

# Kiribati

## Republic of Kiribati

### Pacific

### Geography

**Area** 849 sq km. Three archipelagos – Gilbert, Rawaki (Phoenix) and Line, with 33 coral atolls (23 inhabited) scattered across 2,000,000 sq km of the Pacific Ocean.

Population	Ann Gr	Density
2010	99,547	1.59%
2020	115,185	1.44%
2030	130,503	1.18%

**Capital** Tarawa 43,700. **Urbanites** 44%. **Pop under 15 yrs** 36%. **Life expectancy** 62.5 yrs.

### Peoples

**I-Kiribati** 98.9%. **Other** 1.1%. Mixed, Tuvaluan, European. **Literacy** 94%. **Official language** English, but I-Kiribati is more widely spoken. **All languages** 3. **Indigenous languages** 2. **Languages with Scripture** 2Bi 1w.i.p.

### Economy

Dependent on copra, fish, foreign aid and remittances sent from I-Kiribati abroad. Large distances between islands and few natural resources make improvements difficult to achieve. **Public debt** 11.3% of GDP. **Income/person** \$1,372 (3% of USA).

### Politics

Independent from Britain in 1979 as a democratic republic.

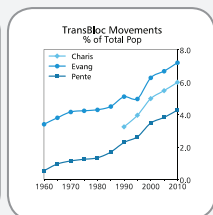
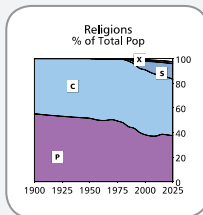
### Religion

Religions	Pop %	Population	Ann Gr
Christian	98.50	98,054	1.6%
Baha'i	1.00	995	3.8%
Non-religious	0.50	498	6.2%

Christians	Denoms	Pop %	Affiliates	Ann Gr
Protestant	5	40.94	41,000	1.5%
Independent	2	1.20	1,000	3.8%
Anglican	1	0.15	<1,000	0.0%
Catholic	1	55.35	55,000	1.0%
Marginal	2	11.32	11,000	4.3%
<i>Doubly affiliated</i>		-10.45	-10,000	0.0%

Churches	MegaBloc	Congs	Members	Affiliates
Catholic Church	C	24	29,784	55,100
Kiribati Protestant Ch	P	135	15,322	35,700
Latter-day Saints(Mormon)	M	33	6,587	11,000
Assemblies of God	P	18	1,200	1,950
Seventh-day Adventist	P	13	1,175	1,680
Other denominations[6]		41	1,663	3,030
<i>Doubly affiliated</i>				-10,400
<b>Total Christians[11]</b>		<b>264</b>	<b>55,731</b>	<b>98,060</b>

TransBloc	Pop %	Population	Ann Gr
<b>Evangelicals</b>			
Evangelicals	7.2	7,157	3.1%
<b>Renewalists</b>			
Charismatics	6.0	5,955	3.4%
Pentecostals	4.3	4,250	3.9%



## Challenges for Prayer

- 1** **The once-strong Congregational Church** (Kiribati Protestant) is in slow decline and losing members to other groups. The theological college in Tarawa is not evangelical. Pray for a return to the Bible. Nominalism and syncretism with traditional spiritist practices are all too common.
- 2** **Evangelical Christians are increasing**, mainly through Pentecostals. **AoG** and Church of God both have Bible colleges. Growth is too often followed by decline, since foreign financial windfalls and occasional healings seem to be the main attractions rather than biblical preaching and

transformed lives.

### 3 The more needy:

- a) *I-Kiribati* migrate for work on Nauru and as seafarers on foreign ships. Their remittances are a key part of the economy, but many return home with AIDS or drug problems.
- b) *Young people*. Overpopulation and unemployment combined with increasing alcohol abuse create a difficult environment in which to grow up. Pray for a revival among young people, for wholesome lives with godly purpose.
- c) *The entire nation faces eradication* if sea levels rise. Pray that this possible impending disaster would remind residents that our eternal home is in heaven and that they would live with this in mind.