



Switzerland



Introduction to SWITZERLAND

THE SWISS CONFEDERATION, landlocked between several Western European powers, is culturally tied to France, Italy and Germany. Famous for winter sports, staunch neutrality, and the stunning Swiss Alps, the small nation is also known for its peaceful populace, high income, and above average standard of living.

The SWISS people

Total population:	7,604,467
Children under 15:	1,188,171
Average Life Expectancy:	80.85 years
Per capita annual income:	\$42,000
% children in primary school:	88.91%
Average years of education:	15 years
Literacy rate:	99%
Internet users:	5.739 million
Cell phones in use:	8.78 million

Major/official language(s):

German
French
Italian
Romansch

Risk issues impacting children:

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

More about SWITZERLAND

Capital city:	Bern
Type of government:	Confederation
Square kilometers:	41,277
General terrain:	Mountains, central plateau of rolling hills, plains, and large lakes
Major industries/jobs:	Machinery, chemicals, watches, textiles, precision instruments, tourism, banking, and insurance
National motto:	"One for all, all for one"
Major airport(s):	Zurich International Geneva Cointrin International

Reaching SWITZERLAND

Currently classified as World C: Christian

Major religions:

Christian - 79.3%
None - 11.1%,
Muslim - 4.3%
Unspecified/other - 5.3%

Christian groups:

Roman Catholic - 50.5%
Protestant - 46.7%
Independent - 1.4%
Orthodox - 1.3%
Anglican - 0.2%

Unreached People Groups:	7 (2.7% of pop)
Average annual Christian growth:	0.0061
Average annual baptisms:	55,363
Foreign missionaries:	2,300
Per million:	309.79
National Christian workers/pastors:	18,000
Per million:	2,424.44
Number of churches/congregations:	5,549

Children's ministry in SWITZERLAND

Specific children's ministry information has not been provided for Switzerland. 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
5,549 congregations

Strategies for reaching and discipling
1,188,171 children for Christ