**Factsheet: Nigeria**

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**CANDIDACY AGE**

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**Source:** Inter-Parliamentary Union

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**MARRIAGEABLE AGE**

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<td>Same Sex</td>
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No data for marriageable age with parental consent. Male homosexual acts are illegal, and punishable by death. Legality of female homosexual acts varies by state, as does the severity of punishment (e.g. whipping or imprisonment). Source: UNSD, ILGA

**VOTING AGE**

18

**Source:** Inter-Parliamentary Union

**SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE**

**YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INDEX**

0.41

140 out of 170 countries.

**Year:** 2013

**Source:** Commonwealth Youth Programme

**LITERACY RATES**

72.79%

Both sexes (15-24) %

79.89% Male (15-24) %

65.32% Female (15-24) %

**Year:** 2015

**Source:** UNESCO

**NET ENROLMENT RATE**

Secondary School

**Year:** No data.

**Source:** UNESCO

**SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE**

**PREVALENCE OF HIV**

0.7%

Male (15-24) %

1.3%

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.

15.40%

Both sexes (15-19) %

19.20% Male (15-19) %

11.10% Female (15-19) %

**Year:** 2010

**Source:** WHO

**POLICY & LEGISLATION**

The national youth policy (2009) aims to,

- promote the enjoyment of fundamental human rights and protect the health, social, economic and political well being of all young men and women in order to enhance their participation in the overall development process and improve their quality of life.

It focuses on 18 priority areas, including education, health, agriculture, women & girls, peace-building, HIV/AIDS, migration & human trafficking, poverty and participation. The draft 2009-2014 action plan accompanies the national youth policy. It is unclear whether this will be replaced or renewed. As a member of the Commonwealth of Nations, Nigeria is a signatory of The Commonwealth Plan of Action for Youth Empowerment (PAYE) 2006-2015.

**GDP PER CAPITA**

USD 3005.51

Year: 2013

Source: World Bank

**HDI**

0.471

Year: 2013

Source: UNDP

**GINI**

42.95

Year: 2010

Source: World Bank

**CORRUPTION PERCEPTION**

27

136 out of 177 countries.

Year: 2014

Source: Transparency International

**PRESS FREEDOM**

34.24

112 out of 180 countries.

Year: 2013

Source: Reporters Without Borders

**GAPS**

Missing data from the original data source.

**POPULATION BY AGE AND SEX 2010**

**YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT**

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

**VOTING AGE**

18

**MAJORITY AGE**

18

**Source:** Inter-Parliamentary Union

**CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY**

Minimum Age

No minimum age exists. Children under 18 years may be punishable by death under Sharia law.

**Source:** UNESCO

**UNSD**

**ILGA**

**UN Child Rights Periodic Report (2010)**

**UN**

**Inter-Parliamentary Union**

**World Bank**

**WHO**

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**Commonwealth Youth Programme**

**United Nations - Department of Economic and Social Affairs - Population Division**


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PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

The Federal Ministry of Youth Development is responsible for youth affairs with the vision “to empower Nigerian youth to become self-reliant and socially responsible.” It was established in 2007 and has departments focusing on enterprise development, vocational skills & training, youth voice, employment, and education. The ministry is responsible for the national youth policy, youth development programmes, funding youth activities, youth participation, and to manage the National Youth Services Corps and the Citizenship and Leadership Training Centre.

YOUTH AND REPRESENTATION

The National Youth Council of Nigeria (NYCN) is an umbrella organisation for youth in Nigeria, however the official Facebook Page has not been updated since 2011. The NYCN is not listed as a member of the Commonwealth Youth Council. According to an article on 31 May 2013, allegations of ministerial interference were made at the last election of officers, with an article on 7 September 2013 noting the dispute was split along political party lines. An article on 8 January 2014 notes that a Federal High Court then “nullified the election of the officers.”

BUDGET & SPENDING

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

No Data

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PUBLICATIONS AND REVIEWS

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