



Dominica



Introduction to DOMINICA

THE COMMONWEALTH OF DOMINICA, home to the Caribs, the only pre-Columbian people remaining in the Eastern Caribbean, was the last Caribbean island to be colonized. Independent since 1978, Dominica also had the first female prime minister in the region. Bananas are the primary crop for this primarily agrarian society.

The DOMINICAN people

Total population:	72,660
Children under 15:	17,428
Average Life Expectancy:	75.55 years
Per capita annual income:	\$10,000
% children in primary school:	69.82%
Average years of education:	13 years
Literacy rate:	94%
Internet users:	27,500
Cell phones in use:	100,000

Major/official language(s): English, French patois

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 DOMINICA

Capital city:	Roseau
Type of government:	Parliamentary Democracy
Square kilometers:	751
General terrain:	Rugged mountains of volcanic origin
Major industries/jobs:	Soap, coconut oil, tourism, copra, furniture, cement blocks, shoes
National motto:	"After the Good Lord, we love the Earth"
Major airport(s):	Canefield Airport, Melville Hall Airport

Reaching DOMINICA

Currently classified as World C: Christian

Major religions:

Christian	- 91%
None	- 6.1%
Other or unspecified	- 1.6%
Rastafarian	- 1.3%

Christian groups:

Roman Catholic	- 77.6%
Protestant	- 18.5%
Independent	- 3.4%
Anglican	- 0.6%

Unreached People Groups:	0 (0% of pop)
Average annual Christian growth:	0.0078
Average annual baptisms:	284
Foreign missionaries:	85
Per million:	1,253.18
National Christian workers/pastors:	150
Per million:	2,211.51
Number of churches/congregations:	140

Children's ministry in DOMINICA

Specific children's ministry information has not been provided for Dominica. 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
140 congregations

Strategies for reaching and discipling
17,428 children for Christ