

Factsheet: Tajikistan

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DEFINITION OF YOUTH

Tajikistan's national youth law, *The Youth and Youth Policy* (2004) defines youth as persons aged 14-30.

CANDIDACY AGE

Lower House **25**

Source: [Inter-Parliamentary Union](#)

Upper House **35**

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

MARRIAGEABLE AGE

	Without Parental Consent	Opposite Sex With Parental Consent	Same Sex
Male	18	17	--
Female	18	17	--

No specific legislation for same-sex marriage. Source: [UNSD, ILGA](#)

VOTING AGE

18

Source: [Inter-Parliamentary Union](#)

MAJORITY AGE

18

Source: [Criminal Code of Tajikistan](#) (1998)

CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY

14

Minimum Age
From 14 years of age a child will be considered liable for serious crimes, for minor crimes liability is set at 16 years of age. Source: [Criminal Code of Tajikistan](#) (1998)

GDP PER CAPITA

USD 1036.58

Year: 2013

Source: [World Bank](#)

HDI

0.622

Year: 2013

Source: [UNDP](#)
133 out of 187 countries.

GINI

30.77

Year: 2009

Source: [World Bank](#)

CORRUPTION PERCEPTION

23

152 out of 177 countries.
Year: 2014

Source: [Transparency International](#)

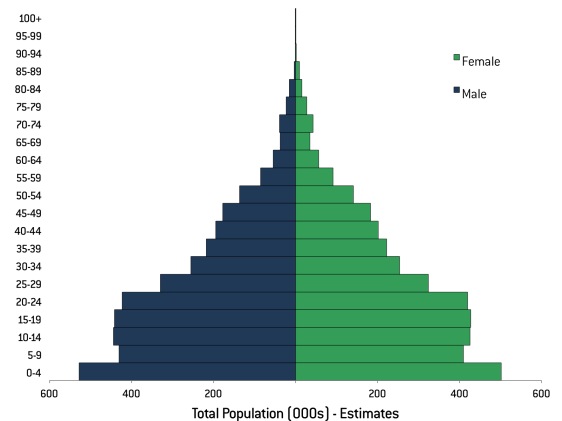
PRESS FREEDOM

34.86

115 out of 180 countries.
Year: 2013

Source: [Reporters Without Borders](#)

POPULATION BY AGE AND SEX 2010



SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INDEX

0.52

114 out of 170 countries.

Year: 2013

Source: [Commonwealth Youth Programme](#)

LITERACY RATES

99.88%

Both sexes (15-24) %

99.86% **99.89%**

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

Year: 2015

Source: [UNESCO](#)

NET ENROLMENT RATE

Secondary School

83.17%

Both sexes %

87.56% **78.61%**

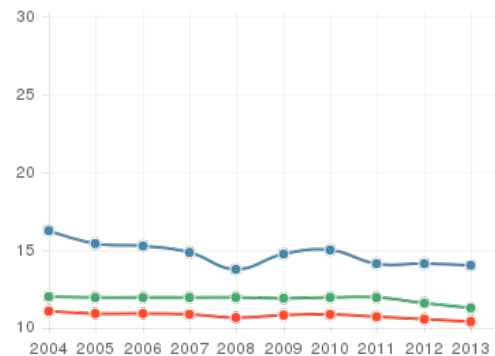
Male % Female %

Year: 2011

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.

5.10%

Both sexes (13-15) %

6.80%

Male (13-15) %

2.80%

Female (13-15) %

Year: 2010

Source: [WHO](#)

POLICY & LEGISLATION

The [national youth law](#) (2004) defines the parameters of a youth policy; its principles & measures; bodies responsible for implementation, and; employment, education & health rights. It also mandates that funding be allocated for the implementation of a youth policy. The main priorities of the [national youth policy](#) (2006) are: ensuring rights and freedoms of youth; guarantees on education, labour and employment; creating conditions for professional, spiritual and physical development; supporting young talent; social protection; prevention of religious extremism, and; the promotion of youth organisations. The [Youth Programme](#) (2012) is a practical guide on the implementation of a social development programme for youth. It is aimed at authorised government bodies responsible for youth.

Is there a national youth policy?

YES

Tajikistan has a [youth law](#), a [youth policy](#) and a [youth programme](#). A 2010 book has details.

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

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

The [national youth policy](#) (2006) assigns the Committee on Youth Affairs to be the government agency responsible for the implementation of the policy, together with other ministries, agency and local authorities. According to a [2010 book on Tajikistan's youth policy](#), the main objectives of the committee are also to provide legal and normative assistance in formation of state policy, developing measures to evaluate the implementation of the youth policy, and the arrange cooperation with international and foreign youth organisations.

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

YES

youth programming?

TJS 2.2 MILLION

USD 460,801

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YOUTH AND REPRESENTATION

While Tajikistan has a national level [youth law](#) (2004) and [policy](#) (2006), there is no national level youth council. Instead, various initiatives exist to create provincial or local level councils with foreign or international assistance. For example, in 2012 the [United Nations Democracy Fund](#) (UNDEF) provided funding to [create a youth council in the Gorno-Badakhshan Autonomous Oblast](#) (GBAO), and the US-based [National Endowment for Democracy](#) has [pledged funding](#) for the establishment of various local youth councils.

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

NO

BUDGET & SPENDING

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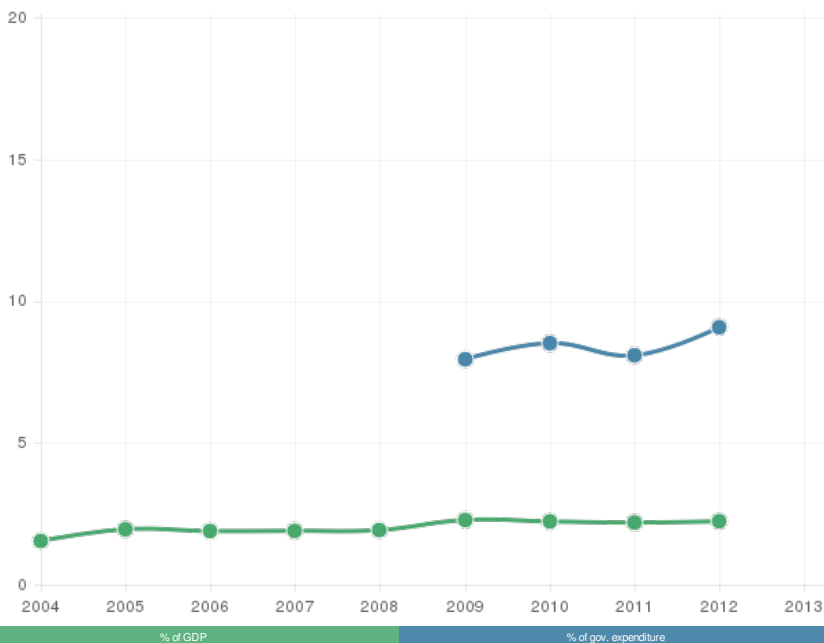
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Source: [World Bank](#)

Gaps indicate missing data from the original data source. (Accessed August 2013).

% of GDP

% of gov. expenditure

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PUBLICATIONS AND REVIEWS

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