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DEFINITION OF YOUTH
The 2012 national youth strategy defines youth as people 15 to 29 years old. It identifies an additional three age groups: 15-19 years old, 20-24 years old, 25-29 years old.

CANDIDACY AGE

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Source: Inter-Parliamentary Union

MARRIAGEABLE AGE

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Source: Civil Code of Peru (1984)

No specific legislation for same-sex marriage. Source: UNSD, ILGA

VOTING AGE

18
Compulsory voting. Source: Inter-Parliamentary Union

MAJORITY AGE

18
Source: Civil Code of Peru (1984)

CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY

Minimum Age
In the case of terrorism charges criminal responsibility may apply from 15 years of age. Source: Penal Code of Peru (1999)

PREVALENCE OF HIV

0.2%
Male (15-24) %
Female (15-24) %

Year: 2013
Source: World Bank

TOBACCO USE

19.40%
Both sexes (15-24) %
Male (15-24) %
Female (15-24) %

Year: 2013
Source: World Bank

POLICY & LEGISLATION

The national youth strategy covers the period 2012-2021, the previous plan covered 2006-2011.

Is there a national youth policy?
YES

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GDP PER CAPITA

USD 6661.59
Year: 2013
Source: World Bank

HDI

0.741
Year: 2013
Source: UNDP

UNDCP/GDP

45.33
Year: 2012
Source: World Bank

CORRUPTION PERCEPTION

38
85 out of 177 countries.
Source: Transparency International

PRESS FREEDOM

31.7
104 out of 180 countries.
Source: Reporters Without Borders

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INDEX

0.5
119 out of 176 countries.
Year: 2013
Source: Commonwealth Youth Programme

LITERACY RATES

98.94%
Both sexes (15-24) %
98.89% Male (15-24) %
98.99% Female (15-24) %

Year: 2015
Source: UNESCO

NET ENROLMENT RATE

Secondary School
77.14%
Both sexes %
76.81% Male %
77.47% Female %

Year: 2011
Source: UNESCO

YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT

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

Source: United Nations - Department of Economic and Social Affairs - Population Division


BUDGET & SPENDING

What is the budget allocated to the governmental authority (ministry, department or office) that is primarily responsible for youth and/or...
The National Secretariat for Youth (SENAJU) is the state body in charge of implementing the national youth strategy, under the responsibility of the Ministry of Education, and is structured in three directorates. As highlighted in this article, in 2011 it replaced the National Youth Council (CONAJU), and National Youth Commission (CNJ). The Secretariat organises events and provides information to youth—e.g. through the use of flyers—on national and regional level. It also provides services such as legal advice and volunteering.

YOUTH AND REPRESENTATION

Since the introduction of the 2012 national strategic plan on youth and the establishment of SENAJU, the framework for youth representation is unclear. As highlighted by a video reportage, government changes in the country and a process of decentralisation have resulted in a restructuring of institutions active in the youth field. The National Youth Network (RENAJUV), a non-governmental youth association campaigns for the re-activation of the Council for Youth Participation (CPJ), the youth representative body created by the previous youth plan.

BUDGET & SPENDING

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

YES

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

UNCLEAR

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

Source: World Bank

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PUBLICATIONS AND REVIEWS

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