

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

TOTAL POPULATION 5,680,000
CHILD POPULATION 2,272,000

TOTAL CHILD LABOUR

The minimum working age is 18 as per the Employment Act. However, children between the ages of 11 and 18 may be employed in a family-related business or enterprise provided they have parental permission, a medical clearance, and a work permit from a labour office. This type of employment was rare, except in subsistence agriculture.

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

ECONOMICALLY ACTIVE POPULATION

For the year 2010, an economically active population of 2,950,000 is estimated. Of this 92,000 are estimated to be children in the age group 10-14 constituting 13.2% of children in that age group

ILO, Bureau of Statistics, Economically Active Population

GENDER RATIO

952 females for 1000 males

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

CHILDREN OUT OF SCHOOL

192,600 children of the primary school going age of 7-12 were out of school in 2001

UNESCO's EFA Global Monitoring Report 2005

PROGRESS ON PRIMARY EDUCATION MDG

With an EDI of 0.735, the country's level of progress on achieving education for all is low

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CHILD SLAVERY

The Constitution forbids slavery and all forms of forced or compulsory labor, including that performed by children, and there were no reports that such practices occurred.

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CHILD TRAFFICKING

Although the Constitution does not prohibit trafficking in persons, there was no evidence that persons were trafficked to, from, or within the country. Nevertheless, there was concern that the country may be used as a route for trafficking in persons to Australia.

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CHILD PROSTITUTION

The UNICEF report on The Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children in East Asia and Pacific states that "Indirect child sex work has been found on a small scale in several Pacific countries, including Papua New Guinea." There is also anecdotal evidence suggesting that child prostitution and sexual abuse is growing in the country.

ECPAT CSEC Database,
http://www.ecpat.net/eng/Ecpat_inter/projects/monitoring/online_database/index.asp

CHILDREN USED IN CRIME

No confirmed data

CHILD SOLDIERS

The voluntary recruitment age was 16 but it was not known whether under-18s were serving in the armed forces. Children under the minimum age of 16 years might have also enlisted as many births were not registered.

CSUCS, Global Report on Child Soldiers, 2004

CHILD LABOUR IN UNORGANISED SECTOR

No confirmed data