



# Bahrain



## Introduction to BAHRAIN

THE KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN is an archipelago in the Persian Gulf, off the east coast of Saudi Arabia. A small but prosperous nation, Bahrain is an international banking hub and a large exporter of oil. Some tension between the Sunni and Shia Muslim groups persists.

## The BAHRAINI people

<b>Total population:</b>	727,785
<b>Children under 15:</b>	188,465
<b>Average Life Expectancy:</b>	75.16 years
<b>Per capita annual income:</b>	\$37,400
<b>% children in primary school:</b>	97.9%
<b>Average years of education:</b>	15 years
<b>Literacy rate:</b>	86.5%
<b>Internet users:</b>	402,900
<b>Cell phones in use:</b>	1.4 million

**Major/official language(s):** Arabic, English, Farsi, Urdu

### 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.

- Abuse of women and children, low minimum age for marriage and quality of school curricula are issues of concern, though statistics are limited on the subject.
- Injuries and accidents are the leading cause of death for children.
- There are large disparities in wealth distribution.

## More about BAHRAIN

<b>Capital city:</b>	Manama
<b>Type of government:</b>	Constitutional Monarchy
<b>Square kilometers:</b>	741
<b>General terrain:</b>	Mostly low desert plain rising gently to low central escarpment
<b>Major industries/jobs:</b>	Petroleum processing and refining, aluminum, fertilizers, off-shore banking
<b>National motto:</b>	N/A*
<b>Major airport(s):</b>	Bahrain International

## Reaching BAHRAIN

Currently classified as World B: Somewhat Reached

### Major religions:

Muslim	- 81.2%
Other	- 9.8%
Christian	- 9%

### Christian groups:

Roman Catholic	- 41.9%
Independent	- 15.1%
Other	- 14.9%
Orthodox	- 12.3%
Protestant	- 9.3%
Anglican	- 6.5%

**Unreached People Groups:** 6 (76.2% of pop)

**Average annual Christian growth:** 0.057

**Average annual baptisms:** 2,828

**Foreign missionaries:** 55  
Per million: 75.88

**National Christian workers/pastors:** 60  
Per million: 82.78

**Number of churches/congregations:** 111

## Children's ministry in BAHRAIN

Specific children's ministry information has not been provided for Bahrain. The following information regards general children's ministry in the Middle East, and may not all be applicable to this nation.

- Overview:**
- In more open countries, children's ministry can be vital, and churches, parents and para-church organizations see its importance.
  - In some countries, leaders have been mobilized and trained by organizations to conduct Bible clubs in homes and churches, and resources are available. There tends to be far fewer workers than there are children to be reached.
  - Most nations in the Middle East are predominantly Muslim, and conversion to Christianity is discouraged. In some countries, converts may be rejected by their families and communities, or face arrest or execution.

## Focus for Prayer

Training children's leaders for outreach in  
**111** congregations

Strategies for reaching and discipling  
**188,465** children for Christ