

Factsheet: Nepal

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DEFINITION OF YOUTH

Nepal's [2010 National Youth Policy](#) defines youth as "women, men and third gender" persons aged 16-40 years old. [Gupta, Kumar & Katwal \(2011\)](#) describe how this was controversial, with civil society members advocating for a lower upper age (ex. 29).

CANDIDACY AGE

Lower House **25**

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

Upper House **--**

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

MARRIAGEABLE AGE

	Without Parental Consent	With Parental Consent	Same Sex
Male	20	18	--
Female	20	18	--

No specific legislation for same-sex marriage. Source: [UNSD, ILGA](#)

VOTING AGE

18

Source: [Inter-Parliamentary Union](#)

MAJORITY AGE

18

Source: [Wikipedia](#)

CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY

10

Minimum Age
Source: [Children's Act of Nepal \(1992\)](#)

GDP PER CAPITA

USD 694.1

Year: 2013

Source: [World Bank](#)

HDI

0.463

Year: 2013

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

GINI

32.82

Year: 2010

Source: [World Bank](#)

CORRUPTION PERCEPTION

29

126 out of 177 countries.
Year: 2014

Source: [Transparency International](#)

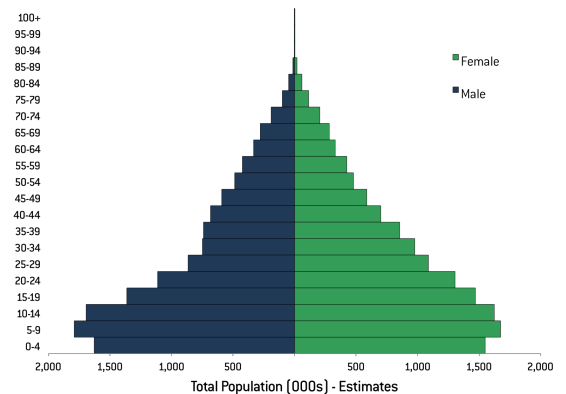
PRESS FREEDOM

36.16

120 out of 180 countries.
Year: 2013

Source: [Reporters Without Borders](#)

POPULATION BY AGE AND SEX 2010



Source: [United Nations Population Division - Department of Economic and Social Affairs, World Population Prospects The 2012 Revision \(Estimates\)](#); <http://esa.un.org/unpd/wpp/Excel-Data/population.htm> [accessed July 2013]

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

SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INDEX

0.39

142 out of 170 countries.

Year: 2013

Source: [Commonwealth Youth Programme](#)

LITERACY RATES

86.90%

Both sexes (15-24) %

91.06% **83.08%**

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

Year: 2015

Source: [UNESCO](#)

NET ENROLMENT RATE

Secondary School

59.81%

Both sexes %

58.51% **61.15%**

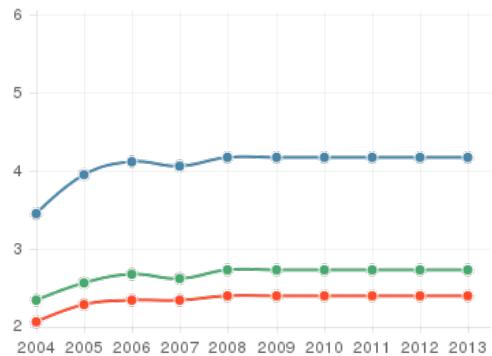
Male % Female %

Year: 2013

Source: [UNESCO](#)

YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT

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



SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

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.

9.40%

Both sexes (13-15) %

13.00%

Male (13-15) %

5.30%

Female (13-15) %

Year: 2010

Source: [WHO](#)

POLICY & LEGISLATION

Nepal's [national youth policy](#) aims:

to make qualitative the role of youths and capacity inherent in them for building prosperous, modern and just Nepal, while integrating the youths in the mainstream of national development, through meaningful participation, capacity and leadership development.

It lists 16 working policies that "shall be adopted in harmony with the sectoral policies of the state", and includes: education; health and family welfare; control of trafficking in and sale of human beings, and; participation of youth in peace-building and conflict resolution. The policy is developed in the context of the [Interim Constitution of Nepal 2063 \(2007\)](#), which mandates that the state "shall pursue a special policy to mobilize youth human resources for the development of the country".

Is there a national youth policy?

YES

The [national youth policy](#) of Nepal is from 2010. A 2011 paper and a 2011 survey add context.

male - (15-24)

female - (15-24)

total labour force

Source: [World Bank](#)

BUDGET & SPENDING

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

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

The [Ministry of Youth and Sports \(MoYS\)](#) is responsible for monitoring and evaluating the implementation of the [national youth policy](#), as described in the policy itself. The ministry was formed in 2009 and was preceded by the Ministry of Education and Sports, as described by [Gupta et al. \(2011\)](#). A 2011 youth survey conducted by [British Council Nepal](#) revealed that a vast majority of the youth population surveyed was not aware of the [Ministry of Youth and Sports](#). The report recommends the creation of district level offices may help to address this problem.

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

YES

YOUTH AND REPRESENTATION

The [youth policy](#) mandates that "an autonomous and executive national youth council shall be formed", consisting of "representatives of the concerned bodies [...], youth organisations and office-bearers" appointed by the government. The [National Youth Council](#) objectives include employment training and campaigning against discriminatory acts in society. Similarly, [Youth NGO Federation Nepal](#) is a non-profit, national umbrella organisation of youth NGOs. It is self-described as "autonomous and politically impartial" and also lists MoYS as a partner/supporting organisation.

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

YES

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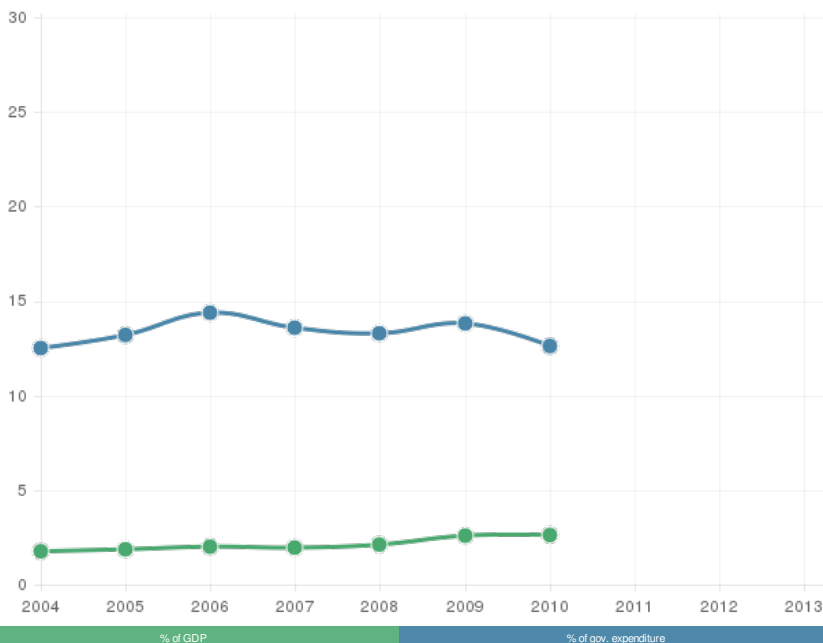
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Source: [World Bank](#)

% of GDP

% of gov. expenditure

Source: [World Bank](#)

PUBLICATIONS AND REVIEWS

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