



Greenland

Kalallit Nunaat
North America

Geography

Area 2,175,600 sq km. Land area is 85% glacial ice cap. The world's largest island and with the lowest population density of any country.

Population	Ann Gr	Density
2010 57,291	0.04%	0.03/sq km
2020 57,130	-0.08%	0.03/sq km
2030 54,962	-0.50%	0.03/sq km

Capital Nuuk 15,200. Urbanites 84.2%. Pop under 15 yrs 24%. Life expectancy 70 yrs.

Peoples

Greenland Inuit 88%.
Danes 8.0%.
Other 4.0%.

Literacy 100%. Official Languages Inuktitut (Greenlandic), which has three distinct dialects; Danish. All languages 2. Languages with Scriptures 2Bi.

Economy

Based primarily on fishing with substantial support from the Danish government.

Public Debt 2.4% of GDP. Income/person \$38,747 (85% of USA).

Politics

Overseas administrative division of Denmark with internal self-government since 1979. Increasing autonomy since 2009.

Religion

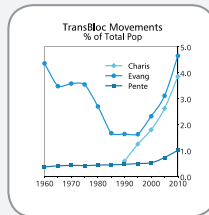
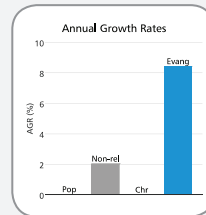
Freedom of religion since 1953, before which the Lutheran Church was the state church.

Religions	Pop %	Population	Ann Gr
Christian	96.56	55,320	0.0%
Non-religious	2.10	1,203	2.1%
Ethnoreligionist	1.05	602	-1.8%
Baha'i	0.29	166	0.7%

Christians	Denoms	Pop %	Affiliates	Ann Gr
Protestant	7	64.59	37,000	-0.3%
Independent	1	0.10	<100	1.1%
Catholic	1	0.23	<200	2.1%
Marginal	1	0.45	<300	-1.1%
Unaffiliated		31.19	18,000	0.0%

Churches	MegaBloc	Congs	Members	Affiliates
Lutheran Church	P	63	26,667	36,000
New Life Church	P	11	290	580
Jehovah's Witnesses	M	8	140	260
Catholic Church	C	1	80	133
Christian Brethren	P	2	50	120
Evangelical (NTM)	P	3	44	75
Other denominations[4]		5	189	285
Total Christians[10]		93	27,460	37,453

TransBloc	Pop %	Population	Ann Gr
Evangelicals			
Evangelicals	4.7	2,664	8.4%
Renewalists			
Charismatics	3.8	2,205	8.1%
Pentecostals	1.0	580	6.7%



Challenges for Prayer

- 1 Greenland has been Christianized, but not converted.** Nearly every settlement has its Lutheran church building – but too many lack real spiritual life. Pray for renewal and new life for Dane and Greenlander alike. The tightly knit communities of Greenland could easily be impacted powerfully by a move of God.
- 2 The culture of Greenland,** so finely tuned to the inhospitable environment, is devastated by modernity. The dire results are widespread immorality and sexual abuse, alcoholism, mental illness and suicide. Deep emotional and spiritual healing are necessary for many to move beyond their pain and hurt. Thankfully, some indigenous believers, missionaries and short-term

workers minister in counselling, healing and deliverance and see wonderful fruit as increasing numbers are transformed by the work of the Holy Spirit. Many of those working in Greenland, including many indigenous people, are newly empowered to minister as a result. Pray for this to continue and for those receiving help to get plugged into communities of faith.

3 Evangelical witness is quite recent. In 1984, there were only about 20 born-again believers. Now, a growing evangelical movement in several denominations exists – mostly within the New Life Church/Pentecostal framework, although Brethren and **NTM** churches also exist. Travel conditions are extremely harsh, and communities along the coasts isolated; those outside the larger settlements have very little chance to hear the gospel. Thank God for airstrips now built in several remote towns, opening these places for ministry.

4 Indigenous believers and forms of church are growing. With input from faithful Caucasian missionaries and indigenous Christian leaders, the Greenlandic Church is expressing itself in ways that are culturally compelling as well as biblical. Pray that the unique worldview and culture of the Inuit people might be made complete in Christ.

5 Special ministries:

- a) *A new and more contemporary version of the Bible* in Greenlandic was released in 2001 – pray that many will read it and be changed.
- b) *The JESUS film* was translated into the Greenlandic language through a collaboration of **YWAM**, the Pentecostal Church and **CCCI**; it has received widespread distribution, impacting many.
- c) *Training for leaders and counsellors.* With such widespread brokenness and responsiveness, more Greenlandic Christians must be equipped to minister effectively. Recently, INO established a leadership training school for local believers, for the equipping of the national Church.