



St. Lucia



Introduction to ST. LUCIA

SAINT LUCIA, a British territory until 1979 and still a Commonwealth Realm, depends on agriculture and tourism to sustain its economy. The singular Caribbean island that edges the Atlantic has a mountainous interior ringed by a shoreline full of profitable bays and harbors.

The ST. LUCIAN people

Total population:	160,267
Children under 15:	39,056
Average Life Expectancy:	76.45 years
Per capita annual income:	\$11,100
% children in primary school:	93.31%
Average years of education:	14 years
Literacy rate:	90.1%
Internet users:	100,000
Cell phones in use:	169,600
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 ST. LUCIA

Capital city:	Castries
Type of government:	Parliamentary Democracy and a Commonwealth realm
Square kilometers:	616
General terrain:	Volcanic and mountains, with some broad, fertile valleys
Major industries/jobs:	Clothing, electronic assembly, beverages, cardboard boxes, tourism; lime and coconut
National motto:	"The land, the people, the light"
Major airport(s):	George FL Charles Airport in Castries, Hewanorra International Airport in Vieux Fort

Reaching ST. LUCIA

Currently classified as World C: Christian

Major religions:

Christian	- 90.8%
Rastafarian	- 2.1%
None	- 4.5%
Unspecified	- 1.5%
Other	- 1.1%

Christian groups:

Roman Catholic	- 75.5%
Protestant	- 19.1%
Anglican	- 2.5%
Independent	- 1.7%
Other	- 1.1%

Unreached People Groups: 0 (0% of pop)

Average annual Christian growth: 0.011

Average annual baptisms: 2,601

Foreign missionaries: 160

Per million: 992.31

National Christian workers/pastors: 150

Per million: 930.29

Number of churches/congregations: 215

Children's ministry in ST. LUCIA

Specific children's ministry information has not been provided for St. Lucia. 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
215 congregations

Strategies for reaching and discipling
39,056 children for Christ