



United Arab Emirates



Introduction to UAE

THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES is a collection of formerly sovereign states located on the cusp of the Arabian Peninsula between Oman and Saudi Arabia. Wealthy, moderate, and safe, the UAE is known for the extravagant cities of Dubai and Abu Dhabi. Its high standards of living and oil wealth have only become the norm in the last three decades.

The EMIRATI people

Total population:	4,798,491
Children under 15:	979,316
Average Life Expectancy:	76.11 years
Per capita annual income:	\$44,600
% children in primary school:	91.6%
Average years of education:	11 years
Literacy rate:	77.9%
Internet users:	2.922 million
Cell phones in use:	9.358 million
Major/official language(s):	Arabic, Persian, English, Hindi, 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 UAE

Capital city:	Abu Dhabi
Type of government:	Federation
Square kilometers:	83,600
General terrain:	Flat, barren coastal plain merging into rolling sand dunes of desert wasteland; mountains in east
Major industries/jobs:	Petroleum and petrochemicals, fishing
National motto:	N/A*
Major airport(s):	Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Sharjah

Reaching UAE

Currently classified as World B: Somewhat Reached

Major religions:

- Muslim - 96%
- Other - 4%

Christian groups:

- Roman Catholic - 57.5%
- Orthodox - 32.3%
- Protestant - 5.4%
- Anglican - 3.9%
- Independent - 0.9%

Unreached People Groups:	26 (65.6% of pop)
Average annual Christian growth:	0.087
Average annual baptisms:	24,474
Foreign missionaries:	130
Per million:	31.67
National Christian workers/pastors:	100
Per million:	24.37
Number of churches/congregations:	78

Children's ministry in UAE

Specific children's ministry information has not been provided for UAE. 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
78 congregations

Strategies for reaching and discipling
979,316 children for Christ