



# Serbia



## Introduction to SERBIA

THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA, once a republic within Yugoslavia, was known as Serbia and Montenegro until 2006, when Montenegro declared independence. The nation has been at the heart of various ethnic tensions that have plagued the region for decades, though political changes in the past ten years have quieted the chaos. While Serbia still claims Kosovo as part of its territory, Kosovo declared independence in 2008.

## The SERBIAN people

<b>Total population:</b>	7,379,339
<b>Children under 15:</b>	1,136,706
<b>Average Life Expectancy:</b>	73.9 years
<b>Per capita annual income:</b>	\$10,800
<b>% children in primary school:</b>	95.09%
<b>Average years of education:</b>	N/A*
<b>Literacy rate:</b>	96.4%
<b>Internet users:</b>	2.936 million
<b>Cell phones in use:</b>	9.619 million
<b>Major/official language(s):</b>	Serbian, Romanian, Hungarian, Slovak, Ukranian, Croatian

### Risk issues impacting children:

- Past violence has left hundreds of thousands displaced.
- Roma children and students with special needs face challenges in access to education.
- Girls frequently drop out of school to marry early.

## More about SERBIA

<b>Capital city:</b>	Belgrade
<b>Type of government:</b>	Republic
<b>Square kilometers:</b>	77,474
<b>General terrain:</b>	Fertile plains north, limestone ranges to the east, mountains and hilly southeast
<b>Major industries/jobs:</b>	Farming, sugar, agricultural machinery, paper and pulp, lead, electrical and communication equipment, transportation equipment
<b>National motto:</b>	N/A*
<b>Major airport(s):</b>	Belgrade Nikola Tesla International Nis Constantine the Great International

## Reaching SERBIA

Currently classified as World C: Christian

### Major religions:

Christian	- 91.6%
Muslim	- 3.2%
Unspecified	- 2.6%
Other, unknown, or atheist	- 2.6%

### Christian groups:

N/A\*

<b>Unreached People Groups:</b>	6 (2.6% of pop)
<b>Average annual Christian growth:</b>	0.0065
<b>Average annual baptisms:</b>	19,835
<b>Foreign missionaries:</b>	800
<b>Per million:</b>	101.73
<b>National Christian workers/pastors:</b>	6,000
<b>Per million:</b>	762.97
<b>Number of churches/congregations:</b>	3,555

## Children's ministry in SERBIA

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

- Overview:**
- Some Eastern 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  
**3,555** congregations

Strategies for reaching and discipling  
**1,136,706** children for Christ