

Factsheet: Nigeria

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DEFINITION OF YOUTH

The Nigerian national youth policy (2009) defines youth as between 18-35 years.

CANDIDACY AGE

Lower House **30**
Source: Inter-Parliamentary Union

Upper House **35**
Source: Inter-Parliamentary Union

MARRIAGEABLE AGE

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

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

MAJORITY AGE

18
Concerns are noted that 16 years or puberty are commonly applied in practice. Source: UN Child Rights Periodic Report (2010)

CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY

0
Minimum Age
No minimum age exists. Children under 18 years may be punishable by death under Sharia law. Source: UN Child Rights Periodic Report (2010)

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

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Both sexes %
-- Male %
-- Female %
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 (13-15) %
19.20% Male (13-15) %
11.10% Female (13-15) %
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.

Is there a national youth policy?

YES

Nigeria has a national youth policy from 2009, and an accompanying action plan for 2009-2013.

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
152 out of 187 countries.

GINI

42.95
Year: 2010
Source: World Bank

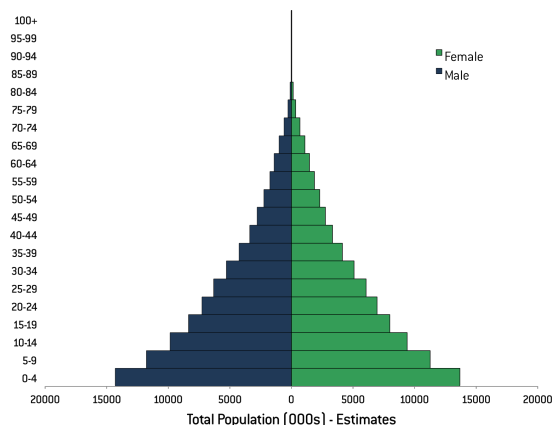
CORRUPTION PERCEPTION

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

POPULATION BY AGE AND SEX 2010



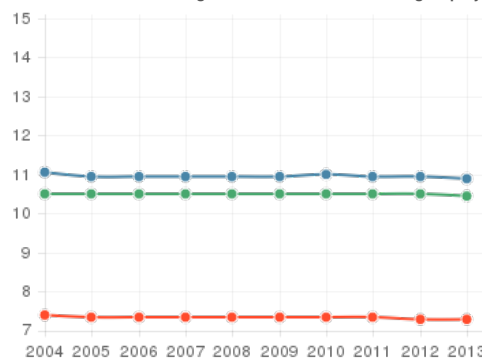
NGA

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 May 2014).

BUDGET & SPENDING

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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](#).

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

YES

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."

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

YES

BUDGET & SPENDING

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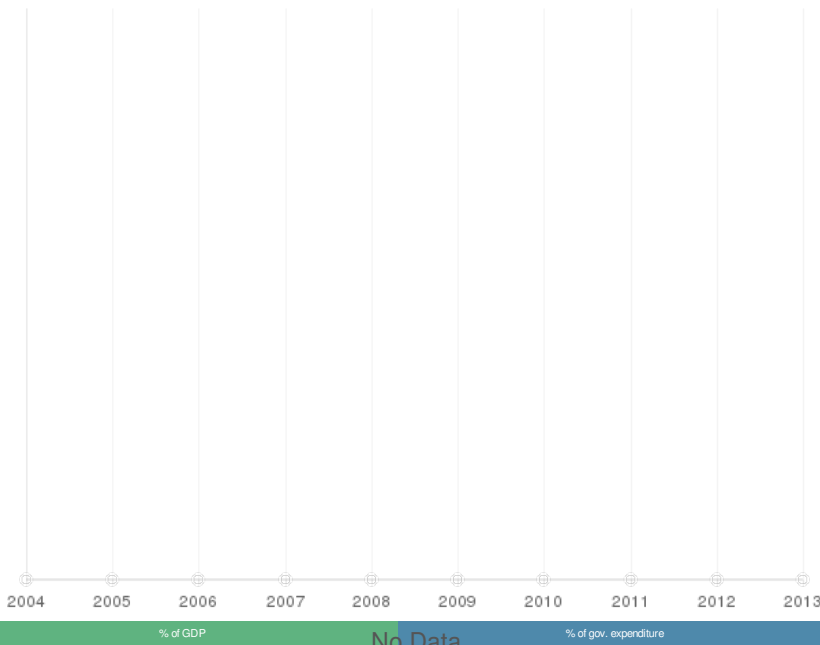
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No Data

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% of GDP

% of gov. expenditure

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