

Afghanistan

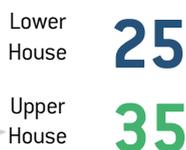
The 2014 Afghanistan National Youth Policy (ANYP) defines youth as those between 18 and 35 years, however also provides guidelines for adolescents between 12 and 18 years.

DEFINITION OF YOUTH

Marriageable Age



Candidacy Age



Criminal Responsibility

Minimum Age

12

Source: Juvenile Law (Juvenile Code) 1384/01/03 A.P.

Majority Age

18

Source: Civil Law of the Republic of Afghanistan (Civil Code) 1355/10/15 A.P.

Voting Age

18

Source: Inter-Parliamentary Union

SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

Net Enrolment Rates

Secondary School

27.02%

Both sexes (15-24) %

39.08% 14.48%

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

Year: 2007

Source: UNESCO

Literacy Rates

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Both sexes (15-24) %

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

Year: No data.

Source: UNESCO

Youth Development

0.27⁵

162 out of 170 countries.

Year: 2013

Source: Commonwealth Youth Programme

Tobacco Use

Consumed any smokeless or smoking tobacco product at least once during the 30 days prior to the survey.

9.8%

Both sexes (13-15) %

13.1% 3.2%

Male (13-15) % Female (13-15) %

Year: 2010

Source: WHO

Prevalence of HIV

0.1%

Male (15-24) %

0.1%

Female (15-24) %

Year: 2012

Source: World Bank

YOUTH POLICY & LEGISLATION

The Afghanistan National Youth Policy (ANYP) (2014) was approved in August 2014, according to a [Facebook post](#) by [Counterpart International](#), which supported a consultation process that included civil society, government and youth.

The policy is based on eight values, including: "Preservation of and respect for national identity"; "Provision for social justice"; "Protection of Afghanistan's religious values and cultural heritage".

Areas of key policy intervention are youth employment, health, education & training, and participation. Cross-cutting issues include gender equity in line with on religious principles, peace and security, sports, and environmental sustainability.

Oversight is provided by a National Youth Policy Implementation Oversight Commission, chaired by the Second Vice President.

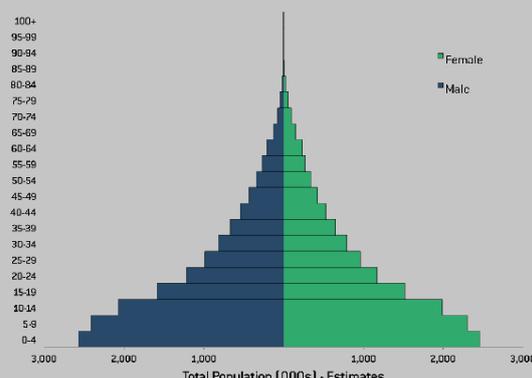
YOUTH POLICY FACT SHEET

HTTP://WWW.YOUTHPOLICY.ORG/FACTSHEETS/COUNTRY/AFGHANISTAN

GDP PER CAPITA	HDI	GINI
USD 687.25	0.374 ¹	27.82 ²
	175 out of 187 countries.	
<small>Year: 2012, Source: World Bank</small>	<small>Year: 2012, Source: UNDP</small>	<small>Year: 2008, Source: World Bank</small>

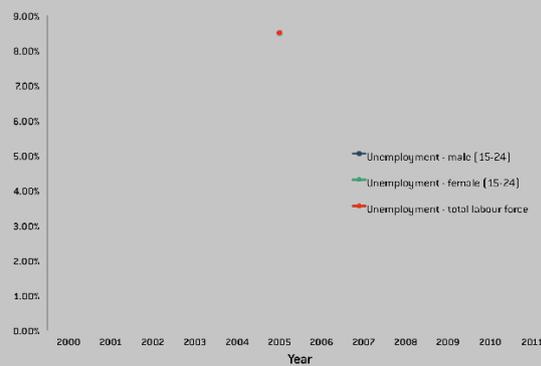
CORRUPTION PERCEPTION	PRESS FREEDOM
8 ³	37.36 ⁴
175 out of 177 countries.	128 out of 179 countries.
<small>Year: 2013, Source: Transparency International</small>	<small>Year: 2013, Source: Reporters Without Borders</small>

Population by Age and Sex 2010



Source: United Nations - Department of Economic and Social Affairs - Population Division 2012 Revision - Estimates. (Accessed August 2013).

Youth Unemployment (share of labour force aged 15-24 available and seeking employment)



Source: World Bank
Gaps indicate missing data from the original data source. (Accessed August 2013).

Is there a national youth policy?

Yes

Afghanistan recently approved its first ever national youth policy in August 2014. A youth strategy is being developed.

YOUTH & PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

The **Office of the Deputy Ministry of Youth Affairs (DMoYA)** is responsible for the overall implementation of the **Afghanistan National Youth Policy (ANYP)** (2014) (once finalised), along with other agencies such as the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Hajj, Ministry of Higher Education, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs, Martyrs and Disabled and the Ministry of Public Health. DMoYA is part of the **Ministry of Information & Culture**, which will report the youth policy's progress to the Council of Ministers, as well as lobby for its political support.

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

Yes

YOUTH & REPRESENTATION

While there are several indications of a national youth council in Afghanistan, there is no formal information available on its role, capacity or structure. The **2014 national youth policy** aims to “promote the structural expansion of youth councils to village and town levels and promote sustainable relations between rural and urban youth” as a key policy intervention, and the **Ministry of Information & Culture's strategy section** describes that a “[n]ation wide youth council has been established and the grounds for the studies [sic] of hundreds of youth have been provided by the deputy ministry”, however there is no information beyond this.

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

Unclear

YOUTH BUDGET & SPENDING

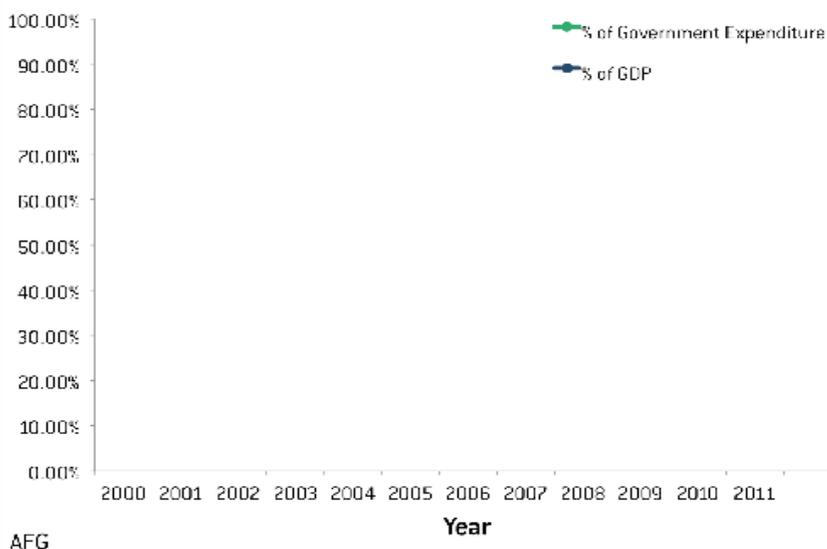
According to the **1392 National Budget (2013-2014)**, the **Ministry of Information & Culture** received an operational budget of AFN 837 million (USD 15.4 million). It is unclear how much of this is allocated specifically to the **Office of the Deputy Ministry of Youth Affairs**.

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

Unclear

The **World Bank** lists no data on public spending on education in Afghanistan since 2000.

Total Expenditure on Education as a Percentage of Government Spending and GDP



Source: **World Bank**
Gaps indicate missing data from the original data source. (Accessed August 2013).

Publications & Reviews

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Footnotes

- 1) A Human Development Index (HDI) value of zero means low human development, and a value of 1 means very high human development. HDI is a composite index measuring three dimensions: a long and healthy life, knowledge and a decent standard of living. (UNDP)
- 2) An Income Gini coefficient of zero means absolute equality, and a coefficient of 100 means absolute inequality. Note: figures multiplied by 100 for OECD data. (World Bank/OECD)
- 3) A Corruption Perception Index (CPI) value of zero means that a country is perceived as highly corrupt, and a value of 100 means it is perceived as very clean. (Transparency International)
- 4) A Press Freedom Index (PFI) value of zero means the highest degree of freedom that journalists, news organisations and netizens enjoy, and a value of 100 means the lowest. (Reporters Without Borders)
- 5) A Youth Development Index (YDI) value of zero means little or absolutely no youth development, and a value of 1 means the highest possible level of youth development attainable. YDI is a composite index measuring five domains: education, health, employment, political, and civic participation. (Commonwealth Youth Programme)



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