

Factsheet: Libya

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DEFINITION OF YOUTH

Given the lack of youth policy and structured youth programming in Libya, an age range for youth has not been possible to identify.

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	XX
Female	--	18	XX

According to Islamic law, marriage requires parental consent. Homosexual acts illegal. Source: [UNSD, ILGA](#)

VOTING AGE

18

Source: [Inter-Parliamentary Union](#)

MAJORITY AGE

18

Source: [CRC/C/28/Add.6](#) (1996)

CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY

14

Minimum Age
In general, a child under 14 is not criminally liable. A judge can take "appropriate measures" for children 7-14 years old. Source: [UN Child Rights Periodic Report](#) (1996)

SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INDEX

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Year: No data.

Source: [Commonwealth Youth Programme](#)

LITERACY RATES

99.95%

Both sexes (15-24) %

99.97% **99.93%**

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

Year: 2015

Source: [UNESCO](#)

NET ENROLMENT RATE

Secondary School

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Both sexes %

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Male % Female %

Year: No data.

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.

8.10%

Both sexes (13-15) %

11.00%

Male (13-15) %

5.00%

Female (13-15) %

Year: 2010

Source: [WHO](#)

POLICY & LEGISLATION

After the [revolution of 2011](#), the National Transitional Council (now defunct) issued a [Constitutional Declaration](#). Youth are mentioned in Article 5, which states that "[t]he State shall take care of children, youth and the handicapped." According to the [Libya Herald](#), a Commission will create Libya's new constitution. Education and employment have been policy focuses post-revolution. [Libya – Building the Future with Youth](#) (2013), notes that education needs to focus on quality, competencies, higher performance and student-led learning:

Today, it is not longer sufficient to enrol eligible children in schools, and to educate skills with conventional didactics; issues of quality and meeting the changing requirements of the labour market constitute pressing challenges for the education system of a Libya.

Is there a national youth policy?

NO

There is no functioning youth policy or strategy in Libya. Current efforts concentrate on [youth employment](#).

GDP PER CAPITA

USD 11964.73

Year: 2013

Source: [World Bank](#)

HDI

0.769

Year: 2013

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

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Year: No data.

Source: [World Bank](#)

CORRUPTION PERCEPTION

18

166 out of 177 countries.
Year: 2014

Source: [Transparency International](#)

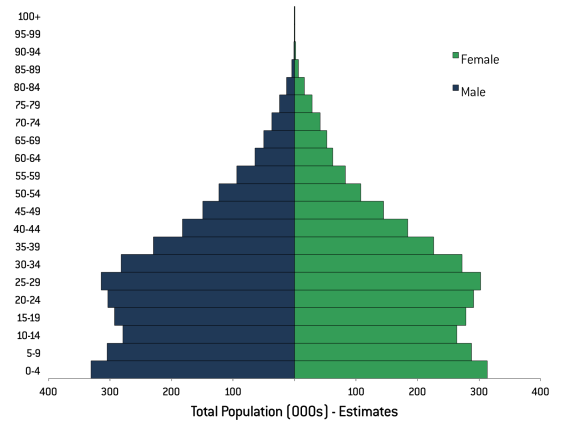
PRESS FREEDOM

39.84

137 out of 180 countries.
Year: 2013

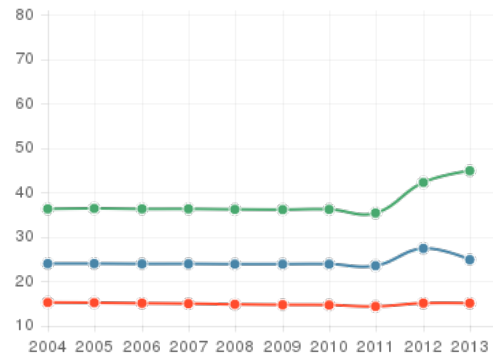
Source: [Reporters Without Borders](#)

POPULATION BY AGE AND SEX 2010



YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT

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



BUDGET & SPENDING

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PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

The [Ministry of Youth & Sports](#) is responsible for youth affairs. The official [Facebook Page](#) notes that the Ministry was established under the transitional government in 2011 and is "working on the foundation of service for all young men and women to free Libya." After the end of the [Libyan revolution in 2011](#), the [National Transitional Council \(NTC\)](#) formed the Government after the fall of Colonel Gaddafi. The NTC was dissolved in 2012 with power transferred to the democratically elected [General National Congress](#).

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

YES

YOUTH AND REPRESENTATION

The [Libyan Youth Forum \(LYF\)](#) aims to "establish a national / international forum with a view to build one safe and prosperous nation for all Libyans." It acts as a "coalition between the Libyan Youth Movement, Libya Hurra Live Stream and the Libyan Link whom had collectively over 150,000 thousand supporters during the revolution." According to the official [LYF Facebook page](#), it "coordinat[es] the efforts of youth groups in support of Libya" and advocates for recommendations devised by Libyan youth to be taken into account by decision-makers.

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

YES

BUDGET & SPENDING

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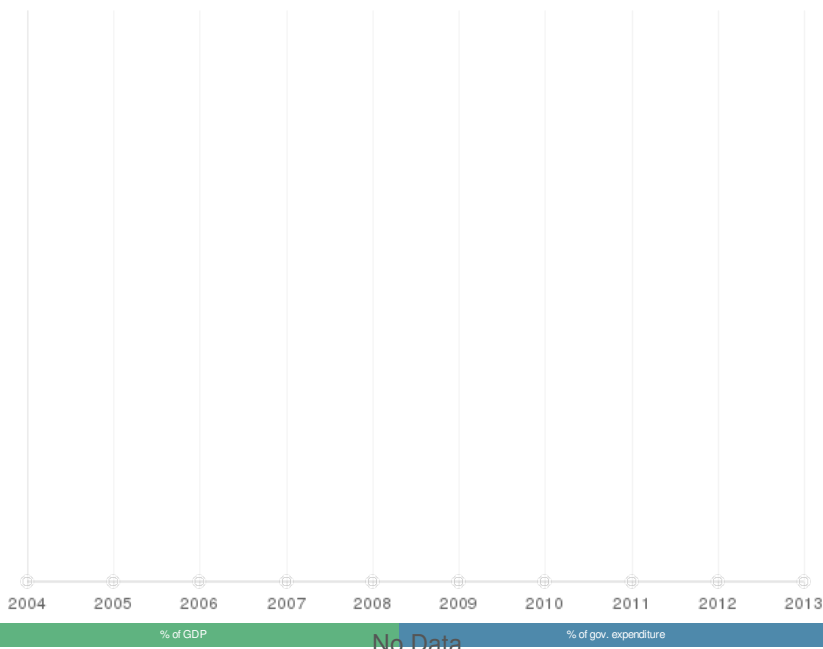
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Source: [World Bank](#)
Gaps indicate missing data from the original data source. (Accessed August 2013).

% of GDP

% of gov. expenditure

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