

Factsheet: Madagascar

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DEFINITION OF YOUTH

According to Madagascar's 2004 youth policy, youth is defined as aged 14-35 years.

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	--	--
Female	18	--	--

No data for opposite sex marriage with parental consent. No specific law for same-sex marriage. Homosexual acts are legal.
Source: [UNSD, ILGA](#)

VOTING AGE

18

Source: [Inter-Parliamentary Union](#)

MAJORITY AGE

21

Source: [Manby](#) (2010)

CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY

13

Minimum Age
Source: [UN Child Rights Periodic Report](#) (2005)

GDP PER CAPITA

USD 462.97

Year: 2013

Source: [World Bank](#)

HDI

0.483

Year: 2013

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

GINI

40.63

Year: 2010

Source: [World Bank](#)

CORRUPTION PERCEPTION

28

133 out of 177 countries.
Year: 2014

Source: [Transparency International](#)

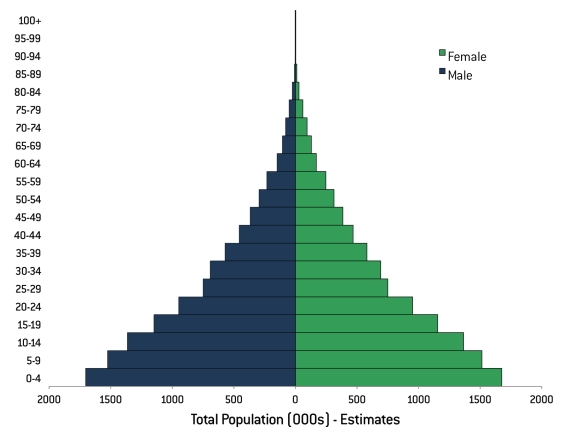
PRESS FREEDOM

29.38

81 out of 180 countries.
Year: 2013

Source: [Reporters Without Borders](#)

POPULATION BY AGE AND SEX 2010



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

2012 Revision - Estimates. (Accessed August 2013).

SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INDEX

0.54

106 out of 170 countries.

Year: 2013

Source: [Commonwealth Youth Programme](#)

LITERACY RATES

65.07%

Both sexes (15-24) %

65.36% **64.78%**

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

Year: 2015

Source: [UNESCO](#)

NET ENROLMENT RATE

Secondary School

30.93%

Both sexes %

30.78% **31.08%**

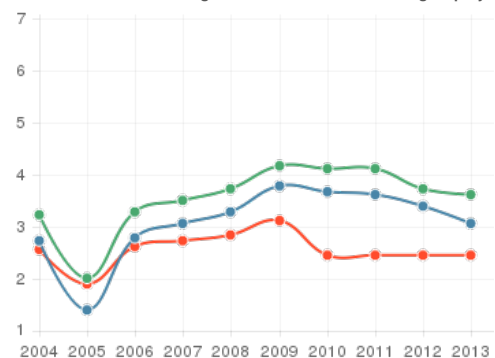
Male % Female %

Year: 2012

Source: [UNESCO](#)

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).

SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

PREVALENCE OF HIV

0.2%

Male (15-24) %

0.2%

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.

22.80%

Both sexes (13-15) %

33.20% **14.30%**

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

Year: 2010

Source: [WHO](#)

POLICY & LEGISLATION

The goal of the [national youth policy](#) (2004) is to create a new vision of youth based in pluralism, openness, unity and social cohesion. To reach this goal, some objectives include: ensuring young people take charge of their own development; preventing exploitation and exclusion; promoting ethical and moral behaviour, and; engaging youth in advocacy in issues such as HIV/AIDS and corruption. It is a multi-sectoral policy involving the areas of health, food, education, employment, migration and integration. In 2012, the [Ministry of Youth and Recreation](#) (MJL), which is responsible for monitoring & evaluation, launched a review of the policy. As described in a [press release on 5 February 2014](#), the review is not yet complete, and an updated policy is a major objective for 2014.

Is there a national youth policy?

YES

The [national youth policy](#) of Madagascar is from 2004. A review has begun in December 2012.

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

BUDGET & SPENDING

What is the budget allocated to the governmental authority (ministry, department or office) that is primarily responsible for youth and/or

The [Ministry of Youth and Recreation](#)'s goal is to provide youth with opportunities that will contribute to their development and well-being, helping them cope with globalisation while maintaining Malagasy values and culture. Its main areas of programming include socio-economic integration of young people, promoting citizenship, and developing of recreational facilities and activities for young people. According to the [national youth policy](#), the Ministry is responsible for the monitoring of the policy, supported by an inter-ministerial committee of which it is chair.

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

YES

youth programming?

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No documentation could be found online on youth spending in Madagascar. According to the [World Bank](#), Madagascar spent 21.07% of its government expenditure and 2.72% of its GDP on education provision in 2012.

YOUTH AND REPRESENTATION

[Decree No. 2006-728](#) describes the establishment and organisation of youth councils at national, regional and municipal levels. They are under the supervision of the [Ministry of Youth and Recreation](#) and the [Ministry of Finance and Budget](#). Responsibilities include advising on youth issues and mediating disputes within youth movements. It is unclear if there is a national youth council as there is no online presence, unlike other councils such as the municipal councils of [Antananarivo \(CCJA\)](#) and [Nosy Be](#), which was also featured in a [22 May 2013 press release](#) of the Ministry.

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

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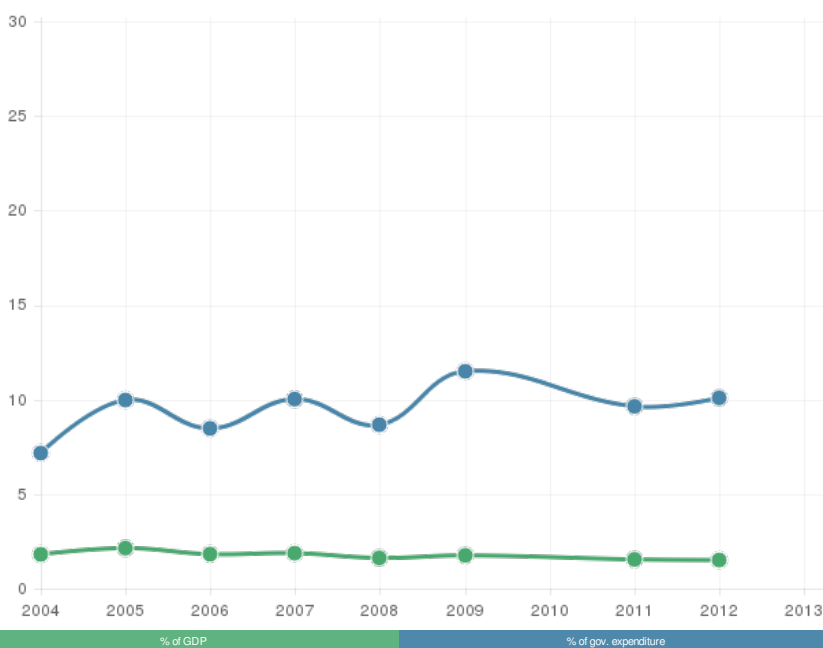
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% of GDP

% of gov. expenditure

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