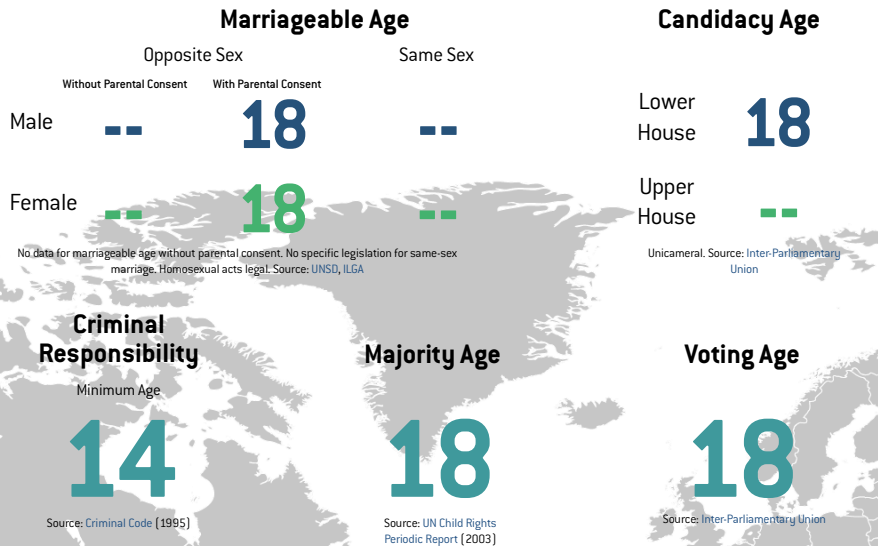


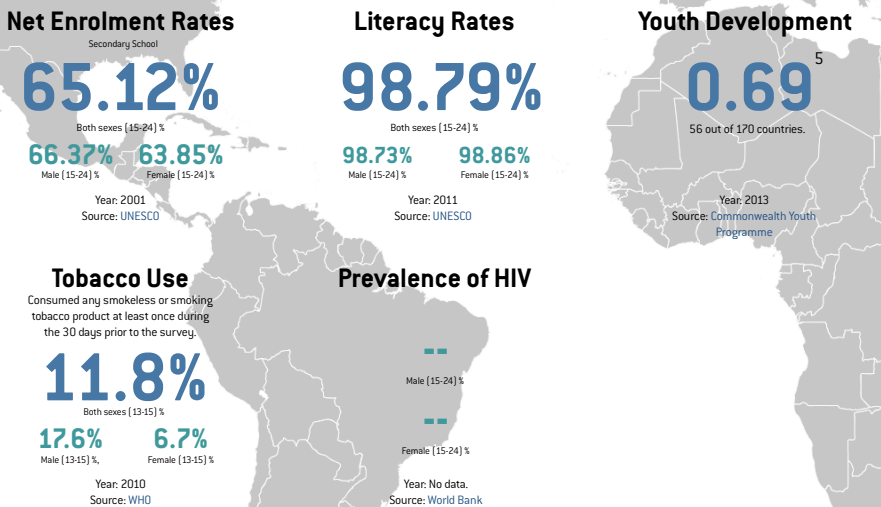
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An international [youth policy review](#) (2010) by the Council of Europe says young people are defined as aged 15 – 29 years of age. Young people make up 70% of the population, making it the 2nd youngest in Europe (after Kosovo).

DEFINITION OF YOUTH



SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE



YOUTH POLICY & LEGISLATION

The [national youth strategy](#) (2007) outlines a vision for young empowerment that “is resonant with the principles of sustainable development”, European integration and, “the construction of an open democratic society.” The youth strategy focuses on youth participation, representation, the economy, health, social protection, leisure, free time and European citizenship.

The development of the youth strategy, “reflects a keen interest in designing inter-sectorial policies that take a long-term view on the issue of youth development” and seeks “coordination among governmental agencies on the national and local levels, civil society organizations, international institutions and the business community.” The [youth strategy](#) expired at the end of 2013, with no information available about its successor.

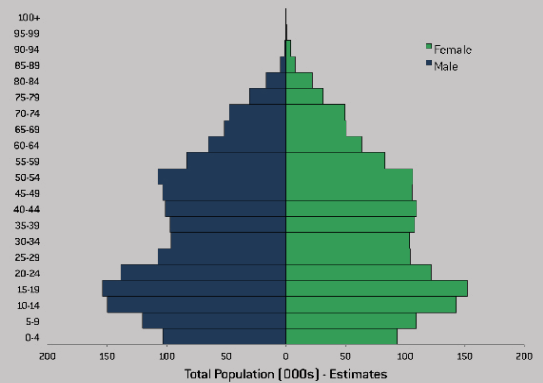
YOUTH POLICY FACT SHEET

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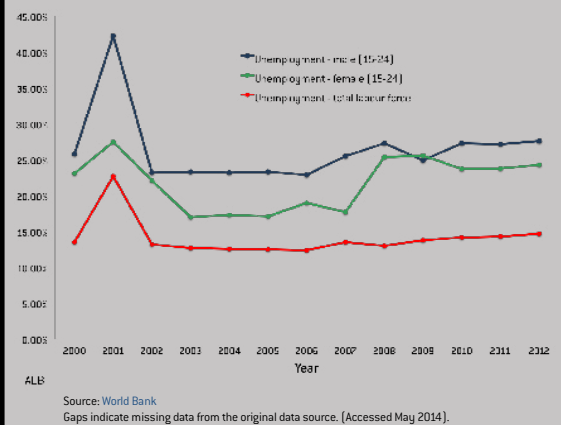
| GDP PER CAPITA | HDI | GINI |
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| USD 3,999.93 | 0.749 ¹ | 34.51 ² |
| | 70 out of 187 countries. | |
| <small>Year: 2012 Source: World Bank</small> | <small>Year: 2012 Source: UNDP</small> | <small>Year: 2008 Source: World Bank</small> |

| CORRUPTION PERCEPTION | PRESS FREEDOM |
|--|---|
| 31 ³ | 30.88 ⁴ |
| 116 out of 177 countries. | 102 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



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



Is there a national youth policy?

Yes

Albania has a [national youth strategy](#). An international [youth policy review](#) was published in 2010.

YOUTH & PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

The [Ministry of Youth and Social Welfare](#) has responsibility for youth affairs and focuses on the protection of constitutional rights, access to education, vocational training, safe employment, inclusion, participation, interfaith understanding and tolerance. According to the [Youth Section](#) of the [Ministry](#) website, activities focus on employment, entrepreneurship and youth centres. The [national youth strategy](#) (2007) was authored by the [Ministry for Tourism, Culture, Youth and Sports](#), which formerly had responsibility for youth.

YOUTH & REPRESENTATION

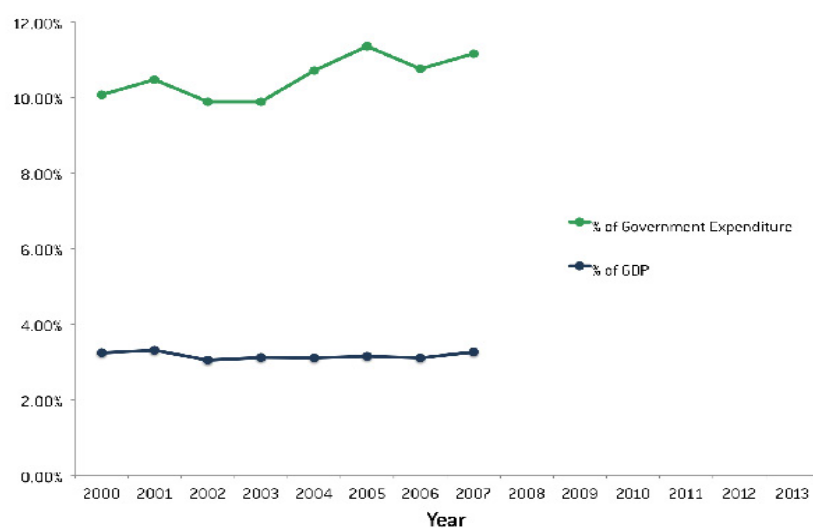
The [Albanian Youth Council](#) (AYC) was established in 1994 to serve as a nation-wide platform representing the interests of national youth organisations towards the state. Its mission is to support youth policy development as a means of improving democratic participation, empowerment and competence development of young people and of youth organisations. The AYC has 38 member organisations, and 2 organisations have observer status. While the AYC is not a member of the [European Youth Forum](#), according to a [newsletter on 10 May 2011](#), the Forum has supported its development.

YOUTH BUDGET & SPENDING

According to the [2013 Monitoring Report](#) for the [Ministry for Youth and Social Welfare](#), the 'Programme for Youth' had a budget of ALL 3.0 million (USD 29,341).

According to the [World Bank](#), Albania spent 11.16% of its government expenditure and 3.27% of its GDP on education provision in 2007.

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 May 2014).

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

Yes

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

Yes

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

**ALL 3.0 million
USD 29,341**

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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