

Factsheet: Greece

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DEFINITION OF YOUTH

The [youth policy briefing](#) (2012) notes that youth in Greece is defined as between 15-35 years. In some cases this is extended to 40 years.

CANDIDACY AGE

Lower House **25**
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 marriageable age with parental consent. Under some conditions (e.g. pregnancy) the marriage can take place without age restrictions. No specific legislation for same-sex marriage. Homosexual acts legal Source: [UNSD, ILGA](#)

VOTING AGE

18

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

MAJORITY AGE

18

Source: [FOSIGRID](#)

CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY

13

Minimum Age
Between the ages of 8-13 years, children may be subject to reformative or therapeutic measures. Source: [US Library of Congress](#) (2014)

GDP PER CAPITA

USD 21956.41
Year: 2013
Source: [World Bank](#)

HDI

0.86
Year: 2013
Source: [UNDP](#)
29 out of 187 countries.

GINI

34.74
Year: 2010
Source: [World Bank](#)

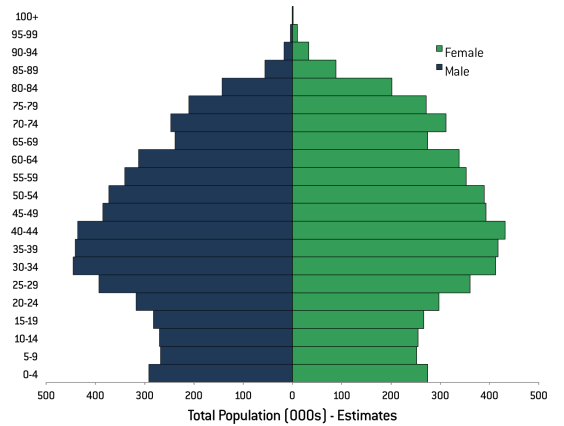
CORRUPTION PERCEPTION

43
69 out of 177 countries.
Year: 2014
Source: [Transparency International](#)

PRESS FREEDOM

31.33
99 out of 180 countries.
Year: 2013
Source: [Reporters Without Borders](#)

POPULATION BY AGE AND SEX 2010



GRC

Source: [United Nations - Department of Economic and Social Affairs - Population Division](#)
2012 Revision - Estimates. (Accessed August 2013).

SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INDEX

0.73

37 out of 170 countries.

Year: 2013

Source: [Commonwealth Youth Programme](#)

LITERACY RATES

99.45%

Both sexes (15-24) %

99.53% **99.36%**

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

Year: 2015

Source: [UNESCO](#)

NET ENROLMENT RATE

Secondary School

99.23%

Both sexes %

99.37% **99.07%**

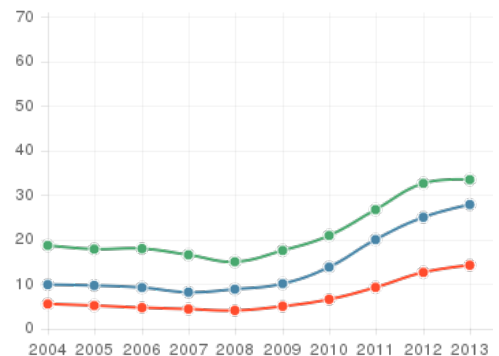
Male % Female %

Year: 2010

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.

16.20%

Both sexes (13-15) %

17.10% **14.40%**

Male (13-15) % Female (13-15) %

Year: 2010

Source: [WHO](#)

POLICY & LEGISLATION

The [youth policy report](#) (2012) notes that no national youth policy nor youth strategy exists. Instead, youth policy is considered "cross-sectoral" with youth affairs legislated across various ministries and incorporating national, European and international policies. Numerous laws cover youth issues such as education, employment, sports, family, rights, health, social protections, and local youth councils. The [General Secretariat for Youth](#), which has responsibility for youth affairs, focuses on three main policy areas: 1) unemployment, employment and labour relationships; 2) social exclusion, social inclusion, youth rights and participation; 3) environment, climate change and green development. National youth programmes are influenced by the [EU Youth Strategy](#) (2010-2018).

Is there a national youth policy?

NO

Greece has no dedicated national youth policy. A 2012 report and a 2012 briefing are 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

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PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

The [General Secretariat for Youth \(GSFY\)](#) within the [Ministry of Education & Religious Affairs](#) has the "primary task of shaping, monitoring and coordinating the government policy for youth." The [youth policy briefing](#) (2012) notes that the main role of the GSFY is "to promote a cross-sectoral youth policy" and heads an inter-ministerial committee. According to the [youth policy report](#) (2012), a Youth Committee cooperates "with non-governmental organisations, social and scientific bodies before making and implementing the youth policy."

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

YES

YOUTH AND REPRESENTATION

The [National Youth Council of Greece \(ESYN\)](#) is an umbrella organisation with 59 affiliated members. It is an "independent, non-governmental, non-profit federation of Greek youth organisations." According to the [youth policy briefing](#) (2012), the ESYN was established in 1998 and its role is "to be the official representative of Greek youth" at international forums and to act as "the main interlocutor" between the Government and young people on "youth issues at the national level." The ESYN is a member of the [European Youth Forum](#) and the [Mediterranean Youth Forum](#).

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

YES

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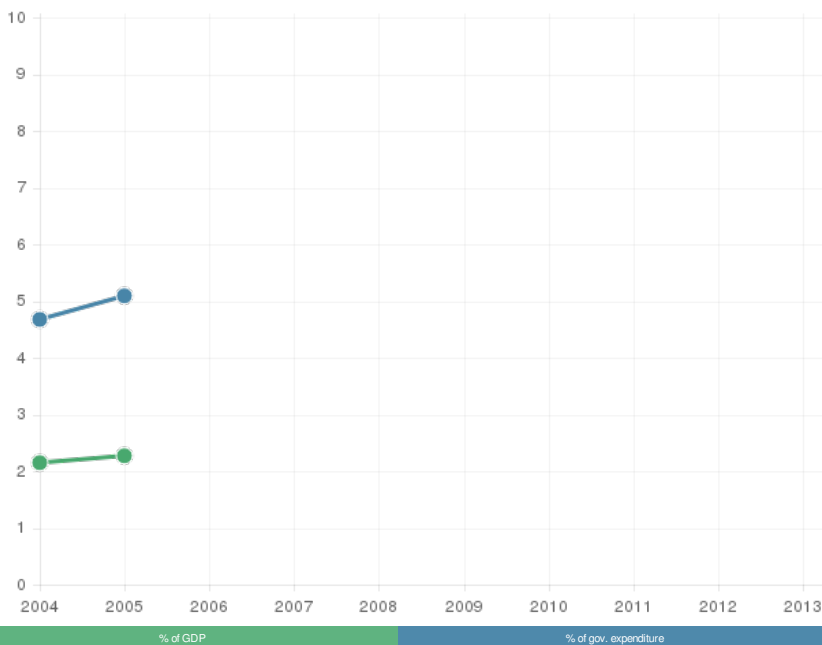
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% of GDP

% of gov. expenditure

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