



# Algeria



## Introduction to ALGERIA

THE PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ALGERIA lost its status as a travel-friendly destination due to years of civil war in the 1990s, and continued terrorist activity in this North African nation tends to get more attention than its vibrant tribal culture. Algeria relies heavily on its oil and natural gas, but despite economic growth, low standards of living have not improved for everyone.

## The ALGERIAN people

Total population:	34,178,188
Children under 15:	8,696,320
Average Life Expectancy:	74.02 years
Per capita annual income:	\$6,900
% children in primary school:	95.35%
Average years of education:	13 years
Literacy rate:	69.90%
Internet users:	4.1 million
Cell phones in use:	31.871 million

### Major/official language(s):

Arabic  
French

### Risk issues impacting children:

- School completion and nutritional rates are declining.
- Many rural children work with their parents.
- It is estimated that 1 out of every 20 children abuses tobacco, alcohol or drugs.

## More about ALGERIA

Capital city:	Algiers
Type of government:	Republic
Square kilometers:	2,381,741
General terrain:	Mostly high plateaus and deserts with some mountains
Major industries/jobs:	Petroleum, natural gas, light industries, mining
National motto:	"By the people, for the people"
Major airport(s):	Algiers International

## Reaching ALGERIA

Currently classified as World A: Unreached

### Major religions:

Sunni Muslim - 99%  
Christian/Jewish - 1%

### Christian groups:

Independent - 85.3%  
Roman Catholic - 9.2%  
Orthodox - 2.8%  
Protestant - 2.5%  
Anglican - 0.2%

Unreached People Groups:	35 (99.9% of pop)
Average annual Christian growth:	-0.021
Average annual baptisms:	1,176
Foreign missionaries:	530
Per million:	16.13
National Christian workers/pastors:	120
Per million:	3.65
Number of churches/congregations:	119

## Children's ministry in ALGERIA

*Specific children's ministry information has not been provided for Algeria. The following information regards general children's ministry in North Africa, and may not all be applicable to this nation.*

- Overview:** • The nations of North Africa, almost exclusively Muslim, are some of the most unreached and closed countries on the planet.
- Conversion to Christianity is discouraged. In some countries, converts may be rejected by their families and communities, or face arrest or execution.
  - Nations closed to missionary activity may only have covert children's ministry opportunities.
  - A few leaders have been mobilized and trained by organizations to conduct some children's ministry. Though there is some training available for children's leaders, there are far fewer workers than there are children to be reached.

## Focus for Prayer

Training children's leaders for outreach in  
**119** congregations

Strategies for reaching and discipling  
**8,696,320** children for Christ