

Factsheet: Sudan

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DEFINITION OF YOUTH

The [African Economic Outlook](#) (2012) defines youth as between 15-24 years in its study on youth unemployment in Sudan.

CANDIDACY AGE

Lower House **21**
Source: [Inter-Parliamentary Union](#)

Upper House **21**
Source: [Inter-Parliamentary Union](#)
Partially indirectly elected and by other means.

MARRIAGEABLE AGE

	WITHOUT PARENTAL CONSENT	OPPOSITE SEX WITH PARENTAL CONSENT	SAME SEX
Male	--	--	XX
Female	--	--	XX

Homosexual acts illegal with male-male relationship and sodomy punishable by death. [The African Report of Child Wellbeing](#) (2013) notes the minimum age of marriage as 10 years. Source: [UNSD](#), [ILGA](#)

VOTING AGE

18

Voting age for the indirectly elected upper house is 21 years.
Source: [Inter-Parliamentary Union](#)

MAJORITY AGE

18

Source: [HRW](#)

CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY

12

Minimum Age
A 2010 law accompanying Sudan's new Bill of Rights prohibits the death penalty as punishment for under 18s. Source: [CRIN](#)

SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INDEX

0.36

149 out of 170 countries.

Year: 2013

Source: [Commonwealth Youth Programme](#)

LITERACY RATES

89.57%

Both sexes (15-24) %

91.29% **87.81%**

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

0.1%

Male (15-24) %

0.2%

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.

7.40%

Both sexes (13-15) %

9.50%

Male (13-15) %

4.30%

Female (13-15) %

Year: 2010

Source: [WHO](#)

POLICY & LEGISLATION

The [Giving Young People a Priority](#) (2013), [UNFPA](#) have supported and developed the National Youth Strategy (2007-2031). This cannot be found online. They have also supported youth policy and programmes at national and state level. The [African Economic Outlook](#) (2012) notes that the "Creating Opportunities for Youth Employment in Sudan", was launched in 2008 with USD 15.7 million. The programme, run by the Ministry of Youth and Sports (no online profile), aims to train 5 million young people and provide microfinance support. However, it is noted that the impact of these initiatives has been limited. UNDP's programme, "Youth Volunteers 'Rebuilding Darfur'" has provided training in environmental management and planning with a particularly focus on building sustainable livelihoods and entrepreneurship.

Is there a national youth policy?

NO

Sudan has no current national youth policy. A [2012 youth employment briefing](#) is available.

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

GDP PER CAPITA

USD 1753.38

Year: 2013

Source: [World Bank](#)

HDI

0.414

Year: 2013

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

GINI

35.29

Year: 2009

Source: [World Bank](#)

CORRUPTION PERCEPTION

11

173 out of 177 countries.

Year: 2014

Source: [Transparency International](#)

PRESS FREEDOM

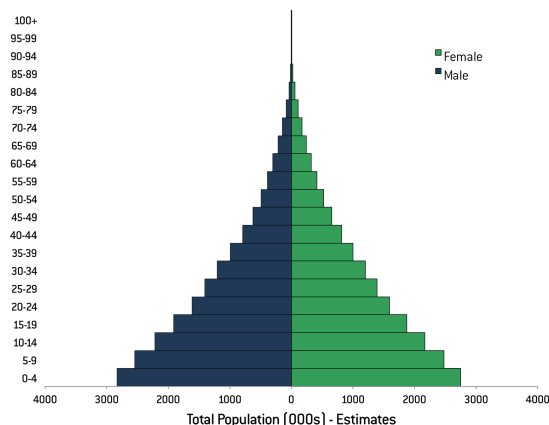
71.88

172 out of 180 countries.

Year: 2013

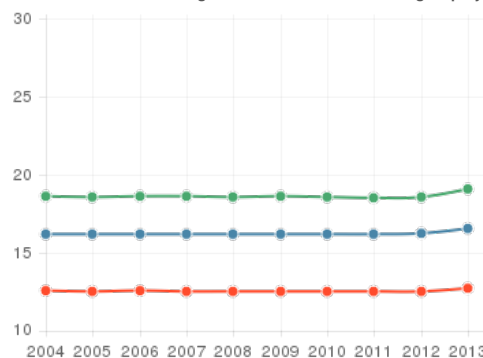
Source: [Reporters Without Borders](#)

POPULATION BY AGE AND SEX 2010



YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT

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



BUDGET & SPENDING

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

The Ministry of Youth & Sports (MoYS) is responsible for youth affairs. It does not have an online profile. According to [Giving Young People a Priority](#) (2013), UNFPA have developed the National Youth Strategy (2007-2031) in partnership with the MoYS and support youth participation and youth policy structures and programmes. The [African Economic Outlook](#) (2012) note partnership projects focusing on youth unemployment delivered by the MoYS.

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

YES

youth programming?

UNCLEAR

The [World Bank](#) lists no data on public spending on education in Sudan for the last ten years.

YOUTH AND REPRESENTATION

No information can be found online as to the existence of a National Youth Council in Sudan. According to [Giving Young People a Priority](#) (2013), UNFPA have established Youth Parliaments in all states of Sudan and have supported youth participation in policy development and monitoring. This has been addressed through capacity building and strengthening of youth groups, training on leadership, management, advocacy and strategic planning, fostering adult-youth partnerships and policy research.

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

NO

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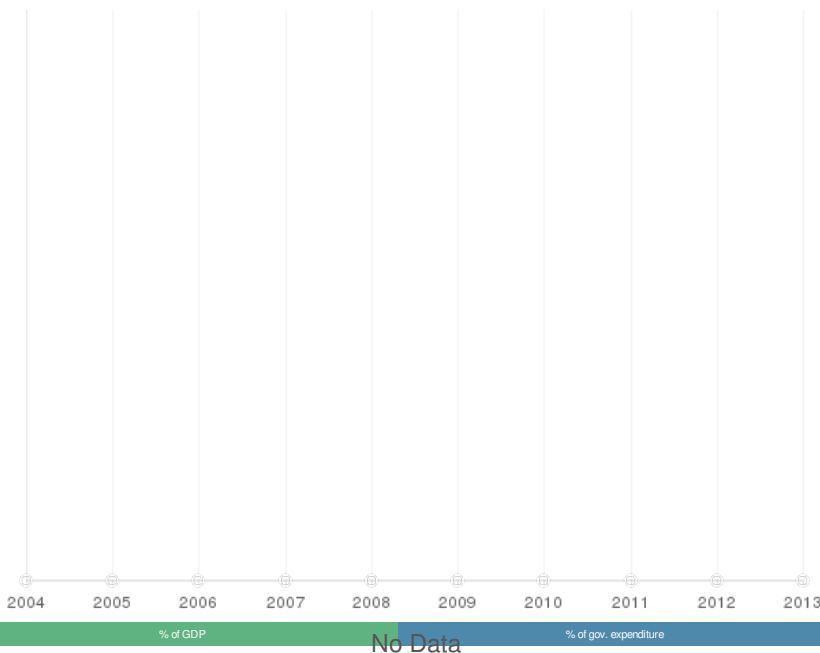
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TOTAL EXPENDITURE ON EDUCATION AS A PERCENTAGE OF GOVERNMENT SPENDING AND GDP

No Data

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Source: [World Bank](#)
Gaps indicate missing data from the original data source. Total population data are reported separately for Sudan and South Sudan. Other data reported for Sudan include South Sudan unless otherwise noted. (Accessed August 2013).

% of GDP

% of gov. expenditure

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PUBLICATIONS AND REVIEWS

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