



Poland



Introduction to POLAND

THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND has endured a series of take-overs – the most recent by Germany and Russia in the twentieth century – though it has been technically independent since 1918. Poland is located in Central Europe east of Germany, with its northern coast bordering the Baltic Sea. Though the country has transformed into a much wealthier nation in the past 20 years, many issues, such as poverty and unemployment, remain problems.

The POLISH people

Total population:	38,482,919
Children under 15:	5,767,273
Average Life Expectancy:	75.63 years
Per capita annual income:	\$17,400
% children in primary school:	95.54%
Average years of education:	15 years
Literacy rate:	99.8%
Internet users:	18.679 million
Cell phones in use:	44.004 million

Major/official language(s): Polish

Risk issues impacting children:

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

More about POLAND

Capital city:	Warsaw
Type of government:	Republic; member of EU
Square kilometers:	312,685
General terrain:	Flat plains with mountains along southern border
Major industries/jobs:	Machine building, iron and steel, coal mining, chemicals, glass, textiles, food processing
National motto:	“God, Honor, Fatherland”
Major airport(s):	Warsaw Frederik Chopin Katowice International John Paul II International in Krakow Gdansk Lech Walensa Airport

Reaching POLAND

Currently classified as World C: Christian

Major religions:

Christian	- 91.4%
Unspecified or other	- 8.6%

Christian groups:

Roman Catholic	- 86.5%
Other	- 11.2%
Orthodox	- 1.6%
Protestant	- 0.4%
Independent	- 0.3%

Unreached People Groups: 3 (0% of pop)

Average annual Christian growth: 0.0049

Average annual baptisms: 270,624

Foreign missionaries: 740

Per million: 19.37

National Christian workers/pastors: 75,000

Per million: 1,963.58

Number of churches/congregations: 12,761

Children's ministry in POLAND

Overview: • Poland is a predominantly Roman Catholic nation.

Some positive children's ministry training and curriculum writing is already taking place within various Christian organizations.

- However, church growth is painfully slow and families are reluctant to allow their children to participate in evangelical activities.
- Smaller churches are often wary of outsiders, making it difficult for ministry workers from outside the country to gain a level of trust and openness with them.

Focus for Prayer

Training children's leaders for outreach in
12,761 congregations

Strategies for reaching and discipling
5,767,273 children for Christ