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DEFINITION OF YOUTH

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CANDIDACY AGE

Lower House 21
Source: Inter-Parliamentary Union

Upper House --
Source: Inter-Parliamentary Union

VOTING AGE

21
Source: Inter-Parliamentary Union

MAJORITY AGE

18

CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY

7

SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INDEX

0.71
46 out of 170 countries.
Year: 2013
Source: Commonwealth Youth Programme

LITERACY RATES

99.45%
Both sexes (15-24) %
99.35% Male (15-24) %
99.54% Female (15-24) %
Year: 2015
Source: UNESCO

NET ENROLMENT RATE

Secondary School 76.39%
Both sexes %
72.92% Male %
80.31% Female %
Year: 2001
Source: UNESCO

PREVALENCE OF HIV

No data
Year: No data
Source: World Bank

TOBACCO USE

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

Is there a national youth policy?

YES
Following an analysis, the youth policy was adopted in 2007. A 2008 briefing and 2011 chapter exist.
Source: World Bank

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

Budget & Spending

No data

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service; healthy living; participation and advocacy. As a member of the Commonwealth of Nations, Tonga is a signatory of The Commonwealth Plan of Action for Youth Empowerment (PAYE) 2006-2015.

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

The Ministry of Internal Affairs is responsible for “development of youth” and has incorporated the policy areas of the previous Ministry of Training, Employment, Youth & Sports (MOTEYS). The youth policy briefing (2008) notes that the MOTEYS had been formed in 2007 to act as a “local point for action” but had faced challenges in implementing the National Youth Strategy due to coordinating across different government departments and a range of stakeholders. The youth policy chapter (2011) notes that a “Youth Stakeholder Forum” was formed to support this.

YOUTH AND REPRESENTATION

The Tonga National Youth Congress (TNYC) is an umbrella organisation for youth groups and NGOs and delivers programmes focusing on “responsibility, good citizenship, community service and leadership.” According to the youth policy chapter (2011), the TNYC previously worked with the MOTEYS on implementing the National Youth Strategy and designing a new national youth policy. It also runs the annual Youth Parliament event. The TNYC is a member of the Pacific Youth Council, which in turn is a member of The Commonwealth Youth Council.

BUDGET & SPENDING

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

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