



# Singapore



## Introduction to SINGAPORE

THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE is an island nation between Malaysia and Indonesia. Though one of the world's smallest countries, it also has one of the most developed economies. It is home to renowned arts and culture and protected lands that preserve its natural beauty. Singapore is a major exporter in technology.

## The SINGAPOREAN people

<b>Total population:</b>	4,657,542
<b>Children under 15:</b>	672,432
<b>Average Life Expectancy:</b>	81.98 years
<b>Per capita annual income:</b>	\$51,600
<b>% children in primary school:</b>	N/A*
<b>Average years of education:</b>	N/A*
<b>Literacy rate:</b>	92.5%
<b>Internet users:</b>	3.37 million
<b>Cell phones in use:</b>	6.375 million
<b>Major/official language(s):</b>	

Mandarin  
English  
Malay  
Hokkien  
Cantonese  
Teochew  
Others

### Risk issues impacting children:

UNICEF does not currently offer children at risk statistics for this country.

## More about SINGAPORE

<b>Capital city:</b>	Singapore
<b>Type of government:</b>	Parliamentary Republic
<b>Square kilometers:</b>	697
<b>General terrain:</b>	Lowland with gently undulating central plateau
<b>Major industries/jobs:</b>	Electronics, chemicals, financial services, petroleum
<b>National motto:</b>	"Onward Singapore"
<b>Major airport(s):</b>	Changi International

## Reaching SINGAPORE

Currently classified as World B: Somewhat Reached

### Major religions:

Buddhist - 42.5%  
Other/none - 15.5%  
Muslim - 14.9%  
Christian - 14.6%  
Taoist - 8.5%  
Hindu - 4%

### Christian groups:

Protestant - 34.3%  
Roman Catholic - 28.8%  
Independent - 17.1%  
Other - 11.3%  
Anglican - 8.1%  
Orthodox - 0.4%

<b>Unreached People Groups:</b>	21 (21.4% of pop)
<b>Average annual Christian growth:</b>	0.042
<b>Average annual baptisms:</b>	18,243
<b>Foreign missionaries:</b>	1,100
<b>Per million:</b>	254.19
<b>National Christian workers/pastors:</b>	800
<b>Per million:</b>	184.87
<b>Number of churches/congregations:</b>	595

## Children's ministry in SINGAPORE

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

**Overview:** • In some Southeast Asian nations, religious activity is viewed with suspicion or banned altogether.

- Children's leaders in Southeast Asia are passionate about reaching children.
- People need training, tools, and empowerment to do effective ministry in this region. Tools need to be portable, as travel is difficult in many areas. Little training is currently available for children's leaders, especially in rural areas.
- Urban areas tend to be better-resourced.
- Most children's workers are women.

## Focus for Prayer

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

Strategies for reaching and discipling  
**672,432** children for Christ