Chad does not have a national definition of youth available. However, the African Youth Charter, ratified by Chad, defines youth as including all those 15–35 years old.

### DEFINITION OF YOUTH

**Marriageable Age**
- **Opposite Sex**
  - Male: 18
  - Female: 15
- **Same Sex**
  - Male: 18
  - Female: 18

**Candidacy Age**
- Lower House: 25
- Upper House: No data

**Criminal Responsibility**
- Minimum Age: 13

**Majority Age**
- 18

**Voting Age**
- 18

Source: [Criminal Procedure Code (1967)](http://www.youthpolicy.org/)

### SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

**Net Enrolment Rates**
- Secondary School: 10.54%
  - Male (15-24): 15.75%
  - Female (15-24): 10.54%
  - Both sexes (15-24): 10.54%

**Literacy Rates**
- 47.89%
  - Male (15-24): 53.56%
  - Female (15-24): 42.19%

**Youth Development**
- 0.24

**Prevalence of HIV**
- 0.6%
  - Male (15-24): 0.6%
  - Female (15-24): 0.6%

**Tobacco Use**
- 18.9%
  - Male: 20.9%
  - Female: 13.9%

**Gaps in Data**
- The tables indicate missing data from the original data source. (Accessed August 2013).

### YOUTH POLICY & LEGISLATION

The National Office for the Promotion of Employment has developed initiatives to address youth unemployment, such as the PADE internship scheme (a support programme for non-experienced graduates). The costs are shared between the Office and the employers, and offer a first work placement to graduates who need to “complement their theoretical knowledge with practical experience”.

In 2011 the Ministry of Social Action formulated a national policy on gender, which views the education of younger generations as a step to tackle gender and generational inequality. It considers measures, which are key to young people’s well-being, such as sexual health and combating the harmful practice of female genital mutilation.

Chad is also party to the African Youth Charter.

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**Is there a national youth policy?**

No

Chad has no national youth policy. A national youth congress in 2011 demanded one, to no avail so far.
YOUTH POLICY FACT SHEET

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

Yes

YOUTH & PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

The Ministry of Youth and Sports is in charge of matters related to youth. Unfortunately the Ministry’s website is not currently available.

The Ministry of National Education, Ministry of Public Function and Employment, the Ministry of Social Action, Family and National Solidarity are also active in the youth field.

YOUTH BUDGET & SPENDING

Chad is part of the UN Education for All (EFA) initiative, which aims to provide quality, free, compulsory primary education for all children by 2015. The Ministry for Education’s 2004 report on the state of national education highlights some of the issues still faced by Chad. Transport and infrastructure are necessary to increase access for rural areas and enrolment rates, school feeding programmes, teacher training, and health education will also be necessary steps. A national strategy to boost young girl’s participation has also been launched.

According to the World Bank, Chad spent 11.80% of its government expenditure and 2.59% of its GDP on education provision in 2010.

YOUTH & REPRESENTATION

The National Youth Council of Chad (CNJC) is listed as a member of the Pan African Youth Union for Central Africa (UPJAC). However, no further information about the council can be found online and their website is currently being constructed.

The UPJAC serves as an interlocutor with regional economic and political representative, UN agencies and other partners on issues related to African youth. It advocates for the implementation of African Youth Charter.

Unclear

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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 it is perceived as very clean. (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)