

Factsheet: Antigua & Barbuda

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DEFINITION OF YOUTH

While the [national youth policy](#) (2007) recognises youth as a "segment of the life span" covering 0-35 years, the policy particularly focuses on youth between 12-30 years.

CANDIDACY AGE

Lower House **21**

Source: [Inter-Parliamentary Union](#) Partially elected by other means.

Upper House **21**

Source: [Inter-Parliamentary Union](#) Entirely appointed.

MARRIAGEABLE AGE

	Without PARENTAL CONSENT	Opposite Sex WITH PARENTAL CONSENT	Same Sex
Male	18	15	XX
Female	18	15	XX

Homosexual acts illegal. Source: [UNSD, ILGA](#)

VOTING AGE

18

Source: [Inter-Parliamentary Union](#)

MAJORITY AGE

18

Source: [The Age of Majority Act \(1984\)](#)

CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY

8

Minimum Age
Source: [Juvenile Act of Antigua and Barbuda \(1951\)](#)

GDP PER CAPITA

USD 13342.08

Year: 2013

Source: [World Bank](#)

HDI

0.76

Year: 2013

Source: [UNDP](#)

61 out of 187 countries.

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Year: No data.

Source: [World Bank](#)

CORRUPTION PERCEPTION

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Year: No data.

Source: [Transparency International](#)

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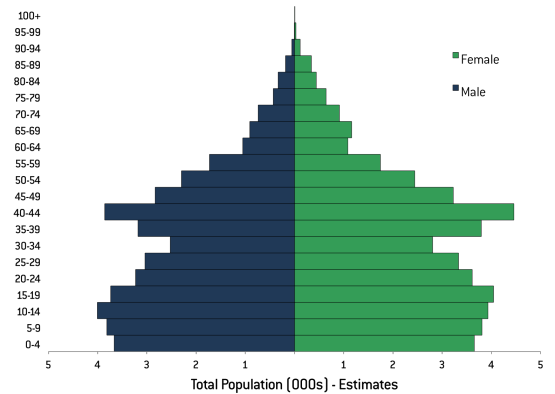
20.81

36 out of 180 countries.

Year: 2013

Source: [Reporters Without Borders](#)

POPULATION BY AGE AND SEX 2010



SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INDEX

0.64

87 out of 170 countries.

Year: 2013

Source: [Commonwealth Youth Programme](#)

LITERACY RATES

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Both sexes (15-24) %

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

Year: No data.

Source: [UNESCO](#)

NET ENROLMENT RATE

Secondary School

78.46%

Both sexes %

Male % Female %

Year: 2012

Source: [UNESCO](#)

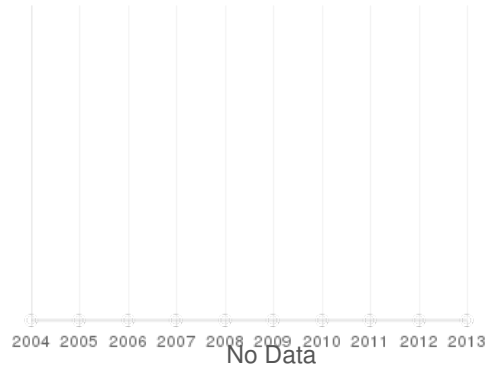
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Source: [United Nations - Department of Economic and Social Affairs - Population Division](#)

2012 Revision - Estimates. (Accessed August 2013).

YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT

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



SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

PREVALENCE OF HIV

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Male (15-24) %

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Female (15-24) %

Year: No data.

Source: [World Bank](#)

TOBACCO USE

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

20.10%

Both sexes (13-15) %

Male (13-15) %

Female (13-15) %

Year: 2010

Source: [WHO](#)

POLICY & LEGISLATION

The [national youth policy](#) envisions young people having, "all the opportunities to develop all of his or her innate talents and whose self actualization is supported by caring adults and a close knit community." It proposes the adoption of a "Positive Youth Development Model" that, "recognizes young people as critical and positive elements in their own [development] and in national development." The policy has eight strategic objectives:

1. Strengthening Social Environments
2. Education and Training
3. Employment & Sustainable Livelihoods
4. Health
5. Participation & Empowerment
6. Care and Protection

Is there a national youth policy?

YES

The [national youth policy & agenda](#) of Antigua & Barbuda was adopted in 2007.

male - (15-24)

female - (15-24)

total labour force

Source: [World Bank](#)

Gaps indicate missing data from the original data source. (Accessed August 2013).

BUDGET & SPENDING

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

- 7. Crime, Violence & Rehabilitation
- 8. Gender Equality & Gender Relations

As a member of the [Commonwealth of Nations](#), Antigua and Barbuda is a signatory of [The Commonwealth Plan of Action for Youth Empowerment \(PAYE\) 2006-2015](#).

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

The Ministry of Education, Sports, Youth and Gender Affairs (MoESY&GA) has a Youth Department. The '[A & B Department of Youth Affairs](#)' has more recent news entries and information than the (currently unavailable) official MoESY&GA website. The [national youth policy](#) notes:

The Department of Youth Affairs is the governmental agency charged with the responsibility of national youth development.

The policy also calls for a National Youth Development Steering Committee, "comprising youth, critical government ministries and agencies and representative youth development organizations."

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

YES

YOUTH AND REPRESENTATION

The national youth policy calls for the creation of a national youth council but it has yet to be established. In 2012, a [consultation event](#) organised by the National Youth Ambassador and Volunteer Corps was advertised on the official government website. The Department for Youth Affairs has also [advertised for applications](#) to the National Youth Ambassadors Corps. The relationship between these differing youth entities is unclear. Young people are represented regionally through the [CARICOM Youth Ambassadors](#) and globally through the [Commonwealth Youth Council](#).

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

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

No Data

% of GDP

% of gov. expenditure

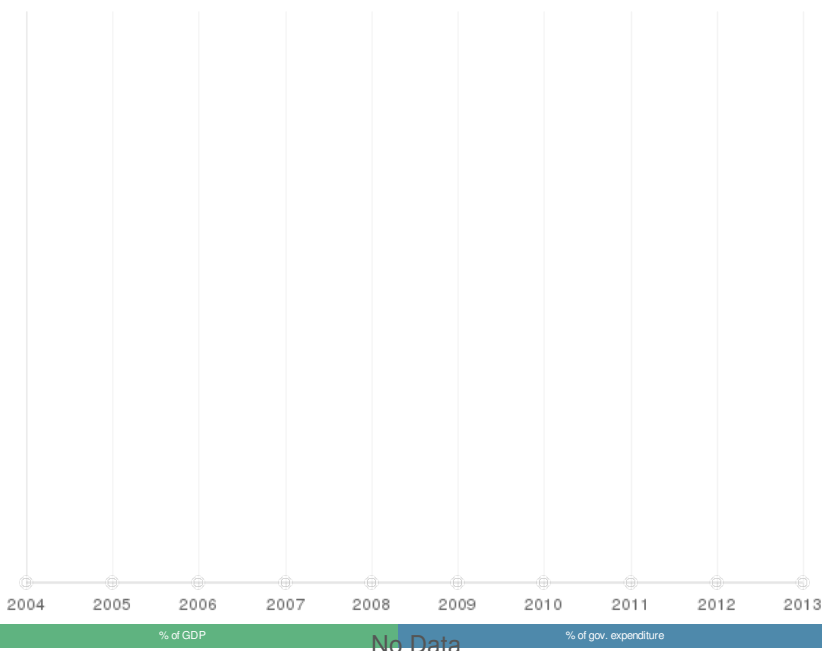
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