

# Factsheet: Niue

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## DEFINITION OF YOUTH

Niue's [national youth policy](#) (2009) defines youth as individuals between the ages of 15-34 years.

### CANDIDACY AGE

#### Lower House

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Source: [Inter-Parliamentary Union](#) No data. Partially indirectly elected.

#### Upper House

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

### MARRIAGEABLE AGE

#### Opposite Sex

WITHOUT PARENTAL CONSENT      WITH PARENTAL CONSENT

Male **21**      18      --  
 Female **19**      15      --

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

### VOTING AGE

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Constitution of Niue (2006) doesn't specify the voting age.  
 Source: [Constitution of Niue](#)

### MAJORITY AGE

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No legislative definition for majority age. Source: [CRIN](#)

### CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY

**10**

#### Minimum Age

From 10-14 years old, the state must prove criminal capacity. A child below 10 cannot be held legally responsible for their actions.  
 Source: [Act of Nieuve](#) (2007)  
[Niue Act](#) (1966)

## SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

### YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INDEX

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Year: No data.

Source: [Commonwealth Youth Programme](#)

### LITERACY RATES

Both sexes (15-24) %

Male (15-24) %      Female (15-24) %

Year: No data.

Source: [UNESCO](#)

### NET ENROLMENT RATE

Secondary School

Both sexes %

Male %      Female %

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.

Both sexes (13-15) %

Male (13-15) %

Female (13-15) %

Year: No data.

Source: [WHO](#)

## POLICY & LEGISLATION

The mission of Niue's [national youth policy](#) (2009) is

to enable dedicated young people, in partnership with communities, to take positive action for youth development on Niue.

It has eight policy objectives that "will be pursued by the government, NGOs, churches, communities and the private sector." These objectives are in the following areas:

1. Education, training and career development;
2. Cultural heritage and spiritual wellbeing;
3. Youth employment and economic development;
4. Health and wellbeing;

Is there a national youth policy?

**YES**

Niue has a [national youth policy](#) for the period 2009-2013, a revision of the youth policy 2003-2008.

### 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

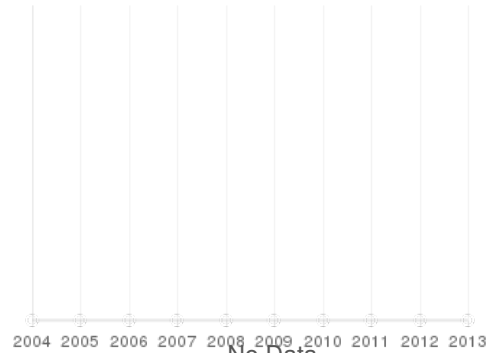
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Source: [United Nations - Department of Economic and Social Affairs - Population Division](#)

2012 Revision - Estimates. (Accessed August 2013).

## YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT

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



No Data

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

5. Environment and climate change;
6. Media and information and communications technology (ICT);
7. Social development and family values;
8. Sports and recreation.

The policy sets out responsibilities for the Department of Community Affairs and the [National Youth Council](#), which will be responsible for implementation.

## PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

The Department of Community Affairs (DCA) is the main government agency responsible for youth development in Niue. According to the [national youth policy](#) (2009), the DCA has

responsibility of seeking financial resources through approved government channels for supporting youth activities. The department will work with national, regional and international agencies to make sure that all the activities are aligned under the youth policy and address youth priorities.

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

**YES**

## YOUTH AND REPRESENTATION

The [Niue Youth Council](#) (NYC) was established in 1982 and consists of 14 youth groups representing villages and five youth groups representing other denominations on the island. Its mission is "to develop a generation of dedicated young people who in partnership with communities [take] on positive actions towards youth development in Niue." The [national youth policy](#) (2009) identified NYC as a key partner for the Department of Community Affairs (DCA). The NYC is a member of the [Pacific Youth Council](#) which is a member of The [Commonwealth Youth Council](#).

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

**YES**

## BUDGET & SPENDING

No documentation in youth spending in Niue could be found online. The [World Bank](#) lists no data on public spending on education in Niue since 2000.

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

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youth programming?

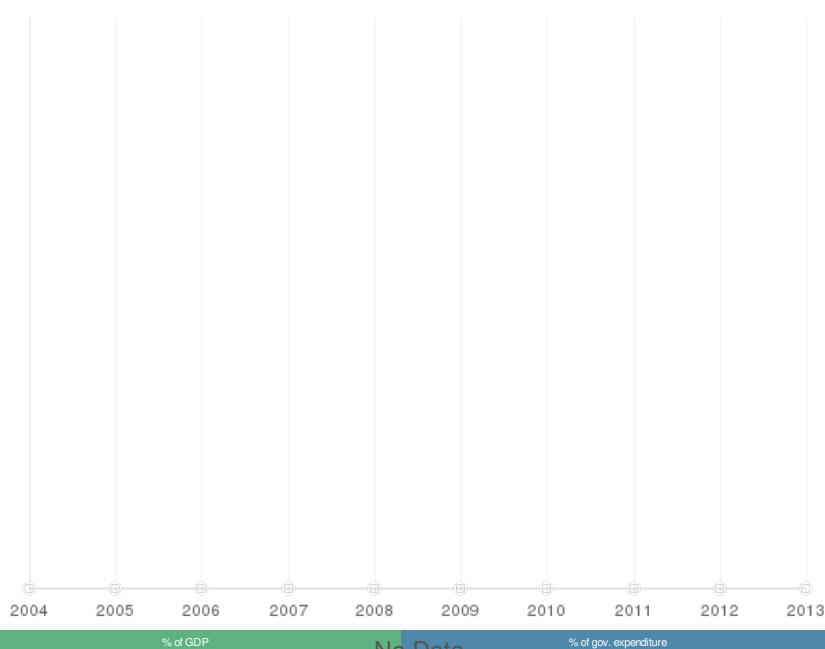
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## TOTAL EXPENDITURE ON EDUCATION AS A PERCENTAGE OF GOVERNMENT SPENDING AND GDP

No Data

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% of GDP

% of gov. expenditure

Source: [World Bank](#)

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## PUBLICATIONS AND REVIEWS

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