



Canada



Introduction to CANADA

CANADA is the second-largest country by area in the world, though the majority of its citizens live within a hundred miles of its southern US border. Because of an abundance of natural resources and its fully modern society, Canadians enjoy high standards of living – despite it being the coldest country in the world on average. Boasting the highest immigration rate in the world, its citizens are generally seen as a progressive and peace-loving people.

The CANADIAN people

Total population:	33,487,208
Children under 15:	5,388,547
Average Life Expectancy:	81.23 years
Per capita annual income:	\$39,200
% children in primary school:	N/A*
Average years of education:	17 years
Literacy rate:	99%
Internet users:	25.086 million
Cell phones in use:	21.455 million
Major/official language(s):	English, French
Risk issues impacting children:	UNICEF does not currently offer children at risk statistics for this country.

More about CANADA

Capital city:	Ottawa
Type of government:	Parliamentary Democracy, Federation, and Commonwealth realm
Square kilometers:	9,984,670
General terrain:	A wide diversity of mountains, prairie grasslands and forests, wilderness and Arctic tundra; mostly plains with mountains in the west and lowlands in the southeast
Major industries/jobs:	Transportation equipment, chemicals, minerals, food products, wood and paper products, fish products, petroleum and natural gas
National motto:	"From sea to sea"
Major airport(s):	Calgary, Edmonton, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Halifax, Vancouver, St. John's, Winnipeg

Reaching CANADA

Currently classified as World C: Christian

Major religions:

Christian	- 70.3%
None	- 16%
Other and unspecified	- 11.8%
Muslim	- 1.9%

Christian groups:

Roman Catholic	- 54.7%
Other	- 20.3%
Protestant	- 17.3%
Anglican	- 3.2%
Orthodox	- 2.7%
Independent	- 1.7%

Unreached People Groups:	16 (4.7% of pop)
Average annual Christian growth:	0.013
Average annual baptisms:	160,626
Foreign missionaries:	8,400
Per million:	260.30
National Christian workers/pastors:	130,000
Per million:	4,028.45
Number of churches/congregations:	27,580

Children's ministry in CANADA

Overview: • Canada is predominantly Christian, with some provinces even allowing the gospel to be shared in public school settings.

- Ministry to children is vibrant in most churches.
- While there are widespread Christian programs in place in Canada, in the form of Sunday Schools, after school Bible clubs, summer camps, etc., children's ministries are slowly losing ground as they find themselves competing against many modern and post-modern distractions such as sports, media, busyness, and more.
- A focus on long-term discipleship is a continuing need.

Focus for Prayer

Training children's leaders for outreach in
27,580 congregations

Strategies for reaching and discipling
5,388,547 children for Christ