

Factsheet: Guinea-Bissau

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DEFINITION OF YOUTH

There is no official definition of youth. The *African Economic Outlook* (2013) for Guinea-Bissau uses 15-35 as reference group for poverty and 15-24 for unemployment among young people.

CANDIDACY AGE

Lower House **21**
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 age with parental consent. Forced and early marriages of girls below 15 years is prevalent in poor rural areas. No specific legislation for same-sex marriage. Source: [UNSD, ILGA, UN Child Rights Periodic Report](#) (2013)

VOTING AGE

18

Source: [Inter-Parliamentary Union](#)

MAJORITY AGE

18

Source: [UN Child Rights Periodic Report](#) (2009)

CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY

16

Minimum Age
Source: [UN Child Rights Periodic Report](#) (1993)

GDP PER CAPITA

USD 563.75
Year: 2013
Source: [World Bank](#)

HDI

0.364
Year: 2013
Source: [UNDP](#)
177 out of 187 countries.

GINI

35.52
Year: 2002
Source: [World Bank](#)

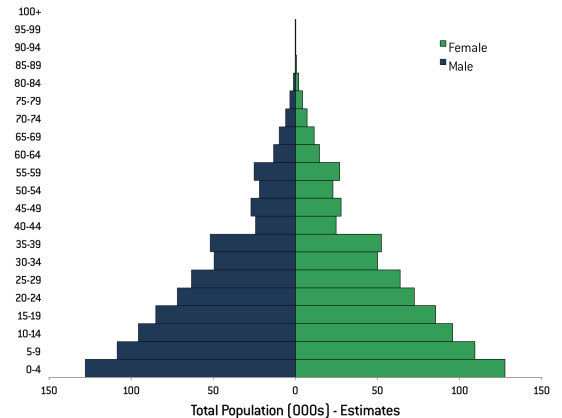
CORRUPTION PERCEPTION

19
161 out of 177 countries.
Year: 2014
Source: [Transparency International](#)

PRESS FREEDOM

30.05
86 out of 180 countries.
Year: 2013
Source: [Reporters Without Borders](#)

POPULATION BY AGE AND SEX 2010



GNB

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

SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INDEX

0.26

165 out of 170 countries.

Year: 2013

Source: [Commonwealth Youth Programme](#)

LITERACY RATES

77.28%

Both sexes (15-24) %

80.85% **73.71%**
Male (15-24) % Female (15-24) %

Year: 2015

Source: [UNESCO](#)

NET ENROLMENT RATE

Secondary School

8.46%

Both sexes %

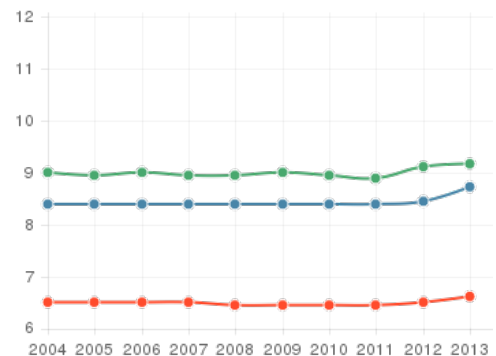
10.85% **6.10%**
Male % Female %

Year: 2000

Source: [UNESCO](#)

YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT

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



SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

PREVALENCE OF HIV

0.9%

Male (15-24) %

1.7%

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.

10.90%

Both sexes (13-15) %

11.50% **10.30%**
Male (13-15) % Female (13-15) %

Year: 2010

Source: [WHO](#)

POLICY & LEGISLATION

In an interview with [Deutsche Welle](#) on the 26th June 2013, representatives of youth organisations and the head of the National Institute of Youth (NIY) express the need for a national youth policy to solve the problems that affect young people and increase the government's responsibility towards youth. The article states that a regulatory document of youth policy for Guinea-Bissau was expected in September 2013, yet by March 2014 such a policy had not been launched. Yet, the article notes that the NIY – an institution for research on and development of public policies for youth – lacks expertise, as well as financial resources to fulfill its task. Guinea-Bissau is a party to the [African Youth Charter](#), which addresses key issues affecting youth, including employment and youth participation.

Is there a national youth policy?

NO

Guinea-Bissau has no comprehensive dedicated national youth policy yet.

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

According to [IFZ](#), Guinea-Bissau has seen frequent changes of government in the past ten years. All of them, including the transition government that has been in office since June 2013, have had a Minister for Culture, Youth and Sports. The Ministry has been a member of the [Conference of Francophone Ministers of Youth and Sports](#) (CONFESJES) since 1988.

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

YES

YOUTH AND REPRESENTATION

The [National Youth Council of Guinea Bissau](#) (CNJ) is an umbrella organisation of youth associations. According to its [statutes](#) of 2007, CNJ has the objective to provide a platform for dialogue and exchange to its members, promote the development of youth, and represent young people towards the authorities in all matters them. However, according to an interview with [Deutsche Welle on the 26th June 2013](#), youth in Guinea-Bissau "are only remembered during election campaigns, but then not taken into account in the development of the country" and therefore discouraged from participating in politics. The CNJ is a member of the [World Assembly of Youth](#).

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

YES

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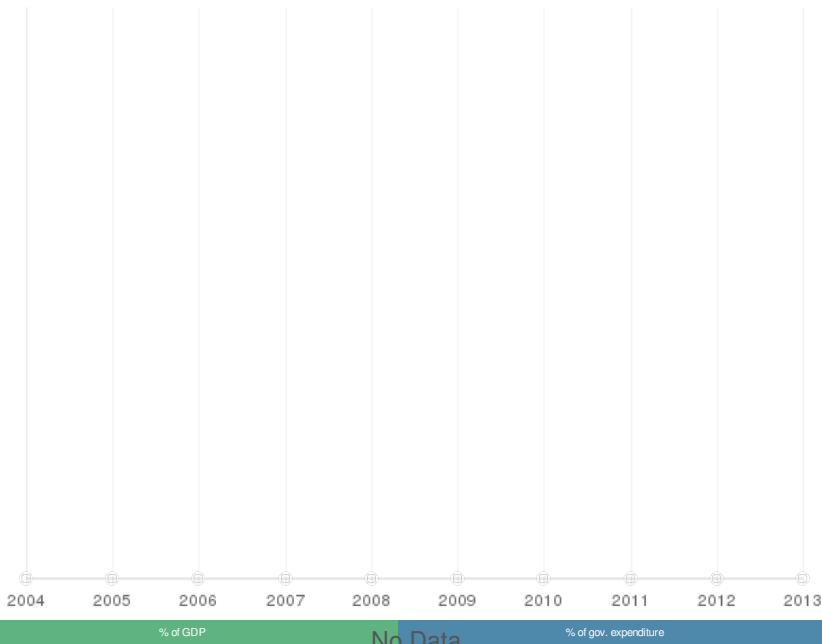
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No Data

% of GDP

% of gov. expenditure

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PUBLICATIONS AND REVIEWS

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