



Greece



Introduction to GREECE

THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC, the mythic, cultural giant of ancient times and birthplace of Western thought, is now a modern, multicultural nation. A southern European peninsula bordering the Aegean and Mediterranean Seas, Greece has many beaches and islands that make it a popular world travel destination.

The GREEK people

Total population:	10,737,428
Children under 15:	1,530,992
Average Life Expectancy:	79.66 years
Per capita annual income:	\$32,100
% children in primary school:	99.55%
Average years of education:	17 years
Literacy rate:	96%
Internet users:	4.253 million
Cell phones in use:	13.799 million
Major/official language(s):	Greek
Risk issues impacting children:	UNICEF does not currently offer children at risk statistics for this country.

More about GREECE

Capital city:	Athens
Type of government:	Parliamentary Republic; EU member
Square kilometers:	131,957
General terrain:	Mountainous, peninsulas, 2,000 islands
Major industries/jobs:	Tourism, chemicals, metals, food and tobacco, petroleum products
National motto:	"Liberty or death"
Major airport(s):	Athens International in Sparta Chania International on Crete Macedonia International in Thessaloniki Corfu Airport in Kerkyra

Reaching GREECE

Currently classified as World C: Christian

Major religions:

Greek Orthodox	- 98%
Muslim	- 1.3%
Other	- 0.7%

Christian groups:

Orthodox	- 92.3%
Other	- 6.5%
Roman Catholic	- 0.6%
Protestant	- 0.5%

Unreached People Groups:	10 (3.1% of pop)
Average annual Christian growth:	0.013
Average annual baptisms:	122,583
Foreign missionaries:	530
Per million:	47.75
National Christian workers/pastors:	17,000
Per million:	1,531.57
Number of churches/congregations:	30,048

Children's ministry in GREECE

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

- Overview:**
- Some 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
30,048 congregations

Strategies for reaching and discipling
1,590,992 children for Christ