

Factsheet: Central African Republic

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DEFINITION OF YOUTH

The scarce documents on youth in the Central African Republic do not specify an age range for youth.

CANDIDACY AGE

Lower House **25**

Source: [Inter-Parliamentary Union](#)

Upper House **--**

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

MARRIAGEABLE AGE

	Opposite Sex		Same Sex	
	WITHOUT PARENTAL CONSENT	WITH PARENTAL CONSENT	WITHOUT PARENTAL CONSENT	WITH PARENTAL CONSENT
Male	22	--	--	--
Female	18	--	--	--

No data for marriageable age with parental consent. No specific legislation for same-sex marriage. Source: [UNSD, ILGA](#)

VOTING AGE

18

Source: [Inter-Parliamentary Union](#)

MAJORITY AGE

18

Source: [UN Child Rights Periodic Report \(1998\)](#)

CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY

13

Minimum Age
For under-aged offenders between 13 and 16 special rules apply. Source: [UN Child Rights Periodic Report \(1998\)](#)

SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INDEX

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169 out of 170 countries.

Year: 2013

Source: [Commonwealth Youth Programme](#)

LITERACY RATES

36.36%

Both sexes (15-24) %

48.86% **26.97%**

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

Year: 2015

Source: [UNESCO](#)

NET ENROLMENT RATE

Secondary School

13.92%

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Male % Female %

Year: 2012

Source: [UNESCO](#)

GDP PER CAPITA

USD 333.2

Year: 2013

Source: [World Bank](#)

HDI

0.352

Year: 2013

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

GINI

56.3

Year: 2008

Source: [World Bank](#)

CORRUPTION PERCEPTION

24

150 out of 177 countries.
Year: 2014

Source: [Transparency International](#)

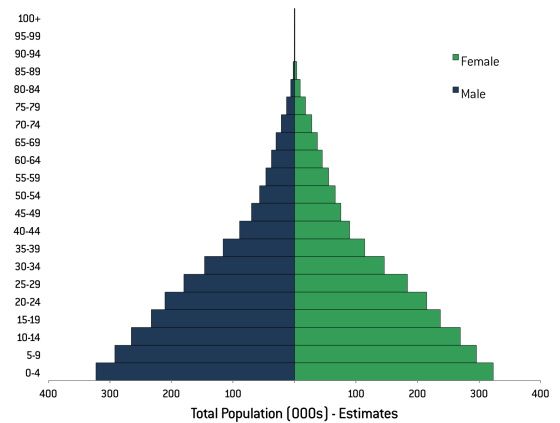
PRESS FREEDOM

33.13

109 out of 180 countries.
Year: 2013

Source: [Reporters Without Borders](#)

POPULATION BY AGE AND SEX 2010



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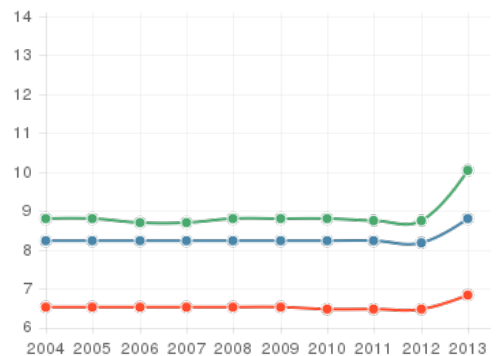
Male % Female %

Year: 2012

Source: [UNESCO](#)

YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT

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



SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

PREVALENCE OF HIV

0.9%

Male (15-24) %

1.5%

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.

32.40%

Both sexes (13-15) %

29.50%

Male (13-15) %

34.50%

Female (13-15) %

Year: 2010

Source: [WHO](#)

POLICY & LEGISLATION

According to the [Central African Republic: Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper \(2009\)](#), a National Policy for the Advancement of Central African Youth, has been prepared. The aims of the youth policy are:

1. Citizenship education program for young people;
2. Literacy program and support for social and educational facilities for young people.

According to a [Facebook note](#) by the [National Youth Council](#), the National Policy for the Advancement of Central African Youth has strategic objectives to support the socio-economic integration of young people through training, mentoring, education and youth development as an area of strategic intervention. It is part of the [Youth Guidance Programme](#). International documents that could provide further guidance are the [African Youth Charter \(2006\)](#) and [African Youth Decade 2009-2018 Plan of Action \(2011\)](#).

Is there a national youth policy?

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A national youth policy [has been prepared](#), but is currently not available online.

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

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

The previous government (2008-2013) of the Central African Republic had a Ministry of Youth and Sports, which also participated in [Pan-African Meetings of Youth Ministers](#). However, according to the [Central African Republic: Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper \(2009\)](#) activities in the field of youth are underfunded. The earlier government was replaced by a coup d'état in March 2013. In January 2014, following a UN backed military intervention, the rebel leader, who had declared himself president, resigned. Since January 2014 the Central African Republic has new interim government, which – according to [Jeune Afrique](#) – includes a Ministry of Youth, Sports, Arts and Culture.

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

YES

YOUTH AND REPRESENTATION

The [National Youth Council of the Central African Republic](#) aims to promote the growth and development of youth, to mobilize and coordinate the actions of young people and to defend their interests at national and international level. It aims to "promote a national youth policy", involve youth in decision-making, provide training on "social values and culture of peace" as well as promote "participatory democracy." It is a member of the [Pan-African Union of Youth](#) and the [Youth Association of the Economic Community of Central African States \(AJEC\)](#).

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

YES

BUDGET & SPENDING

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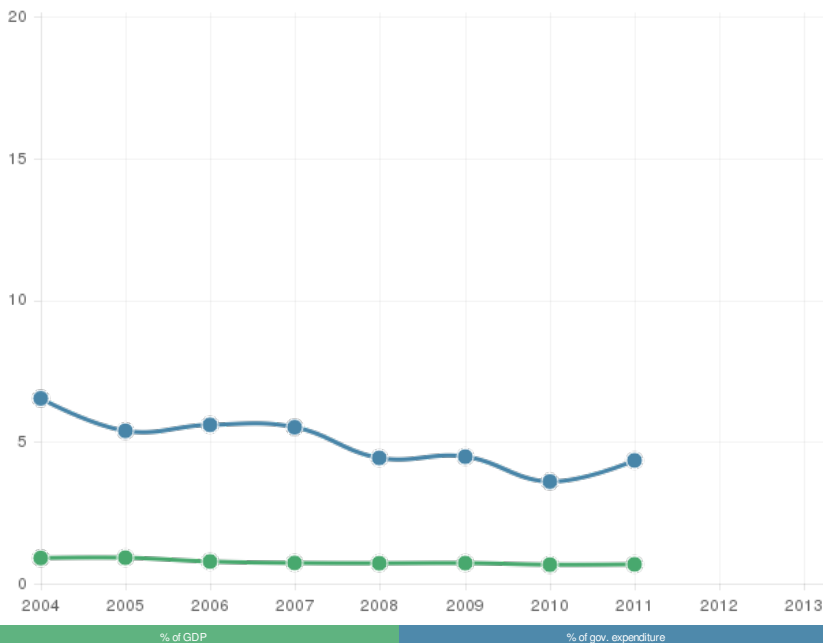
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% of GDP

% of gov. expenditure

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