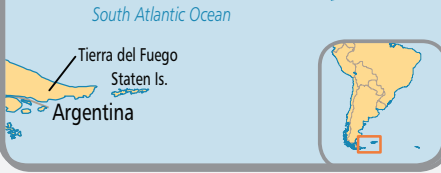


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Latin America

Geography

Area 12,173 sq km. Consists of over 740 islands – 2 are inhabited year-round. South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands also fall under the remit of the governor, despite having no permanent population. The Falklands are 600 km east of Patagonia in Argentina.

| Population | Ann Gr | Density |
|------------|--------|---------|
| 2010 3,038 | 0.41% | 0/sq km |
| 2020 3,100 | 0.14% | 0/sq km |
| 2030 3,084 | -0.10% | 0/sq km |

This does not include around 1,000 military personnel stationed on the islands.

Capital Stanley 2,200. **Urbanites** 73.6%. **Pop under 15 yrs** 16%.

Peoples

British 95%.

Other 5%.

Literacy 99%. **Official language** English.

Economy

Fishing is a mainstay of the economy, supplemented by sheep farming, tourism and the British military presence. There is no

unemployment; future exploitation of offshore oil reserves could herald further income.

Politics

Self-governing British Overseas Territory. Argentinean claims on the islands as the *Islas Malvinas* led to the 1982 conflict. The 2009 constitution makes the islands virtually self-sufficient and self-governing (apart from the issue of defence) and reflects the mindset of the Islanders.

Religion

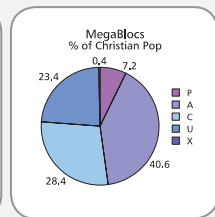
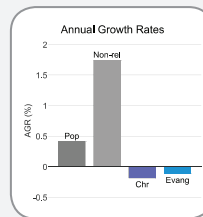
Freedom of religion.

| Religions | Pop % | Population | Ann Gr |
|---------------|-------|------------|--------|
| Christian | 65.20 | 1,981 | -0.2% |
| Non-religious | 33.50 | 1,018 | 1.7% |
| Other | 0.90 | 27 | -1.7% |
| Baha'i | 0.40 | 12 | 0.4% |

| Christians | Denoms | Pop % | Affiliates | Ann Gr |
|--------------|--------|-------|------------|--------|
| Protestant | 5 | 4.71 | <1,000 | -2.6% |
| Anglican | 1 | 26.50 | 1,000 | -0.6% |
| Catholic | 1 | 18.50 | 1,000 | -0.5% |
| Marginal | 1 | 0.26 | <1,000 | 0.0% |
| Unaffiliated | | 15.20 | <1,000 | 0.0% |

| Churches | MegaBloc | Congs | Members | Affiliates |
|----------------------------|----------|----------|------------|--------------|
| Ch of England in F | A | 1 | 35 | 805 |
| Catholic Church | C | 2 | 225 | 562 |
| United Free Church | P | 1 | 25 | 100 |
| Other denominations[5] | | 3 | 35 | 51 |
| Total Christians[8] | | 7 | 320 | 1,518 |

| TransBloc | Pop % | Population | Ann Gr |
|---------------------|-------|------------|--------|
| Evangelicals | | | |
| Evangelicals | 10.8 | 329 | -0.1% |
| Renewalists | | | |
| Charismatics | 3.0 | 91 | 2.1% |



Challenges for Prayer

1 **The issues of sovereignty and autonomy** are keys to understanding the Falkland Islands' history and mentality. The political wrangling between the UK and Argentina, which culminated in the 1982 conflict, does not adequately reflect the Islanders' overwhelming desire for self-governance; the 2009 constitution does. Pray for wise and fair agreements and for understanding among all three parties for the sake of the diplomatic and economic life of the whole region. Pray also for Christians

working and praying for reconciliation of all involved.

2 **There are only three significant denominations** among the Islanders (Anglican, Roman Catholic and Tabernacle United Free Church). Most of the population are very nominal in what faith they may have. Pray for a renewal of faith in all three of these groups. Pray for believers in their witness to fellow Islanders and to fishermen, oilmen and tourists of different nationalities who stop off in the islands.

3 **The British forces** based on these windswept but spectacular islands enjoy the support of the local populace, but are far from home. Pray for the work of chaplains ministering to them as well as the Oasis coffee shop, an outreach ministry on the military base itself. Pray for believers in the forces as they witness to their comrades.