

Factsheet: Mali

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DEFINITION OF YOUTH

There is no fixed definition of youth. The 2003 [Youth – Employment Programme](#) targets people between 15-40 years of age. The 2005 National Programme for the Promotion of Youth includes people from 10 to 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	--	XX
Female	16	--	XX

No specific legislation for same-sex marriage. Homosexual acts legal. Source: [Code of the Family and Person \(2011\)](#), [ILGA](#)

VOTING AGE

18

Source: [Inter-Parliamentary Union](#)

MAJORITY AGE

18

Source: [Code of the Family and Person \(2011\)](#)

CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY

13

Minimum Age
From 13 years old, the state must prove criminal capacity. A child below 13 cannot be held legally responsible for their actions
Source: [Child Protection Code of Mali \(2002\)](#)

SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INDEX

0.24

166 out of 170 countries.

Year: 2013

Source: [Commonwealth Youth Programme](#)

LITERACY RATES

54.08%

Both sexes (15-24) %

61.46% **46.36%**

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

Year: 2015

Source: [UNESCO](#)

NET ENROLMENT RATE

Secondary School

34.49%

Both sexes %

40.28% **28.42%**

Male % Female %

Year: 2011

Source: [UNESCO](#)

SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

PREVALENCE OF HIV

0.2%

Male (15-24) %

0.3%

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.

16.60%

Both sexes (13-15) %

23.10%

Male (13-15) %

8.80%

Female (13-15) %

Year: 2010

Source: [WHO](#)

POLICY & LEGISLATION

Mali has no overarching youth policy, but rather focuses its efforts on youth unemployment. The [youth vulnerability report \(2009\)](#) suggests "the ultimate state document dealing with youth issues, and youth employment in particular, in Mali is the Youth Employment Programme (PEJ)".

According to the [poverty report \(2013\)](#)

Is there a national youth policy?

NO

Mali has had a [national youth employment programme](#) since 2003, which has been [extended](#).

the job situation remains a matter of concern. Job growth has not kept pace with demographic growth. This raises serious questions about the efficiency of the economy and its ability to generate sustainable and decent jobs.

GDP PER CAPITA

USD 715.13

Year: 2013

Source: [World Bank](#)

HDI

0.344

Year: 2013

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

GINI

33.02

Year: 2010

Source: [World Bank](#)

CORRUPTION PERCEPTION

32

115 out of 177 countries.

Year: 2014

Source: [Transparency International](#)

PRESS FREEDOM

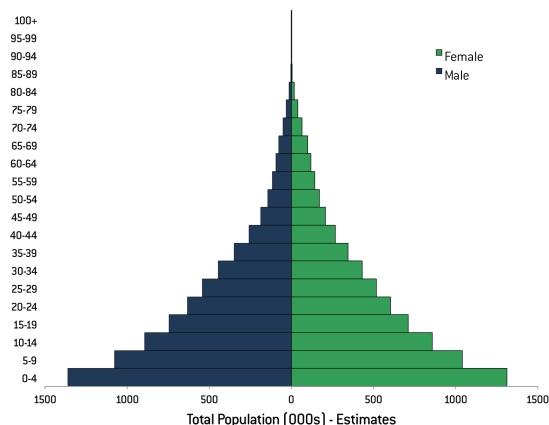
36.29

122 out of 180 countries.

Year: 2013

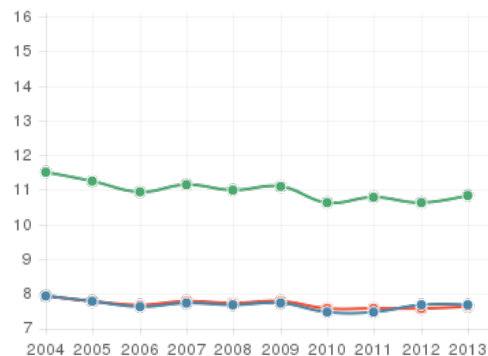
Source: [Reporters Without Borders](#)

POPULATION BY AGE AND SEX 2010



YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT

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



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

According to the government's [press statement](#), the government launched a framework document on the Promotion of Youth (2011 – 2015) in partnership with the World Bank. However, no copy is available online.

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

The [Ministry of Youth and Citizenship Building](#) – previously the Ministry of Youth and Sports - is in charge of youth affairs. However, there is no official website and the minister is rarely mentioned in the press. As reported in [Malijet](#), the Agency for the Employment of Youth (APEJ) is responsible for implementing the Youth- Employment Programme II, and [organises](#) voluntary placement and trainings.

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

YES

YOUTH AND REPRESENTATION

The [National Youth Council of Mali](#) (CNJ-Mali) is the government's main interlocutor on matters of youth. As reported in [The Republican](#) for instance, in occasion of the new government in 2013, it successfully called for ministry of youth distinct from sports. The CNJ-Mali elects its president and holds a yearly congress. Candidates and members cannot be over 35 years of age. The president of CNJ-Mali also heads the Youth Coalition for Mali, which is a wider grouping of various youth organisations.

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

YES

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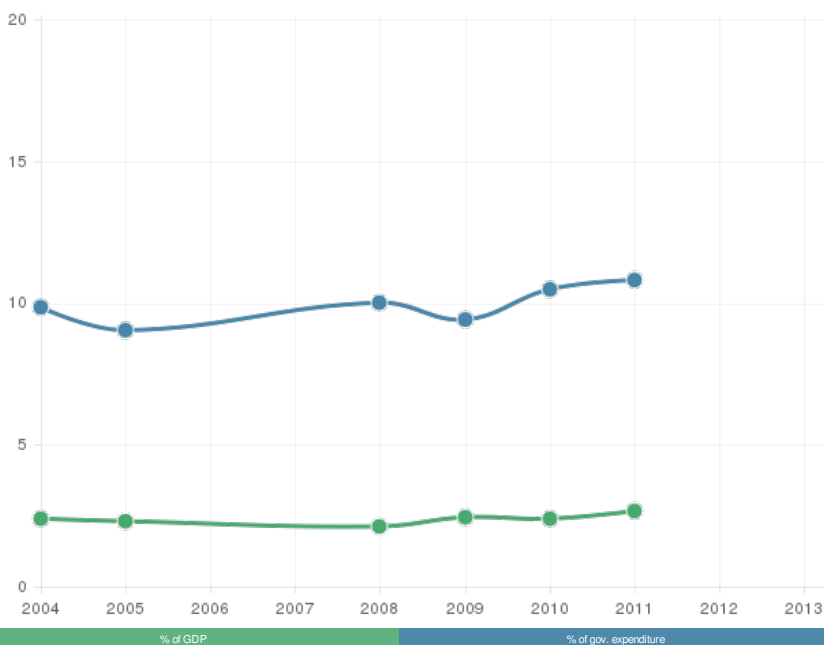
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% of GDP

% of gov. expenditure

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