THE SOMALI YOUTH IN FIGURES

BETTER DATA  BETTER LIVES
YOUTH POPULATION DYNAMICS

EARLY ADOLESCENTS (10-14 YEARS) 15%

YOUTH (10-19 YEARS) 27%

LATE ADOLESCENTS (15-19 YEARS) 12%

YOUTH (15-29 YEARS) 22%

YOUTH (15-35 YEARS) 29%

YOUTH (15-29 yrs) RURAL 22% URBAN 46% IDP CAMPS 7% NOMADS 25%

YOUTH (15-35 yrs) RURAL 22% URBAN 45% IDP CAMPS 7% NOMADS 26%

PERCENTAGE OF THE TOTAL POPULATION

The above data is derived from the PESS 2014 population data.
Only 45% of the youth (2.5 million) between the age 15-35 years can read and write.

**Youth Literacy**
- **Male:**
  - Rural: 30%
  - Urban: 71%
- **Female:**
  - IDP camps: 35%
  - Nomads: 14%

**Enrollment Rate**
- 69% of the youth are NOT currently enrolled in school.
  - 66% of male youth are not enrolled.
  - 72% of female youth are not enrolled.

*Youth age as per the African Charter (15-35 years)*
ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

ECONOMIC STATUS (AGE 15-35)

- 58% of male youth are economically active
- 35% of female youth are economically active

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT RATE (AGE 15-35)

- 4/10 male youth are employed
- 3/10 female youth are employed

A majority of the employed youth are in Nomadic areas

YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (AGE 15-35)

- 3/10 youth are unemployed

YOUTH OCCUPATION (AGE 15-35)

- 64% of the employed youth are in primary sector (livestock, agriculture, forestry and fishery)
- 2% managers
- 7% professionals
- 13% service/sales workers
- 5% crafts and related trades
- 5% stationery and mobile plant
- 5% elementary occupations

YOUTH AGE AS PER THE AFRICAN CHARTER (15-35 YEARS)
HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

MARITAL STATUS

45% of males between the age of 15-35 have ever married, compared to 60% of females within the same age.

There are more males who are NOT MARRIED (55%) than females (40%) between the ages of 15-35.

Average age of marriage:
- Male: 25 years
- Female: 22 years

HOUSEHOLD HEADSHIP

THERE ARE MORE MALE YOUTH HEADED HOUSEHOLDS THAN FEMALE YOUTH HEADED HOUSEHOLDS

80% MALE - 20% FEMALE

*RUNRT HE AGE AS PER THE AFRICAN CHARTER (15-35 YEARS)*

Rural areas have the highest percentage of youth who are ever married while urban areas have the least.