

Factsheet: Yemen

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DEFINITION OF YOUTH

Yemen's [National Youth Strategy 2006-2015](#) defines youth and adolescents as between 15-24 years.

CANDIDACY AGE

Lower House **25**

Source: [Inter-Parliamentary Union](#)

Upper House **40**

Source: [Inter-Parliamentary Union](#)
Entirely appointed.

MARRIAGEABLE AGE

	Opposite Sex		Same Sex
	WITHOUT PARENTAL CONSENT	WITH PARENTAL CONSENT	
Male	15	0	XX
Female	15	0	XX

[HRW](#) notes no legal minimum age for marriage under Sharia law, and [UNSD](#) notes that child marriage is permitted where "such marriage will entail some clear benefit." Homosexual acts illegal. Punishment includes the death penalty. Source: [UNSD](#), [ILGA](#), [HRW](#) (2014)

VOTING AGE

18

Source: [Inter-Parliamentary Union](#)

MAJORITY AGE

15

Amendments to existing laws have been drafted to raise majority age to 18. Source: [UN Child Rights Periodic Report \(2004, 2012\)](#)

CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY

7

Minimum Age
Between 7-15 years, other "measures" will be applied in lieu of the normal sentence. Source: [Criminal Code of Yemen](#) (1994)

SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INDEX

0.36

145 out of 170 countries.

Year: 2013

Source: [Commonwealth Youth Programme](#)

LITERACY RATES

90.23%

Both sexes (15-24) %

97.55% **82.66%**

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

Year: 2015

Source: [UNESCO](#)

NET ENROLMENT RATE

Secondary School

42.29%

Both sexes %

50.61% **33.65%**

Male % Female %

Year: 2012

Source: [UNESCO](#)

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.

14.10%

Both sexes (13-15) %

14.50%

Male (13-15) %

10.50%

Female (13-15) %

Year: 2010

Source: [WHO](#)

POLICY & LEGISLATION

The [national youth strategy](#) (2006) has a vision of children and young people that "are protected, valued and respected for their unique contributions and creativity" and,

have equitable access to a full range of social, health, educational, employment and leisure opportunities to reach their potential and develop as healthy, responsible and active citizens within a peaceful and prosperous Yemen.

Is there a national youth policy?

YES

Yemen has a [national youth strategy](#) for 2006-2015. A [2008 youth assessment report](#) exists.

The strategy includes intervention areas for 0-5 years, 6-14 years and 15-24 years. The priorities for youth (15-24 years) are: 1) Creating a national youth employment environment and plan; 2) Strengthening national identity, youth inclusion and

GDP PER CAPITA

USD 1473.1

Year: 2013

Source: [World Bank](#)

HDI

0.458

Year: 2013

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

GINI

35.91

Year: 2005

Source: [World Bank](#)

CORRUPTION PERCEPTION

19

161 out of 177 countries.
Year: 2014

Source: [Transparency International](#)

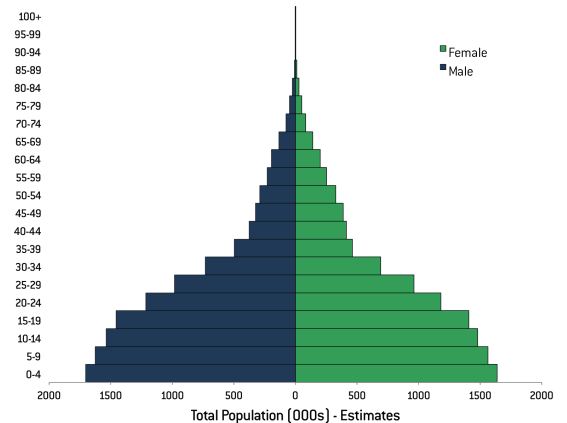
PRESS FREEDOM

67.26

167 out of 180 countries.
Year: 2013

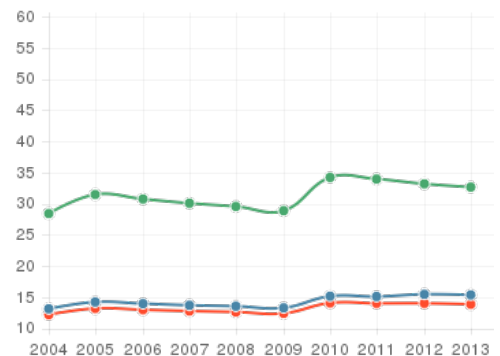
Source: [Reporters Without Borders](#)

POPULATION BY AGE AND SEX 2010



YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT

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



BUDGET & SPENDING

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

participation; 3) Increasing leisure options and creating child/youth friendly urban planning; 4) Preventing early pregnancy and reducing the risks to reproductive health.

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

The [Ministry of Youth and Sports](#) is responsible for youth affairs. The ministry's activities include youth hostels, youth centres, a youth employment project, youth welfare fund, Scouts and Girl Guides association and the Youth Advisory Committee.

Yemen's [National Dialogue Conference](#), which took place in response to [youth protests in 2011](#), concluded with the establishment of a Supreme Council for Youth, which will consider youth in public policies, and "institute clear policies and mechanisms for youth participation and inclusion in public policy making."

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

YES

YOUTH AND REPRESENTATION

No national youth organisation or association is noted in the [national youth strategy](#) (2006). A [press release on January 25 2012](#), notes that the [US-Middle East Partnership Initiative](#) funded the establishment of six local youth councils, which in turn elected coordinators to form a National Youth Council Committee. No further information is available online.

The annual conference of the [Asian Youth Council](#), a regional forum comprised of national youth organisations, took place in Yemen in 2013. It is unclear which organisations represented Yemen at the event.

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

NO

BUDGET & SPENDING

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youth programming?

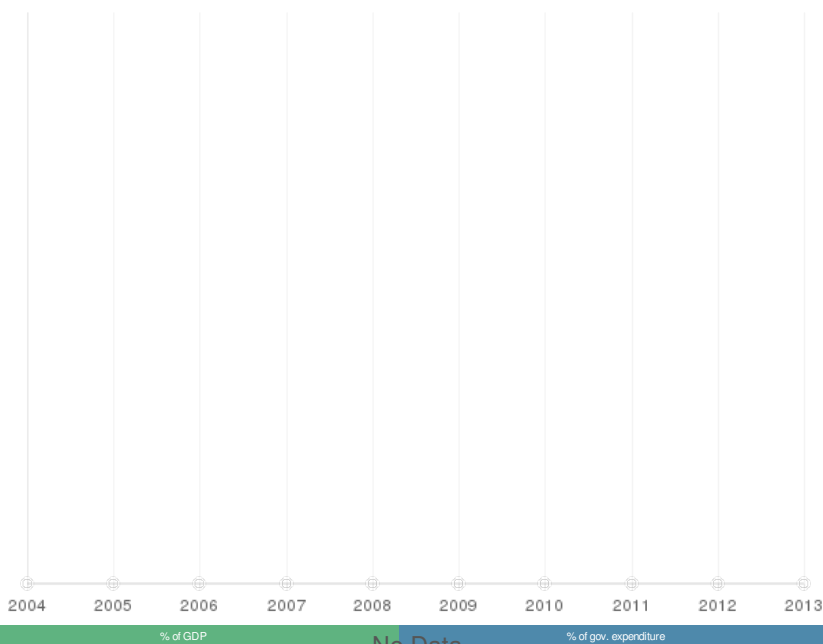
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TOTAL EXPENDITURE ON EDUCATION AS A PERCENTAGE OF GOVERNMENT SPENDING AND GDP

No Data

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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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PUBLICATIONS AND REVIEWS

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