

# Factsheet: Germany

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## DEFINITION OF YOUTH

Germany's [Social Code—Volume 8](#) (1991) on child and youth welfare services defines a young person as between 14 and 26 years old. The [Federal Child and Youth Plan](#) (KJP) allows projects to include young persons from 12 up to 26 years of age, so does the [Youth Strategy 2015-2018](#).

### CANDIDACY AGE

**Lower House** **18**

Source: [Inter-Parliamentary Union](#) Partially elected by other means.

**Upper House** **18**

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

### MARRIAGEABLE AGE

|        | Without Parental Consent | With Parental Consent | Same Sex |
|--------|--------------------------|-----------------------|----------|
| Male   | 18                       | 16                    | ++       |
| Female | 18                       | 16                    | ++       |

Civil unions/partnerships legal. Source: [UNSD, ILGA](#)

### VOTING AGE

**18**

Source: [Inter-Parliamentary Union](#)

### MAJORITY AGE

**18**

Source: [Civil Code](#) (2002)

### CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY

**14**

Minimum Age  
Source: [Youth Court Act of Germany](#) (1953)

### GDP PER CAPITA

**USD 46268.64**

Year: 2013

Source: [World Bank](#)

### HDI

**0.92**

Year: 2013

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

### GINI

**30.63**

Year: 2010

Source: [World Bank](#)

### CORRUPTION PERCEPTION

**79**

12 out of 177 countries.  
Year: 2014

Source: [Transparency International](#)

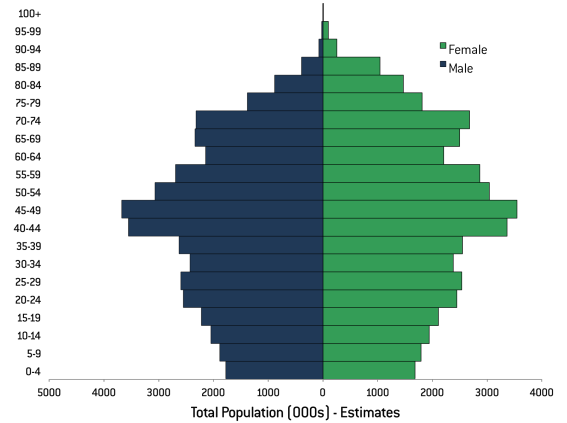
### PRESS FREEDOM

**10.23**

14 out of 180 countries.  
Year: 2013

Source: [Reporters Without Borders](#)

## POPULATION BY AGE AND SEX 2010



DEU

Source: [United Nations - Department of Economic and Social Affairs - Population Division](#)

2012 Revision - Estimates. (Accessed August 2013).

## SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

### YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INDEX

**0.8**

4 out of 170 countries.

Year: 2013

Source: [Commonwealth Youth Programme](#)

### LITERACY RATES

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Both sexes (15-24) %

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

Year: No data.

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) %

**0.1%**

Female (15-24) %

Year: 2012

Source: [World Bank](#)

### TOBACCO USE

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

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Both sexes (13-15) %

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

Year: No data.

Source: [WHO](#)

## POLICY & LEGISLATION

Youth legislation is shaped first and foremost by Germany's [Social Code—Volume 8](#), which deals specifically with child and youth welfare services, and more recently by the [2011 Protection of Young People Act](#). An [English overview](#) illustrates the centrality of the social code to the youth policy system. Framed by the above legislation, youth policy is currently implemented at federal level through the [Federal Child and Youth Plan](#) (KJP). Additionally, the government has recently developed a new federal framework for an independent youth policy, [Acting for a youth-adequate society](#), launched in July 2015. In 2014, new [youth policy principles](#) and [youth policy guidelines](#) were published to guide the development process.

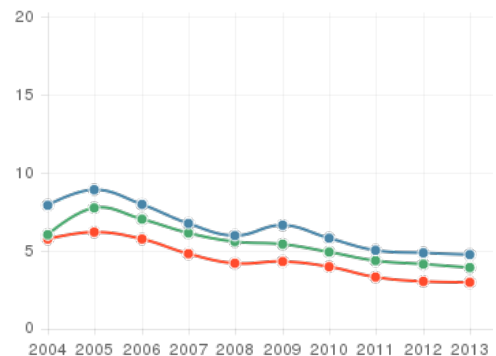
### Is there a national youth policy?

**YES**

Germany has developed a [new federal youth policy](#), covering 2015-2018, which was published in July 2015. A briefing paper from 2014 introduces the guidelines.

## YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT

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



male - (15-24)

female - (15-24)

total labour force

Source: [World Bank](#)

Gaps indicate missing data from the original data source. (Accessed May 2014).

## BUDGET & SPENDING

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## PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

At federal level, the [Ministry of Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth](#) has the main responsibility for youth affairs. Its [Directorate for Children and Youth](#) has 3 departments with 12 policy and programme units. At state level, all 16 states maintain separate youth ministries, which cooperate and coordinate their work through the [Conference of Ministers for Youth and Family Affairs \(JMFK\)](#) and the [Child and Youth Welfare Association \(AGJ\)](#).

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

**YES**

## YOUTH AND REPRESENTATION

The [German Federal Youth Council \(DBJR\)](#) is the country's network of youth organisations. Its [membership](#) consists of 27 youth associations, 16 regional youth councils and 6 associated youth platforms. Internationally, youth organisations are represented by the [German National committee for international youth work \(DNK\)](#), a joint working group of the [German Federal Youth Council \(DBJR\)](#), the [Council of Political Youth organisations \(RPJ\)](#) and the [German Sports Youth \(DSJ\)](#). DNK is a member of the [European Youth Forum](#).

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

**YES**

## BUDGET & SPENDING

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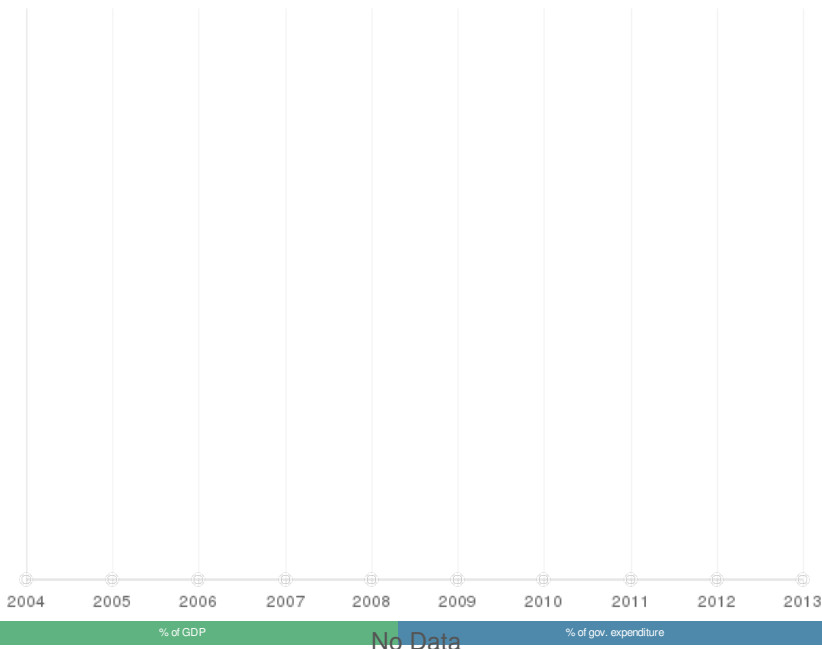
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No Data

% of GDP

% of gov. expenditure

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