

# Factsheet: Honduras

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## DEFINITION OF YOUTH

According to the Honduras [National Youth Policy](#), youth is defined as 12-30 years of age.

### 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		<b>21</b>	<b>18</b>
Female		<b>21</b>	<b>18</b>

UNSD reports that marriageable age with parental consent for females is 18, however the [US State Department \(2012\)](#) states that females as young as 16 can marry. No specific legislation for same-sex marriage. Source: [ILGA](#)

### VOTING AGE

**18**

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

### MAJORITY AGE

**21**

Source: [FOSIGRID](#)

### CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY

**12**

Minimum Age  
Source: [Code of Children and Adolescents of Honduras \(1996\)](#)

### GDP PER CAPITA

**USD 2290.78**

Year: 2013

Source: [World Bank](#)

### HDI

**0.632**

Year: 2013

Source: [UNDP](#)  
129 out of 187 countries.

### GINI

**57.4**

Year: 2011

Source: [World Bank](#)

### CORRUPTION PERCEPTION

**29**

126 out of 177 countries.  
Year: 2014

Source: [Transparency International](#)

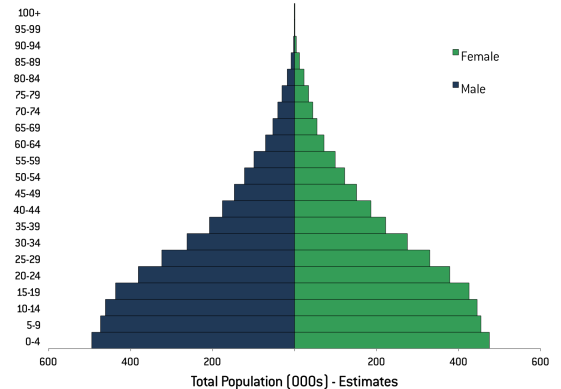
### PRESS FREEDOM

**37.14**

129 out of 180 countries.  
Year: 2013

Source: [Reporters Without Borders](#)

## POPULATION BY AGE AND SEX 2010



Source: [United Nations Population Division - Department of Economic and Social Affairs, World Population Prospects The 2012 Revision \(Estimates\)](#); <http://esa.un.org/unpd/wpp/Excel-Data/population.htm> [accessed July 2013]

Source: [United Nations - Department of Economic and Social Affairs - Population Division](#)

## SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

### YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INDEX

**0.68**

70 out of 170 countries.

Year: 2013

Source: [Commonwealth Youth Programme](#)

### LITERACY RATES

**97.17%**

Both sexes (15-24) %

**96.23%** **98.15%**

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

Year: 2015

Source: [UNESCO](#)

### NET ENROLMENT RATE

Secondary School

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Both sexes %

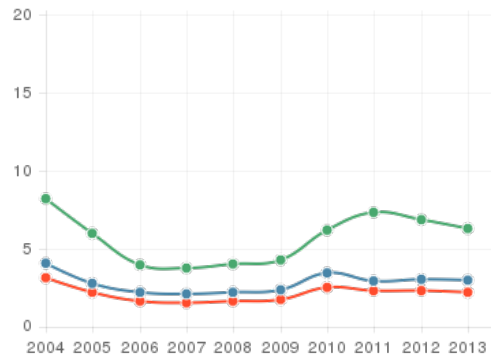
Male % Female %

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

**0.2%**

Male (15-24) %

**0.2%**

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.

**20.40%**

Both sexes (13-15) %

**22.80%**

Male (13-15) %

**18.20%**

Female (13-15) %

Year: 2010

Source: [WHO](#)

## POLICY & LEGISLATION

There are six strategic guidelines listed in the [national youth policy](#):

1. Empowering youth and citizen engagement
2. Digital inclusion and multilingual communication
3. Social inclusion through sport and recreation
4. Economic rights through decent work and rural development
5. Access to sexual and reproductive health services
6. Access to justice and building a culture of peace

It is supported by the [Comprehensive Youth Development Framework Act \(No. 260-2005\)](#) (also known as the "Youth Law") which identifies a "national youth system" composed of the [National Youth Institute](#) as responsible for the policy, the National Commission of Youth as the coordinating body between government and civil society, national youth sector councils as well as municipal-level offices for youth and youth councils.

Is there a national youth policy?

**YES**

Honduras has a [national youth policy](#), adopted in 2007, that covers the period 2007-2021.

male - (15-24)

female - (15-24)

total labour force

Source: [World Bank](#)

## BUDGET & SPENDING

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

## PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

The [National Youth Institute](#) is the governing body of the [youth policy](#). It reports to the President, and provides intersectoral coordination. Its responsibilities include monitoring and evaluating laws and policies that may limit the rights of young people, and promoting joint initiatives in social policy. The institute also plays a role in the National Youth Commission, which coordinates the link between government and civil society. It derives its role from the [Comprehensive Youth Development Framework Act \(No. 260-2005\)](#).

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

**YES**

## YOUTH AND REPRESENTATION

Honduras does not have a singular national youth council, but rather regional or municipal level councils, or councils representing specific youth sectors. As described in the [Youth Law \(No. 260-2005\)](#), representatives from the various youth groups participate in the National Youth Commission, the coordinating body between government and civil society, and also participated in the consultation for the formation of the [national youth policy](#), as described in the policy itself.

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

**YES**

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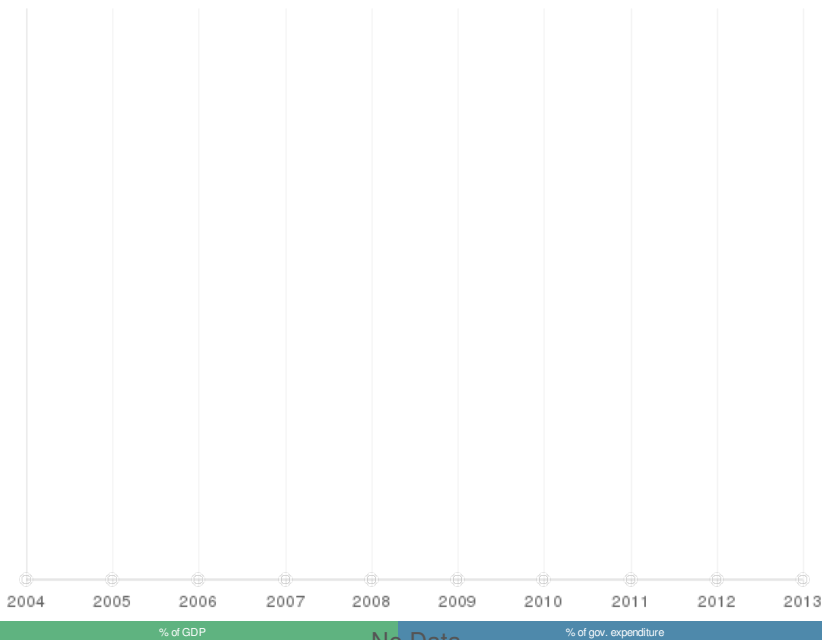
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No Data

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Source: World Bank

% of GDP

% of gov. expenditure

Source: World Bank

## PUBLICATIONS AND REVIEWS

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