

Factsheet: Kyrgyzstan

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DEFINITION OF YOUTH

The [Law of the Kyrgyz Republic on Youth Policy \(2009\)](#) defines youth as 14 - 28 years of age. It was previously defined as 14 - 35 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	18	16	--
Female	18	16	--

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

VOTING AGE

18

Source: [Inter-Parliamentary Union](#)

MAJORITY AGE

16

Source: [Wikipedia](#)

CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY

14

Minimum Age
Source: [Penal Code of Kyrgyzstan \(1997\)](#)

GDP PER CAPITA

USD 1263.45

Year: 2013

Source: [World Bank](#)

HDI

0.622

Year: 2013

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

GINI

33.39

Year: 2011

Source: [World Bank](#)

CORRUPTION PERCEPTION

27

136 out of 177 countries.
Year: 2014

Source: [Transparency International](#)

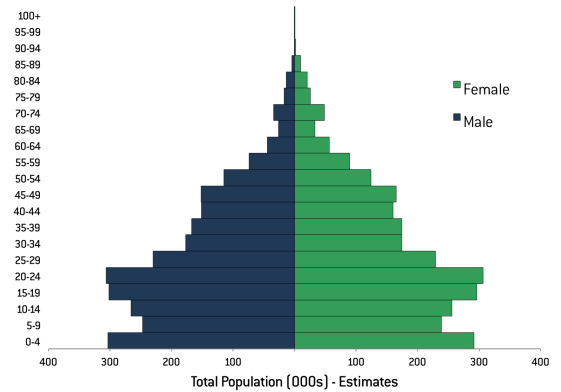
PRESS FREEDOM

31.24

97 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

0.75

18 out of 170 countries.

Year: 2013

Source: [Commonwealth Youth Programme](#)

LITERACY RATES

99.75%

Both sexes (15-24) %

99.69% **99.80%**

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

Year: 2015

Source: [UNESCO](#)

NET ENROLMENT RATE

Secondary School

80.37%

Both sexes %

80.79% **79.95%**

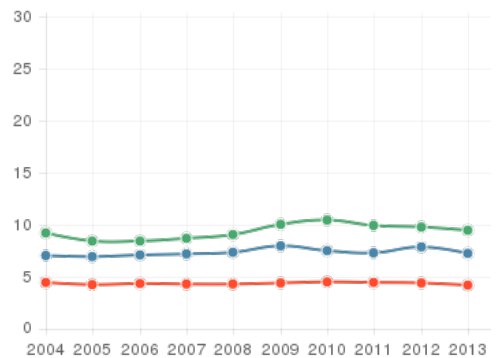
Male % Female %

Year: 2011

Source: [UNESCO](#)

YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT

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



SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

PREVALENCE OF HIV

0.3%

Male (15-24) %

0.1%

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.

7.20%

Both sexes (13-15) %

10.30%

Male (13-15) %

4.40%

Female (13-15) %

Year: 2010

Source: [WHO](#)

POLICY & LEGISLATION

The [Kyrgyzstan Constitution](#) guarantees free public school education through 11th grade and makes it mandatory through 9th grade. [The Law On Education \(1992\)](#), amended in 1997 & 2003, reiterates these provisions and guarantees all citizens an equal right to education. The [Law on Kyrgyz Republic on Youth Policy](#) outlines six priority areas for youth:

1. Spiritual, moral, civic, and patriotic development of youth;
2. State support for young families;
3. Protection of health and promotion of healthy lifestyles for youth;
4. State support for education, culture, leisure, science, technology, and art;
5. Provision of economic independence, vocational guidance, and labor rights for youth
6. Support of young citizens in difficult conditions through social services, and rehabilitation

Is there a national youth policy?

YES

Kyrgyzstan has a [youth policy law](#). A [2010 study](#) and [2012 review](#) provide context and details.

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

In December 2011, the Ministry of Youth Affairs, which was established in 2010 in response to youth involvement in a popular uprising against the government, was merged with another government department to form the Ministry of Youth, Labor and Employment. In 2013, in a review of the Kyrgyz Government structure, it became the [Ministry of Labour, Migration and Youth](#).

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

YES

YOUTH AND REPRESENTATION

Though the [national youth policy](#) makes an explicit commitment to youth participation, no national youth council or forum exists. While the number of youth organisations is increasing, youth involvement in decision-making remains limited.

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

NO

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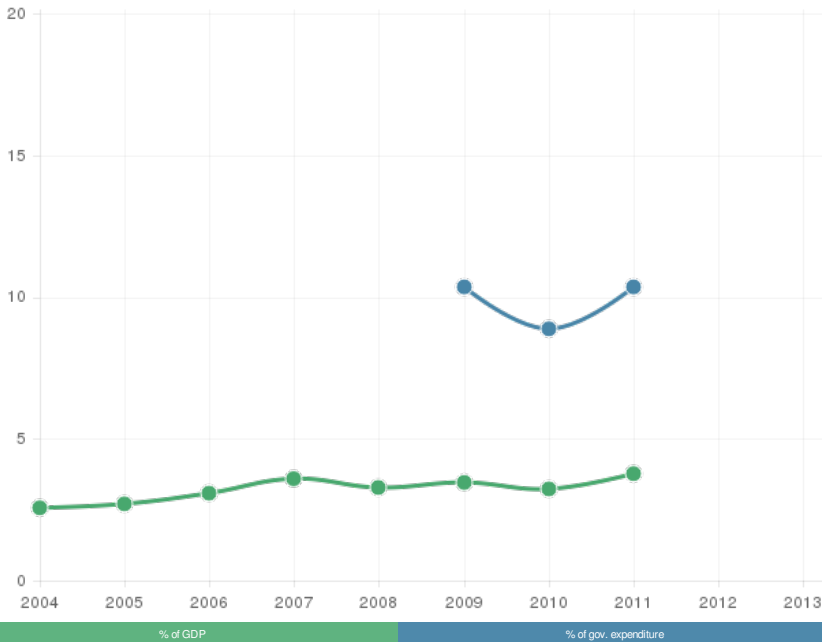
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Source: [World Bank](#)

% of GDP

% of gov. expenditure

Source: [World Bank](#)

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