

Factsheet: Rwanda

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DEFINITION OF YOUTH

The [national youth policy](#) (2005) of Rwanda defines youth as between 14-35 years.

CANDIDACY AGE

Lower House **21**

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

Upper House **40**

Source: [Inter-Parliamentary Union](#) Partially indirectly elected and by other means.

MARRIAGEABLE AGE

	Without Parental Consent	With Parental Consent	Same Sex
Male	21	0	--
Female	21	0	--

No minimum age for opposite sex marriage with parental consent. No specific legislation for same-sex marriage. Homosexual acts legal. Source: [UNSD, ILGA](#)

VOTING AGE

18

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

MAJORITY AGE

18

Source: [UN Child Rights Periodic Report](#) (2011)

CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY

14

Minimum Age
Children 10-14 may be held in custody during investigation. Between 14-18, lesser penalties apply. Source: [UN Child Rights Periodic Report](#) (2002)

SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INDEX

0.33

152 out of 170 countries.

Year: 2013

Source: [Commonwealth Youth Programme](#)

LITERACY RATES

80.37%

Both sexes (15-24) %

78.47% **82.19%**

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

0.9%

Male (15-24) %

1.2%

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.

11.50%

Both sexes (13-15) %

13.30%

Male (13-15) %

9.50%

Female (13-15) %

Year: 2010

Source: [WHO](#)

POLICY & LEGISLATION

The overall objective of the [national youth policy](#) (2005) is to promote the "economic, social, cultural, intellectual and moral welfare" of youth.

It focuses on: Education; Unity, reconciliation & social transformation; Poverty & unemployment; Environment; Health & Youth Protection; Culture, Sports & Leisure; Gender; Cooperation; Youth mobilisation & training.

The [national youth policy](#) (2005) is part of the [Vision 2020 strategy](#), which incorporated the [Millennium Development Goals](#).

According to a [press release on 4 October 2012](#), the youth policy is currently under review. No further information could be found online.

As a member of the [Commonwealth of Nations](#), Rwanda is a signatory of [The Commonwealth Plan of Action for Youth](#)

Is there a national youth policy?

YES

The [national youth policy](#) of Rwanda was adopted in 2005. There are attempts to review and revise it.

GDP PER CAPITA

USD 638.67

Year: 2013

Source: [World Bank](#)

HDI

0.434

Year: 2013

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

GINI

50.82

Year: 2011

Source: [World Bank](#)

CORRUPTION PERCEPTION

49

55 out of 177 countries.

Year: 2014

Source: [Transparency International](#)

PRESS FREEDOM

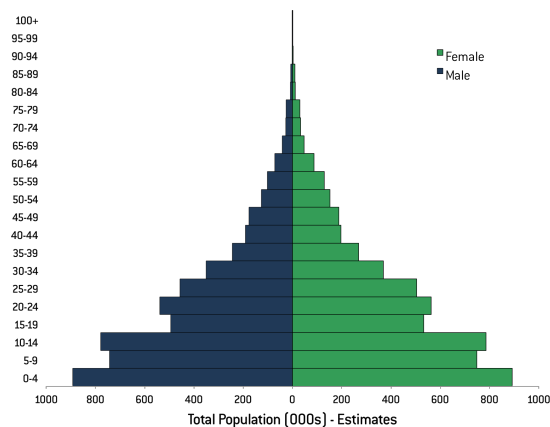
56.57

162 out of 180 countries.

Year: 2013

Source: [Reporters Without Borders](#)

POPULATION BY AGE AND SEX 2010



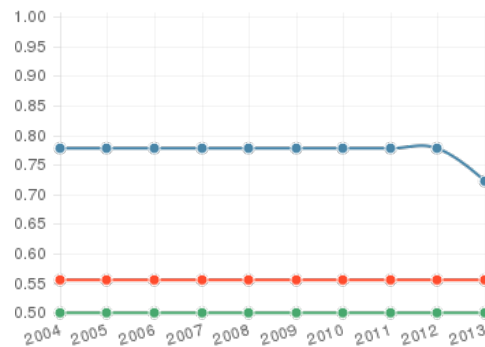
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Source: [United Nations - Department of Economic and Social Affairs - Population Division](#)

2012 Revision - Estimates. (Accessed August 2013).

YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT

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



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

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

The [Ministry of Youth & ICT](#) is responsible for youth affairs and "develops, coordinates, monitors, evaluates and supports implementation of policies and strategies that promote youth development aimed at economic and social transformation and a productive and patriotic generation." The [national youth policy](#) (2005) describes the ministry as the "trustee for the implementation of the national youth policy." The [official Facebook page](#) of the ministry features some of its programmes, such as an ICT literacy & awareness campaign.

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

YES

YOUTH AND REPRESENTATION

The [National Youth Council of Rwanda](#) (RNYC) is linked to the [Ministry of Youth & ICT](#) with the head of the Executive Secretariat appointed by the Prime Minister. An annual General Assembly is comprised of national and district representatives, as well as representatives of the two National Youth Forums for secondary schools and higher education. The RNYC focuses on youth empowerment projects, youth services, patriotism, youth advocacy and international representation. The RNYC is a member of the [Commonwealth Youth Council](#).

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

YES

BUDGET & SPENDING

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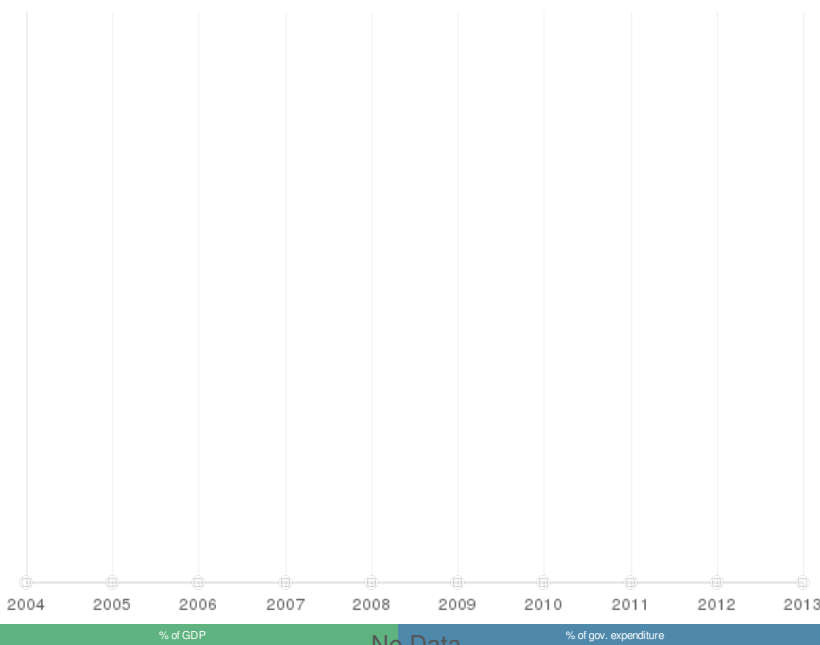
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% of GDP % of gov. expenditure

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PUBLICATIONS AND REVIEWS

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