

Factsheet: Palau

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DEFINITION OF YOUTH

The Palau [national youth policy](#) defines youth as between 15-34 years, but extends the principles of the policy to those outside the specific age range.

CANDIDACY AGE

Lower House **25**

Source: [Inter-Parliamentary Union](#)

Upper House **25**

Source: [Inter-Parliamentary Union](#)

MARRIAGEABLE AGE

Opposite Sex **Same Sex**

WITHOUT PARENTAL CONSENT WITH PARENTAL CONSENT

Male **0** **0** **XX**

Female **0** **0** **--**

There is no legislation specifying the minimum age at marriage for men and women. Male homosexual acts illegal. Female homosexual acts legal. Source: [UNSD, ILGA](#)

VOTING AGE

18

Source: [Inter-Parliamentary Union](#)

MAJORITY AGE

18

Source: [FOSIGRID](#)

CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY

10

Minimum Age

Children between 10-14 years are presumed incapable of committing any crime, except the crimes of murder and rape. Source: [National Code of Palau \(1999\)](#)

GDP PER CAPITA

USD 11810.09

Year: 2013

Source: [World Bank](#)

HDI

0.791

Year: 2013

Source: [UNDP](#)

60 out of 187 countries.

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Year: No data.

Source: [World Bank](#)

CORRUPTION PERCEPTION

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Year: No data.

Source: [Transparency International](#)

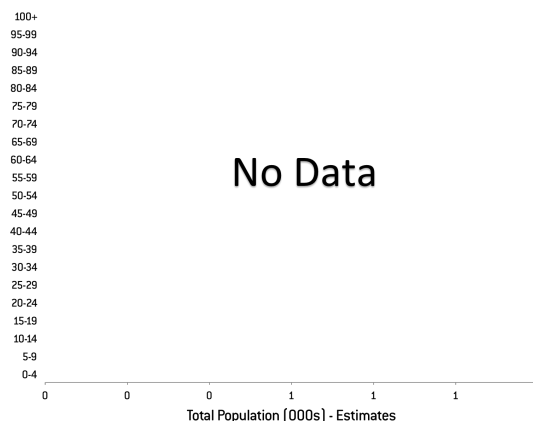
PRESS FREEDOM

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Year: No data.

Source: [Reporters Without Borders](#)

POPULATION BY AGE AND SEX 2010



SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INDEX

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Year: No data.

Source: [Commonwealth Youth Programme](#)

LITERACY RATES

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Both sexes (15-24) %

Male (15-24) % 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

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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.

50.30%

Both sexes (13-15) %

58.30%

Male (13-15) %

42.40%

Female (13-15) %

Year: 2010

Source: [WHO](#)

POLICY & LEGISLATION

The [national youth policy](#) (2005) "provides guiding principles for the development" of young people in Palau. The policy has two main goals:

- Youth must be empowered to become productive and contributing members of the community.
- A system must be created, where the right to access quality public services and sharing of national resources is maximized for young Palauans.

It focuses on ten priority areas: Youth and Nationalism/Patriotism; Youth and Health; Youth and Education; Youth and Employment; Youth and Justice; Sports and Recreations; Youth Participation in National Development; Youth and Their Voices; Youth and Their Participation in Decision-Making and Resource Appropriation; Youth and Culture & Fine Arts.

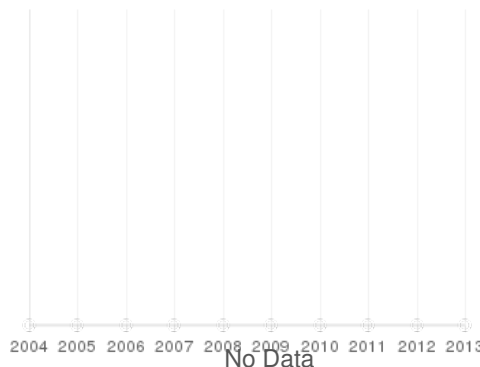
Is there a national youth policy?

YES

Palau adopted its [national youth policy](#) in 2005, and added an implementation framework in 2009.

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 August 2013).

BUDGET & SPENDING

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PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

The Division of Youth within the [Ministry of Community and Cultural Affairs](#) is responsible for youth affairs and the development of youth programs. According to the [national youth policy](#) (2005), a Youth Policy Committee comprised of a number of ministerial and NGO representatives supported its development and is responsible for its implementation. However, a [situation analysis](#) (2008) noted that "in reality the Youth Office has limited capacity to oversee the policy" with only two staff members and no funding beyond salaries.

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

YES

YOUTH AND REPRESENTATION

According to their [official Facebook Page](#), the National Youth Council of Palau (NYCP) has elected youth offices and is designed to be "the focal body of all youths and young people of Palau." The NYCP is a member of the regional [Pacific Youth Council](#). According to a [situation analysis](#) (2008), a National Youth Congress, comprising of appointed youth representatives by the governor of each regional state, had previously existed but was currently non-functional due to no allocated funds.

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

YES

BUDGET & SPENDING

According to the [2012 ROP Statistical Yearbook](#), the total expenditure of the [Ministry of Community & Cultural Affairs](#) in 2011 was USD 920,387. It is unclear what proportion of this was allocated to youth affairs. Palau uses the US dollar. According to the [World Bank](#), Palau spent 7.27% of its GDP on education in 2002, but does not calculate what this translates to in terms of percentage of government expenditure.

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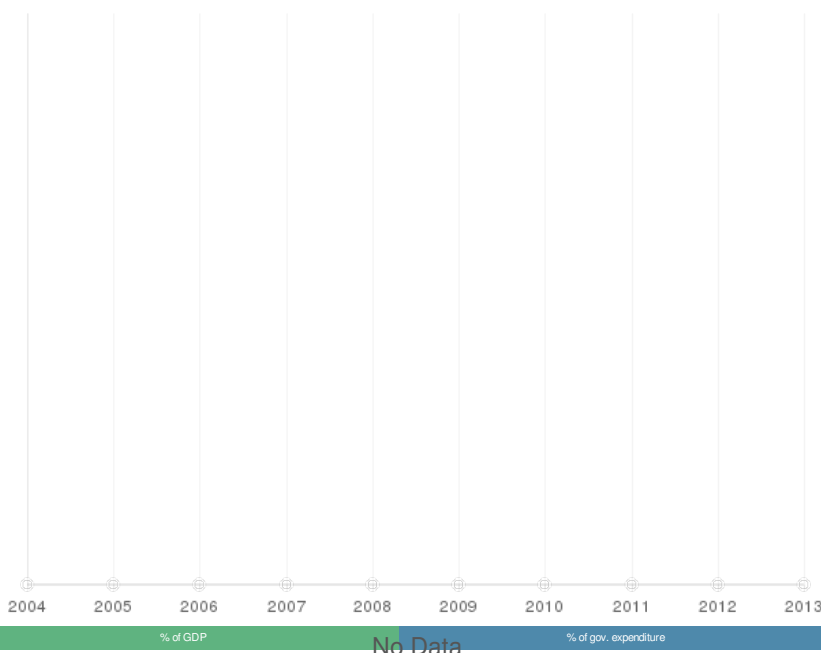
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No Data

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% of GDP

% of gov. expenditure

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