



New Zealand



Introduction to NEW ZEALAND

NEW ZEALAND, a multi-island nation situated in the Pacific Ocean southeast of Australia, is known for its passion for arts and culture, miles of verdant wilderness, and ecologically-conscious residents. Though many citizens are of British descent – the islands were a British colony until 1907 – there is a thriving, native Maori population.

The NEW ZEALAND people

Total population:	4,213,418
Children under 15:	871,696
Average Life Expectancy:	80.36 years
Per capita annual income:	\$27,900
% children in primary school:	99.16%
Average years of education:	19 years
Literacy rate:	99%
Internet users:	3.047 million
Cell phones in use:	4.62 million
Major/official language(s):	

English

Maori

Sign Language

Risk issues impacting children:

UNICEF does not currently offer children at risk statistics for this country.

More about NEW ZEALAND

Capital city:	Wellington
Type of government:	Parliamentary Democracy and a Commonwealth realm
Square kilometers:	267,710
General terrain:	Predominately mountainous with some large coastal plains
Major industries/jobs:	Food processing, wood products, textiles, machinery, transportation equipment, banking and insurance, tourism, mining, dairy products
National motto:	N/A*
Major airport(s):	Auckland, Christchurch, Dunedin, Hamilton, Queenstown, Wellington

Reaching NEW ZEALAND

Currently classified as World C: Christian

Major religions:

Christian	- 53.5%
None	- 26%
Unspecified	- 17.2%
Other	- 3.3%

Christian groups:

Protestant	- 33.4%
Anglican	- 25.2%
Roman Catholic	- 19.7%
Other	- 16.9%
Independent	- 4.5%
Orthodox	- 0.4%

Unreached People Groups:	5 (0.4% of pop)
Average annual Christian growth:	0.0103
Average annual baptisms:	14,491
Foreign missionaries:	3,000
Per million:	732.22
National Christian workers/pastors:	6,500
Per million:	1,586.48
Number of churches/congregations:	4,983

Children's ministry in ZEALAND

Overview: • Children's ministry in Australia and New Zealand tends to be well-resourced and has regular opportunities to minister to children. There are many thriving Christian ministries working in the area.

- Though Christianity is the primary religion in the region, many adherents are merely nominal. Many families do not attend church regularly or invest much in their children's spirituality.
- While the church's presence is felt and ministry is available, many in this region still have little or no interest in religion.

Focus for Prayer

Training children's leaders for outreach in
4,983 congregations

Strategies for reaching and discipling
871,696 children for Christ