

Factsheet: Ethiopia

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DEFINITION OF YOUTH

Ethiopia's [national youth policy](#) (2004) defines youth as those aged between 15-29.

CANDIDACY AGE

Lower House **21**

Source: [Inter-Parliamentary Union](#)

Upper House **21**

Source: [Inter-Parliamentary Union](#)
Entirely indirectly elected

MARRIAGEABLE AGE

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

No data for marriageable age with parental consent. Homosexual acts illegal. Source: [UNSD, ILGA](#)

VOTING AGE

18

Source: [Inter-Parliamentary Union](#)

MAJORITY AGE

18

Source: [African Child Policy Forum](#) (2012)

CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY

9

Minimum Age
Source: [Criminal Code of Ethiopia](#) (2005)

GDP PER CAPITA

USD 505.05

Year: 2013

Source: [World Bank](#)

HDI

0.396

Year: 2013

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

GINI

33.6

Year: 2011

Source: [World Bank](#)

CORRUPTION PERCEPTION

33

110 out of 177 countries.

Year: 2014

Source: [Transparency International](#)

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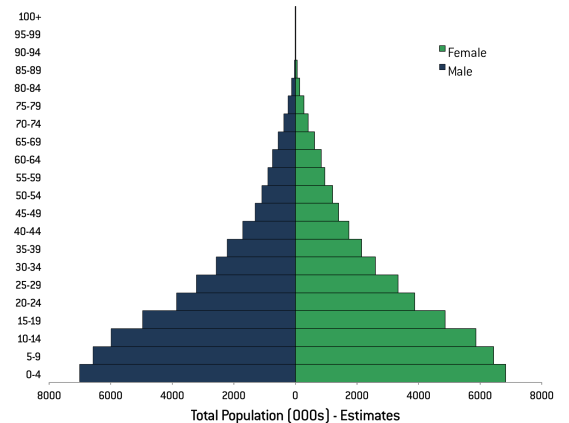
40.58

143 out of 180 countries.

Year: 2013

Source: [Reporters Without Borders](#)

POPULATION BY AGE AND SEX 2010



SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INDEX

0.47

125 out of 170 countries.

Year: 2013

Source: [Commonwealth Youth Programme](#)

LITERACY RATES

69.48%

Both sexes (15-24) %

71.13% **67.81%**

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

Year: 2015

Source: [UNESCO](#)

NET ENROLMENT RATE

Secondary School

14.80%

Both sexes %

18.37% **11.22%**

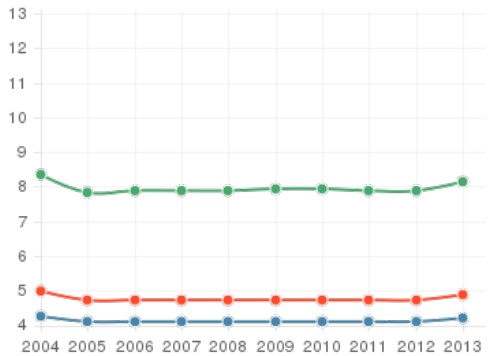
Male % Female %

Year: 2002

Source: [UNESCO](#)

YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT

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



SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

PREVALENCE OF HIV

0.4%

Male (15-24) %

0.5%

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.

7.90%

Both sexes (13-15) %

9.90%

Male (13-15) %

4.90%

Female (13-15) %

Year: 2010

Source: [WHO](#)

POLICY & LEGISLATION

The [national youth policy](#) (2004) aims to enable youth to participate, in an organised manner, in the process of building a democratic system, good governance and development endeavours. The policy seeks to,

...ensure that youth become citizens with democratic outlook, professional competence, skill and ethics so that they can actively, efficiently and widely participate in, and benefit from the country's on-going activities that are aimed at attaining a democratic system and accelerated development.

The major elements of the youth policy are: Youth, democracy and good governance; Youth and economic development; Youth and education; Youth and health; Youth and HIV/AIDS; Youth and social evils; Youth, culture, sport and entertainment; Youth and environmental protection; and Vulnerable youth.

Is there a national youth policy?

YES

The [national youth policy](#) of Ethiopia was adopted in 2004. An [online summary](#) is available.

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 [Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture](#) (MYSC) was established in 2001. Its vision is "the creation of youth with rounded personality, transforming Ethiopia from backwardness and poverty into prosperity and democratic society." The MYSC's mission is to create youth that are mentally and physically developed; that know and respect the cultural values of their people, and that are proud of their country. It aims to encourage youth to be creative, industrious, internationally competent, and empowered to participate in the development and democratisation of Ethiopia.

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

YES

YOUTH AND REPRESENTATION

Established in 2009, the [Ethiopian Peoples' Revolutionary Democratic Front Youth League](#), (the Ethiopia Youth League) is the youth wing of the ruling four-party coalition government - the [Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Democratic Front](#) (EPRDF). The Youth League has 1.25 million members and "is ready to implement programmes and objectives of the EPRDF." However, the representative nature and the extent to which young people play an active leadership role within the Youth League remains unclear.

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

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BUDGET & SPENDING

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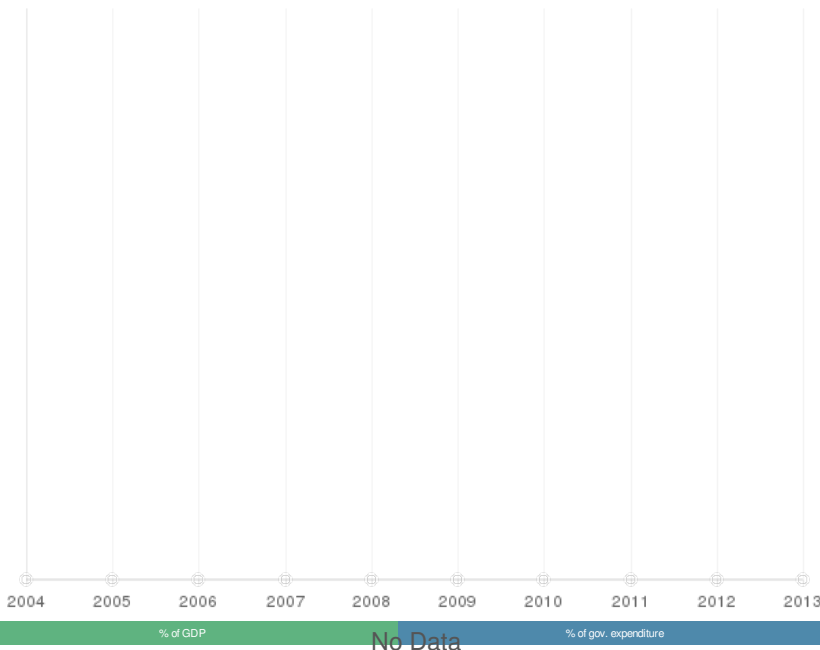
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TOTAL EXPENDITURE ON EDUCATION AS A PERCENTAGE OF GOVERNMENT SPENDING AND GDP

No Data

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% of GDP

% of gov. expenditure

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