

Factsheet: Algeria

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DEFINITION OF YOUTH

An international study by [Euromed on youth policy in Algeria](#) (2009) defines young people as aged between 15-29 years old but outlines the disparity of definitions amongst government institutions. It acknowledges that in Algeria, "most policy makers refer to youth as those under the age of 30."

CANDIDACY AGE

Lower House **28**

Source: [Inter-Parliamentary Union](#)

Upper House **40**

Source: [Inter-Parliamentary Union](#)
Partially indirectly elected and appointed.

MARRIAGEABLE AGE

	Without Parental Consent	With Parental Consent	Same Sex
Male	19	--	XX
Female	19	--	XX

No data for marriageable age with parental consent. Homosexual acts illegal. Source: [UNSD/ILGA](#)

VOTING AGE

18

Source: [Inter-Parliamentary Union](#)

MAJORITY AGE

19

Source: [European Union & Euromed](#) (2009)

CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY

13

Minimum Age
The 1966 Penal Code of Algeria (Amended 2007) stipulates that only protective or re-education measures may be applied to a minor aged under 13. Source: [Penal Code of Algeria](#) (2007)

GDP PER CAPITA

USD 5360.7

Year: 2013

Source: [World Bank](#)

HDI

0.713

Year: 2013

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

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Year: No data.

Source: [World Bank](#)

CORRUPTION PERCEPTION

36

100 out of 177 countries.
Year: 2014

Source: [Transparency International](#)

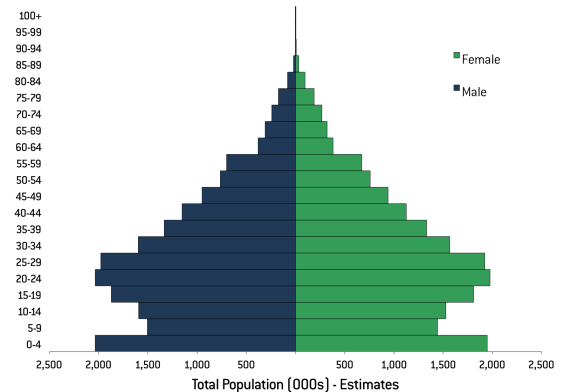
PRESS FREEDOM

36.26

121 out of 180 countries.
Year: 2013

Source: [Reporters Without Borders](#)

POPULATION BY AGE AND SEX 2010



Source: [United Nations Population Division - Department of Economic and Social Affairs, World Population Prospects The 2012 Revision \(Estimates\)](#); <http://esa.un.org/unpd/wpp/Excel-Data/population.htm> [accessed July 2013]

Source: [United Nations - Department of Economic and Social Affairs - Population Division](#)

SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INDEX

0.51

116 out of 170 countries.

Year: 2013

Source: [Commonwealth Youth Programme](#)

LITERACY RATES

95.59%

Both sexes (15-24) %

95.65% **95.52%**

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

Year: 2015

Source: [UNESCO](#)

NET ENROLMENT RATE

Secondary School

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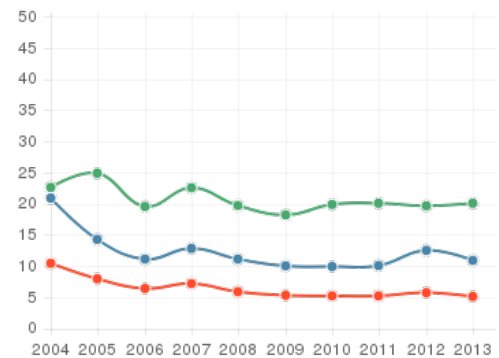
Both sexes %

Year: No data.

Source: [UNESCO](#)

YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT

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



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.

13.80%

Both sexes (13-15) %

25.50%

Male (13-15) %

5.70%

Female (13-15) %

Year: 2010

Source: [WHO](#)

POLICY & LEGISLATION

While Algeria has no youth policies, it has various regulations and programmes that affect youth. The [Constitution of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria](#) provides the right to universal free education up to 16 years of age (Article 53). The [National Service Code of 1974](#) (French) states that two years of national service is mandatory for all males over 19 years of age. In 2002, this was lowered to 18 months and since December 2011, all men over 30 years of age have been exempted from service. The Ministry of Youth and Sport has Directorates in each of the provinces that are responsible for local youth centres, youth hostels, village halls, youth camps, and sport facilities. The [Ministry of Employment & Social Security](#) and The Ministry of National Solidarity both offer programmes and incentives supporting the hiring of school and university graduates.

Is there a national youth policy?

NO

An international study by [Euromed](#) (2009) concludes there is "no policy, no comprehensive vision" and "no strategy" on youth.

male - (15-24)

female - (15-24)

total labour force

Source: [World Bank](#)

BUDGET & SPENDING

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

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

The Ministry of Youth and Sports, established in 1964, is headed by a Cabinet Minister and supported by the "Secretary of State in charge of youth". A "Higher Council of Youth" is noted as working in conjunction with the Youth Ministry, but no further details could be found. According to researcher, Kamal Rarrbo, author of [Studies on Youth Policies In the Mediterranean Partner Countries - Algeria](#), the common perception is that the Ministry of Youth and Sport has predominately focused attention on sport, rather than youth.

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

YES

YOUTH AND REPRESENTATION

No local or national youth council exists, nor any formal federation of the 81,000 Algerian youth associations. According to the [Studies on Youth Policies In the Mediterranean Partner Countries - Algeria](#): "There is currently no programme in Algeria allowing to create and develop local or national participation of young people to city life." In the article, "[Le Forum national des Jeunes en Septembre 2013](#)", the Secretary of State responsible for Youth announced the first national youth forum, to "discuss their experiences, their concerns but also their ambitions."

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

NO

BUDGET & SPENDING

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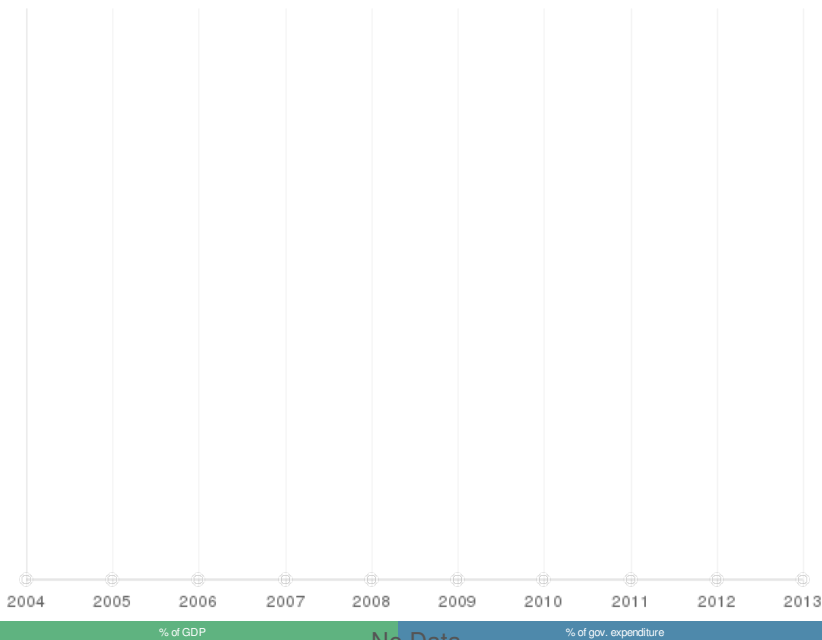
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TOTAL EXPENDITURE ON EDUCATION AS A PERCENTAGE OF GOVERNMENT SPENDING AND GDP

No Data

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Source: World Bank

% of GDP

% of gov. expenditure

Source: World Bank

PUBLICATIONS AND REVIEWS

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