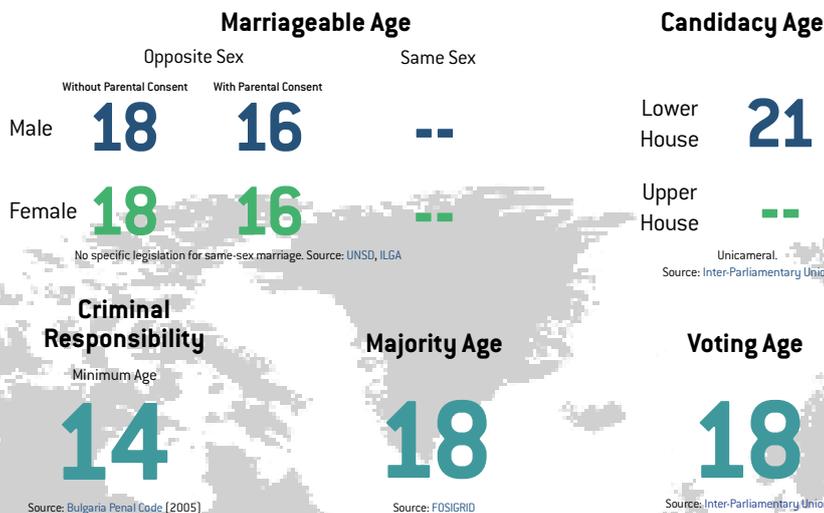


# Bulgaria

The **National Youth Strategy (2010-2020)** defines young people as aged 15 - 29 years, according to 'international and European standards for youth work.'

## DEFINITION OF YOUTH



## SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

### Net Enrolment Rates

85.25%

Both sexes (15-24) %  
86.13% Male (15-24) % 84.31% Female (15-24) %

Year: 2011  
Source: UNESCO

### Literacy Rates

97.87%

Both sexes (15-24) %  
98.07% Male (15-24) % 97.65% Female (15-24) %

Year: 2011  
Source: UNESCO

### Youth Development

0.69<sup>5</sup>

62 out of 170 countries

Year: 2013  
Source: Commonwealth Youth Programme

### Tobacco Use

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

29.3%

Both sexes (13-15) %  
26.4% Male (13-15) % 31.8% Female (13-15) %

Year: 2010  
Source: WHO

### Prevalence of HIV

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Male (15-24) %

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Female (15-24) %

Year: No data.  
Source: World Bank

## YOUTH POLICY & LEGISLATION

The **youth law** (2012), "determines the main principles, management and financing of the activities conducted for implementation of the state youth policy." It covers youth work, youth organisations, volunteering, youth policy and information.

The **national youth strategy** (2010-2020) outlines the situation for young people and details nine strategic aims:

1. Economic activity and career Development;
2. Improving the access to information and quality services;
3. Promoting healthy lifestyle;
4. Social exclusion,
5. Volunteering;
6. Participation;
7. Rural development;
8. Intercultural dialogue;
9. Crime prevention.

The youth policy aims to establish

"favourable conditions to complete personal growth of youth and their participation in social and economic life..."

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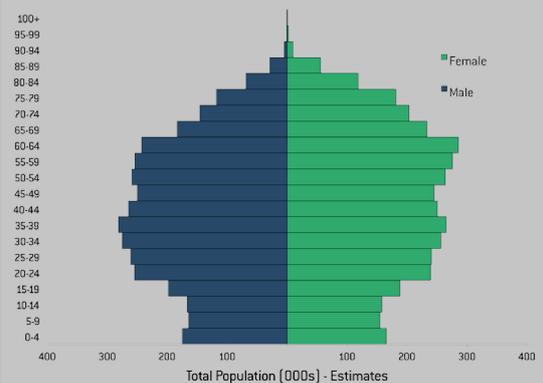
## YOUTH POLICY FACT SHEET

[HTTP://WWW.YOUTHPOLICY.ORG/FACTSHEETS/COUNTRY/BULGARIA](http://www.youthpolicy.org/factsheets/country/bulgaria)

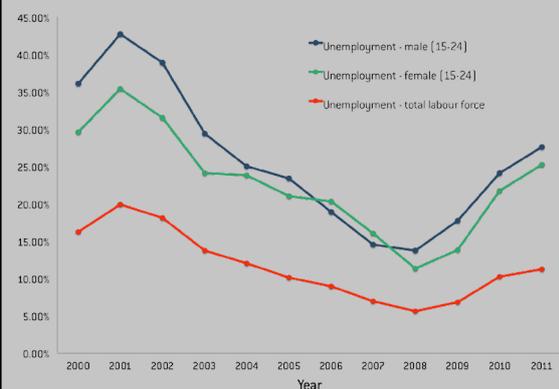
GDP PER CAPITA	HDI	GINI
USD 6,976.85	0.782 <sup>1</sup>	28.19 <sup>2</sup>
	57 out of 187 countries	
<small>Year: 2012, Source: World Bank</small>	<small>Year: 2012, Source: UNDP</small>	<small>Year: 2007, Source: World Bank</small>

CORRUPTION PERCEPTION	PRESS FREEDOM
41 <sup>3</sup>	28.58 <sup>4</sup>
77 out of 177 countries	87 out of 179 countries
<small>Year: 2013, Source: Transparency International</small>	<small>Year: 2013, Source: Reporters Without Borders</small>

## Population by Age and Sex 2010



## Youth Unemployment (share of labour force aged 15-24 available and seeking employment)



## Is there a national youth policy?

**Yes**

Bulgaria has a **national youth strategy 2010-2020**. A **youth law** was adopted in 2012. See the **youth policy briefing** for more details.

### YOUTH & PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

According to the [Country Sheet on Youth Policy in Bulgaria \(2012\)](#), the [Youth Directorate](#) within the [Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports](#) is responsible for the implementation of the national youth policy and youth programmes. Since 2012, responsibility for youth policy rests with the Ministry of Education, Youth and Science.

In addition, inter-ministerial working groups are established around different issues, including youth employment, professional qualifications, and the EU Structured Dialogue process.

### YOUTH & REPRESENTATION

The [youth law](#) highlights that “the dialogue with young people at national, regional, district and local level on matters affecting them is not structured yet, unlike the established European models of representation through national, regional and local youth councils.” The ‘Implementation and Monitoring’ section (2.9) notes, however, that youth participation in public policy, ‘could be structured through youth councils.’

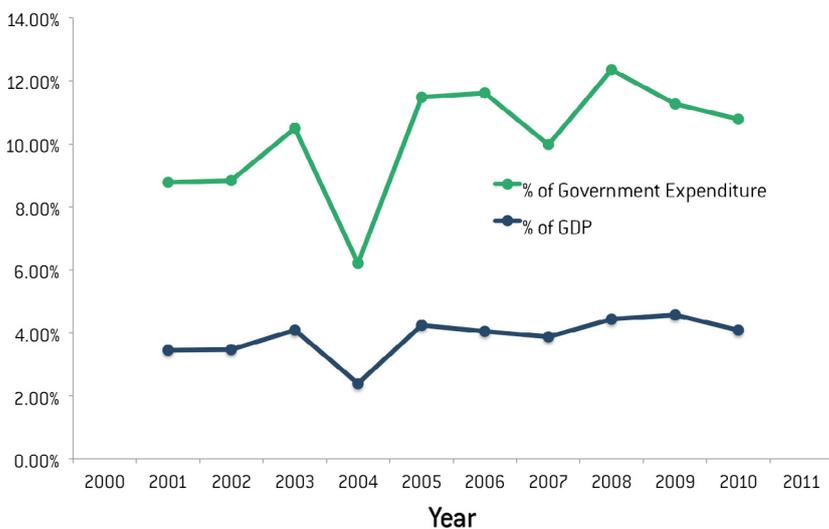
Though the membership of the Bulgarian National Youth Council in the European Youth Forum was [terminated in 2002](#) due to inactivity, [attempts have been renewed](#) to establish a national youth council.

### YOUTH BUDGET & SPENDING

No youth budgetary information could be found on Bulgaria.

According to the [World Bank](#), Bulgaria spent 10.8% of its government expenditure and 4.1% of its GDP on education provision in 2010.

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



Source: The World Bank: <http://data.worldbank.org> [Accessed July 2013]  
N.B. Gaps indicate missing data from the original data source

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

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

Unclear

### 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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