



Mexico



Introduction to MEXICO

THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES, the large nation south of the United States, ranges from densely-populated, modern metropolises to small, underdeveloped pueblos. Mexico has advanced significantly in recent history, becoming a major international economic force. But poverty, unemployment and ever-increasing drug-related violence remain problems.

The MEXICAN people

Total population:	111,211,789
Children under 15:	32,405,364
Average Life Expectancy:	76.06 years
Per capita annual income:	\$14,300
% children in primary school:	97.87%
Average years of education:	13 years
Literacy rate:	91%
Internet users:	23.26 million
Cell phones in use:	75.304 million
Major/official language(s):	Spanish
Risk issues impacting children:	UNICEF does not currently offer children at risk statistics for this country.

More about MEXICO

Capital city:	Mexico City
Type of government:	Federal Republic
Square kilometers:	1,964,375
General terrain:	High, rugged mountains; low coastal plains; high plateaus; desert
Major industries/jobs:	Food and beverages, tobacco, chemicals, iron and steel, petroleum, mining, textiles, clothing, motor vehicles, consumer durables, tourism
National motto:	N/A*
Major airport(s):	Mexico City Cancún Guadalajara Monterrey

Reaching MEXICO

Currently classified as World C: Christian

Major religions:

Christian	- 82.8%
Unspecified	- 13.8%
None	- 3.1%
Other	- 0.3%

Christian groups:

Roman Catholic	- 91.8%
Protestant	- 6.2%
Independent	- 1.9%
Orthodox	- 0.1%

Unreached People Groups:	14 (0.1% of pop)
Average annual Christian growth:	0.02
Average annual baptisms:	1,328,323
Foreign missionaries:	8,400
Per million:	80.56
National Christian workers/pastors:	90,000
Per million:	863.17
Number of churches/congregations:	68,644

Children's ministry in MEXICO

Overview: • Mexico is a predominantly Christian nation, mostly of Roman Catholic background. There is also a steadily growing, active Protestant minority.

- A variety of children's work already exists, with a strong emphasis on Sunday School and Bible memorization. Some churches also include VBS or special evangelistic crusades to reach children outside the church.
- However, there are still not enough trained workers to meet the demand with regards to the number of children interested and ready to be reached.

Focus for Prayer

Training children's leaders for outreach in
68,644 congregations

Strategies for reaching and discipling
32,405,364 children for Christ