**Factsheet: Liechtenstein**

**DEFINITION OF YOUTH**

There is no consistently used definition of youth in place. Most state programmes target young people up to the age of 25. The European youth programmes, however, address young people between 13 and 30.

**Is there a national youth policy?**

**YES**

Liechtenstein has a 2008 youth law, a 2011 youth policy vision with an action plan, and a 2013 briefing.

**CANDIDACY AGE**

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**MARRIAGEABLE AGE**

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Court decision required to marry of those under 18 years. Civil unions/partnerships legal. Source: UNSD, ILGA

**SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE**

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<th>YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INDEX</th>
<th>LITERACY RATES</th>
<th>NET ENROLMENT RATE</th>
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- Male (15-24) %
- Female (15-24) %

92.36%  
Both sexes %

99.04%  
Male %
85.86%  
Female %

Source: Commonwealth Youth Programme, UNESCO

**PREVALENCE OF HIV**

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

Year: No data.

Source: World Bank

**TOBACCO USE**

Consumed any smokable or smoking tobacco product at least once 30 days prior to the survey.

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

- Both sexes (13-15) %

Year: No data.

Source: WHO

**PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS**

**GDP PER CAPITA**

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<th>USD 134617.38</th>
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**HDI**

- **Year: 2013**

0.883

Source: UNDP

**GINI**

- **Year: No data.**

- 18 out of 187 countries.

Source: World Bank

**CORRUPTION PERCEPTION**

- **Year: No data.**

7.02

Source: Transparency International

**PRESS FREEDOM**

- **Year: No data.**

6 out of 180 countries.

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

**YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT**

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<th>Share of labour force aged 15-24 available and seeking employment</th>
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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...
Within the federal government, the Ministry for Social Affairs carries responsibility for youth issues. The Ministry has a Children and Youth Division, and a Youth Development Bureau serves as a government agency in support of the Ministry. Liechtenstein also has a federal, independent Ombuds Office for children and young people. Additionally, all communities maintain youth departments in their local administrations. A 2013 report has suggested to create a new umbrella association to coordinate youth policy across all communities.

**YOUTH AND REPRESENTATION**

There are three youth platforms active at national level. The Association of Youth Organisations in Liechtenstein (VLJ) understands itself as a service platform for its member organisations. The Children and Youth Advisory Board (KIJUB) was introduced through the 2008 Youth Law as a new platform to represent the interests of children and young people, and comes closest to being a national youth council. In 2011, a youth-led Youth Council was created to give young people a platform and a voice. None of the organisations is a member of the European Youth Forum.

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**TOTAL EXPENDITURE ON EDUCATION AS A PERCENTAGE OF GOVERNMENT SPENDING AND GDP**

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**PUBLICATIONS AND REVIEWS**

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