

Factsheet: Haiti

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DEFINITION OF YOUTH

According to their 2012 report, UNICEF was involved in providing technical support in the development of a Haitian draft youth policy, which is not publicly available. UN defines youth as aged 15-24 years, however it is unclear what definition is utilised in the draft policy.

CANDIDACY AGE

Lower House **25**

Source: Inter-Parliamentary Union

Upper House **30**

Source: Inter-Parliamentary Union

MARRIAGEABLE AGE

	WITHOUT PARENTAL CONSENT	WITH PARENTAL CONSENT	Same Sex
Opposite Sex	18	18	--
Male	18	18	--
Female	18	15	--

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

VOTING AGE

18

Source: Inter-Parliamentary Union

MAJORITY AGE

18

Source: Constitution of Haiti (1987)

CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY

13

Minimum Age
Between the ages of 13 - 16 years, children may be subject to reformatory or other therapeutic measures. Source: Penal Code of Haiti (1982)

GDP PER CAPITA

USD 819.9

Year: 2013

Source: World Bank

HDI

0.456

Year: 2013

Source: UNDP
168 out of 187 countries.

GINI

59.21

Year: 2001

Source: World Bank

CORRUPTION PERCEPTION

19

161 out of 177 countries.
Year: 2014

Source: Transparency International

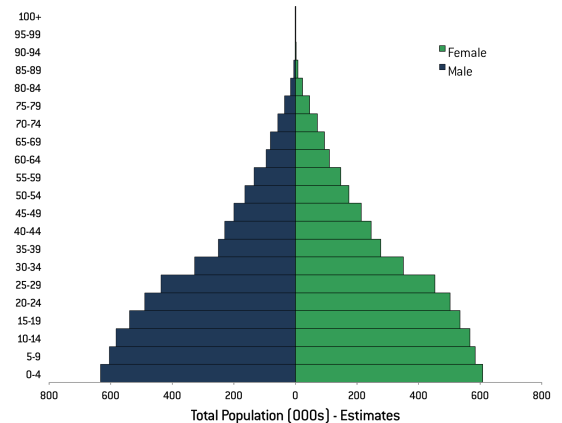
PRESS FREEDOM

23.53

47 out of 180 countries.
Year: 2013

Source: Reporters Without Borders

POPULATION BY AGE AND SEX 2010



SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INDEX

0.41

139 out of 170 countries.

Year: 2013

Source: Commonwealth Youth Programme

LITERACY RATES

82.07%

Both sexes (15-24) %

82.55% **81.58%**

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

Year: 2015

Source: UNESCO

NET ENROLMENT RATE

Secondary School

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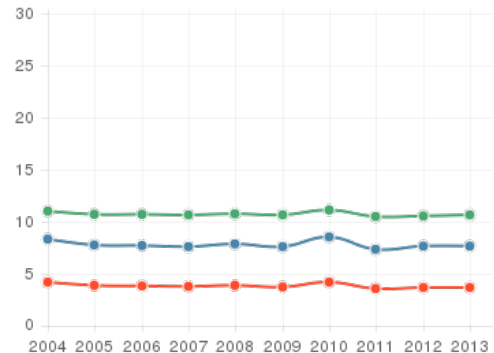
Both sexes %

Year: No data.

Source: UNESCO

YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT

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



SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

PREVALENCE OF HIV

0.6%

Male (15-24) %

0.9%

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.

23.20%

Both sexes (13-15) %

21.70%

Male (13-15) %

23.90%

Female (13-15) %

Year: 2010

Source: WHO

POLICY & LEGISLATION

The UNICEF report, *Children of Haiti: Two Years After* (2012), chronicles UNICEF's activities in the years following the 2010 Haitian earthquake. UNICEF describes its role in providing technical support for the development of "[a] National Youth Policy, National Sport Policy and National Civil Action Youth Policy" which were launched by the government in 2011, "providing a foundation for the integration of youth and adolescent rights in national policies". However, no policy could be located online and it is assumed that it is still in its draft stages.

Haiti's 2010-2015 Operational Plan to rebuild its education system addresses issues existing prior to the earthquake (ex. accessibility, quality) as well as after (ex. destruction of academic infrastructure, displaced youth out of the school system).

Is there a national youth policy?

DRAFT

Haiti has no current national youth policy. A draft was developed in 2011.

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 [Ministry of Youth, Sport and Civic Action](#) is the governmental body responsible for youth. As described in the [Projected Finance Bill for 2013-2014](#), the responsibilities of the ministry include develop, coordinate and supervise sporting activities, promote community life and youth leadership, and support the training of sport administrators. Its objectives for 2013-2014 are mainly centred on sport, however youth objectives include fighting against the use of narcotic drugs, improving national standards on employment and promoting citizenship and patriotism among youth.

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

YES

YOUTH AND REPRESENTATION

As described in the [2012 UNICEF report](#), the National Youth Council of Haiti (CNJH) represents over 16 youth organisations and was formed with the assistance of [UNICEF](#). The National Youth Council was a member of the Haitian Coalition for the International Year of Volunteers (COHAIV), according to [United Nations Volunteers \(UNV\) in Haiti newsletter](#) from December 2011. The coalition was supported by [UNV in Haiti](#) and the [Ministry of Youth, Sport and Civic Action](#). CNJH has no online presence.

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

YES

BUDGET & SPENDING

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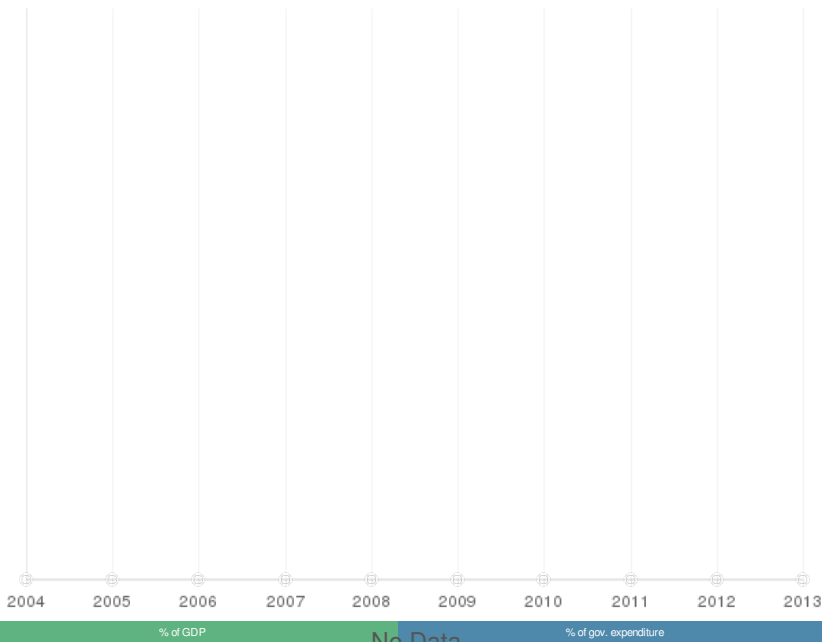
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% of GDP

% of gov. expenditure

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