

Factsheet: Malta

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DEFINITION OF YOUTH

The [National Youth Policy](#) (2010) defines youth as 13-30 years.

CANDIDACY AGE

Lower House **18**

Source: [Inter-Parliamentary Union](#) Partially elected by other means.

Upper House **--**

Source: [Inter-Parliamentary Union](#) Unicameral.

MARRIAGEABLE AGE

	Without Parental Consent	Opposite Sex With Parental Consent	Same Sex
Male	16	--	--
Female	16	--	--

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

VOTING AGE

18

Source: [Inter-Parliamentary Union](#)

MAJORITY AGE

18

Source: [Civil Code](#) (1874)

CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY

14

Minimum Age
If a crime is committed by someone aged 14-18, "the applicable penalty shall be decreased by one or two degrees". Source: [Criminal Code of Malta](#) (1854)

GDP PER CAPITA

USD 22779.91

Year: 2013

Source: [World Bank](#)

HDI

0.847

Year: 2013

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

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Year: No data.

Source: [World Bank](#)

CORRUPTION PERCEPTION

55

43 out of 177 countries.
Year: 2014

Source: [Transparency International](#)

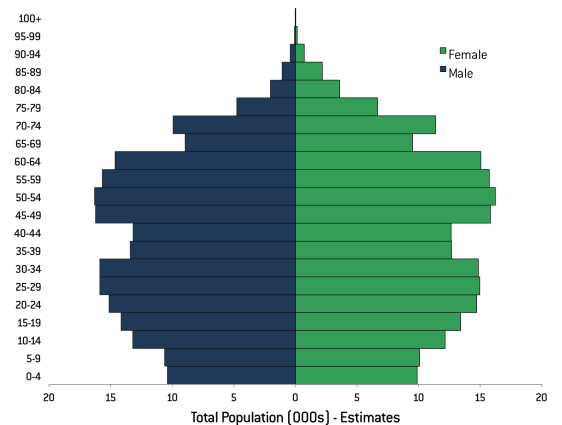
PRESS FREEDOM

23.84

51 out of 180 countries.
Year: 2013

Source: [Reporters Without Borders](#)

POPULATION BY AGE AND SEX 2010



SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INDEX

0.77

14 out of 170 countries.

Year: 2013

Source: [Commonwealth Youth Programme](#)

LITERACY RATES

98.98%

Both sexes (15-24) %

98.52% **99.47%**

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

Year: 2015

Source: [UNESCO](#)

NET ENROLMENT RATE

Secondary School

81.58%

Both sexes %

79.60% **83.70%**

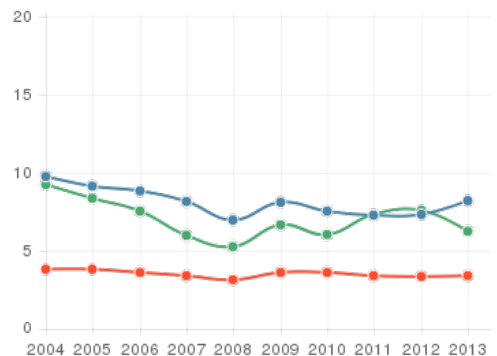
Male % Female %

Year: 2012

Source: [UNESCO](#)

YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT

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



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.

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Both sexes (13-15) %

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Male (13-15) %

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Female (13-15) %

Year: No data.

Source: [WHO](#)

POLICY & LEGISLATION

The [National Youth Policy 2010-2013](#):

[...] determines direction and key policy objectives for the Government of Malta and for other stakeholders in the youth field. It is designed to include a general framework that sets out a desired vision for youth outcomes.

The policy has a vision of "young people who are enthusiastic to be successful and empowered to achieve their potential, while living in solidarity as active citizens." It also has a mission to "address the holistic development of young people" and advocates for "young people's needs on behalf of [the] community."

The policy is based around five "threads":

- Participation and Engagement;
- Youth Information;

Is there a national youth policy?

YES

Malta has a national youth policy. There are a [2005 review](#), a [2012 briefing](#) and a [2012 youth study](#).

male - (15-24)

female - (15-24)

total labour force

Source: [World Bank](#)

Gaps indicate missing data from the original data source. (Accessed August 2013).

BUDGET & SPENDING

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

- Social Inclusion;
- Family;
- Mobility.

In July 2014, the Malta Star reported that a new draft national youth policy was open for consultation. The development process is [described online](#), and the draft of the policy, to cover the period 2015-2020, is [available online as well](#).

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

The [Ministry of Education and Employment](#) and the Parliamentary Secretary for Research, Innovation, Youth and Sport, have the responsibility for youth policy. There is also the Youth Agency, established in February 2011 to "mainstream youth related issues and further develop youth services". The overall objective of the agency is to "provide a coherent, cohesive and unified government approach to addressing the needs and aspirations of young people". The Agency is funded through grants from the [Ministry of Education and Employment](#).

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

YES

YOUTH AND REPRESENTATION

The [National Youth Council of Malta](#) was established as an independent body in 1993 with the following aims:

- Promote a cross-sectoral youth policy;
- Influence youth policy at a regional and international level;
- Increase the participation of young people and youth organisations in society and decision-making;
- Promote the exchange of ideas and experience;
- Promote equal rights and opportunities amongst young people.

Projects have included a Charter of Youths' Rights, Youth Parliament, local youth councils, Youth Day activities and the Mediterranean Youth Forum.

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

YES

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USD 1.1 MILLION

youth programming?

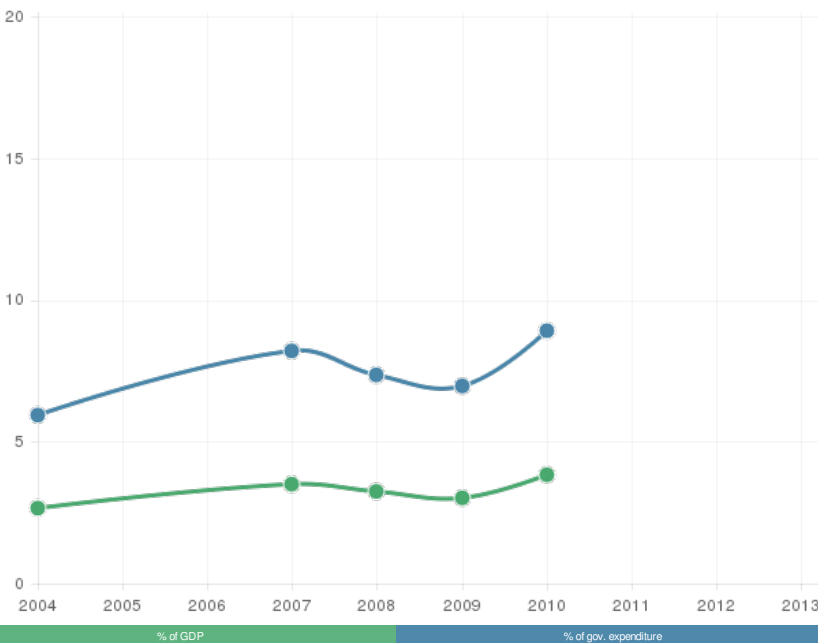
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% of GDP

% of gov. expenditure

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