



# Denmark

## The Kingdom of Denmark

Europe

### Geography

**Area** 43,092 sq km. The most southerly of the Scandinavian countries. See separate entries for Faeroe Islands and Greenland, which are autonomous regions of Denmark.

Population	Ann Gr	Density
2010	5,481,283	0.24%
2020	5,556,556	0.12%
2030	5,615,545	0.09%

**Capital** Copenhagen 1,185,654. **Urbanites** 87.2%. **Pop under 15 yrs** 18%. **Life expectancy** 78.2 yrs.

### Peoples

**Danish citizens** 92.2%. Danish 91.2%; Faroese 0.9%; Greenlander 0.1%.

**Foreign** 7.8%. European 3.3%; Middle Eastern and Asian 4.4%; African 0.1%.

**Literacy** 99%. **Official Language** Danish. **All Languages** 13. **Indigenous languages** 7. **Languages with Scriptures** 6Bi 1w.i.p.

### Economy

Strong economy founded on a large service sector, environmental innovation, agriculture/fishing and light industry. Social security system requires high taxes.

**HDI Rank** 16<sup>th</sup>/182. **Public debt** 33.5% of GDP. **Income/person** \$62,097 (131% of USA).

### Politics

Stable parliamentary democracy with a constitutional monarchy. A cautious member of the EU, also frequently asserts its independence.

## Religion

There is complete religious freedom, though the Lutheran Church is recognized as the national church and is supported out of a state-levied church tax.

Religions	Pop %	Population	Ann Gr
Christian	85.29	4,674,986	-0.2%
Non-religious	9.81	537,714	2.6%
Muslim	4.10	224,733	4.1%
Buddhist	0.40	21,925	4.2%
Hindu	0.21	11,511	3.4%
Jewish	0.10	5,481	-1.7%
Chinese	0.05	2,741	4.8%
Baha'i	0.04	2,193	0.2%

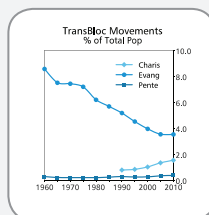
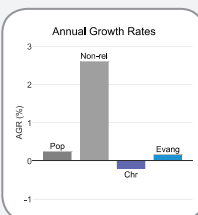
Christians	Denoms	Pop %	Affiliates	Ann Gr
Protestant	39	81.31	4,457,000	-0.1%
Independent	18	0.03	2,000	3.5%
Anglican	1	0.05	3,000	-2.8%
Catholic	1	0.66	36,000	0.7%
Orthodox	2	0.01	1,000	3.8%
Marginal	12	0.43	23,000	-0.8%
Unaffiliated		2.80	153,000	-3.1%

Churches	MegaBloc	Congs	Members	Affiliates
Lutheran Church	P	2,030	880,000	4,400,000
Catholic Church	C	66	20,111	36,200
Jehovah's Witnesses	M	200	14,000	16,800
Pente Movement in D	P	57	5,250	9,188
Baptist Union	P	49	4,960	7,936
Latter-day Saints (Mormon)	M	23	2,756	4,300
Apostolic Church	P	45	2,048	3,420
Danish Covenant Ch	P	21	2,075	3,299
Seventh-day Adventist	P	42	2,470	3,211
Other denominations[64]		229	16,364	37,376
<b>Total Christians[73]</b>		<b>2,762</b>	<b>950,034</b>	<b>4,521,730</b>

TransBloc	Pop %	Population	Ann Gr
<b>Evangelicals</b>			
Evangelicals	3.5	193,344	0.2%
<b>Renewalists</b>			
Charismatics	1.5	84,255	3.0%
Pentecostals	0.4	20,508	2.4%

### Missionaries from Denmark

**P,I,A** 511 international (204 long-term) in more than 40 agencies; also 7,033 volunteers in Denmark.



# Answers to Prayer

**1** There is some encouraging progress on the spiritual scene, including a marked increase in spiritual openness among Danes. The number who believe in a personal God, while still low (33%), has notably increased in recent years. New churches are being planted, new ministries are being founded and unity among believers is increasing. Groups include Pray for Denmark and Intercessors for Denmark.

## Challenges for Prayer

**1** Denmark retains a core of Christian tradition and values. They are deeply ingrained in Danish social laws and values. Over 80% of the population remain members of the Lutheran Church (despite the fact that over 50% are reported to be agnostic or atheist). Pray that more Danes will rediscover the faith that has shaped so much of the nation's history and society.

**2** Much of the Lutheran Church is experienced by ordinary Danes as ritualistic and dead, and the fresh winds of the Holy Spirit must blow through this institution. Church attendance is around 2%. There are a number of organizations promoting renewal or revival in the state Church – *Indre Mission, Luthersk Mission, Evangelisk Luthersk Mission, Oase* and *Nyt Liv*. Free churches, Lutheran and otherwise, contribute greatly to the spiritual life of the nation. Pray for wisdom for all who seek to transform the Church and make it relevant to secular Danes.

**3** Old non-missional theologies are devastating for the Church, since they fail to equip the Church in effective discipleship and mission in a secular realm. Pray for theological and missional renewal in all seminaries and Bible schools that will encourage a vibrant missions vision. Pray also for leaders to be raised up who are able to communicate Christ with the Danish postmodern youth culture.

**4** There is a shortfall of pastors, especially for Free Churches of all types. Even with a number of fresh and new ministries and church planting efforts, many evangelical congregations, especially those without a pastor, are in stagnation or even decline. Pray for the provision of capable, godly leaders and for the revitalization of these evangelical congregations.

**5** Quest for spirituality. Much of the obvious growth in spirituality in recent years has not led Danes to Christian faith and the Church. Pray that their spiritual search will lead more Danes to genuine Christian belief. Pray also that the Church will become effective and creative in reaching out to seekers.

**6** The notion of overseas missions is changing. New generations seek new and more meaningful ways to be involved in mission internationally. Pray that attempts in tentmaking ministry will become fruitful, and pray that mission among the many migrants in Denmark will gain momentum.

**7** Immigrants to Denmark have proved to be both a harvest force and a harvest field.

*a) Christian immigrants.* Guest workers and refugees may prove to be a significant force for spiritual and mission renewal in Denmark, since many of these migrants are Christian. Over 150 new churches of migrants have been established over the last few years, and it is estimated that one-third of people in church on a given Sunday attend a foreign-run congregation. Pray that Danish Christians will receive this new missionary gift – and that this young Christian migrant community will be effective in its mission in Denmark.

*b) Unevangelized immigrants.* Tens of thousands of Turks, Arabs, Pakistanis, Iranians, Chinese and others have recently settled in Denmark. Many of them are open to the gospel but have never heard it. Pray for ministries to reach out with cultural sensitivity and in effective ways – and to plant churches that can incorporate these minority groups.

*c) Islamic relations.* The infamous “cartoon riots” of 2006 revealed a nation dealing with crucial issues of free speech, religious fault lines and intercommunity relations. At the time, Muslims numbered only 4% of the population, but they receive 40% of the social welfare. Their integration into society and the workforce is a major challenge. This in turn has shifted the nation from having one of Europe's most liberal immigration policies to having one of its toughest. Pray for Danes and others to display uncompromising Christian love to Muslims in Denmark.