



Kuwait



Introduction to KUWAIT

THE STATE OF KUWAIT, though one of the smallest nations in the Middle East, is also one of the wealthiest due to vast oil reserves. Wedged between Saudi Arabia and Iraq, Kuwait has recovered well from its 1990s war with Iraq. Kuwait recently elected four women to its legislature, a historic accomplishment for the region.

The KUWAITI people

Total population:	2,691,158
Children under 15:	709,668
Average Life Expectancy:	77.71 years
Per capita annual income:	\$57,500
% children in primary school:	87.6%
Average years of education:	13 years
Literacy rate:	93.3%
Internet users:	1 million
Cell phones in use:	2.907 million
Major/official language(s):	

Arabic
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.

- 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 KUWAIT

Capital city:	Kuwait
Type of government:	Constitutional Emirate
Square kilometers:	17,818
General terrain:	Flat-to-slightly undulating desert plain
Major industries/jobs:	Petroleum and petrochemicals
National motto:	N/A*
Major airport(s):	Kuwait International

Reaching KUWAIT

Currently classified as World B: Somewhat Reached

Major religions:

Muslim - 85%
Other - 15%

Christian groups:

Roman Catholic - 47.9%
Orthodox - 43.5%
Protestant - 5.5%
Independent - 3.1%
Anglican - 0.1%

Unreached People Groups: 11 (70% of pop)

Average annual Christian growth: 0.07

Average annual baptisms: 11,243

Foreign missionaries: 110

Per million: 40.74

National Christian workers/pastors: 20

Per million: 7.41

Number of churches/congregations: 69

Children's ministry in KUWAIT

Specific children's ministry information has not been provided for Kuwait. 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.
- Nations closed to missionary activity may only have covert children's ministry opportunities, including significant radio and media exposure to the gospel.

Focus for Prayer

Training children's leaders for outreach in
69 congregations

Strategies for reaching and discipling
709,668 children for Christ