



Trinidad & Tobago

Introduction to TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO is one of the wealthiest countries in the Caribbean, due to the presence of oil reserves discovered on the two-island nation that lies just off the coast of Venezuela. Independent since 1962, the islands have a growing tourist industry – and a growing problem with violent crime.

The TRINIDADIAN & TOBAGONIAN people

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| Total population: | 1,229,953 |
| Children under 15: | 240,798 |
| Average Life Expectancy: | 70.86 years |
| Per capita annual income: | \$23,600 |
| % children in primary school: | 93.5% |
| Average years of education: | 11 years |
| Literacy rate: | 98.6% |
| Internet users: | 227,000 |
| Cell phones in use: | 1.505 million |

Major/official language(s): English

Risk issues impacting children:

UNICEF does not currently offer children at risk statistics for this country.

More about TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

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| Capital city: | Port-of-Spain |
| Type of government: | Parliamentary Democracy |
| Square kilometers: | 5,128 |
| General terrain: | Mostly plains with some hills and low mountains |
| Major industries/jobs: | Petroleum, chemicals, tourism, food processing, cement, beverage, cotton textiles |
| National motto: | "Together we aspire, together we achieve" |
| Major airport(s): | Crown Point International Airport (Tobago) Piarco International Airport (Trinidad) |

Reaching TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

Currently classified as World C: Christian

Major religions:

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| Christian | - 57.6% |
| Hindu | - 22.5% |
| Other/unspecified | - 12.2% |
| Muslim | - 5.8% |
| None | - 1.9% |

Christian groups:

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| Roman Catholic | - 43.4% |
| Protestant | - 34.2% |
| Anglican | - 17.6% |
| Other | - 2.9% |
| Independent | - 1.2% |
| Orthodox | - 0.8% |

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| Unreached People Groups: | 2 (39.1% of pop) |
| Average annual Christian growth: | 0.014 |
| Average annual baptisms: | 9,430 |
| Foreign missionaries: | 530 |
| Per million: | 400.39 |
| National Christian workers/pastors: | 700 |
| Per million: | 528.81 |
| Number of churches/congregations: | 1,573 |

Children's ministry in TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

Overview: • Trinidad and Tobago is predominately Christian, though it is home to a diversity of religions that influence children from a young age.

- Though there are many missionaries working in these nations, the local church does not always realize the importance of ministry to children. Therefore, ministry 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 poorer, rural areas.

Focus for Prayer

Training children's leaders for outreach in
1,573 congregations

Strategies for reaching and discipling
240,798 children for Christ