

Factsheet: Nauru

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DEFINITION OF YOUTH

According to the [national youth policy](#) (2008-2015) of Nauru, youth is defined as individuals between the ages of 15-34 years.

CANDIDACY AGE

Lower House **20**
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	0	XX
Female	16	0	XX

No minimum age for marriage with parental consent. Male homosexual acts illegal. Female homosexual acts are legal. Source: [UNSD, ILGA](#)

VOTING AGE

20
Compulsory voting.
Source: [Inter-Parliamentary Union](#)

MAJORITY AGE

18
Source: [Interpretation Act](#) (2011)

CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY

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Minimum Age
No data for age of criminal responsibility.
Source: [Nauru](#) (2039)

SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INDEX

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Year: No data.
Source: [Commonwealth Youth Programme](#)

LITERACY RATES

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Both sexes (15-24) %
Year: No data.
Source: [UNESCO](#)

NET ENROLMENT RATE

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

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) %
Year: No data.
Source: [WHO](#)

POLICY & LEGISLATION

The [national youth policy](#) (2008-2015) replaces a previous 1998 version and has an overall vision to "pave the way for young people to mobilise their creativity, energy and enthusiasm to improve their quality of life." It focuses on five key objectives:

1. Develop skills and capacity of young people for self-sustenance.
2. Facilitate and create income earning and employment opportunities for young people.
3. Create and support social development programmes to improve lifestyles of young people.
4. Create an enabling and supportive environment for sustainable and effective youth development.
5. Contribute to quality and effective youth development programmes.

The policy is accompanied by an implementation plan and the 'RONYOUTH Pathway 2015', which details specific indicators

Is there a national youth policy?

YES

Nauru has a [national youth policy](#) covering 2008-2015, replacing the previous one from 1998.

GDP PER CAPITA

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Year: No data.
Source: [World Bank](#)

HDI

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Year: No data.
Source: [UNDP](#)

GINI

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Year: No data.
Source: [World Bank](#)

CORRUPTION PERCEPTION

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Year: No data.
Source: [Transparency International](#)

PRESS FREEDOM

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Year: No data.
Source: [Reporters Without Borders](#)

POPULATION BY AGE AND SEX 2010

100+
95-99
90-94
85-89
80-84
75-79
70-74
65-69
60-64
55-59
50-54
45-49
40-44
35-39
30-34
25-29
20-24
15-19
10-14
5-9
0-4

No Data

Total Population (000s) - Estimates

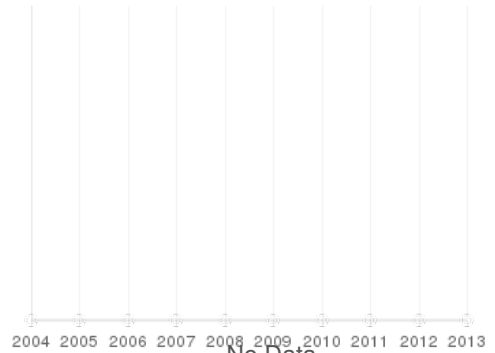
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Source: [United Nations - Department of Economic and Social Affairs - Population Division](#)

2012 Revision - Estimates. (Accessed August 2013).

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).

BUDGET & SPENDING

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

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

According to the [national youth policy](#) (2008-2015), the Directorate of Youth Affairs (DYA) in the [Department of Education](#) has the mandate to "operate with a view to improve the mainstreaming of youth concerns and issues across the wide parameters of youth related issues, to achieve a co-ordinated and holistic response to youth developmental needs and aspirations." The DYA supports youth inclusion in policy and strategy across government, liaises with youth stakeholders, initiates youth programming, and supports youth workers and the National Youth Council.

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

YES

YOUTH AND REPRESENTATION

According to the [Pacific Youth Council - Nauru](#) page, the Nauru National Youth Council (NNYC) aims to "promote peace and unity that empowers young people to become leaders of tomorrow." Formed in 1994, it has a close relationship with the Directorate of Youth Affairs and is recognised as the lead NGO for youth development in Nauru and is involved in the design, implementation and monitoring of the [national youth policy](#) (2008-2015). The NNYC is a member of the [Pacific Youth Council](#) and [The Commonwealth Youth Council](#).

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

YES

BUDGET & SPENDING

According to the [Republic of Nauru: 2011-12 Budget](#), the Directorate of Youth Affairs' estimated budget for 2011-12 was AUD 98,254 (USD 86,532). The [World Bank](#) lists no data on public spending on education in Nauru for the last ten years.

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youth programming?

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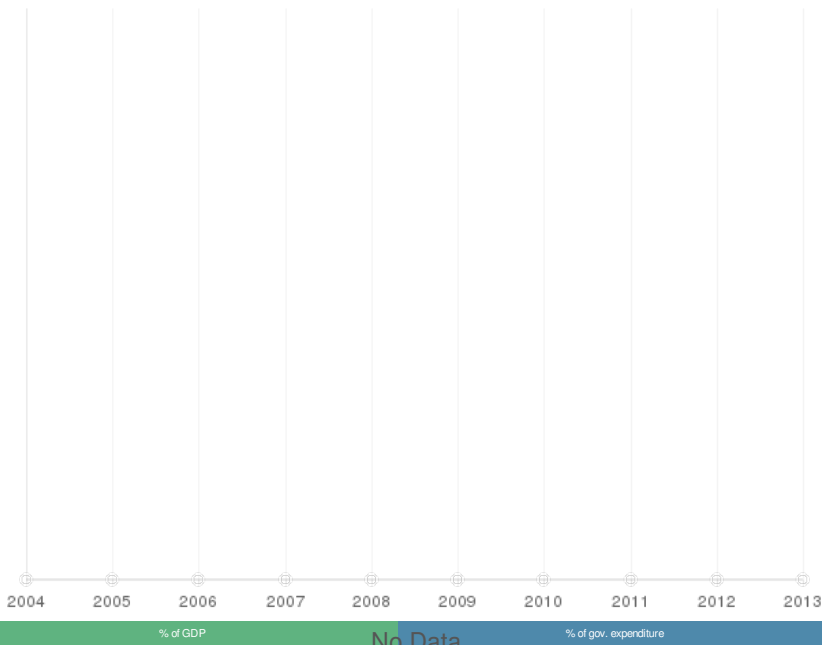
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TOTAL EXPENDITURE ON EDUCATION AS A PERCENTAGE OF GOVERNMENT SPENDING AND GDP

No Data

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Source: [World Bank](#)

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% of GDP

% of gov. expenditure

Source: [World Bank](#)

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PUBLICATIONS AND REVIEWS

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