

Factsheet: Grenada

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DEFINITION OF YOUTH

Grenada does not have a specific definition of youth. Grenada is a signatory of [The Commonwealth Plan of Action for Youth Empowerment \(PAYE\) 2006-2015](#), which defines youth as between 15-29 years, in line with the [Commonwealth Youth Programme](#) definition.

CANDIDACY AGE

Lower House **18**

Source: [Inter-Parliamentary Union](#)

Upper House **18**

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

MARRIAGEABLE AGE

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

Male homosexual acts illegal. Female homosexual acts legal, however no specific legislation for same-sex marriage. Source: [UNSD, ILGA](#)

VOTING AGE

18

Source: [Inter-Parliamentary Union](#)

MAJORITY AGE

21

No legislation revokes the common law majority age of 21, when a person can get married or make a will without parental consent. Source: [UN Child Rights Periodic Report \(1997\)](#)

CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY

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Minimum Age
Children aged 7-16 are not sent to prison, however those aged 16-18 may be imprisoned in the same facilities as adults. Source: [UN Child Rights Periodic Report \(2010\)](#)

SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INDEX

0.47

126 out of 170 countries.

Year: 2013

Source: [Commonwealth Youth Programme](#)

LITERACY RATES

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Both sexes (15-24) %

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

Year: No data.

Source: [UNESCO](#)

NET ENROLMENT RATE

Secondary School

76.87%

Both sexes %

76.62% 77.12%
Male % Female %

Year: 2005

Source: [UNESCO](#)

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.

20.50%

Both sexes (13-15) %

24.50% 16.70%
Male (13-15) % Female (13-15) %

Year: 2010

Source: [WHO](#)

POLICY & LEGISLATION

According to a [letter published on 27 May 2011](#), the national youth policy was operational from 2003-2008 with 22 programmes established. These included youth enterprise, mentoring and parenting projects. Since the 2013 elections, Grenada is currently in the process of developing a new youth policy and is conducting individual, group and stakeholder consultations. In a [press release on 18 March 2014](#), a national youth policy in Grenada is noted as existing, but no further details are available online. Grenada is a signatory to the [CARICOM Youth Development Action Plan 2012-2017 \(CYDAP\)](#), designed to support policy-making on youth development. The CYDAP lists goals on thematic areas including, education, health, economic empowerment, citizenship, participation, and wellbeing.

Is there a national youth policy?

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Grenada adopted a national youth policy in 2003, but it has been defunct since the 2008 elections.

GDP PER CAPITA

USD 7890.51

Year: 2013

Source: [World Bank](#)

HDI

0.77

Year: 2013

Source: [UNDP](#)

79 out of 187 countries.

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Year: No data.

Source: [World Bank](#)

CORRUPTION PERCEPTION

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Year: No data.

Source: [Transparency International](#)

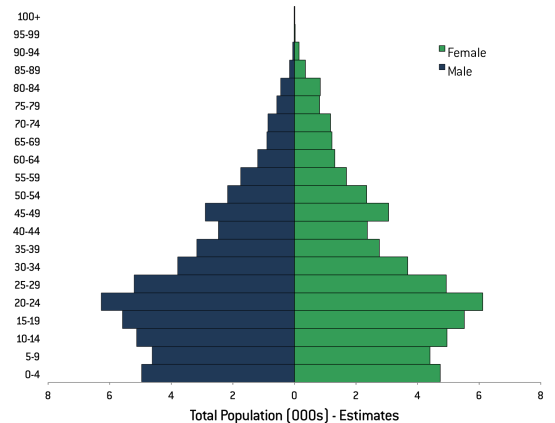
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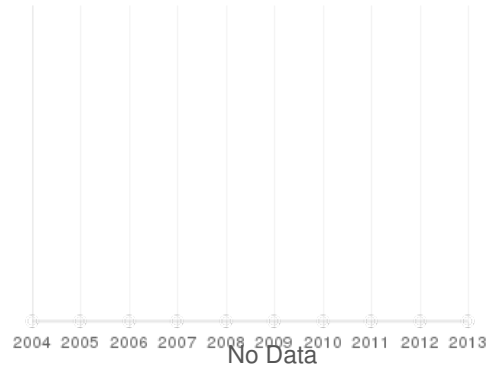
Source: [Reporters Without Borders](#)

POPULATION BY AGE AND SEX 2010



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).

BUDGET & SPENDING

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PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

The Division of Youth Empowerment within the [Ministry of Youth Empowerment & Sports](#) (MoYES) is responsible for youth affairs. The mission of the Ministry is "to empower our youth for life and nation building." According to the [official Facebook Page](#), the MoYES focus areas include youth development policies, youth participation in development, youth enterprise and skills. According to a [press release on 18 March 2014](#), an inter-ministerial committee has been established that will oversee the implementation of the [CARICOM Youth Development Action Plan 2012-2017](#).

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

YES

YOUTH AND REPRESENTATION

The National Youth Ambassador Programme (NYAP) targets "young people aged 16-35 who will represent their peers on national, regional and international levels." The programme is run by the [Ministry of Youth Empowerment & Sports](#). The role of young people and the representativeness of individuals is unclear. A national youth parliament event was held in 2010. The NYAP represent young people at the [Commonwealth Youth Council](#) and regionally, Grenada is a member of the [CARICOM Youth Ambassadors](#) programme.

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

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According to the [2014 budget statement](#), the budget for the [Ministry of Youth, Empowerment & Sports](#) (listed as Ministry of Youth & Sports) is XCD 70.1 million (USD 25.9 million). It is unclear what proportion is spent on youth affairs. According to the [World Bank](#), Grenada spent 12.86% of its government expenditure and 3.09% of its GDP on education provision in 2003.

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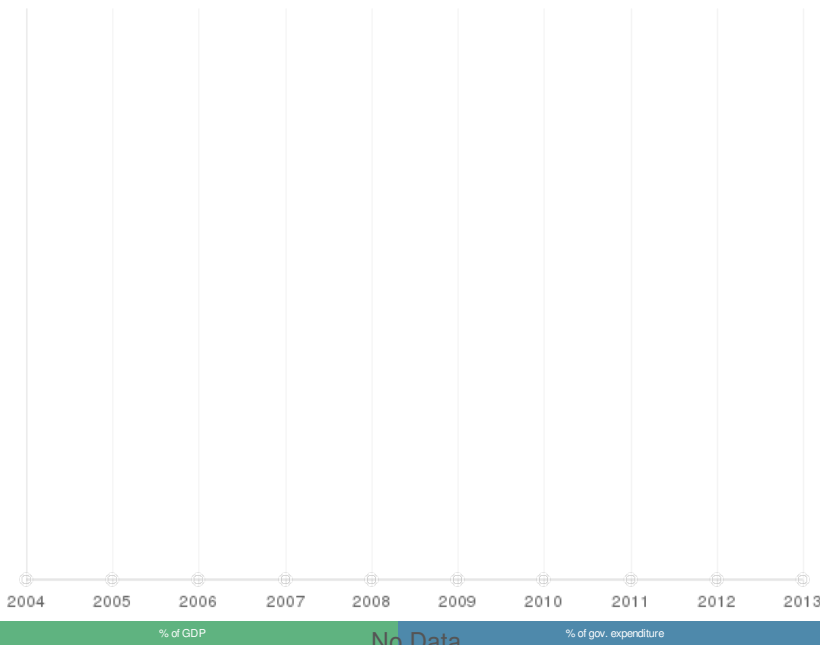
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No Data

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% of GDP

% of gov. expenditure

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