

Factsheet: Denmark

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DEFINITION OF YOUTH

The [youth policy article](#) (2008) does not specifically define youth, but refers to the incorporation of EU Youth Programmes where youth is defined as between 15-29 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 WITH PARENTAL CONSENT
Male	18	15	18
Female	18	15	18

Equal marriage age (with and without parental permission) for homosexual and heterosexual couples. Source: [UNSD, ILGA](#)

VOTING AGE

18

Source: [Inter-Parliamentary Union](#)

MAJORITY AGE

18

Source: [FOSIGRID](#)

CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY

14

Minimum Age
Source: [UN Child Rights Periodic Report \(2011\)](#)

SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INDEX

0.77

16 out of 170 countries.

Year: 2013

Source: [Commonwealth Youth Programme](#)

LITERACY RATES

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Both sexes (15-24) %

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

Year: No data.

Source: [UNESCO](#)

NET ENROLMENT RATE

Secondary School

91.14%

Both sexes %

Male % Female %

Year: 2012

Source: [UNESCO](#)

GDP PER CAPITA

USD 59831.7

Year: 2013

Source: [World Bank](#)

HDI

0.901

Year: 2013

Source: [UNDP](#)

10 out of 187 countries.

GINI

26.88

Year: 2010

Source: [World Bank](#)

CORRUPTION PERCEPTION

92

1 out of 177 countries.

Year: 2014

Source: [Transparency International](#)

PRESS FREEDOM

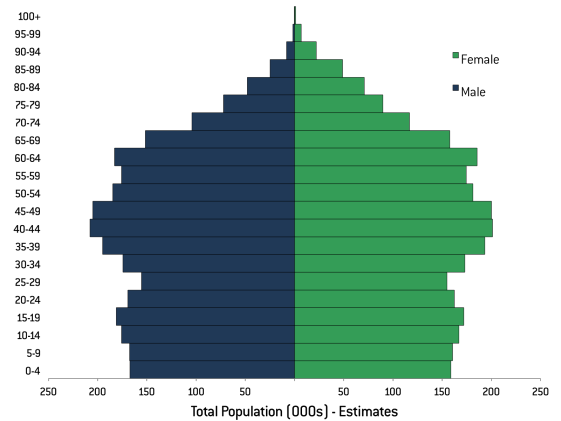
7.43

7 out of 180 countries.

Year: 2013

Source: [Reporters Without Borders](#)

POPULATION BY AGE AND SEX 2010



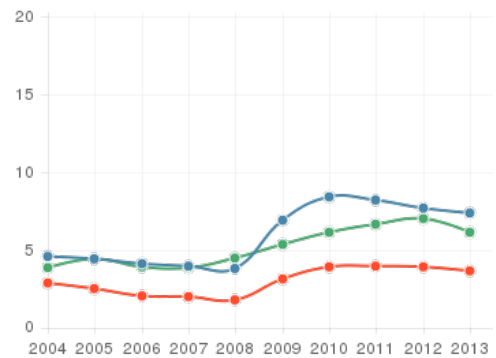
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Source: [United Nations - Department of Economic and Social Affairs - Population Division](#)

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).

SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

PREVALENCE OF HIV

0.1%

Male (15-24) %

0.1%

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.

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Both sexes (13-15) %

Male (13-15) %

Female (13-15) %

Year: No data.

Source: [WHO](#)

POLICY & LEGISLATION

According to the [youth policy article](#) (2008), the Danish Government, "has not instituted a specific youth policy with a certain defined purpose. Every sector has its own field of responsibility regarding measures and policy for young people." Instead, youth policy is integrated throughout government and across "relevant national, regional and local authorities." However, the article notes that the range of programmes and activities forms "the framework of our Danish youth policy." As such,

Is there a national youth policy?

YES

Denmark has an integrated youth policy approach. A [2008 article](#) and a [2012 briefing](#) explain.

It is an integrated part of the general policies that support Denmark as an enlightened and open, democratic welfare society that is based on social coherence and strives to give everybody equal opportunities to obtain an education, a job and social security, thus creating the basis for the participation of young people in society.

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

Although the [youth policy article](#) (2008) was published by the Ministry of Education & Children and written by the Minister for Education & Youth, the [Ministry recently lost its responsibility for children](#) and has reverted back to its previous name: [The Ministry of Education](#). The [Ministry of Social Affairs, Children and Integration](#) has responsibility for "disadvantaged children and young people" and those in care. According to the [Danish National report: First cooperation cycle of the EU Youth Strategy 2010-2012](#) (2012), there is no inter-ministerial working group on youth.

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

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YOUTH AND REPRESENTATION

The [Danish Youth Council \(DUF\)](#) is an umbrella organisation representing 70 organisations that work with over 600,000 children and young people. They deliver a range of youth programmes including politics, scouting, religion, environment, youth clubs, theatre, exchange and international projects. The DUF distribute over DKK 100 million (USD 18.2 million) annually to youth projects and are members of the [European Youth Forum](#). Additionally, the [Network of Youth Councils \(NAU\)](#) is the umbrella organisation for approximately 70 local youth councils across Denmark.

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

YES

BUDGET & SPENDING

No documentation could be found online on youth spending in Denmark. According to the [World Bank](#), Denmark spent 15.05% of its government expenditure and 8.74% of its GDP on education provision in 2009.

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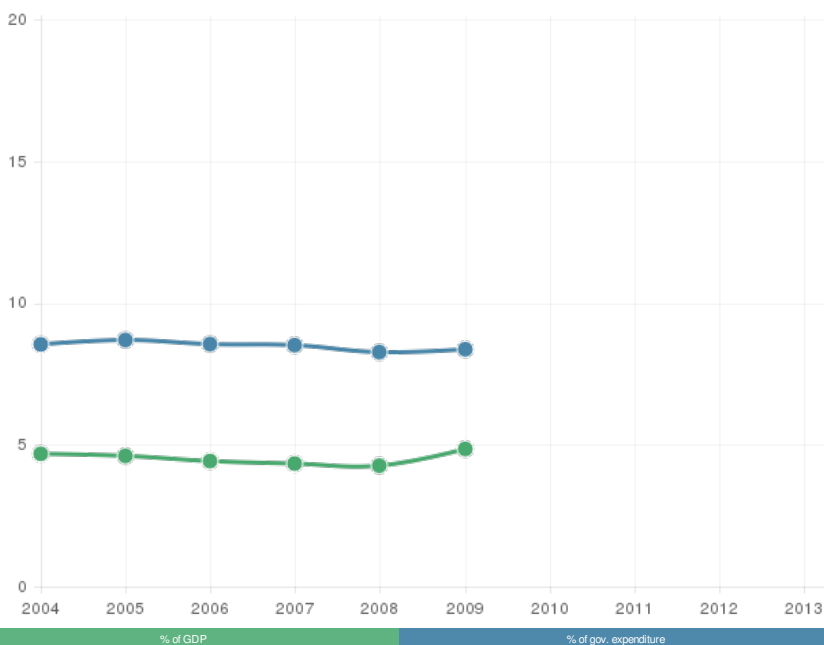
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Source: [World Bank](#)
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% of GDP

% of gov. expenditure

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PUBLICATIONS AND REVIEWS

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