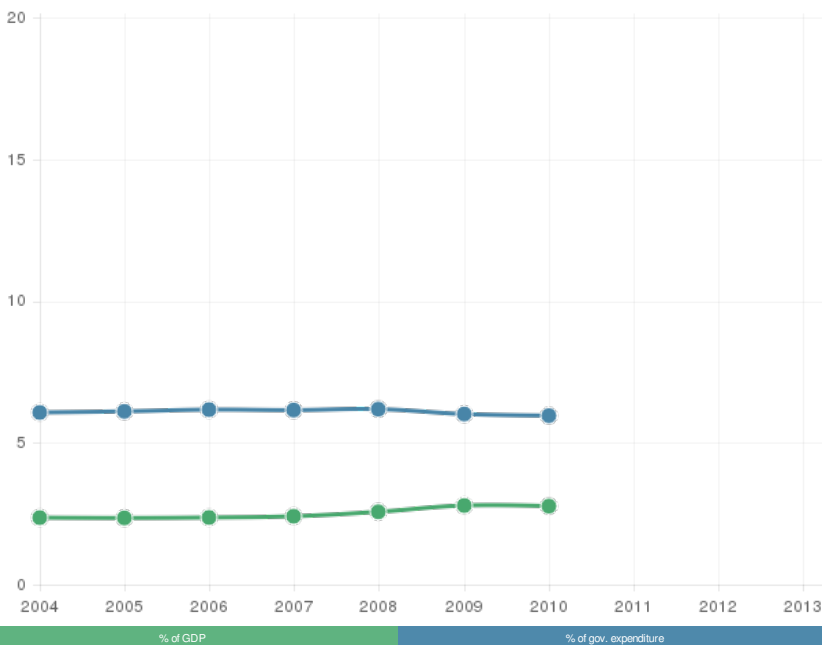
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Source: [World Bank](#)
Gaps indicate missing data from the original data source. (Accessed May 2014).

% of GDP

% of gov. expenditure

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