



Antigua & Barbuda



Introduction to ANTIGUA & BARBUDA

ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA, a two-island nation in the Caribbean, became an independent state in 1982 after centuries of colonial rule. A popular tourist destination for many international travelers, this nation still retains substantial ties to British culture.

The ANTIGUAN & BARBUDAN people

Total population:	85,632
Children under 15:	22,963
Average Life Expectancy:	74.76 years
Per capita annual income:	\$19,400
% children in primary school:	74.04%
Average years of education:	N/A*
Literacy rate:	85.8%
Internet users:	65,000
Cell phones in use:	136,600

Major/official language(s): English

Risk issues impacting children:

UNICEF does not currently offer children at risk statistics specific to this country. Below is children at risk information regarding many nations in this region, and all statements may not be directly applicable to this nation.

- The presence of HIV/AIDS is increasing.
- There have been many health advances, yet preventable diseases such as diabetes and heart disease are on the rise.
- Corporal punishment and sexual abuse are common.
- Juvenile delinquency is a prominent social problem.

More about ANTIGUA & BARBUDA

Capital city:	St. John's
Type of government:	Constitutional Monarchy
Square kilometers:	442.6
General terrain:	Mostly low lying limestone and coral islands, with some higher volcanic areas
Major industries/jobs:	Tourism, construction, light manufacturing, cotton, fruits, livestock
National motto:	"Each endeavoring, all achieving"
Major airport(s):	VC Bird International Airport in St. John's

Reaching ANTIGUA & BARBUDA

Currently classified as World C: Christian

Major religions:

Christian	- 92.2%
None/unspecified	- 5.8%
Other	- 2%

Christian groups:

Anglican	- 35.2%
Protestant	- 33.1%
Other	- 16.8%
Roman Catholic	- 12.3%
Independent	- 2.5%
Other	- 0.1%

Unreached People Groups: 0 (0% of pop)

Average annual Christian growth: 0.0073

Average annual baptisms: 1,411

Foreign missionaries: 75

Per million: 903.19

National Christian workers/pastors: 100

Per million: 1,204.25

Number of churches/congregations: 123

Children's ministry in ANTIGUA & BARBUDA

Specific children's ministry information has not been provided for Antigua and Barbuda. The following information regards general children's ministry in the Caribbean, and may not all be applicable to this nation.

Overview: • The nations of this region are largely Christian.

- Though there are many missionaries working in these nations (including those focused on children), the local church does not always realize the importance of ministry to children. Leaders do not always get the organizational support they need to move forward with children's ministry initiatives.
- Those denominations and churches that have recognized the importance and value of including children in ministry often lack of training and resources, especially in rural areas.

Focus for Prayer

Training children's leaders for outreach in
123 congregations

Strategies for reaching and discipling
22,963 children for Christ