

KYRGYZSTAN

TOTAL POPULATION 5,146,281
CHILD POPULATION 1,626,225

TOTAL CHILD LABOUR

Child laborers were prevalent in the following sectors: Tobacco, cotton, rice, cattle breeding, gasoline sales, car washing, shoe cleaning, retail sales of tobacco and alcohol.

Children also were involved in family enterprises such as shepherding, bread baking, selling products at roadside kiosks, and growing fruits and vegetables

US Dept. of State, Country Reports on Human Rights Practices- 2004, February 2005

ECONOMICALLY ACTIVE POPULATION

For the year 2010, 2,745,000 are estimated to be economically active with no child between 10-14 years being economically active

ILO, Bureau of Statistics, Economically Active Population

GENDER RATIO

1041 females for 1000 males

CIA, factbook-2005 (Fig is an estimate for 2005)

CHILDREN OUT OF SCHOOL

In 2001, 45,200 children in the primary school age of 7-10 were out of school

UNESCO's EFA Global Monitoring Report 2005

PROGRESS ON PRIMARY EDUCATION MDG

With an EDI of 0.943, Kyrgystan's level of progress towards achieving education for all by 2015 is medium

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CHILD SLAVERY

The law prohibits forced or compulsory labor, however, there were reports that such practices occurred.

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CHILD TRAFFICKING

Kyrgyzstan is considered to be primarily a country of origin and transit for the trafficking of children. Girls as young as 13 years are trafficked to countries such as the United Arab Emirates, Turkey, China, and Germany

The US Dept. of Labor's 2003 Findings on the Worst Forms of Child Labor

CHILD PROSTITUTION AND PORNOGRAPHY

Many prostitutes are underage, starting from 12 or 13 years. At least 20% of 2000 prostitutes working in Bishkek are teenagers. There are known places where girls are for sale in Bishkek

CHILDREN USED IN CRIME

No Confirmed Data

CHILD SOLDIERS

Kyrgyzstan set the minimum voluntary recruitment age at 18 but 17-year-old trainees were apparently considered to be on active military service. And the law provided for 16 year olds to be called for military service in an emergency.

CSUCS, Global Report on Child Soldiers, 2004.

CHILDREN IN UNORGANISED SECTOR

5,000 to 7,000 children were estimated to be living and working on the streets.

The US Dept. of Labor's Findings on the Worst Forms of Child Labor

Some of the common occupations where children are working include selling goods (such as newspapers, cigarettes and candy), transportation, loading and unloading goods, collecting aluminum and bottles, begging, cleaning and repairing shoes, washing cars, agriculture, and selling narcotics.