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**

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**Situation of Young People**

**Net Enrolment Rates**
- Secondary School: 65.12%
  - Male: 66.32%
  - Female: 63.85%

**Literacy Rates**
- 98.79%
  - Male: 98.73%
  - Female: 98.86%

**Youth Development**
- 0.69
  - 56 out of 170 countries

**Prevalence of HIV**
- 11.8%
  - Male: 11.8%
  - Female: 6.7%

**Tobacco Use**
- 11.8%
  - Male: 11.8%
  - Female: 6.7%

**Corruption Perception**
- 31
  - 116 out of 177 countries

**Press Freedom**
- 30.88
  - 102 out of 190 countries

**Population by Age and Sex 2010**

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

**GDP Per Capita**
- USD 3,999.93

**HDI**
- 0.749

**GINI**
- 34.51

**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.

Albania has a national youth strategy. An international youth policy review was published in 2010.

**Is there a national youth policy?**

Yes

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Source: [youthpolicy.org](http://www.youthpolicy.org) – building a global evidence base for youth policy
Is there a governmental authority (ministry, department or office) that is primarily responsible for youth?

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

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.

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.

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

Yes

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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)