

# Factsheet: Morocco

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## DEFINITION OF YOUTH

In statistical data produced by the [Ministry of Youth and Sports](#), youth was defined as between 15-29 years.

### CANDIDACY AGE

**Lower House** **23**  
Source: [Inter-Parliamentary Union](#)

**Upper House** **30**  
Source: [Inter-Parliamentary Union](#)  
Entirely indirectly elected

### MARRIAGEABLE AGE

	Without Parental Consent	Opposite Sex	With Parental Consent	Same Sex
Male	18	--	XX	XX
Female	18	--	XX	XX

No data for marriage with parental consent. Homosexual acts illegal. Source: [UNSD, ILGA](#)

### VOTING AGE

**18**  
Source: [Inter-Parliamentary Union](#)

### MAJORITY AGE

**18**  
Source: [Moroccan Family Code \(2004\)](#)

### CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY

**12**  
Source: [Morocco Penal Code \(2011\)](#)

## SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

### YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INDEX

**0.62**  
94 out of 170 countries.  
Year: 2013  
Source: [Commonwealth Youth Programme](#)

### LITERACY RATES

**83.19%**  
Both sexes (15-24) %  
**90.10%** **75.87%**  
Male (15-24) % Female (15-24) %  
Year: 2015  
Source: [UNESCO](#)

### NET ENROLMENT RATE

Secondary School  
--  
Both sexes %  
--  
Male % Female %  
Year: No data.  
Source: [UNESCO](#)

### GDP PER CAPITA

**USD 3092.61**  
Year: 2013  
Source: [World Bank](#)

### HDI

**0.591**  
Year: 2013  
Source: [UNDP](#)  
129 out of 187 countries.

### GINI

**40.88**  
Year: 2007  
Source: [World Bank](#)

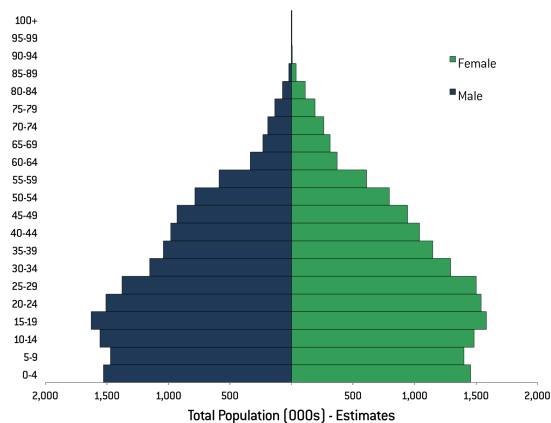
### CORRUPTION PERCEPTION

**39**  
80 out of 177 countries.  
Year: 2014  
Source: [Transparency International](#)

### PRESS FREEDOM

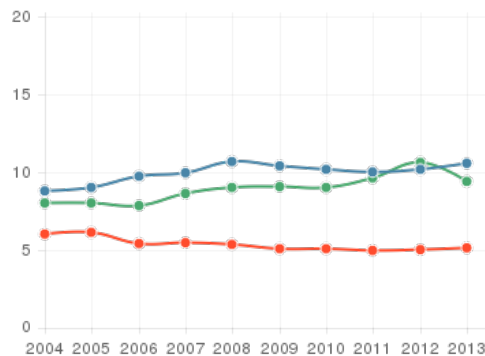
**39.72**  
136 out of 180 countries.  
Year: 2013  
Source: [Reporters Without Borders](#)

## POPULATION BY AGE AND SEX 2010



## YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT

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



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### PREVALENCE OF HIV

**0.1%**  
Male (15-24) %  
**0.1%**  
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.  
**11.00%**  
Both sexes (13-15) %  
**12.50%** **8.20%**  
Male (13-15) % Female (13-15) %  
Year: 2010  
Source: [WHO](#)

## POLICY & LEGISLATION

The New National Youth Policy (NPNJ) was adopted in 2003, according to a [2009 Euromed study](#). Described as the "framework of a global plan for young people", it focuses on youth, childhood and females, and includes action plans against social insecurity and exclusion. As described in a [2012 World Bank report](#), Morocco also has a national integrated youth strategy (SNIJ) that seeks to expand the country's network of youth services, which include extra-curricular activities promoting social inclusion, ICT access and employment training. According to the [Council of Europe Neighbourhood Co-operation Priorities for Morocco 2012-2014](#), SNIJ was in its final validation stage in April 2012. At the time of publication, neither the NPNJ nor the SNIJ are featured on the [Ministry of Youth and Sport website](#).

### Is there a national youth policy?

**YES**

Morocco has a national youth policy, which is being overhauled. A 2009 study and 2012 report exist.

## PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

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 Sports** (MoYS) is responsible for developing and implementing policy relating to youth, sports, the protection of children and the advancement of women. Its tasks include: developing socio-education programmes that ensure the protection of youth, children and women; promoting regional and international cooperation in the field of youth and children, and; preparing and supporting research. The MoYS is responsible for developing and setting policy, while provincial and prefectural offices are responsible for its implementation.

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

**YES**

youth programming?

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**USD 107 MILLION**

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## YOUTH AND REPRESENTATION

35,000 young people participated in a nation-wide consultation to discuss the formation of a new national consultative council (youth council), as reported in **Magharebia** in September 2012. According to **Nadia Rabbaa in Arab News** on 21 July 2012, the new council was created under the **2011 Moroccan Constitution**, drafted in response to the **popular protests of the same year**. Several international organisations and governments are providing technical assistance for its creation, including the **British Youth Council**, the **Council of Europe** and **USAID**, however there is no indication that the council has formally convened.

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

**UNCLEAR**

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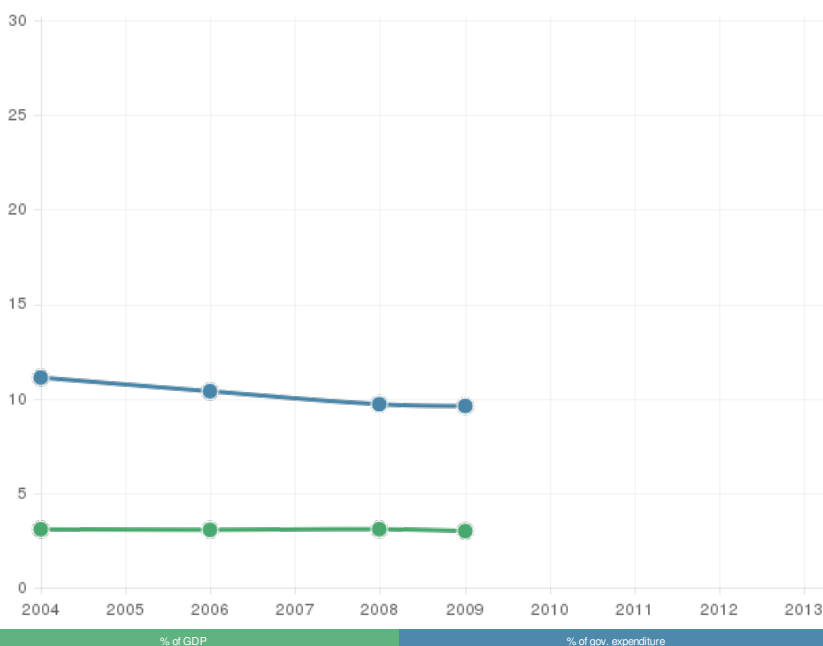
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% of GDP

% of gov. expenditure

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