Factsheet: Ukraine

DEFINITION OF YOUTH

According to the youth development law (1993), young people are defined as between 14-35 years. According to the 2013 review, this mirrors European trends.

CANDIDACY AGE

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MARRIAGEABLE AGE

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| Marriage without parental consent is possible at 16 for women upon agreement of a court. No specific legislation for same sex marriage. Homosexual acts legal. Source: UNICEF, ILGA.

CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY

Minimum Age

Between 14-16, children are only criminally liable for specific crimes, including murder, rape, and bodily harm. Source: Criminal Code of Ukraine (2001).

SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INDEX

0.73

35 out of 170 countries.

Year: 2013

Source: Commonwealth Youth Programme

LITERACY RATES

99.76%

Year: 2015

Source: UNESCO

Secondary School

85.65%

Both sexes %

99.72% Male (15-24) %

99.81% Female (15-24) %

Year: 2015

Source: UNESCO

NET ENROLMENT RATE

Secondary School

85.65%

Both sexes %

85.49% Male %

85.82% Female %

Year: 2012

Source: UNESCO

SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

PREVALENCE OF HIV

0.1%

Male (15-24) %

Year: 2013

Source: World Bank

TOBACCO USE

26.00%

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

Both sexes (13-15) %

29.80% Male (13-15) %

22.20% Female (13-15) %

Year: 2010

Source: WHO

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

POLICY & LEGISLATION

The youth development law (1993) outlines the parameters for the implementation of youth policy and includes key organisational, socio-economic, legal and political principles for the socialisation of young citizens of Ukraine. The 2013 youth policy strategy, adopted by decree of the Ukrainian President, states that its main purpose is to put in place an enabling environment for the 'intellectual, moral and physical' development of youth, for ensuring its participation in the development and implementation of youth policy from national through local levels, and to increase the labour market competitiveness of Ukrainian young people. The priorities of the strategy are: affordable education, healthy lifestyles, employment, housing, participation and access to European programmes.

Budget & Spending

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

BUDGET & SPENDING

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<td>26</td>
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<td>Source: Transparency International</td>
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POPULATION BY AGE AND SEX 2010

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

YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT

Gaps indicate missing data from the original data source. (Accessed May 2014).
Responsibility for youth policy currently rests with the Ministry of Youth and Sports. According to Decree 390 of the President of Ukraine of 2013 its youth specific tasks include the development of measures to promote healthy lifestyles, youth employment, conditions for the intellectual and creative self-development of youth, social development of children and youth, humanistic values and patriotism among young people. Further, it is responsible for state support to youth and children’s associations, and for promoting volunteering.

**YOUTH AND REPRESENTATION**

The Ukrainian Youth Forum established in 1995 is a member of the European Youth Forum. According to its Facebook page, it exists as a platform for representing the interests of Ukrainian youth through youth and children’s organisations to national authorities and internationally. According to the 2013 Council of Europe Review of youth policy, the UYF included 16 all-Ukraine children’s and youth organisations and is active in healthy lifestyles, technology, innovation, business development, ecology and democratic development of the state.

**BUDGET & SPENDING**

No documentation on the budget for youth in Ukraine could be found online. According to the World Bank, Ukraine spent 13.48% of its government expenditure and 6.11% of its GDP on education provision in 2011.

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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)?**

**YES**

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

**UNCLEAR**

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

Source: World Bank

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