



United Kingdom



Introduction to the UK

THE UNITED KINGDOM is the singular nation formed from the four distinct regions of England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. Both historical and hyper-modern, this nation of islands in Western Europe has been one of the world's dominant intellectual and economic powers for centuries.

The BRITISH people

Total population:	61,113,205
Children under 15:	10,219,887
Average Life Expectancy:	79.01 years
Per capita annual income:	\$36,700
% children in primary school:	97.15%
Average years of education:	16 years
Literacy rate:	99%
Internet users:	48.755 million
Cell phones in use:	75.565 million
Major/official language(s):	English, Welsh, Gaelic

Risk issues impacting children:

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

More about the UK

Capital city:	London
Type of government:	Constitutional Monarchy and Commonwealth Realm, EU member
Square kilometers:	243,610
General terrain:	Rugged hills and low mountains, rolling plains in east and southeast
Major industries/jobs:	machine tools, electric power equipment, automation equipment, railroad equipment, shipbuilding, aircraft, motor vehicles and parts, electronics and communications equipment, metals
National motto:	"God and my right"
Major airport(s):	London Heathrow International London Gatwick Airport Birmingham International in Birmingham Belfast International in Northern Ireland

Reaching the UK

Currently classified as World C: Christian

Major religions:

Christian	- 71.6%
Unspecified/none	- 23.1%
Muslim	- 2.7%
Other	- 1.6%
Hindu	- 1%

Christian groups:

Anglican	- 64%
Roman Catholic	- 14.3%
Protestant	- 11.2%
Other	- 7.3%
Independent	- 2.2%
Orthodox	- 0.9%

Unreached People Groups:	27 (5.4% of pop)
Average annual Christian growth:	0.00076
Average annual baptisms:	456,360
Foreign missionaries:	15,800
Per million:	262.26
National Christian workers/pastors:	200,000
Per million:	3,319.79
Number of churches/congregations:	54,003

Children's ministry in the UK

- Overview:**
- England, along with the rest of the United Kingdom, is considered a post-Christian nation.
 - Though this country has a rich history of Christian vitality and health, including vibrant children's ministries, the church has been declining and is impacting far fewer children than before.
 - Still, most Christian churches place a high emphasis on children's discipleship with extensive Sunday School programs, and their leaders have widespread access to children's ministry networks, resources and advocacy tools.
 - If churches are willing to adopt a more pro-active approach to evangelism and outreach, the effects are sure to trickle down to the children's ministry levels as well.

Focus for Prayer

Training children's leaders for outreach in
54,003 congregations

Strategies for reaching and discipling
10,219,887 children for Christ