

GUYANA

MEET A CHILD

Lincoln, a 13-14 year old youth from Georgetown, works in the family 2½-acre rice field alongside his mother. His father is an alcoholic and so he has to work to ensure the family's needs are met. The family depends on selling cash crops and milk for a living. He feels good about being able to earn and because he does well, he is seen as the top man. This lad was trained to drive a tractor and usually operates it. In this community, boys as young as 10 years are trained to operate tractors, rice combines and other agricultural equipment.

TOTAL POPULATION 767,000
CHILD POPULATION 230,100

Population Reference Bureau -
2004

TOTAL CHILD LABOUR

An estimated 19% of children between 5-14 are involved in child labour

State of World's Children 2005,
UNICEF

In 2000, UNICEF estimated that 27.0 percent of children ages 5 to 14 in Guyana were working.

The US Dept of Labor's 2003
Findings on the Worst Forms of
Child Labour

ECONOMICALLY ACTIVE POPULATION

There would be an estimated 72,000 economically active people in 2010 with no child in the age group 10-14 being economically active

ILO, Bureau of Statistics,
Economically Active Population.

GENDER RATIO

990 females for 1000 males

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

CHILDREN OUT OF SCHOOL

In 2001, there were 1,500 children in the primary school age group of 6-11 who were out of school

UNESCO's EFA Global Monitoring
Report 2005

PROGRESS ON PRIMARY EDUCATION MDG

In 2000, 87.3 percent of children of primary school age were attending primary school. And in 2002, 97.0 percent of children enrolled in primary school reached grade 5.

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CHILD SLAVERY

In the hinterland areas, girls are recruited to work as domestic servants and waitresses in restaurants.

CHILD TRAFFICKING

Guyana is a country of origin, transit, and destination for young women and children trafficked primarily for the purpose of sexual exploitation.

Guyanese girls and young women are trafficked for sexual exploitation to Suriname and other countries in the region such as Barbados, Trinidad & Tobago, and Venezuela.

CHILD PROSTITUTION

There has been an increase in the number of women and children forced into prostitution as a result of economic reform in the 1990s. Some groups, such as school children and Amerindians are especially vulnerable.

Children are involved in prostitution in ports, gold mining areas, and the capital city of Georgetown.

CHILDREN USED IN CRIME

No Confirmed Data

CHILD SOLDIERS

There were no reports of under-18s in the security forces.

CHILDREN IN UNORGANISED SECTOR

UNICEF reports that child labor is a problem in the informal sector, and it is common to see children engaged in street trading.

US Dept. of State, Trafficking in Persons Report 2005

ECPAT CSEC Database, http://www.ecpat.net/eng/Ecpat_inter/projects/monitoring/online_database/index.asp

The US Dept. of Labor's 2003 Findings on the Worst Forms of Child Labour

CSUCS, Global Report on Child Soldiers, 2004

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