



France

Introduction to FRANCE

THE FRENCH REPUBLIC is legendary for its high culture; for many, it is the authority on fine food, wine and art. This Western European nation lost some of its global power after World War II but it remains one of the most influential countries in the world and a leader in the European Union. Locals and masses of tourists enjoy the Alps, the Mediterranean Sea, and Paris, the legendary City of Light.

The FRENCH people

Total population:	62,150,775
Children under 15:	11,968,654
Average Life Expectancy:	80.98 years
Per capita annual income:	\$33,300
% children in primary school:	98.55%
Average years of education:	16 years
Literacy rate:	99%
Internet users:	42.315 million
Cell phones in use:	57.972 million
Major/official language(s):	

French
Declining dialects

Risk issues impacting children:

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

More about FRANCE

Capital city:	Paris
Type of government:	Republic; EU member
Square kilometers:	551,500
General terrain:	Mountains south and east, plains, gently rolling hills north and west
Major industries/jobs:	Tourism, machinery, and transportation equipment; chemicals, autos, wine
National motto:	"Liberty, Equality, Fraternity"
Major airport(s):	
	Charles deGaulle International in Paris
	Paris Orly International
	Bordeaux International

Reaching FRANCE

Currently classified as World C: Christian

Major religions:

Christian	- 85-90%
Muslim	- 5-10%
Unaffiliated	- 4%
Jewish	- 1%

Christian groups:

Roman Catholic	- 96.1%
Protestant	- 2.2%
Orthodox	- 1.1%
Independent	- 0.5%

Unreached People Groups:	33 (7.6% of pop)
Average annual Christian growth:	0.00019
Average annual baptisms:	570,904
Foreign missionaries:	16,900
Per million:	277.09
National Christian workers/pastors:	200,000
Per million:	3,279
Number of churches/congregations:	40,261

Children's ministry in FRANCE

Overview: • France, as one world's most secular nations, is now permeated with atheistic, humanistic philosophies, and also has a growing population of Muslims.

• While the Christians in France do not always work well together and are often hesitant to reach out to unreached children (especially amongst the Muslim population), there are various ministries in France that have a heart to reach and disciple children.

Focus for Prayer

Training children's leaders for outreach in
40,261 congregations

Strategies for reaching and discipling
11,968,654 children for Christ