



Romania



Introduction to ROMANIA

ROMANIA, an Eastern European country bordering the Black Sea to the east, fell under Communist rule after World War II – an influence still felt in many cities. The Communist government was removed in 1996, and since then, the famed land of Transylvania and rolling countryside has begun to address issues such as widespread poverty and corruption.

The ROMANIAN people

Total population:	22,215,421
Children under 15:	3,454,122
Average Life Expectancy:	72.45 years
Per capita annual income:	\$12,200
% children in primary school:	93.85%
Average years of education:	14 years
Literacy rate:	97.3%
Internet users:	6.132 million
Cell phones in use:	24.467 million
Major/official language(s):	Romanian, Hungarian, Romany (Gypsy)

Risk issues impacting children:

- Abandonment of babies by their mothers is a problem.
- Poverty and poor food fortification contribute to malnutrition, and over half the population has anemia.
- The educational system is understaffed. Roma children have trouble getting equal treatment in schools.

More about ROMANIA

Capital city:	Bucharest
Type of government:	Republic; member of EU
Square kilometers:	238,391
General terrain:	Several mountain ranges with plains in between, plateau in the east near Moldova
Major industries/jobs:	Farming, petroleum refining, food processing, electric machinery and equipment, mining, timber, chemicals
National motto:	"Nothing without God"
Major airport(s):	Bucharest Aurel Vlaicu International, Henri Coanda International in Bucharest, Timisoara Vuia International

Reaching ROMANIA

Currently classified as World C: Christian

Major religions:

- Christian - 99%
- Muslim - 1%

Christian groups:

- Orthodox - 84.5%
- Roman Catholic - 7.9%
- Protestant - 6.9%
- Independent - 0.7%

Unreached People Groups:	6 (0.5% of pop)
Average annual Christian growth:	0.0072
Average annual baptisms:	179,404
Foreign missionaries:	1,100
Per million:	50.86
National Christian workers/pastors:	29,000
Per million:	1,340.88
Number of churches/congregations:	22,446

Children's ministry in ROMANIA

- Overview:** • The spiritual state of Romania can be divided into three regions, with Protestant Christianity thriving in the West, Catholicism in the center, and Russian Orthodox primarily located in the East.
- Many of the Christian churches in Romania have thriving, healthy children's ministries. They place a huge emphasis on ministry to children in their Sunday School programs, Bible clubs, and children camps. Furthermore, their children's leaders have regular access to national children's ministry training events.
 - These ministries have less influence in the central and eastern regions of the nation.

Focus for Prayer

Training children's leaders for outreach in
22,446 congregations

Strategies for reaching and discipling
3,454,122 children for Christ