



# St. Kitts & Nevis



## Introduction to ST. KITTS & NEVIS

THE FEDERATION OF SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS, a two-island nation in the Caribbean, has been independent from the United Kingdom since 1983; Nevis is currently trying to gain its independence from Saint Kitts. After the faltering, once-dominant sugar industry was shut down in 2005, the country has had to diversify its agriculture and rely more heavily on tourism.

## The KITTITIAN & NEVISIAN people

Total population:	40,131
Children under 15:	10,535
Average Life Expectancy:	73.2 years
Per capita annual income:	\$19,100
% children in primary school:	87.37%
Average years of education:	12 years
Literacy rate:	97.8%
Internet users:	16,000
Cell phones in use:	80,000

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 ST. KITTS & NEVIS

Capital city:	Basseterre
Type of government:	Parliamentary Democracy and a Commonwealth realm
Square kilometers:	261
General terrain:	Volcanic with mountainous interiors
Major industries/jobs:	Tourism, cotton, salt, copra, clothing, footwear, beverages
National motto:	"Country above self"
Major airport(s):	Robert Llewellyn Bradshaw Airport, Nevis International

## Reaching ST. KITTS & NEVIS

Currently classified as World C: Christian

### Major religions:

Christian

### Christian groups:

Protestant - 58.4%

Anglican - 27.2%

Other - 7.6%

Roman Catholic - 6.8%

Unreached People Groups: 0 (0% of pop)

Average annual Christian growth: 0.0014

Average annual baptisms: 674

Foreign missionaries: 40

Per million: 814.03

National Christian workers/pastors: 100

Per million: 2,035.09

Number of churches/congregations: 137

## Children's ministry in ST. KITTS & NEVIS

Specific children's ministry information has not been provided for St. Kitts and Nevis. 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  
**137** congregations

Strategies for reaching and discipling  
**10,535** children for Christ