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**SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE**

**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.

**YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INDEX**

**LITERACY RATES**

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**TOBACCO USE**

**Is there a national youth policy?**

**NO**

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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)?

NO

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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.

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