



Gibraltar

British Overseas Territory of Gibraltar

Europe

Geography

Area 6.5 sq km. A strategically located rocky peninsula on the south coast of Spain.

Population	Ann Gr	Density
2010 31,073	0.23%	5,179/sq km
2020 31,582	0.13%	5,264/sq km
2030 31,439	-0.11%	5,240/sq km

Capital Gibraltar 31,000. **Urbanites** 100%. **Pop under 15 yrs** 18%.

Peoples

Gibraltarian 66.0%. Italian, Maltese, British, Jewish, Spanish and Portuguese descent.

Other 34.0%. British 12.9%; Spanish 9.4%; Moroccan 8.56% (with many more as temporary workers); Jewish 2.0%; South Asian 1.1%.

Official languages English and Spanish. **All languages** 3. **Languages with Scriptures** 2Bi.

Economy

Previously largely dependent on a British dockyard and military presence; now a self-sufficient economy balanced between shipping, offshore finance and tourism.

Politics

A British overseas territory after its capture in

1704 (and an important military base until 1991); the 2007 constitution reflects the autonomy and right of self-determination for Gibraltar. The local population steadfastly and overwhelmingly resist Spanish pleas, pressures and blockades to restore the Rock (Gibraltar) to Spain. Most issues are being resolved through tripartite talks involving Gibraltar, UK and Spain.

Religion

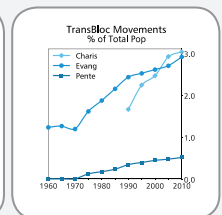
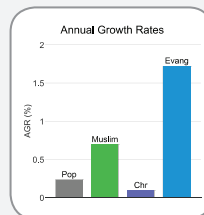
There is full religious freedom.

Religions	Pop %	Population	Ann Gr
Christian	84.80	26,350	0.1%
Muslim	8.90	2,765	0.7%
Non-religious	3.20	994	3.0%
Jewish	2.00	621	0.2%
Hindu	1.10	342	0.2%

Christians	Denoms	Pop %	Affiliates	Ann Gr
Protestant	7	1.29	<1,000	1.5%
Independent	4	1.18	<1,000	1.8%
Anglican	1	6.53	2,000	0.2%
Catholic	1	74.66	23,000	0.5%
Marginal	3	0.77	<1,000	-1.6%
Unaffiliated		0.40	<1,000	0.0%

Churches	MegaBloc	Congs	Members	Affiliates
Catholic Church	C	6	14,410	23,200
Church of England	A	3	914	2,030
Charismatic congs	I	3	130	208
Jehovah's Witnesses	M	1	90	180
Filadelfia	I	1	100	160
Other denominations[9]		10	288	460
Total Christians[16]		24	15,932	26,238

TransBloc	Pop %	Population	Ann Gr
Evangelicals			
Evangelicals	2.9	903	1.7%
Renewalists			
Charismatics	3.0	943	1.0%
Pentecostals	0.5	160	2.1%



Challenges for Prayer

- 1 Most of the population are Catholic**, but there are other mainline denominations (Anglican, Presbyterian and Methodist) as well as a growing number of evangelicals/charismatics. From four evangelical congregations in 2000, there are now 10. Ministry by these latter groups to the Gibraltarian majority can be difficult due to Catholic predomination. Every home has received at least some Christian literature; the Christian bookshop sells many Bibles. There is a need for unity among believers of these different and diverse small groups, most of which came into being out of the mainline denominations. Pray for further evangelical growth and for revival among the mainline majority churches.
- 2 Gibraltar is well placed for outreach** – there are many tourists (especially Spaniards coming for duty-free goods), several thousand Moroccan guest workers as well as a Jewish and a Hindu community. The lack of churches for both southern Spain and North Africa makes Gibraltar a key position for regional outreach. Pray that local congregations would gain a passion for outreach.
- 3 Muslims working in or visiting Gibraltar** are very open to receive Christian material and to hear about Jesus; pray that this opportunity might be utilized sensitively but decisively. Pray for effective methods of reaching them and for more workers for this rare opportunity.