

# Factsheet: Togo

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## DEFINITION OF YOUTH

The [National Youth Policy \(2007\)](#) of Togo defines youth as 15-24 years.

### CANDIDACY AGE

**Lower House** **25**

Source: [Inter-Parliamentary Union](#)

**Upper House** **--**

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

### MARRIAGEABLE AGE

	Without Parental Consent	Opposite Sex	With Parental Consent	Same Sex
Male		<b>20</b>	--	<b>XX</b>
Female		<b>17</b>	--	<b>XX</b>

No data for marriage with parental consent. Homosexual acts illegal. Source: [UNSD, ILGA](#)

### VOTING AGE

**18**

Source: [Inter-Parliamentary Union](#)

### MAJORITY AGE

**18**

Source: [Children's Code \(2007\)](#)

### CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY

**14**

Minimum Age  
Source: [Children's Code of Togo \(2007\)](#)

## SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

### YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INDEX

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Year: No data.

Source: [Commonwealth Youth Programme](#)

### LITERACY RATES

**85.14%**

Both sexes (15-24) %

**88.88%** **81.37%**

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

Year: 2015

Source: [UNESCO](#)

### NET ENROLMENT RATE

Secondary School

**23.53%**

Both sexes %

**31.75%** **15.36%**

Male % Female %

Year: 2000

Source: [UNESCO](#)

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### PREVALENCE OF HIV

**0.4%**

Male (15-24) %

**0.7%**

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.

**14.00%**

Both sexes (13-15) %

**17.70%**

Male (13-15) %

**7.90%**

Female (13-15) %

Year: 2010

Source: [WHO](#)

## POLICY & LEGISLATION

The [National Youth Policy \(2007\)](#) has a goal of instilling young people with the national values and supporting them to be active participants in society. The policy has five objectives: Ensuring effective skills and training for work; Creating a socio-educational system for development and maturity; Provision of quality education and access to ICTs; Ensuring good health; Promoting equality. There also exists a "Youth Employment Programme" which forms part of the "National Strategic Plan for Youth Employment" and a "Four-Year Action Plan of the National Youth Policy 2014-2017", but at the time of writing these documents were unavailable online. Togo has signed and ratified the [African Youth Charter \(2006\)](#).

### Is there a national youth policy?

**YES**

Togo has a [2007 national youth policy](#) and published a [youth employment report](#) in 2012.

## PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

### GDP PER CAPITA

**USD 636.44**

Year: 2013

Source: [World Bank](#)

### HDI

**0.459**

Year: 2013

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

### GINI

**45.96**

Year: 2011

Source: [World Bank](#)

### CORRUPTION PERCEPTION

**29**

126 out of 177 countries.

Year: 2014

Source: [Transparency International](#)

### PRESS FREEDOM

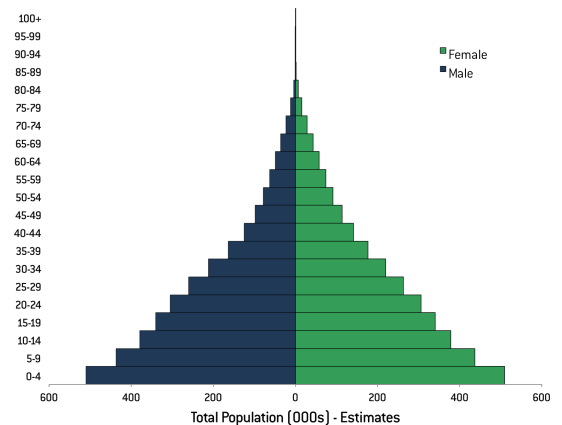
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76 out of 180 countries.

Year: 2013

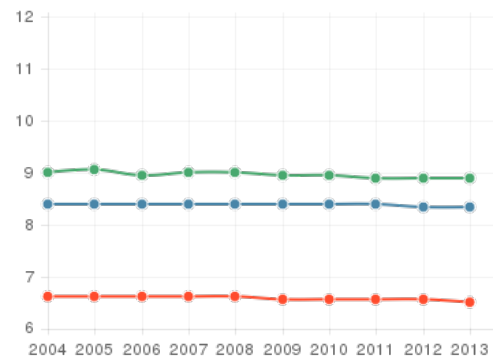
Source: [Reporters Without Borders](#)

## 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

According to their website the Ministry of Basic Development, Crafts, Youth and Youth Employment (MINDEVBASE) had responsibility for youth until September 2013 when it stopped being responsible for youth policies, despite keeping 'youth' in its title. The Ministry is still responsible for youth employment. There is no further information about which ministry or department is now responsible for youth, but the MINDEVBASE website reports that youth is still considered within its work as a key beneficiary of development activities.

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

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youth programming?

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**USD 8.3 MILLION**

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## YOUTH AND REPRESENTATION

According to Decree No. 2008-048, the National Youth Council of Togo (CNJ-Togo) is an independent advisory body to the government on youth affairs. It provides a platform for dialogue and works to ensure effective participation and influence by young people in democratic processes. A government press release in February 2014 announced the cancellation of elections of the new Executive Board of the CNJ due to a lack of transparency and cases of fraud and irregularities. It is unclear what this means for the current or future status of CNJ.

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

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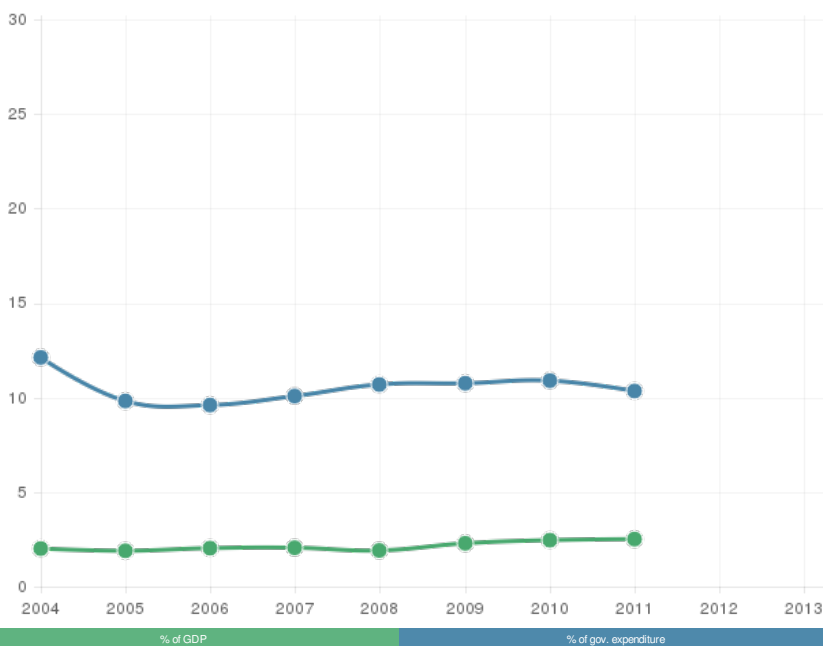
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Source: World Bank  
Gaps indicate missing data from the original data source. (Accessed August 2013).

% of GDP

% of gov. expenditure

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## PUBLICATIONS AND REVIEWS

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