



Slovenia



Introduction to SLOVENIA

THE REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA, small and almost completely landlocked except for a few miles of coast on Europe's Adriatic Sea, lies between Austria and Croatia. A former state within Yugoslavia, Slovenia gained independence in 1991 and has since thrived with a strong economy and ever-modernizing society.

The SLOVENIAN people

Total population:	2,005,692
Children under 15:	271,706
Average Life Expectancy:	76.92 years
Per capita annual income:	\$29,600
% children in primary school:	96.3%
Average years of education:	17 years
Literacy rate:	99.7%
Internet users:	1.126 million
Cell phones in use:	2.055 million
Major/official language(s):	

Slovenian
Serbo-Croatian

Risk issues impacting children:

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

More about SLOVENIA

Capital city:	Ljubljana
Type of government:	Parliamentary Republic; EU member
Square kilometers:	20,273
General terrain:	Mountains and valleys with short coastal strip along the Adriatic Sea
Major industries/jobs:	Metallurgy and aluminum products, lead and zinc smelting, electronics, electric power equipment, wood product, textiles, chemicals, machine tools
National motto:	"To stand and withstand"
Major airport(s):	Ljubljana International (also called Brnik Airport) Maribor International

Reaching SLOVENIA

Currently classified as World C: Christian

Major religions:

Christian - 61%
Other or unspecified - 23%
None - 10.1%
Unaffiliated - 3.5%
Muslim - 2.4%

Christian groups:

Roman Catholic - 95.8%
Orthodox - 2.6%
Protestant - 1.3%
Other - 0.2%
Independent - 0.1%

Unreached People Groups:	1 (4.3% of pop)
Average annual Christian growth:	0.0061
Average annual baptisms:	19,249
Foreign missionaries:	840
Per million:	420.12
National Christian workers/pastors:	1,400
Per million:	700.20
Number of churches/congregations:	1,110

Children's ministry in SLOVENIA

Specific children's ministry information has not been provided for Slovenia. 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.

- Non-Christian parents can be wary of letting their children participate in evangelical activities. Many adults are Christian only nominally.
- There is a strong missionary presence in most nations.
- 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
1,110 congregations

Strategies for reaching and discipling
271,706 children for Christ