
SAN MARINO

Republic of San Marino

Population: 27,000 (5,000 under 18)

Government armed forces: not known

Compulsory recruitment age: 16 (not practised)

Voluntary recruitment age: not known

Voting age: 18

Optional Protocol: signed 5 June 2000

Other treaties ratified (see glossary):

CRC, GC AP I and II, ICC, ILO 138, ILO 182

There was no information on whether under-18s were serving in the armed forces. By law, military service was compulsory from the age of 16.

Government

National recruitment legislation and practice

The armed forces are made up of the *Guardia di Rocca*, which includes the artillery and uniformed forces, militias and the gendarmerie. Every citizen is obliged to do military service from the age of 16 to the age of 60, with the exception of members of the government, judiciary and clergy, and others deemed indispensable to the state or physically or ethically unfit.¹

Military service in the Voluntary Military Force (*Corpi Militari Voluntari*) is voluntary. No information on the minimum age of recruitment to this force was found. It performs ceremonial duties and provides limited assistance to the police.²

1 Legge 26 gennaio 1990 n.15 (pubblicata in data 14 febbraio 1990), Regolamento Organico e Disciplina dei Corpi Militari, Segreteria di Stato per gli Affari Interni 2000, <http://www.consigliograndeegenerale.sm/index.php3>.

2 *CIA World Factbook*, December 2003, <http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook>.