

# Factsheet: Egypt

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## DEFINITION OF YOUTH

There is no clear age range for youth. According to the [2010 Euromed report](#) on Egypt, the National Council for Youth (NYC), the precursor to the current [Ministry of State for Youth Affairs](#), defined youth as aged 18-30. However, recent programmes by the ministry, such as the [cooperation agreement](#) signed with the [Participatory Development Programme in Urban Areas](#) in January 2013, define youth as aged 18-35.

### CANDIDACY AGE

**Lower House** **25**

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

**Upper House** **35**

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

### MARRIAGEABLE AGE

	Without Parental Consent	With Parental Consent	Same Sex
Male	21	18	XX
Female	21	16	--

Homosexual acts between males are illegal. The legislation is unclear on homosexual acts between females. Source: [UNSD, ILGA](#)

### VOTING AGE

**18**

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

### MAJORITY AGE

**21**

Source: [UN Child Rights Periodic Report \(2010\)](#)

### CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY

**12**

Minimum Age  
Source: [UN Child Rights Periodic Report \(2010\)](#)

### GDP PER CAPITA

**USD 3314.46**

Year: 2013

Source: [World Bank](#)

### HDI

**0.662**

Year: 2013

Source: [UNDP](#)

110 out of 187 countries.

### GINI

**30.75**

Year: 2008

Source: [World Bank](#)

### CORRUPTION PERCEPTION

**37**

94 out of 177 countries.

Year: 2014

Source: [Transparency International](#)

### PRESS FREEDOM

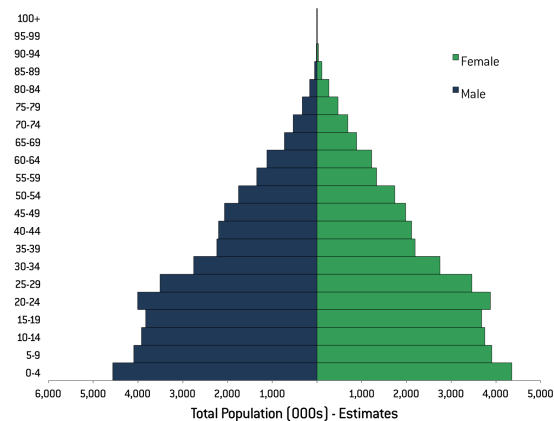
**51.89**

159 out of 180 countries.

Year: 2013

Source: [Reporters Without Borders](#)

## POPULATION BY AGE AND SEX 2010



## SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

### YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INDEX

**0.64**

86 out of 170 countries.

Year: 2013

Source: [Commonwealth Youth Programme](#)

### LITERACY RATES

**91.12%**

Both sexes (15-24) %

**93.42%** **88.73%**

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

Year: 2015

Source: [UNESCO](#)

### NET ENROLMENT RATE

Secondary School

**82.50%**

Both sexes %

**82.57%** **82.42%**

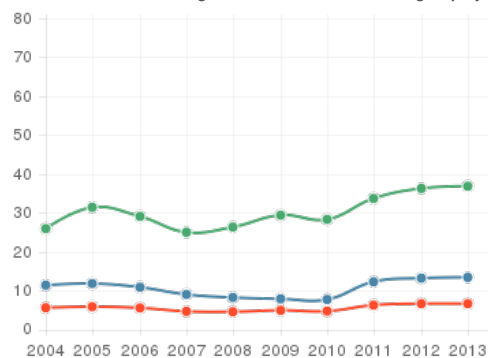
Male % Female %

Year: 2012

Source: [UNESCO](#)

## 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).

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### 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.

**12.00%**

Both sexes (13-15) %

**20.00%**

Male (13-15) %

**3.80%**

Female (13-15) %

Year: 2010

Source: [WHO](#)

## POLICY & LEGISLATION

The [2010 Egypt Human Development Report](#) outlines a proposed National Policy for Youth in Egypt, developed in 2009 by the National Youth Council – the apparent predecessor to the current [Ministry of State for Youth Affairs](#). The proposed policy covered 12 areas: Employment; Political Participation; Education; Health; Population; Culture; Mass Media; Social Activities & Volunteer Work; Social Welfare; Sports & Recreation; Environment, and; Studies and Research. However, there is no indication that a national youth policy was adopted. In April 2013, under the first [post-Mubarak revolution](#) cabinet, former Minister of Youth Osama Yassin mentioned that the ministry was discussing the development of a [Youth Act](#) and this is mentioned as a "priority initiative" on the [Ministry of State for Youth Affairs website](#).

Is there a national youth policy?

**UNCLEAR**

Egypt has no national youth policy yet. A 2010 youth policy briefing is available.

## BUDGET & SPENDING

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## PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

The [Ministry of State for Youth Affairs](#) is responsible for child and youth development in Egypt. Its strategic goals for 2013-2017 include enhancing political participation of youth, building cultural awareness, and developing training and research on youth. According to the [Egypt Independent](#), the Ministry was a new post within the first cabinet after the [2011 revolution](#), though seems to have taken over the role of the previous National Council of Youth (NCY), which was the main governmental body in charge of youth programming as described in the [2010 Euromed report](#).

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

**YES**

## YOUTH AND REPRESENTATION

Prior to the [2011 revolution](#), there was a National Council for Youth (NCY), however according to [Innovations in Civic Participation](#), NCY was the government body responsible for youth, rather than a representative youth council. NCY appears to now be replaced by the [Ministry of State for Youth Affairs](#). It is unclear what formal representation youth will have in post-revolution Egypt. In civil society, the [Revolutionary Youth Coalition](#), composed of youth from a variety of parties and movements, was instrumental in the [revolution](#) though was [dissolved](#) in July 2012.

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

**NO**

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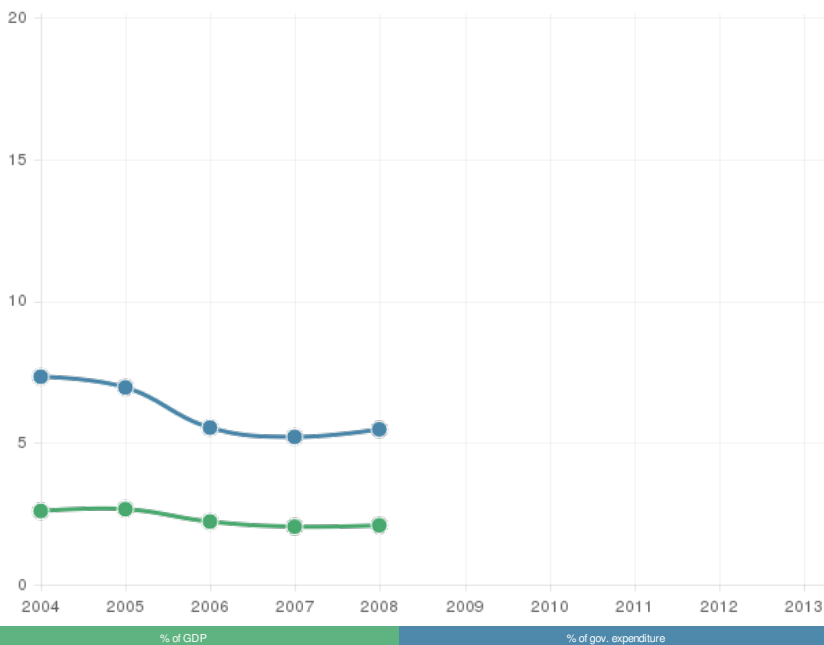
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% of GDP

% of gov. expenditure

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