



Croatia



Introduction to CROATIA

THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA, a sickle-shaped nation on Europe's Adriatic coast, was part of Yugoslavia until 1991. A war in the mid-1990s crippled the nation's economy, but it has slowly been rebuilding, helped by its growing popularity as a tourist destination.

The CROATIAN people

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| Total population: | 4,486,881 |
| Children under 15: | 698,458 |
| Average Life Expectancy: | 75.35 years |
| Per capita annual income: | \$18,400 |
| % children in primary school: | 90.29% |
| Average years of education: | 14 years |
| Literacy rate: | 98.1% |
| Internet users: | 1.88 million |
| Cell phones in use: | 5.924 million |

Major/official language(s):

Croatian
Serbian

Risk issues impacting children:

- The issues of physical violence and verbal abuse at school have increased.
- Many children are placed in institutions, growing up without a family.

More about CROATIA

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| Capital city: | Zagreb |
| Type of government: | Parliamentary Democracy |
| Square kilometers: | 56,594 |
| General terrain: | Northern plains, low mountains and highlands along coast |
| Major industries/jobs: | Tourism, chemicals, machine tools, wood and paper, shipbuilding, petroleum and refining |
| National motto: | N/A* |
| Major airport(s): | Zagreb International Cilipi in Dubrovnik |

Reaching CROATIA

Currently classified as World C: Christian

Major religions:

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| Christian | - 92.6% |
| None | - 5.2% |
| Muslim | - 1.3% |
| Other | - 0.9% |

Christian groups:

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| Roman Catholic | - 92.2% |
| Orthodox | - 4.4% |
| Other | - 2.8% |
| Protestant | - 0.3% |
| Independent | - 0.2% |

Unreached People Groups: 3 (0.5% of pop)

Average annual Christian growth: 0.0041

Average annual baptisms: 51,624

Foreign missionaries: 1,600

Per million: 351.53

National Christian workers/pastors: 1,200

Per million: 263.65

Number of churches/congregations: 1,912

Children's ministry in CROATIA

Specific children's ministry information has not been provided for Croatia. 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. Children's leaders in many areas, especially areas that are more developed, have access to resources and a vision to reach children.
 - 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
1,912 congregations

Strategies for reaching and discipling
698,458 children for Christ