

Factsheet: Cape Verde

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DEFINITION OF YOUTH

While it does not define an age range for youth, the Cape Verde [youth policy](#) describes several youth programmes that have specific target ages. For example, the "CulturArte" arts training programme is aimed at youth aged 15 and 25 years.

CANDIDACY AGE

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

Upper House **--**
Source: [Inter-Parliamentary Union](#)
Unicameral.

MARRIAGEABLE AGE

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

Opposite sex marriage is allowed without parental permission at 16 but requires authorisation of the civil court. No specific legislation for same-sex marriage. Source: [UNSD, ILGA](#)

VOTING AGE

18

Source: [Inter-Parliamentary Union](#)

MAJORITY AGE

18

Source: [UNHCR](#)

CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY

16

Minimum Age
Source: [Penal Code of Cape Verde \(2003\)](#)

SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INDEX

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Year: No data.

Source: [Commonwealth Youth Programme](#)

LITERACY RATES

98.34%

Both sexes (15-24) %

98.12% **98.56%**

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

Year: 2015

Source: [UNESCO](#)

NET ENROLMENT RATE

Secondary School

69.14%

Both sexes %

64.33% **74.04%**

Male % Female %

Year: 2012

Source: [UNESCO](#)

SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

PREVALENCE OF HIV

0.2%

Male (15-24) %

0.3%

Female (15-24) %

Year: 2013

Source: [World Bank](#)

TOBACCO USE

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

13.40%

Both sexes (13-15) %

14.70%

Male (13-15) %

11.70%

Female (13-15) %

Year: 2010

Source: [WHO](#)

POLICY & LEGISLATION

Cape Verde's [national youth policy](#) (2009) describes a series of programmes and policies that have youth as a target group, rather than defining a unified approach or policy on youth. The policy gives details about youth spaces such as sport centres, youth programmes (ex. [national volunteer programme](#)) and initiatives to support youth associations. It also describes nation-wide policies and how they affect youth, such as health & housing. A strategic youth plan (PEJ) was intended for 2012-2016, however the plan is not on the youth ministry [website](#), nor are there any updates on its progress. As reported by [Binókulu in July 2013](#) and the [UN Cape Verde website](#), the plan's priorities are: (1) Health, environment & sport; (2) Family & community; (3) Justice, and; (4) Culture & citizenship. It was proposed that the plan be extended to 2020.

Is there a national youth policy?

YES

The [national youth policy](#) of Cape Verde is from 2009. A strategic youth plan is [under development](#).

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

GDP PER CAPITA

USD 3767.12

Year: 2013

Source: [World Bank](#)

HDI

0.586

Year: 2013

Source: [UNDP](#)
123 out of 187 countries.

GINI

43.82

Year: 2008

Source: [World Bank](#)

CORRUPTION PERCEPTION

57

42 out of 177 countries.
Year: 2014

Source: [Transparency International](#)

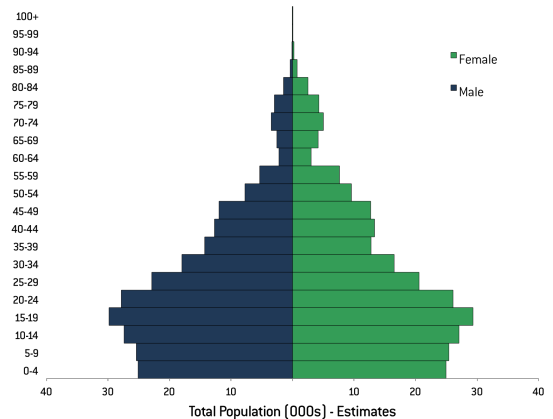
PRESS FREEDOM

14.32

24 out of 180 countries.
Year: 2013

Source: [Reporters Without Borders](#)

POPULATION BY AGE AND SEX 2010



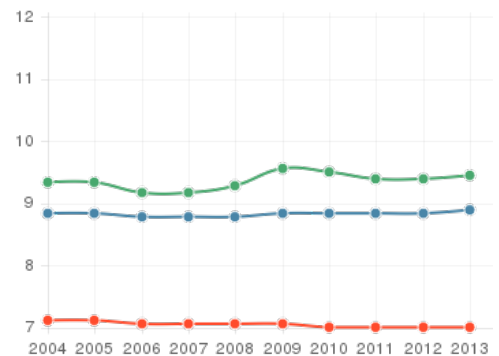
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Source: [United Nations - Department of Economic and Social Affairs - Population Division](#)

2012 Revision - Estimates. (Accessed August 2013).

YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT

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



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

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Cape Verde's youth website describes a [Ministry of Youth \(MJUV\)](#) and a [Directorate of Youth \(DGJ\)](#), as part of the [Ministry for Youth, Employment and Human Resource Development \(MJEDRH\)](#). The MJUV is responsible for the coordination and implementation of policies that concern youth. Its mission is to improve the conditions that enable young citizens to participate in social, political, economic, sport and cultural life. The DGJ is the institution responsible for preparing national strategies for youth, and in particular, promoting youth associations.

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

YES

YOUTH AND REPRESENTATION

The [Youth Federation of Cape Verde \(FCJ\)](#) is an umbrella organisation for 22 youth leagues in Cape Verde, each representing a county in the country. Its mission is to promote the contributions of young people in their communities and it aims to be the legitimate representative and interlocutor of youth to decision-makers. Its objectives include ensuring youth are consulted on matters relating to them, exchanging with youth groups abroad and promoting the development of youth associations. According to [its official Facebook page](#), it was founded in 2005.

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

YES

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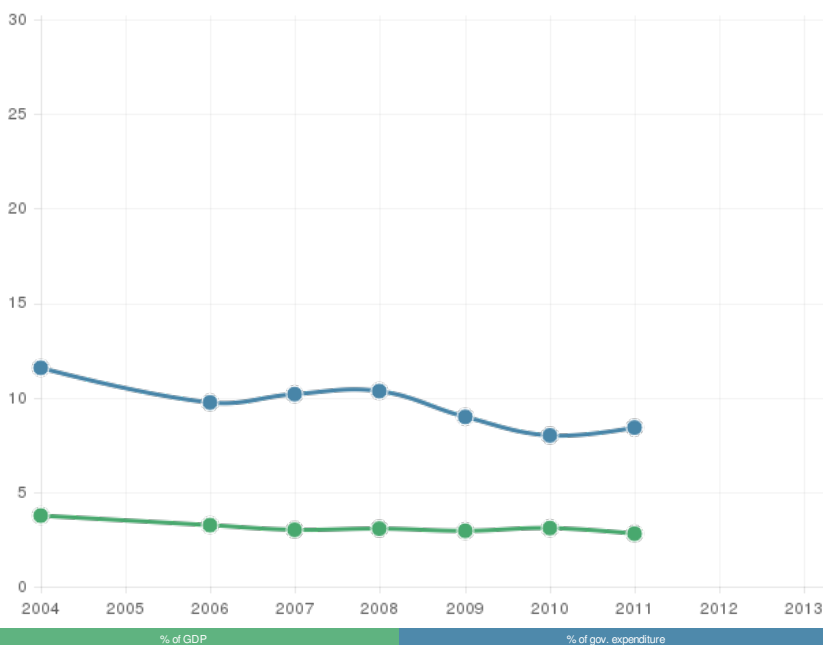
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% of GDP % of gov. expenditure

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