

Factsheet: Kuwait

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DEFINITION OF YOUTH

As described in the [Huffington Post](#), the age range used to define youth for [The National Youth Project \(TNYP\)](#) in 2012 was 18-30 years. TNYP was a national youth consultation to develop strategic and developmental goals for youth.

CANDIDACY AGE

Lower House **30**

Source: [Inter-Parliamentary Union](#) Partially elected by other means.

Upper House **--**

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

MARRIAGEABLE AGE

Opposite Sex **Same Sex**

WITHOUT PARENTAL CONSENT WITH PARENTAL CONSENT

Male **17** **--** **XX**

Female **15** **--** **--**

No data for marriage with parental consent. Male homosexual acts illegal. Female homosexual acts legal. No specific legislation for same-sex marriage. Source: [UNSD](#), [ILGA](#)

VOTING AGE

21

Source: [Inter-Parliamentary Union](#)

MAJORITY AGE

21

Civil Law No. 67 (1980) sets the age of majority at 21, which is inconsistent with other laws that define minors as up to 18 years. Source: [Human Line Organization](#) (2013)

CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY

7

Minimum Age
Source: [UN Child Rights Periodic Report](#) (2013)

GDP PER CAPITA

USD 52197.34

Year: 2013

Source: [World Bank](#)

HDI

0.79

Year: 2013

Source: [UNDP](#)

46 out of 187 countries.

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Year: No data.

Source: [World Bank](#)

CORRUPTION PERCEPTION

44

67 out of 177 countries.

Year: 2014

Source: [Transparency International](#)

PRESS FREEDOM

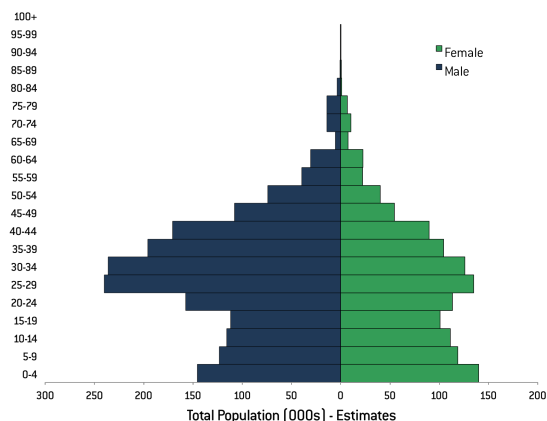
30.71

91 out of 180 countries.

Year: 2013

Source: [Reporters Without Borders](#)

POPULATION BY AGE AND SEX 2010



KWT

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

2012 Revision - Estimates. (Accessed August 2013).

SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INDEX

0.53

110 out of 170 countries.

Year: 2013

Source: [Commonwealth Youth Programme](#)

LITERACY RATES

99.51%

Both sexes (15-24) %

99.47% **99.56%**

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

Year: 2015

Source: [UNESCO](#)

NET ENROLMENT RATE

Secondary School

86.68%

Both sexes %

85.53% **87.88%**

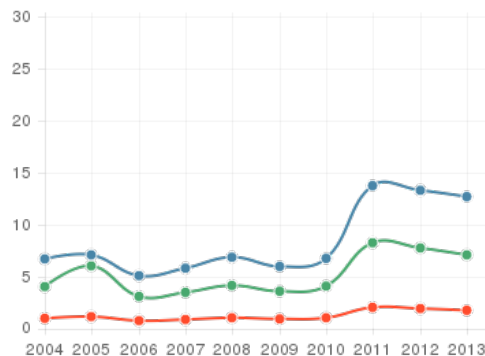
Male % Female %

Year: 2007

Source: [UNESCO](#)

YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT

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



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.

17.60%

Both sexes (13-15) %

25.00% **11.30%**

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

Year: 2010

Source: [WHO](#)

POLICY & LEGISLATION

Kuwait held [The National Youth Project \(TNYP\)](#) in 2012, a national consultation project where young Kuwaitis were asked to submit policy recommendations concerning youth, as described in the [Huffington Post](#). The result was a National Youth Document, as described on the [Ministry of State for Youth Affairs website](#), that includes recommendations in areas such as citizenship, education, economic development, housing, and health. This document was presented to the Emir and the Council of Ministers for consideration, as reported by the [Kuwait News Agency \(KUNA\)](#). [KUNA also reported](#) that in March 2014, the Ministry of State for Youth Affairs held a youth forum to discuss the implementation of some of the recommendations, however it is unclear what steps remain for the formation of a youth policy.

Is there a national youth policy?

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Kuwait is developing a youth policy. A youth project concluded in 2013 with youth recommendations.

male - (15-24)

female - (15-24)

total labour force

Source: [World Bank](#)

Gaps indicate missing data from the original data source. (Accessed May 2014).

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

The [Ministry of State for Youth Affairs](#) is the main governmental body responsible for youth in Kuwait. As reported by the [Kuwait News Agency \(KUNA\)](#), the ministry was formed out of [The National Youth Project \(TNYP\)](#) youth consultation held in 2012. Its role is to create mechanisms to engage Kuwaiti youth, and to create partnerships between government, civil society and private sector for the benefit of youth development. Recent initiatives include projects to promote volunteerism, entrepreneurship, and to combat communal violence.

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

YES

YOUTH AND REPRESENTATION

The Kuwait Youth Council was created in 2012 to aid with the implementation of [The National Youth Project \(TNYP\)](#), a nation-wide youth consultation, as described by the [Kuwait News Agency \(KUNA\)](#). [Huffington Post](#) reports that the council is mandated by the Emir, and made up of representatives from public service organisations, student federations and youth volunteer groups, who were asked to nominate three persons each. With the completion of the TNYP, it is unclear what role the youth council will play in influencing policy-making.

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

YES

BUDGET & SPENDING

No budgetary information regarding youth spending in Kuwait could be found online. According to the [World Bank](#), Kuwait spent 13.37% of its government expenditure and 3.76% of its GDP on education provision in 2006.

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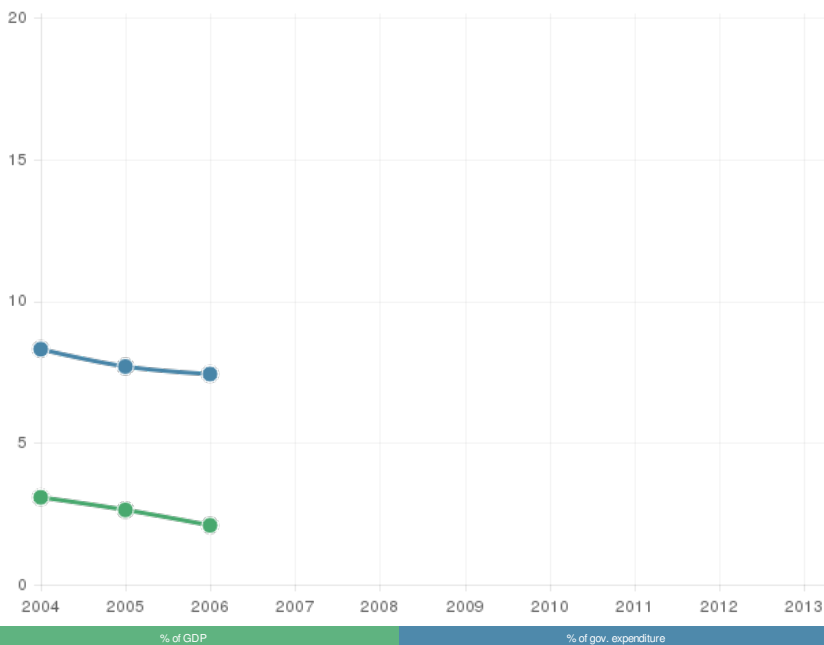
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% of GDP

% of gov. expenditure

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