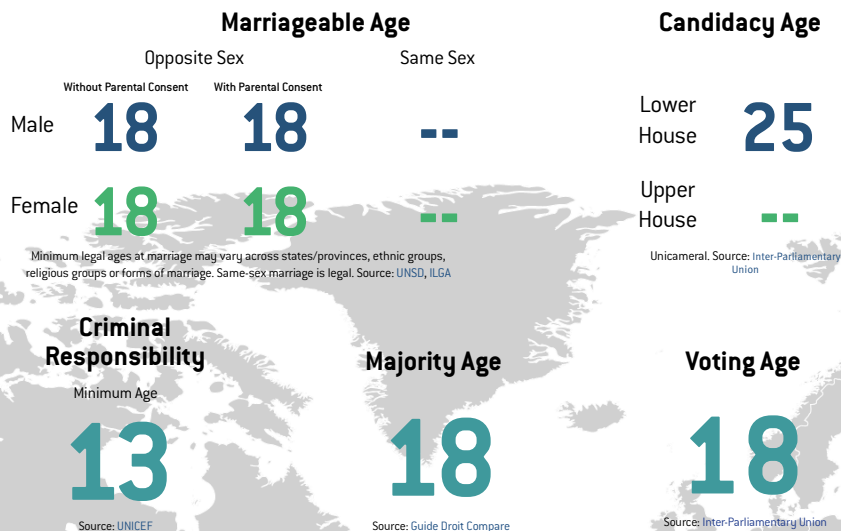


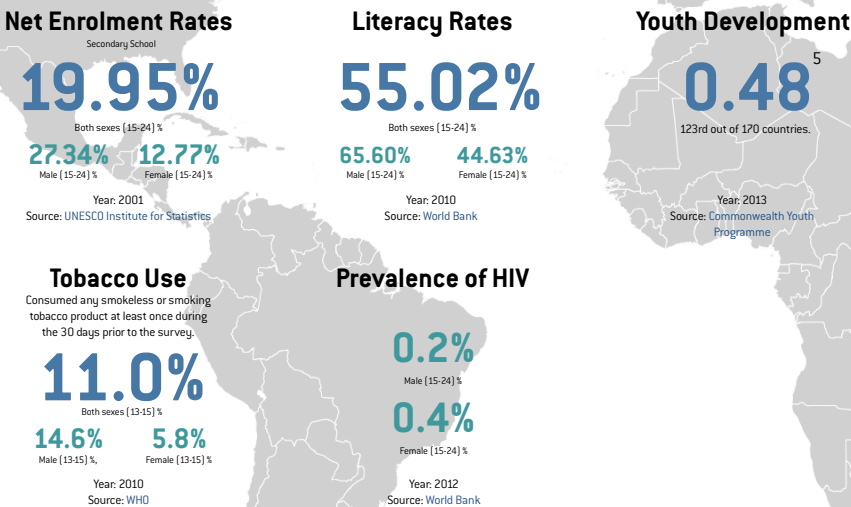
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Benin's national youth policy defines youth as those aged between 12 and 35.

DEFINITION OF YOUTH



SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE



YOUTH POLICY & LEGISLATION

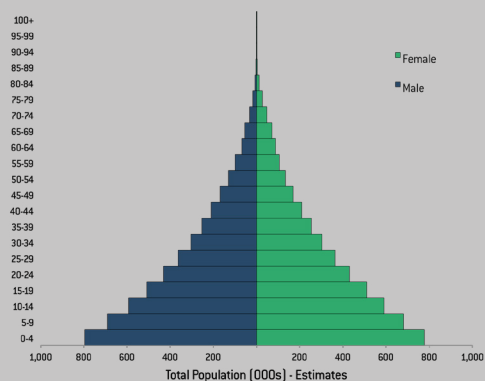
The national youth policy of Benin of 2001 aims to provide young people with opportunities to fully develop their physical, mental and moral faculties. The main purpose of the policy is to create favourable conditions for the inclusion of youth in all sectors of society and to become actors of sustainable development. The policy promotes the principles of commitment, solidarity, autonomy, responsibility, respect, citizenship, democracy, tolerance, equality of sexes, justice, peace, intercultural understanding, humanity, environmental protection and sustainable development. The policy foresees the creation of the High Council on Youth of Benin (CSJB) to define the guidelines of national youth policy, monitor and evaluate its implementation.

YOUTH POLICY FACT SHEET

HTTP://WWW.YOUTHPOLICY.ORG/FACTSHEETS/COUNTRY/BENIN

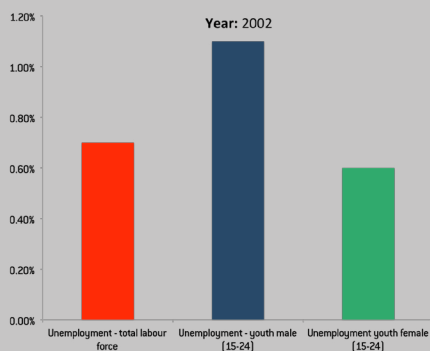


Population by Age and Sex 2010



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)



Source: World Bank
Gaps in graph indicate missing data from original source. (Accessed August 2013)

Is there a national youth policy?

Yes

The national youth policy was adopted in 2001. An assessment report was published in 2011.

YOUTH & PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

The [Ministry of Youth, Sports and Recreation](#) is the lead ministry with regards to youth affairs. It supports youth civic participation, training and financial support to youth entrepreneurs, and establishing of youth centres. The [Ministry of Mircofinance, Youth and Women Employment](#) is responsible for youth employment activities.

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

Yes

YOUTH & REPRESENTATION

An advisory body for youth (OCJ) was established by [Law No. 91-007](#) in 1991. The OCJ is the umbrella structure of youth organisations of Benin and deemed to represent their interests.

Does the country have national and/or regional youth council(s)?

Yes

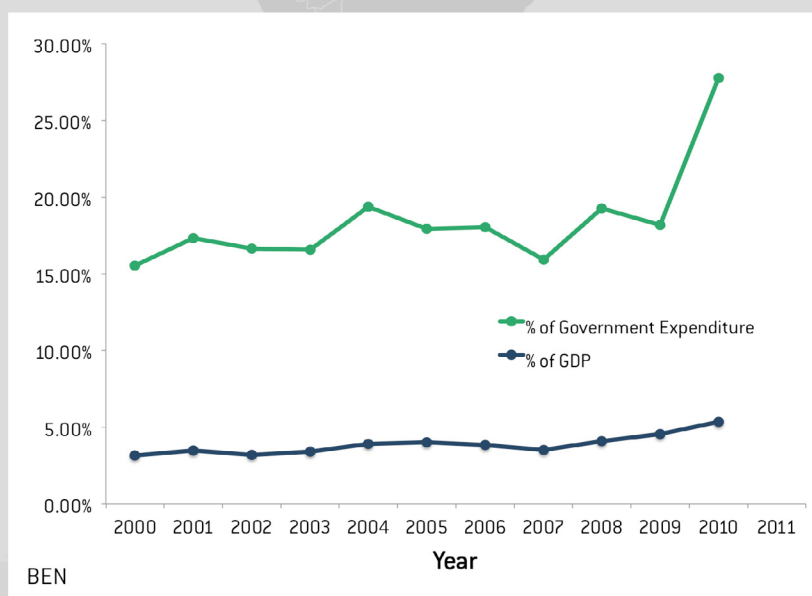
YOUTH BUDGET & SPENDING

According to the [World Bank](#), Benin spent 27.75% of its government expenditure and 5.35% of its GDP on education provision in 2010.

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

Unknown

Total Expenditure on Education as a Percentage of Government Spending and GDP



Source: [World Bank](#)

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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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