



# Marshall Islands



## Introduction to MARSHALL ISLANDS

THE REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS is a network of islands and atolls in the South Pacific. Its government functions in association with the United States, who gives aid to the nation and runs a military base on one of the atolls. People here subsist on small-scale agriculture.

## The MARSHALLESE people

<b>Total population:</b>	64,522
<b>Children under 15:</b>	24,900
<b>Average Life Expectancy:</b>	71.19 years
<b>Per capita annual income:</b>	\$2,500
<b>% children in primary school:</b>	66.3%
<b>Average years of education:</b>	13 years
<b>Literacy rate:</b>	93.7%
<b>Internet users:</b>	2,200
<b>Cell phones in use:</b>	1,000
<b>Major/official language(s):</b>	Marshallese, 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.

- Poverty forces many children to drop out of school because their parents can't afford school fees.
- Poverty, illiteracy, sexual exploitation of children and the prevalence of unsafe sex practices all contribute to difficult conditions for some children, and create an environment ripe for contagious disease.
- High suicide rates, drug and alcohol addiction deteriorate many families.

## More about MARSHALL ISLANDS

<b>Capital city:</b>	Majuro
<b>Type of government:</b>	Constitutional Government in free association with the US
<b>Square kilometers:</b>	181
<b>General terrain:</b>	Low coral limestone and sand islands
<b>Major industries/jobs:</b>	Copra, tuna processing, tourism, craft items (from seashells, wood, and pearls)
<b>National motto:</b>	N/A*
<b>Major airport(s):</b>	N/A*

## Reaching MARSHALL ISLANDS

Currently classified as World C: Christian

### Major religions:

- Christian - 97.5%
- None - 1.5%
- Other - 1%

### Christian groups:

- Protestant - 82.6%
- Independent - 8.3%
- Roman Catholic - 6.4%
- Other - 2.7%

<b>Unreached People Groups:</b>	1 (0.8% of pop)
<b>Average annual Christian growth:</b>	0.023
<b>Average annual baptisms:</b>	1,164
<b>Foreign missionaries:</b>	85
<b>Per million:</b>	1,498.59
<b>National Christian workers/pastors:</b>	50
<b>Per million:</b>	881.52
<b>Number of churches/congregations:</b>	N/A*

## Children's ministry in MARSHALL ISLANDS

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

- Overview:**
- Most inhabitants of the Pacific Islands are Christian and have some kind of established church.
  - Most nations and territories in the Pacific Islands are spread across thousands of kilometers. Therefore, it is difficult to uncover all pockets of children who still need Jesus.
  - Though larger, more populated islands are better resourced, thousands live in locales that are difficult to supply with training materials and resources. Many remote islands remain isolated to outside influence.
  - Animism and traditional religions still influence Christianity on some islands.

## Focus for Prayer

Strategies for reaching and discipling  
**24,900** children for Christ