Factsheet: Suriname

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DEFINITION OF YOUTH
The Youth Department within the Ministry of Youth and Sports considers youth within the range from 0 to 30 years of age.

CANDIDACY AGE

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Source: Inter-Parliamentary Union

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SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INDEX

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Source: Commonwealth Youth Programme

LITERACY RATES

- 99.03%

Both sexes (15-24) %

- 98.41%
- 99.66%

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

Source: UNESCO

NET ENROLMENT RATE

- 57.20%

Secondary School

Both sexes %

- 51.72%
- 62.84%

Male % | Female %

Source: UNESCO

PREVALENCE OF HIV

- 0.3%

Male (15-24) %

- 0.3%

Female (15-24) %

Source: World Bank

TOBACCO USE

- 19.20%

Consumed any smokeless or smoking tobacco product at least once 30 days prior to the survey

- 20.70%
- 16.60%

Male (13-15) % | Female (13-15) %

Source: WHO

YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT

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

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

POLICY & LEGISLATION

The United Nations Development Assistance Framework for Suriname for the period 2012-2016 lists the drafting of a national youth policy as one of the achievements of previous engagement. Remarks made by the Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs in March 2014 in New York outline that the “national youth policy is aimed at creating conditions for the full development of youth, which consists of a number of relevant issues, namely education and training, development and participation, protection and opportunities.” The policy, according to the Minister, “promotes social participation as well as participation in the development process.”

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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)?

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The Youth Minister has explained in remarks made in 2014 that a national youth parliament exists. While media reports confirm its existence, it remains unclear which objectives the youth parliament seeks to achieve, what structures it has and how representative and inclusive it is. The National Youth Assembly (SNJA) seems to be a second umbrella organisation, but has no active online presence.

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No Data

Source: World Bank
Gaps indicate missing data from the original data source. (Accessed May 2014).

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