

# Factsheet: Vietnam

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## DEFINITION OF YOUTH

According to the Vietnam's Youth Law (which is appended to its [2011 Youth Development Strategy](#)), youth is defined as aged 16-30 years.

### CANDIDACY AGE

**Lower House** **21**  
Source: [Inter-Parliamentary Union](#)

**Upper House** **--**  
Source: [Inter-Parliamentary Union](#)  
Unicameral.

### MARRIAGEABLE AGE

	WITHOUT PARENTAL CONSENT	WITH PARENTAL CONSENT	Same Sex
Male	20	--	--
Female	18	--	--

No data for marriageable age with parental consent. No specific legislation for same-sex marriage. Homosexual acts legal. Source: [UNSD, ILGA](#)

### VOTING AGE

**18**

Source: [Inter-Parliamentary Union](#)

### MAJORITY AGE

**16**

Source: [Law on Child Protection, Care and Education \(2004\)](#), [Vietnam Plus \(31 July 2013\)](#)

### CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY

**14**

Minimum Age  
From 14 - 16 years old, children shall bear penal liability for very serious crimes intentionally committed. Source: [Penal Code of Vietnam \(1999\)](#)

## SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

### YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INDEX

**0.69**

56 out of 170 countries.

Year: 2013

Source: [Commonwealth Youth Programme](#)

### LITERACY RATES

**98.06%**

Both sexes (15-24) %

**98.15%** **97.96%**

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

Year: 2015

Source: [UNESCO](#)

### NET ENROLMENT RATE

Secondary School

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Both sexes %

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Male % Female %

Year: No data.

Source: [UNESCO](#)

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### 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.

**3.80%**

Both sexes (13-15) %

**6.50%**

Male (13-15) %

**1.50%**

Female (13-15) %

Year: 2010

Source: [WHO](#)

## POLICY & LEGISLATION

Vietnam's [youth law \(2005\)](#) provides the legal framework for the rights of young people. It mandates the State to develop policies for youth in areas such as education, employment, health and recreation. The law directly informs the [Vietnamese Youth Development Strategy 2011-2020](#). Its goals include developing a highly patriotic generation, and creating a young workforce that meets the needs of modernisation. Notably, the strategy lists specific, measurable key targets, such as:

- 100% of young men & women in informed services annually;
- 600,000 new jobs created for young people each year, and unemployment rate to be reduced to <7% for urban youth and <6% for rural youth;
- By 2020, 80% of young people complete senior secondary education, and 70% of the young workforce being skilled workers.

Is there a national youth policy?

**YES**

Vietnam has a [youth law](#) from 2005 and a [youth development strategy](#) for 2011-2020.

### GDP PER CAPITA

**USD 1910.51**

Year: 2013

Source: [World Bank](#)

### HDI

**0.617**

Year: 2013

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

### GINI

**35.62**

Year: 2012

Source: [World Bank](#)

### CORRUPTION PERCEPTION

**31**

119 out of 177 countries.  
Year: 2014

Source: [Transparency International](#)

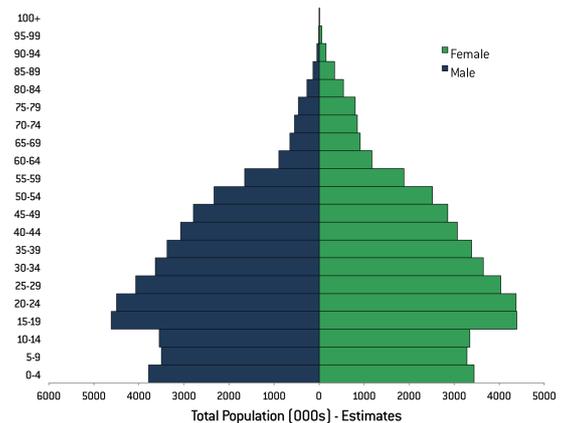
### PRESS FREEDOM

**72.36**

174 out of 180 countries.  
Year: 2013

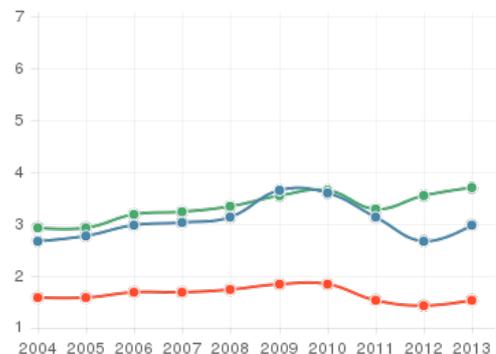
Source: [Reporters Without Borders](#)

## POPULATION BY AGE AND SEX 2010



## YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT

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



male - (15-24)

female - (15-24)

total labour force

Source: [World Bank](#)

Gaps indicate missing data from the original data source. (Accessed May 2014).

## BUDGET & SPENDING

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## PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

The [Ministry of Home Affairs](#) is mandated by the [2011 youth strategy](#) to be the lead agency in the implementation of the strategy. It ensures relevant agencies incorporate the youth strategy's objectives in the design of programmes and plans. It is required to conduct a mid-term review of the strategy's implementation by 2015, and a final review by 2020. The [National Committee on Youth of Vietnam](#) is comprised of representatives from relevant ministries and departments, to advise the prime minister on issues relating to youth, and to coordinate their operations.

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

**YES**

## YOUTH AND REPRESENTATION

The [2005 youth law](#) features two key youth organisations. The [Vietnam Youth Federation \(VYF\)](#) has a broad based membership of youth and youth organisations (note: it is named "Vietnam Youth League" in the youth law). VYF aims to organise its members "to actively participate in national industrialisation and modernisation". The [Ho Chi Minh Communist Youth Union](#) is the youth wing of the Communist Party of Vietnam. The youth law mandates that the union, along with other organisations, make proposals to the government on how best to address the needs of youth.

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

**YES**

## BUDGET & SPENDING

While the [Ministry of Finance budget section](#) provides state budget information on its website, no specific details on youth expenditure could be located. According to the [World Bank](#), Vietnam spent 20.94% of its government expenditure and 6.29% of its GDP on education provision in 2010.

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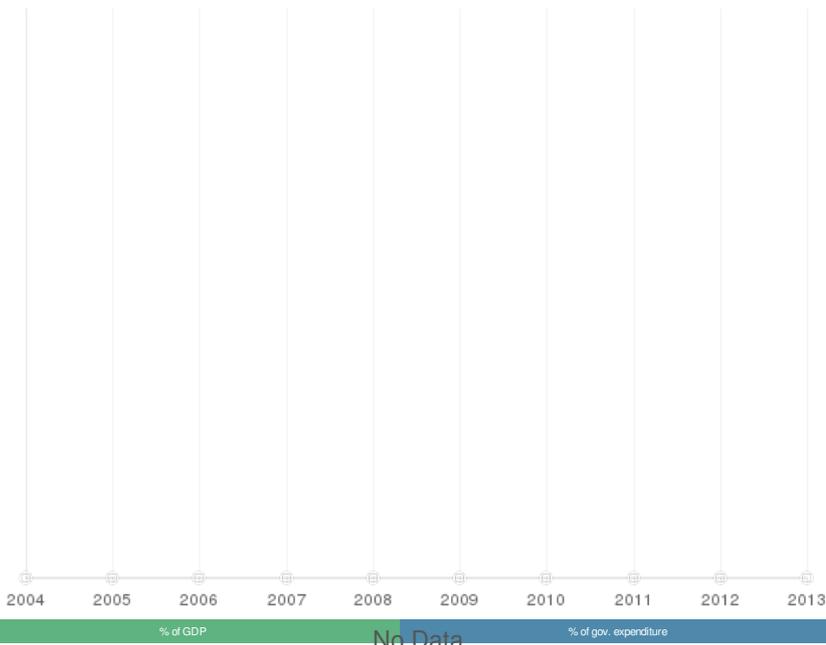
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No Data

% of GDP

% of gov. expenditure

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