



# Malta



## Introduction to MALTA

THE REPUBLIC OF MALTA, composed of three small Mediterranean islands just south of the Italian island of Sicily, became independent from the United Kingdom in 1964. The nation is culturally influenced by both its North African and European neighbors, and acts as a shipping point between the two. Malta is highly dependent on imports as it has limited resources for production.

## The MALTESE people

<b>Total population:</b>	405,165
<b>Children under 15:</b>	65,306
<b>Average Life Expectancy:</b>	79.44 years
<b>Per capita annual income:</b>	\$24,600
<b>% children in primary school:</b>	91.21%
<b>Average years of education:</b>	15 years
<b>Literacy rate:</b>	92.8%
<b>Internet users:</b>	198,800
<b>Cell phones in use:</b>	385,600
<b>Major/official language(s):</b>	

Maltese  
English

## Risk issues impacting children:

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

## More about MALTA

<b>Capital city:</b>	Valletta
<b>Type of government:</b>	Republic; member of EU
<b>Square kilometers:</b>	316
<b>General terrain:</b>	Rocky and flat plains, coastal cliffs
<b>Major industries/jobs:</b>	Tourism, electronics, ship building and repair, construction, food and beverages, pharmaceuticals, footwear, clothing, tobacco
<b>National motto:</b>	N/A*
<b>Major airport(s):</b>	Malta International in Valletta

## Reaching MALTA

Currently classified as World C: Christian

### Major religions:

Roman Catholic - 98%  
Other - 2%

### Christian groups:

Roman Catholic - 90.5%  
Other - 9%  
Anglican - 0.3%  
Protestant - 0.2%

<b>Unreached People Groups:</b>	2 (0% of pop)
<b>Average annual Christian growth:</b>	0.0064
<b>Average annual baptisms:</b>	5,165
<b>Foreign missionaries:</b>	30
<b>Per million:</b>	74.51
<b>National Christian workers/pastors:</b>	3,200
<b>Per million:</b>	7,948
<b>Number of churches/congregations:</b>	102

## Children's ministry in MALTA

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

**Overview:** • There is a strong history and emphasis on children's ministry within the churches of Western Europe. A lot of curriculum and program development is in place and widely accessible in most languages.

- However, very few children's ministries focus on reaching out to non-Christians in what are now mostly post-Christian nations; non-Christian parents can be wary of letting their children participate in evangelical activities. Many adults are Christian only nominally.
- Not all ministries make a point to work together.
- As the continent continues to diversify, many marginalized groups of children remain unreached, such as the growing population of Muslims and various refugee groups.

## Focus for Prayer

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

Strategies for reaching and discipling  
**65,306** children for Christ