

Factsheet: Gabon

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DEFINITION OF YOUTH

Gabon's 2011 national youth policy defines youth as those aged between 15 and 35 years old, in accordance with the African Youth Charter definition.

CANDIDACY AGE

Lower House **28**
Source: Inter-Parliamentary Union

Upper House **40**
Source: Inter-Parliamentary Union
Entirely indirectly elected

MARRIAGEABLE AGE

	Without Parental Consent	Opposite Sex With Parental Consent	Same Sex
Male	21	18	XX
Female	21	15	XX

No specific legislation for same-sex marriage. Homosexual acts legal. Source: UNSD, ILGA

VOTING AGE

21
Source: Inter-Parliamentary Union

MAJORITY AGE

21
Source: Civil Code of Gabon (1995)

CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY

13
Minimum Age
Source: UN Child Rights Periodic Report (2001)

SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INDEX

0.36
148 out of 170 countries.
Year: 2013
Source: Commonwealth Youth Programme

LITERACY RATES

89.12%
Both sexes (15-24) %
87.76% **90.51%**
Male (15-24) % Female (15-24) %
Year: 2015
Source: UNESCO

NET ENROLMENT RATE

Secondary School
Both sexes %
Male % Female %
Year: No data.
Source: UNESCO

SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

PREVALENCE OF HIV

0.4%
Male (15-24) %
1.9%
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.
Both sexes (13-15) %
Male (13-15) % Female (13-15) %
Year: No data.
Source: WHO

POLICY & LEGISLATION

The national youth policy is the outcome of a national youth survey, recommendations expressed at the 2011 Forum of Youth, Gabon's engagement in working towards Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and the African Youth Charter, adopted by Gabon. The policy identifies the following key steps and a timeline for action for the period 2013 to 2025 (Original in French, the author's translation):

- To create a ministry for youth development, citizenship and associations;
- To reinforce the technical and operational capacities of the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Leisure;
- To restructure the National Youth Council;
- To reinforce the prerogatives of Youth Parliament;
- To reinforce the role of youth in democracy and decision making;

Is there a national youth policy?

YES

The national youth policy of Gabon was introduced in 2011 at the first national youth forum

GDP PER CAPITA

USD 11571.08
Year: 2013
Source: World Bank

HDI

0.683
Year: 2013
Source: UNDP
112 out of 187 countries.

GINI

42.19
Year: 2005
Source: World Bank

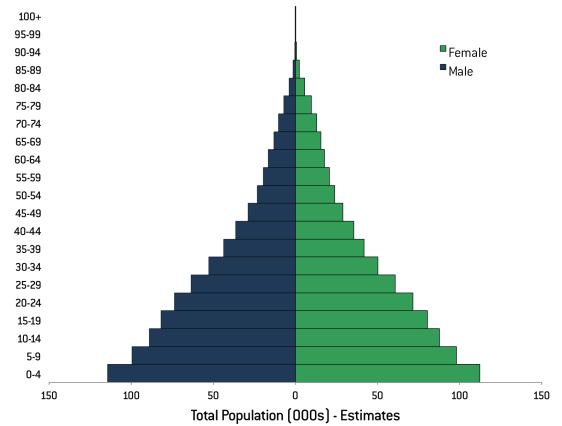
CORRUPTION PERCEPTION

37
94 out of 177 countries.
Year: 2014
Source: Transparency International

PRESS FREEDOM

31.32
98 out of 180 countries.
Year: 2013
Source: Reporters Without Borders

POPULATION BY AGE AND SEX 2010



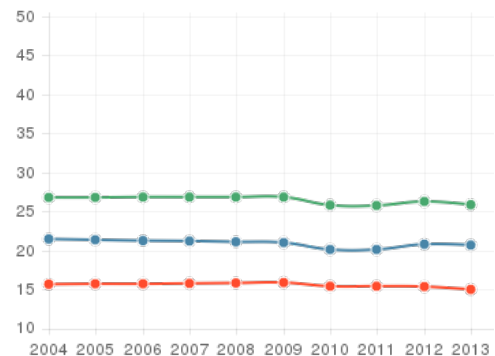
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Source: United Nations - Department of Economic and Social Affairs - Population Division

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 May 2014).

BUDGET & SPENDING

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

- To develop volunteering;
- To create a mobility scholarship for youths.

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

The [Ministry of Youth, Sports and Leisure](#) is responsible for all matters relating to youth, though the youth policy underlines the importance of cross-ministerial collaboration. Unfortunately the official website provides little information on the Ministry's activities. According to a [press article](#), the National Institute for Youth and Sports provides training and education, however it is unclear whether it purely consists of an institution of higher education or holds a governmental role.

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

YES

YOUTH AND REPRESENTATION

The [National Youth Council of Gabon](#) (CNJG) was reactivated in 2003. It is a government consultative body in the field of youth. According to its [presentation brochure](#), it aims to "reinvigorate the activities of youth movements, associations, clubs in order to further engage them in the decision-making and development of the nation". (Original in French, author's translation). It serves as an umbrella body for youth organizations, NGOs, and student associations. CNJG holds public events to engage and inform youth, such as the [National Day of Youth](#).

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

YES

BUDGET & SPENDING

No documentation on the budget for youth in Gabon could be found online. According to the [World Bank](#), Gabon spent 17.71% of its government expenditure and 3,83% of its GDP on education provision in 2000. More recent data on Gabon was not available.

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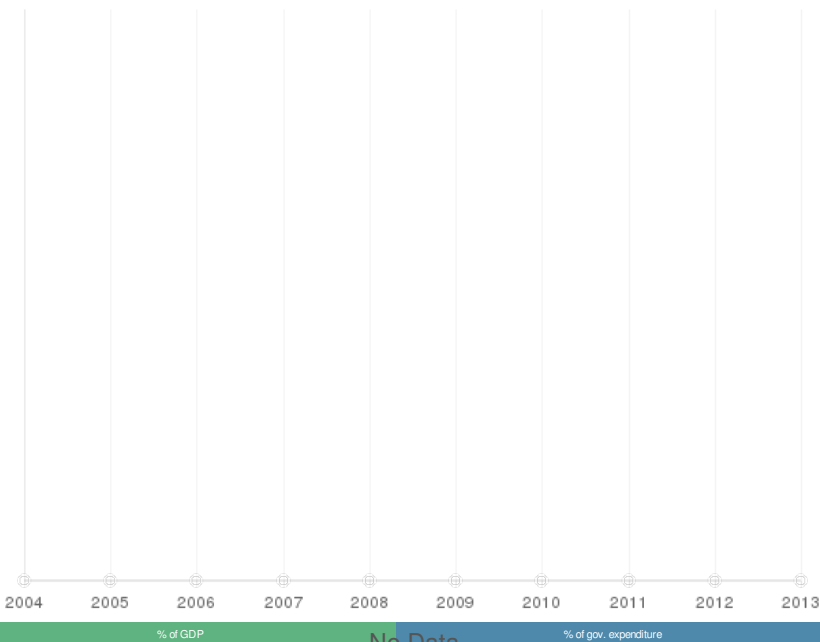
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No Data

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% of GDP

% of gov. expenditure

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