



St. Vincent & the Grenadines



Introduction to ST. VINCENT & THE GRENADINES

SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES is comprised of the larger island of Saint Vincent and the scattered chain of tiny, uncrowded islands called the Grenadines. This nation, positioned north of Venezuela in the Caribbean Sea, has been independent since 1979. The islands are vulnerable to natural disasters, which affect its agriculture- and tourism-based economy.

The VINCENTIAN people

Total population:	104,574
Children under 15:	27,062
Average Life Expectancy:	73.65 years
Per capita annual income:	\$10,200
% children in primary school:	95.35%
Average years of education:	12 years
Literacy rate:	96%
Internet users:	66,000
Cell phones in use:	130,100

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

More about ST. VINCENT & THE GRENADINES

Capital city:	Kingstown
Type of government:	Parliamentary Democracy and a Commonwealth realm
Square kilometers:	389
General terrain:	Volcanic, mountainous
Major industries/jobs:	Food processing, cement, furniture
National motto:	"Peace and Justice"
Major airport(s):	ET Joshua Airport in Kingstown

Reaching ST. VINCENT & THE GRENADINES

Currently classified as World C: Christian

Major religions:

Predominantly Christian
Small minorities of other religions

Christian groups:

Protestant - 57%
Anglican - 23.9%
Independent - 11.3%
Roman Catholic - 7.8%

Unreached People Groups: 0 (0% of pop)

Average annual Christian growth: 0.0063

Average annual baptisms: 954

Foreign missionaries: 85

Per million: 713.46

National Christian workers/pastors: 80

Per million: 671.50

Number of churches/congregations: 366

Children's ministry in ST. VINCENT & THE GRENADINES

Specific children's ministry information has not been provided for St. Vincent and the Grenadines. 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
366 congregations

Strategies for reaching and discipling
27,062 children for Christ