

# Factsheet: Bosnia & Herzegovina

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## DEFINITION OF YOUTH

The [youth law](#) (2010) for the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina (FBiH) defines youth as between 15-30 years, whereas the [youth policy briefing](#) (2011) notes that in Republika Srpska (RS), it is between 16-30 years.

### CANDIDACY AGE

**Lower House** **18**  
Source: [Inter-Parliamentary Union](#)

**Upper House** **18**  
Source: [Inter-Parliamentary Union](#)  
Entirely appointed.

### MARRIAGEABLE AGE

	Without Parental Consent	Opposite Sex With Parental Consent	Same Sex
Male	18	16	--
Female	18	16	--

Between 16-18 years, a special court procedure may grant permission for marriage. No specific legislation for same-sex marriage. Homosexual acts legal. Source: [UNSD, ILGA, UN Child Rights Periodic Report](#) (2004)

### VOTING AGE

**18**  
Source: [Inter-Parliamentary Union](#)

### MAJORITY AGE

**18**  
Source: [UN Child Rights Periodic Report](#) (2004)

### CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY

**14**  
Minimum Age  
Source: [Criminal Code of Bosnia and Herzegovina](#) (2003)

### GDP PER CAPITA

**USD 4661.76**  
Year: 2013  
Source: [World Bank](#)

### HDI

**0.735**  
Year: 2013  
Source: [UNDP](#)  
86 out of 187 countries.

### GINI

**33.04**  
Year: 2007  
Source: [World Bank](#)

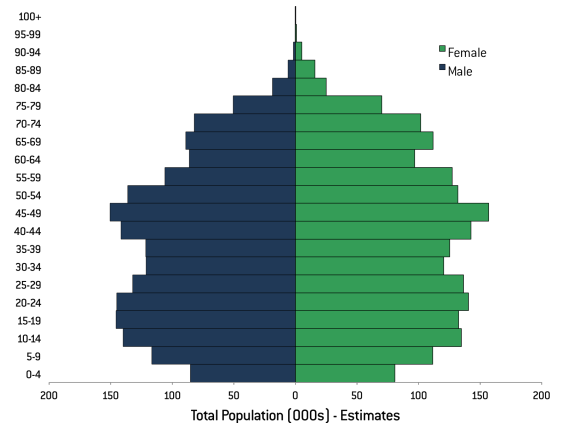
### CORRUPTION PERCEPTION

**39**  
80 out of 177 countries.  
Year: 2014  
Source: [Transparency International](#)

### PRESS FREEDOM

**26.86**  
66 out of 180 countries.  
Year: 2013  
Source: [Reporters Without Borders](#)

## POPULATION BY AGE AND SEX 2010



## SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

### YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INDEX

**0.58**  
98 out of 170 countries.  
Year: 2013  
Source: [Commonwealth Youth Programme](#)

### LITERACY RATES

**99.65%**  
Both sexes (15-24 %)  
**99.66%** **99.64%**  
Male (15-24 %) Female (15-24 %)  
Year: 2015  
Source: [UNESCO](#)

### NET ENROLMENT RATE

Secondary School  
--  
Both sexes %  
--  
Male % Female %  
Year: No data.  
Source: [UNESCO](#)

## SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

### PREVALENCE OF HIV

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Male (15-24 %)  
--  
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.  
**13.30%**  
Both sexes (13-15 %)  
**16.30%** **10.50%**  
Male (13-15 %) Female (13-15 %)  
Year: 2010  
Source: [WHO](#)

## POLICY & LEGISLATION

Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) is made up of two political entities: the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina (FBiH) and Republika Srpska (RS).

The FBiH has a [youth law](#) (2010) that outlines legal protections and provisions for youth rights, youth work, and youth councils. The [youth briefing](#) (2011) notes that little action has resulted from the law in terms of a youth policy.

The RS has a [youth policy 2010-2015](#) focusing on employment, housing, education, society, information, youth work, leisure, participation and culture. Laws on [Volunteering](#) and [Youth Organization](#) also exist.

The [youth briefing](#) notes that guidelines for a state level youth policy have been agreed, and according to the [youth policy](#)

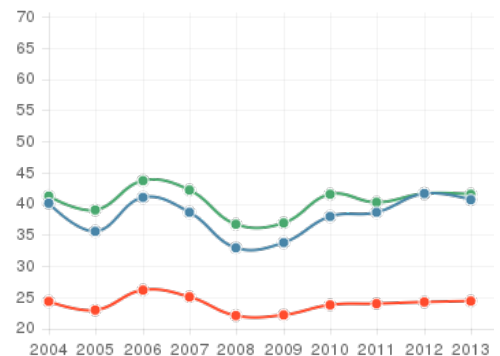
### Is there a national youth policy?

**NO**

A 2010 [youth law](#) exists, a national youth policy is under development. A 2011 [briefing paper](#) exists.

## YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT

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



## BUDGET & SPENDING

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

project report (2012), is being supported and coordinated by the European Union.

## PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

The [Department for Youth](#) within the [Ministry of Family, Youth & Sports](#) has responsibility for youth in RS. The department is responsible for the implementation of the [youth policy](#), youth participation, volunteering and cooperation between youth NGOs.

The [Division for Youth](#) within the [Ministry of Culture and Sports](#) has responsibility for youth with the FBIH and is responsible for the [youth law](#) (2010), coordination of federal and international youth programmes, participation, identifying youth needs and supporting the development of the federal youth strategy.

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

YES

## YOUTH AND REPRESENTATION

The [youth briefing](#) (2011) notes that "no Youth Council at the BiH level" exists, or at Federation level within the FBIH. However a number of municipal and local youth councils have been developed.

The [RS youth policy](#) notes the existence of a youth council, serving as an umbrella youth organisation across the region. However, it has no online presence.

The [OSCE to BiH](#) notes their support for the development of youth councils, and in a [series of articles](#), the [Institute for Youth Development](#) describes the creation councils at the local level.

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

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## BUDGET & SPENDING

According to the [FBIH 2013 budget](#), the [Ministry of Culture and Sports](#) was allocated BAM 17.9 million (USD 12.7 million). It is unknown what allocation the [Division for Youth](#) received, or was spent on youth affairs.

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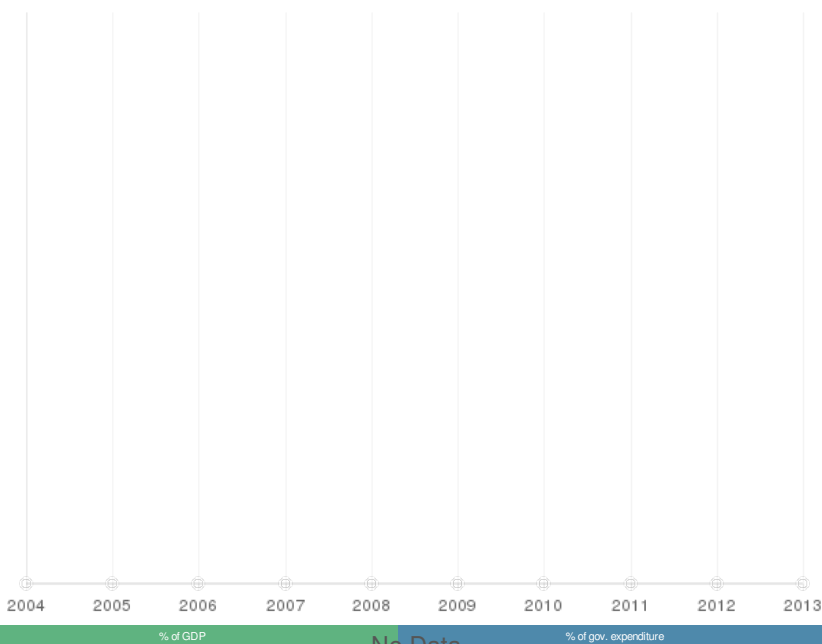
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TOTAL EXPENDITURE ON EDUCATION AS A PERCENTAGE OF GOVERNMENT SPENDING AND GDP

No Data

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Source: [World Bank](#)

Gaps indicate missing data from the original data source. (Accessed May 2014).

% of GDP

% of gov. expenditure

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