



Bosnia & Herzegovina



Introduction to BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA has experienced significant ethnic strife since declaring sovereignty in 1991. In 1995, the nation divided into two distinct sections along ethnic lines, though both are ultimately governed under one national government. International peacekeeping troops have reduced their presence in the country over time, as the nation grows more economically and democratically stable.

The BOSNIAN & HERZEGOVINIAN people

Total population:	4,613,414
Children under 15:	668,063
Average Life Expectancy:	78.5 years
Per capita annual income:	\$6,500
% children in primary school:	N/A*
Average years of education:	N/A*
Literacy rate:	96.7%
Internet users:	1.308 million
Cell phones in use:	3.179 million
Major/official language(s):	Bosnian, Croatian, Serbian
Risk issues impacting children:	

- Only 1 in 3 Roma children attend school.
- Child trafficking is a concern throughout the region.
- Ethnic tension is an everyday reality for most children.
- Years of warfare have left land mines in the country.

More about BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA

Capital city:	Sarajevo
Type of government:	Emerging Federal Democratic Republic
Square kilometers:	51,197
General terrain:	Mountains and valleys
Major industries/jobs:	Metals, mining, textiles, wood furniture, vehicle, tank, and aircraft assembly
National motto:	N/A*
Major airport(s):	Sarajevo International (also called Butmir Airport), Mostar International

Reaching BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA

Currently classified as World B: Somewhat Reached

Major religions:

Muslim	- 40%
Orthodox	- 31%
Roman Catholic	- 15%
Other	- 14%

Christian groups:

Orthodox	- 55.2%
Roman Catholic	- 44%
Other	- 0.5%
Protestant	- 0.3%
Independent	- 0.1%

Unreached People Groups:	4 (49.2% of pop)
Average annual Christian growth:	0.0078
Average annual baptisms:	15,262
Foreign missionaries:	580
Per million:	148.14
National Christian workers/pastors:	500
Per million:	127.71
Number of churches/congregations:	632

Children's ministry in BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA

Specific children's ministry information has not been provided for Bosnia and Herzegovina. The following information regards general children's ministry in Eastern Europe, and may not all be applicable to this nation.

- Overview:**
- Some Eastern European countries still face political restrictions that can limit the reach of children's ministry, or halt the gospel from reaching unreached children.
 - Most European countries are historic homes to Christianity, especially the Orthodox Church.
 - Significant regions remain isolated from Evangelical Christianity.
 - The church in post-Soviet countries is very young and in need of training and vision to reach and disciple its children.

Focus for Prayer

Training children's leaders for outreach in
632 congregations

Strategies for reaching and discipling
668,063 children for Christ