

Factsheet: Kazakhstan

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DEFINITION OF YOUTH

The **national youth policy** (2004), defines youth as between 14 - 29 years of age. The **national youth policy** (2013) does not specify an age.

CANDIDACY AGE

Lower House **25**

Source: [Inter-Parliamentary Union](#) Partially indirectly elected.

Upper House **30**

Source: [Inter-Parliamentary Union](#) Partially indirectly elected and appointed.

MARRIAGEABLE AGE

Opposite Sex **Same Sex**

WITHOUT PARENTAL CONSENT WITH PARENTAL CONSENT

Male **18** **16** --

Female **17** **16** --

No specific legislation for same-sex marriage. Source: [UNSD, ILGA](#)

VOTING AGE

18

Source: [Inter-Parliamentary Union](#)

MAJORITY AGE

18

Source: [Code Of The Republic Of Kazakhstan On Marriage and Family](#)

CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY

14

Minimum Age
Source: [Criminal Code of Kazakhstan \(1997\)](#)

SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INDEX

0.74

27 out of 170 countries.

Year: 2013

Source: [Commonwealth Youth Programme](#)

LITERACY RATES

99.84%

Both sexes (15-24) %

99.81% **99.87%**

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

Year: 2015

Source: [UNESCO](#)

NET ENROLMENT RATE

Secondary School

86.31%

Both sexes %

86.90% **85.70%**

Male % Female %

Year: 2012

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.

9.90%

Both sexes (13-15) %

12.20%

Male (13-15) %

7.80%

Female (13-15) %

Year: 2010

Source: [WHO](#)

POLICY & LEGISLATION

In 2013, the new **national youth policy** (2013) was approved replacing the previous **national youth policy** (2004). An action plan is currently being developed, though an **Implementation Plan** (2012) exists. The youth policy focuses on 6 problem areas:

1. The pressures of globalization on traditional values system
2. Non-dominant status of labor values
3. Paternalism and social infantilism
4. The cult of consumption
5. Risk youth radicalization environment
6. Marginalization of youth

Action points are specified in regards to patriotism, unity of the nation, ICT, tolerance, education, industry, science and innovation, family, health & fitness, economy, environmental ethics and law abiding. In 2012, the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan launched the **Strategy Kazakhstan - 2050** plan in which youth are mentioned.

Is there a national youth policy?

YES

There is a **2004 youth policy law**, a **2013 national youth policy** and a **2012 implementation report**.

GDP PER CAPITA

USD 13609.75

Year: 2013

Source: [World Bank](#)

HDI

0.754

Year: 2013

Source: [UNDP](#)

70 out of 187 countries.

GINI

28.56

Year: 2010

Source: [World Bank](#)

CORRUPTION PERCEPTION

29

126 out of 177 countries.
Year: 2014

Source: [Transparency International](#)

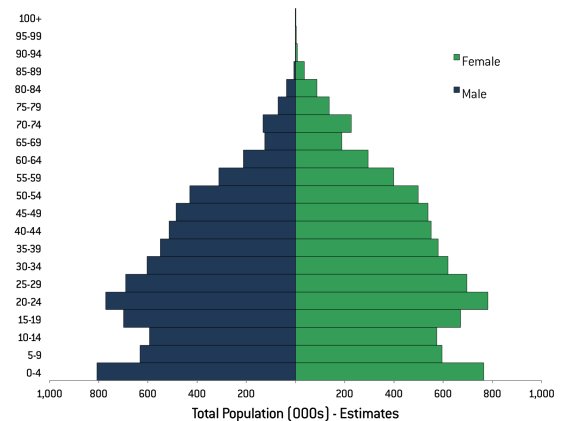
PRESS FREEDOM

54.94

161 out of 180 countries.
Year: 2013

Source: [Reporters Without Borders](#)

POPULATION BY AGE AND SEX 2010



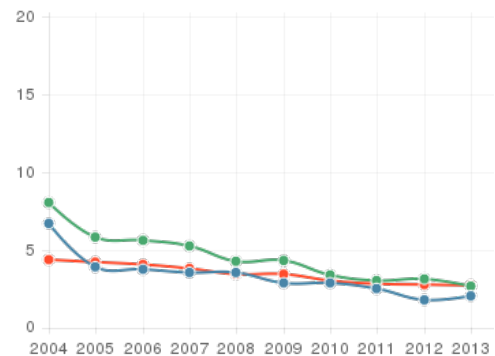
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Source: [United Nations - Department of Economic and Social Affairs - Population Division](#)

2012 Revision - Estimates. (Accessed August 2013).

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

Youth programmes are administered by the [Ministry of Education & Science](#). A [Committee on Youth Policy](#) supports the development of youth policy and according to the [Implementation Plan \(2012\)](#), "consists of representatives of government agencies, national youth organizations, scientific, creative and talented young people, business and the media." A separate agency for youth policy has been [suggested](#). The advisory [Coordination Council for Development of Youth Organizations](#) aims to, "identify priorities and effective activities form a system policy for youth organizations."

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

YES

YOUTH AND REPRESENTATION

According to the [Eurasian National University](#), the Republican Youth Forum, which was organised by the [Ministry of Education & Science](#) and the Kazakhstan Youth Congress took place in 2012 with the aim to, "bring together young people for consolidation and intercultural dialogue among young people." The Congress of Youth of Kazakhstan, mentioned on [TakingITGlobal](#) and a [Youth Education Portal](#), is a "coordinating body for 105 out of 157 youth organizations in Kazakhstan. However no independent national youth council can be identified.

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

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BUDGET & SPENDING

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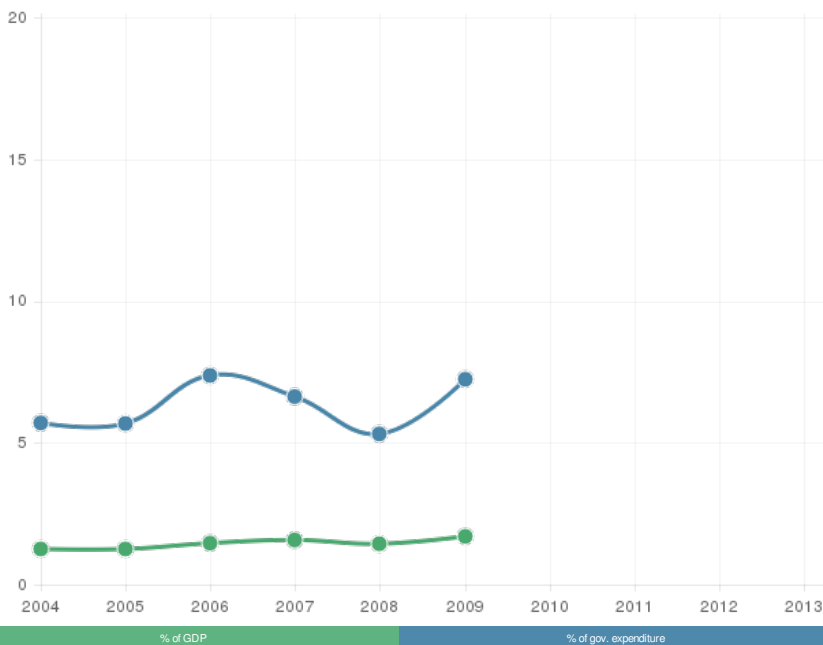
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% of GDP

% of gov. expenditure

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