



Spain



Introduction to SPAIN

THE KINGDOM OF SPAIN, encompassing most of the Iberian Peninsula of Southwest Europe, is a vibrant county whose cultures vary from region to region. Devastated by a civil war in the 1930s that led to fascist rule, Spain has since become a modern and thriving democracy with an influential artistic and cultural heritage.

The SPANISH people

Total population:	40,525,002
Children under 15:	5,864,419
Average Life Expectancy:	80.05 years
Per capita annual income:	\$34,600
% children in primary school:	99.73%
Average years of education:	16 years
Literacy rate:	97.9%
Internet users:	25.24 million
Cell phones in use:	49.682 million
Major/official language(s):	Castilian Spanish, Catalan, Galician, Basque

Risk issues impacting children:

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

More about SPAIN

Capital city:	Madrid
Type of government:	Parliamentary Monarchy; member of EU
Square kilometers:	505,370
General terrain:	Flat plateau surrounded by rugged hills, Pyrenees in north
Major industries/jobs:	Tourism, textiles, apparel, footwear, metals, chemicals, shipbuilding, pharmaceuticals, medical equipment, food and beverages
National motto:	"Further beyond"
Major airport(s):	Madrid Barajas International Barcelona El Prat International Palma de Mallorca International

Reaching SPAIN

Currently classified as World C: Christian

Major religions:

Roman Catholic - 94%
Other - 6%

Christian groups:

Roman Catholic - 98.4%
Other - 0.8%
Protestant - 0.6%
Anglican - 0.1%
Independent - 0.1%

Unreached People Groups:	6 (1.3% of pop)
Average annual Christian growth:	0.007
Average annual baptisms:	858,379
Foreign missionaries:	2,600
Per million:	59.91
National Christian workers/pastors:	170,000
Per million:	3,917.28
Number of churches/congregations:	25,016

Children's ministry in SPAIN

Specific children's ministry information has not been provided for Spain. 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
25,016 congregations

Strategies for reaching and discipling
5,864,419 children for Christ