

## GREECE

### MEET A CHILD

Imna, 14 years old Albanian boy, together with his 12-year-old sister Daim describes his first journey to Greece when he was 6 years old. He says, "We came to Greece on foot. During winter, we had to wear light clothes to provoke pity among the Greeks and encourage them to give money. After four years of begging, we moved towards the sale of small items (handkerchiefs, icons, telephone cards...) and flowers". Working more than 12 hours a day, constantly walking through the town, and subject to ill-treatment inflicted by their employers, Naim "lost control" of how many times he went begging in Greece. Today, his former bosses are his role model. They encourage him to cross the border with two kilos of marijuana...

**TOTAL POPULATION** 11,000,000  
**CHILD POPULATION** 1,650,000

Population Reference Bureau -  
2004

**TOTAL CHILD LABOUR**  
No confirmed data

**ECONOMICALLY ACTIVE POPULATION**  
An estimated 4,724,000 would be economically active in 2010 with no child between 10-14 being economically active

ILO, Bureau of Statistics,  
Economically Active Population.

**GENDER RATIO**  
1041 females for 1000 males

CIA, factbook-2005 (Fig is an  
estimate for 2005)

**CHILDREN OUT OF SCHOOL**  
In 2001, 20,900 children in the primary school age group of 6-11 were out of school

UNESCO's EFA Global Monitoring  
Report 2005.

**PROGRESS ON PRIMARY EDUCATION MDG**  
An EDI of 0.971 suggests that the level of progress towards achieving education for all by 2015 is high

UNESCO's EFA Global Monitoring  
Report 2005.

**CHILD SLAVERY**  
According to UNICEF and local NGOs, the majority of street children (usually indigenous Roma or Albanian Roma) were exploited by family members who forced them to work in the streets, usually begging or selling small items.

US Dept. of State, Country Reports  
on Human Rights Practices- 2004,  
February 2005

**CHILD TRAFFICKING**

Greece is a destination country for women, men, and children trafficked for the purposes of sexual exploitation and forced labor.

US Dept. of State, Trafficking in Persons Report 2005

**CHILD PROSTITUTION**

Approximately 40,000 women and children, most between the ages of 12 and 25, were trafficked to the country for prostitution each year between 1998 and 2002.

US Dept. of State, Country Reports on Human Rights Practices- 2004, February 2005

In July, police dismantled a network dealing in child pornography through the Internet. The perpetrators had developed a network of customers in 20 countries.

**CHILDREN USED IN CRIME**

No confirmed data

**CHILD SOLDIERS**

The minimum legal age for voluntary recruitment was officially 18, but the law allowed 17 year olds to be called up in times of war or increased mobilization.

CSUCS, Global Report on Child Soldiers, 2004

**CHILDREN IN UNORGANISED SECTORS**

The Greek chapter of UNICEF estimated that 5,800 children were illegally employed in the streets of the country in jobs from windshield washing to prostitution and that they generated approximately \$3.5 million (3 million euros) in revenue yearly.

US Dept. of State, Country Reports on Human Rights Practices- 2004, February 2005