

Spain

Youth Policy in Spain

The Spanish Constitution ([Constitución Española de 1978](#)) states that “public authorities will promote conditions for the free and effective participation of youth in the political, social, economic and cultural development” in its article 48, therefore, public authorities must develop youth policies as it has been done for the last forty years. However, the Constitution does not include a section stating youth policies and so, in order to address this lack of specific assignment, the different Autonomous Regions assumed exclusive responsibility in their own Statutes.

In this way there is no General Government Administration Youth Comprehensive Law but a variety of different plans seeking to coordinate political performances. In February 2017, the Secretary of State for Social Services and Equality announced the [preparation of the Second Action Plan of the Youth Strategy 2017-2020](#). The Youth Strategy 2020 ([Estrategia Juventud 2020](#)) is currently in force, approved by the Council of Ministers on the 12th of September 2014. This Strategy goes together with the first Action Plan 2014-2016 ([Plan de Acción 2014-2016](#)) and the Second Action Plan 2017-2020, establishing axes of action, goals, measures and budget for this period. Besides these Plans, there is an [ordinary budget for the Youth Promotion and Services](#) from the Ministry of Health, Consumption and Social Welfare.

Although most of the actions related to youth are carried out through the Autonomous Regions and local bodies, on a national scale the decision-taking structure is related to the Spanish Youth Institute ([Instituto de la Juventud \(INJUVE\)](#)) and the Youth Interministerial Commission. Coordination of the authorities with the associative youth movement is made through the Spanish Youth Council ([Consejo de la Juventud de España](#)).

Ratio of young people in the total population on 1st January

Ratio of men and women in the youth population

Ratio of young immigrants in all immigrants from non-EU countries

Statistic references

Total number of young people: 7 037 670

References:

Ratio (%) of young people in the total population (2018): Eurostat, yth_demo_020 [data extracted on 13/01/2020].

Absolute number of young people on 1 January for the age group 15-29 (2018): Eurostat, yth_demo_010 [data extracted on 13/01/2020].

Ratio (%) of men and women in the youth population (2018): Eurostat, yth_demo_020 [data extracted on 13/01/2020].

Young immigrants from non-EU countries (2017): Eurostat, yth_demo_070 [data extracted on 13/01/2020].