**Factsheet: Malta**

**GDP PER CAPITA**
- **USD 22779.91**
- **USD 3887.50**

**UNDP**
- **0.847**

**GINI**
- **39 out of 187 countries.**

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**DEFINITION OF YOUTH**


**CANDIDACY AGE**

- **Lower House**: 18
  - Source: Inter-Parliamentary Union
  - Partially elected by other means.
- **Upper House**: --
  - Source: Inter-Parliamentary Union
  - Unicameral.

**MARRIAGEABLE AGE**

- **Opposite Sex**
  - Male: 16
  - Female: 16
  - Without parental consent
- **Same Sex**
  - Male: --
  - Female: --
  - With parental consent

**VOTING AGE**

- **18**
  - Source: Inter-Parliamentary Union

**MAJORITY AGE**

- **18**
  - Source: Civil Code (1874)

**CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY**

- **14**
  - Source: Criminal Code of Malta (1854)

**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) %
  - Male: 98.52%
  - Female: 99.47%
  - Year: 2015
  - Source: UNESCO

**NET ENROLMENT RATE**

- **81.58%**
  - Secondary School
  - Both sexes %
  - Male: 79.60%
  - Female: 83.70%
  - Year: 2012
  - Source: UNESCO

**SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE**

**PREVALENCE OF HIV**

- Male (15-24) %
- 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.

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

- Year: No data.
- Source: WHO

**YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT**

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

**BUDGET & SPENDING**

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

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.

BUDGET & SPENDING
The Ministry of Education and Employment receives EUR 194.6 million (USD 268.7 million) in The Budget 2014. A further breakdown shows allocations totaling EUR 499,000 (USD 693,012) for youth related ‘programmes and initiatives’, and an additional EUR 320,000 (USD 444,457) grant to the Youth Agency. This gives a total of EUR 819,000 (USD 1.1 million) for youth in 2014. According to the World Bank, Malta spent 16.11% of its government expenditure and 6.91% of its GDP on education provision in 2010.