



# Barbados



## Introduction to BARBADOS

BARBADOS is a single Caribbean island northeast of Venezuela. Once dependent on sugar production, the island's economy now relies on tourism and manufacturing in addition to agriculture. Barbados is known as one of the most developed nations in the region.

## The BARBADIAN people

<b>Total population:</b>	284,589
<b>Children under 15:</b>	54,735
<b>Average Life Expectancy:</b>	73.94 years
<b>Per capita annual income:</b>	\$18,900
<b>% children in primary school:</b>	96.9%
<b>Average years of education:</b>	13 years
<b>Literacy rate:</b>	99.7%
<b>Internet users:</b>	188,000
<b>Cell phones in use:</b>	406,000

**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 are on the rise.
- Corporal punishment and sexual abuse are common.
- Juvenile delinquency is a prominent social problem.

## More about BARBADOS

<b>Capital city:</b>	Bridgetown
<b>Type of government:</b>	Parliamentary Democracy and a Commonwealth realm
<b>Square kilometers:</b>	430
<b>General terrain:</b>	Relatively flat, rises gently in the central highlands region
<b>Major industries/jobs:</b>	Tourism, sugar, light manufacturing, component assembly for export, vegetables, cotton
<b>National motto:</b>	"Pride and Industry"
<b>Major airport(s):</b>	Grantley Adams International

## Reaching BARBADOS

*Currently classified as World C: Christian*

### Major religions:

Christian	- 74.6%
None or unspecified	- 20.6%
Other	- 4.8%

### Christian groups:

Protestant	- 33.6%
Anglican	- 33.6%
Other	- 22.5%
Independent	- 6.2%
Roman Catholic	- 3.9%
Orthodox	- 0.1%

<b>Unreached People Groups:</b>	2 (0.9% of pop)
<b>Average annual Christian growth:</b>	0.0023
<b>Average annual baptisms:</b>	2,165
<b>Foreign missionaries:</b>	120
<b>Per million:</b>	719.34
<b>National Christian workers/pastors:</b>	350
<b>Per million:</b>	1,198.91
<b>Number of churches/congregations:</b>	466

## Children's ministry in BARBADOS

*Specific children's ministry information has not been provided for Barbados. 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  
**466** congregations

Strategies for reaching and discipling  
**54,735** children for Christ