

Factsheet: Pakistan

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DEFINITION OF YOUTH

The [Punjab Youth Policy](#) (2012) states that the "Pakistani official standards" defines youth as between 15-29 years of age.

CANDIDACY AGE

Lower House **25**

Source: [Inter-Parliamentary Union](#)

Upper House **30**

Source: [Inter-Parliamentary Union](#)
Entirely indirectly elected

MARRIAGEABLE AGE

	Without Parental Consent	Opposite Sex With Parental Consent	Same Sex With Parental Consent
Male	18	--	XX
Female	16	--	XX

No data for marriage with parental consent. Homosexual acts are illegal. Source: [UNSD, ILGA](#)

VOTING AGE

18

Source: [Constitution of Pakistan](#)

MAJORITY AGE

18

Source: [Penal Code](#) (1860)

CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY

12

Minimum Age
The minimum age of 12 does not apply to minors found involved in terrorist activities. Source: [The Express Tribune](#) (2013)

GDP PER CAPITA

USD 1275.3

Year: 2013

Source: [World Bank](#)

HDI

0.515

Year: 2013

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

GINI

29.63

Year: 2011

Source: [World Bank](#)

CORRUPTION PERCEPTION

29

126 out of 177 countries.
Year: 2014

Source: [Transparency International](#)

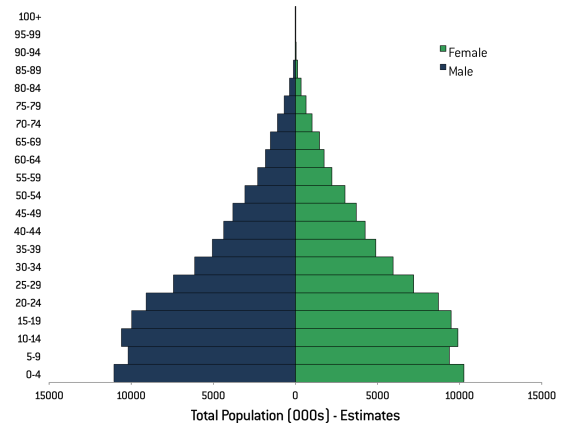
PRESS FREEDOM

51.46

158 out of 180 countries.
Year: 2013

Source: [Reporters Without Borders](#)

POPULATION BY AGE AND SEX 2010



SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INDEX

0.63

89 out of 170 countries.

Year: 2013

Source: [Commonwealth Youth Programme](#)

LITERACY RATES

74.84%

Both sexes (15-24) %

79.73% **69.62%**

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

Year: 2015

Source: [UNESCO](#)

NET ENROLMENT RATE

Secondary School

36.15%

Both sexes %

41.32% **30.59%**

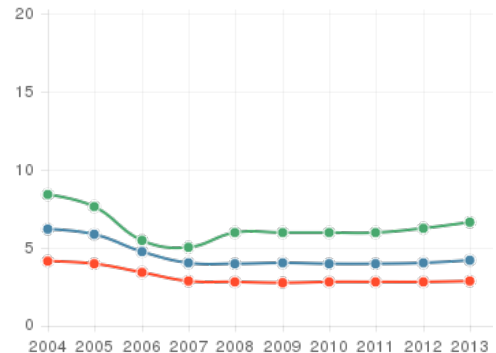
Male % Female %

Year: 2012

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.

10.10%

Both sexes (13-15) %

12.40%

Male (13-15) %

7.50%

Female (13-15) %

Year: 2010

Source: [WHO](#)

POLICY & LEGISLATION

In 2009 the Federal cabinet approved the [national youth policy](#) (2008). However, in 2010 the [Ministry of Youth Affairs](#) was dissolved following the passing of the [18th Amendment to the Constitution of Pakistan](#), and responsibility for youth, along with other policy areas such as education, was devolved to the four provinces (Punjab, Sindh, Balochistan, Kyber Pakhtunkhwa) and two territories (Gilgit Baltistan and Azad Jammu & Kashmir). To date, only the Punjab province has an approved [youth policy](#) (2012), though the Sindh province has a [draft youth policy](#) (2012) and the other regions and territories are engaged in consultation and drafting processes. As a member of the [Commonwealth of Nations](#), Pakistan is a signatory of [The Commonwealth Plan of Action for Youth Empowerment \(PAYE\) 2006-2015](#)

Is there a national youth policy?

NO

Pakistan has a [youth policy](#) from 2008, but responsibility has shifted to the regions since its adoption.

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

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

BUDGET & SPENDING

In 2010, the [Ministry of Youth Affairs](#) was dissolved, and responsibility for youth was devolved to the provinces and territories. Responsibility for youth now sits within the following: Punjab - [Youth Affairs, Sports, Tourism and Archaeology Department](#); Sindh - [Department of Youth Affairs](#); Balochistan - [Department of Environment, Sport and Youth Affairs](#); Kybher Pakhtunkhwa - [Department of Sports, Tourism and Youth Affairs](#); Gilgit Baltistan - [Tourism, Sports, Culture and Youth Department](#); Azad Jammu & Kashmir - [Department of Youth Culture and Sports](#)

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

NO

youth programming?

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Whilst each province and territory has a budget for departments with responsibility for youth affairs, it is unclear what allocation is made to youth specifically. The exception is in Sindh where the [2013-2014 Development Budget](#) estimates an allocation of PKR 208,680,000 (USD 212,9387) for the Youth Affairs Department. According to the [World Bank](#), Pakistan spent 10.14% of its government expenditure in 2011 and 2.17% of its GDP on education provision in 2012.

YOUTH AND REPRESENTATION

Whilst there is no official youth council, there are several youth-led groups that operate at a regional and national level. The [National Youth Assembly \(NYA\)](#) aims to educate youth aged 18-30 about leadership, politics and democracy. The [Chanan Development Association \(CDA\)](#) aims to build the capacity of young people, and to act as a resource hub for youth organisations. The role of young people in these organisations are unclear, as is their representative nature. A number of youth organisations are listed as members of the [Commonwealth Youth Council](#).

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

NO

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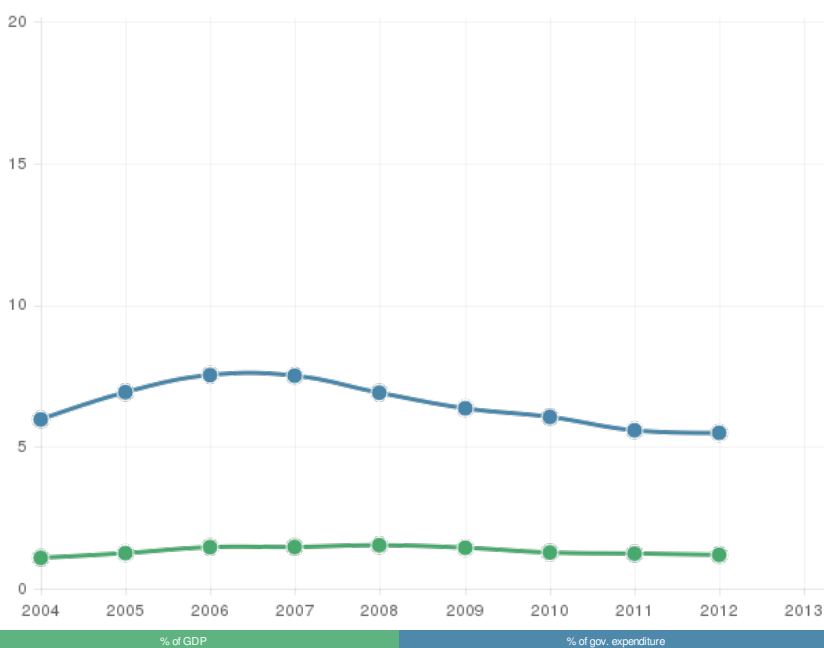
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Source: [World Bank](#)
Gaps indicate missing data from the original data source. (Accessed August 2013).

% of GDP % of gov. expenditure

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