

Factsheet: Finland

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DEFINITION OF YOUTH

Finland's [Youth Act \(2006\)](#) and [youth decree \(2006\)](#) define youth as those under 29 years of age.

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
Male		18	--	++
Female		18	--	++

No data for marriage with parental consent. Civil unions/partnerships legal. Source: [UNSD](#), [ILGA](#)

VOTING AGE

18

Source: [Inter-Parliamentary Union](#)

MAJORITY AGE

18

Source: [Finnish Immigration Service](#)

CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY

15

Minimum Age
Source: [Criminal Code of Finland \(2012\)](#)

GDP PER CAPITA

USD 49146.65

Year: 2013

Source: [World Bank](#)

HDI

0.892

Year: 2013

Source: [UNDP](#)

24 out of 187 countries.

GINI

27.79

Year: 2010

Source: [World Bank](#)

CORRUPTION PERCEPTION

89

3 out of 177 countries.

Year: 2014

Source: [Transparency International](#)

PRESS FREEDOM

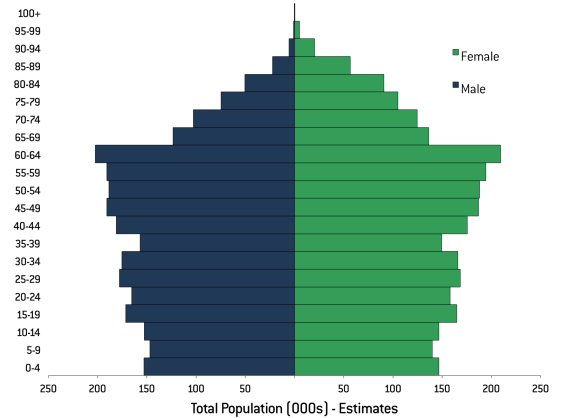
6.4

1 out of 180 countries.

Year: 2013

Source: [Reporters Without Borders](#)

POPULATION BY AGE AND SEX 2010



SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INDEX

0.75

22 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

92.38%

Both sexes %

92.09% 92.68%

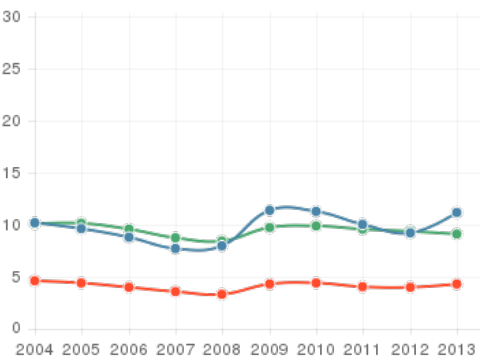
Male % Female %

Year: 2012

Source: [UNESCO](#)

YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT

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



SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

PREVALENCE OF HIV

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Male (15-24) %

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Female (15-24) %

Year: No data.

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

Finland's [Youth Act \(72/2006\)](#) seeks to

support young people's growth and independence, to promote young people's active citizenship and empowerment and to improve young people's growth and living conditions.

It assigns responsibility for youth work and youth policy to the Ministry of Education (currently named the [Ministry of Education and Culture](#)). The Act also mandates that the government adopt a youth policy development programme every four years, while the [Decree on Youth Work and Youth Policy \(2006\)](#) sets the scope for the programme, as well as other responsibilities of the Ministry responsible for youth policy. The current [Child and Youth Policy Programme 2012-2015](#) includes nine strategic goals relating to active citizenship, employment, non-discrimination, gender equality, education and health.

Is there a national youth policy?

YES

The youth policy of Finland is based on a youth act and decree and a 2012-2015 youth programme.

BUDGET & SPENDING

What is the budget allocated to the governmental authority (ministry, department or office) that is primarily responsible for youth and/or youth programming?

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

The Youth Division within the Department for Cultural, Sport and Youth Policy of the [Ministry of Education and Culture](#) is currently responsible for youth policy in Finland. In line with the [Youth Act \(2006\)](#) and the [Decree on Youth Work and Youth Policy \(2006\)](#), the Ministry prepared the [Child and Youth Policy Programme 2012-2015](#) in collaboration with other ministries. It is also responsible for appointing the Advisory Council for Youth Affairs, an expert body for youth work and policy, which is responsible for the annual evaluation of the youth policy programme.

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

YES

EUR 86.5 MILLION

USD 118 MILLION

According to the [Administration website](#) of the [Ministry of Education and Culture](#), in 2013 the Ministry spent EUR 74 million (USD 101 million) on youth work and EUR 12.5 million (USD 17.1 million) on supporting national youth organisations, for a total of approximately EUR 86.5 million (USD 118 million). According to the [World Bank](#), Finland spent 12.26% of its government expenditure and 6.84% of its GDP on education provision in 2010.

YOUTH AND REPRESENTATION

The [Finish Youth Cooperation \(Allianssi\)](#) is the umbrella organisation for national youth organisations in Finland. Its purpose is

to encourage young people to become responsible members of society and help them participate in decision-making processes and international activities.

It lobbies decision-makers, youth workers and youth organisations, and provides services directly to young people, such as the [European Youth Card](#). It has an annual budget of EUR 3 million (USD 4.1 million), with 70% provided from the [Ministry of Education and Culture](#).

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

YES

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

BUDGET & SPENDING

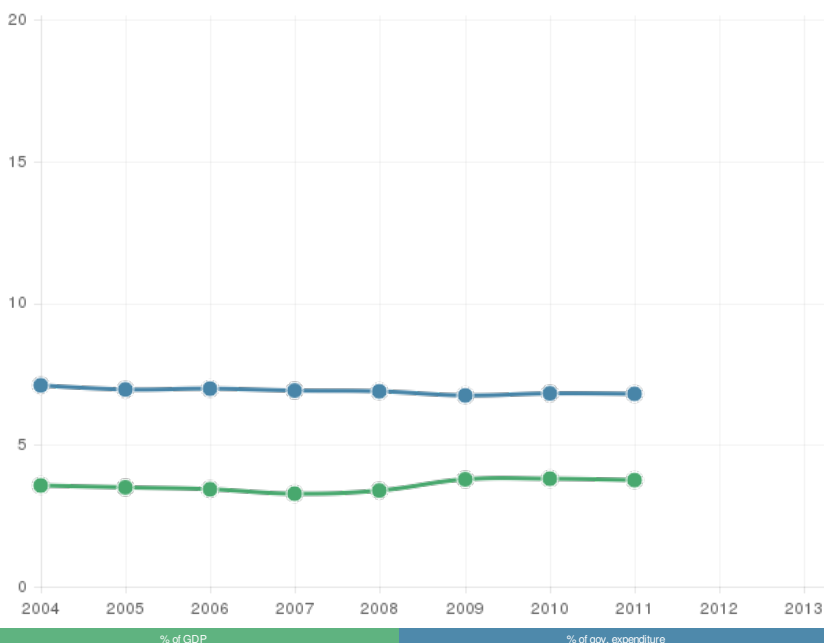
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Source: [World Bank](#)

% of GDP

% of gov. expenditure

Source: [World Bank](#)

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