



Liechtenstein

Principality of Liechtenstein

Europe

Geography

Area 160 sq km. Mountainous enclave on the Rhine between Switzerland and Austria. One of two doubly landlocked countries.

Population	Ann Gr	Density
2010 36,190	0.84%	226/sq km
2020 38,940	0.72%	243/sq km
2030 41,500	0.60%	259/sq km

Capital Vaduz 5,200. **Urbanites** 14.2%. **Pop under 15 yrs** 17%. **Life expectancy** 81 yrs.

Peoples

Germanic 91.4%. Liechtensteiner 66.1%; Swiss 12.1%; Austrian 5.8%; Walser 4.2%; German 3.3%.

Other 8.6%. Turkish 4.5%; Italian 3.8%; and others.

Literacy 100%. **Official language** German, but the common tongue is Alemmanic, a divergent dialect of Standard German. **All languages** 4. **Indigenous languages** 3. **Languages with Scriptures** 1Bi 1NT 1por.

Economy

Wealthy through diversifying its industrial economy and promoting free enterprise, including manufacturing, banking and tourism. Nearly 30% of state revenue comes from "letterbox" companies registered in Liechtenstein (attracted by low tax) but operating elsewhere. Lax financial controls have been responsible for money laundering scandals, and Liechtenstein

takes great pains to not be seen as a blacklisted tax haven by the OECD.

HDI Rank 19th/182. **Public debt** none. **Income/person** \$100,845 (221% of USA).

Politics

A constitutional principality in customs and monetary union with Switzerland. A 2003 referendum gave the prince sweeping political powers.

Religion

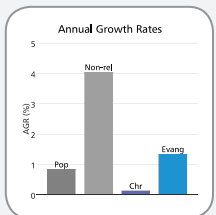
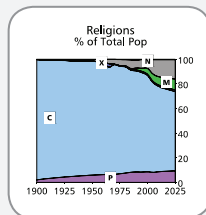
Freedom of religion is guaranteed. The Catholic Church has traditionally been the state church, but disestablishment and religious equality is inevitable.

Religions	Pop %	Population	Ann Gr
Christian	79.16	28,648	0.1%
Non-religious	13.86	5,016	4.0%
Muslim	6.70	2,425	3.4%
Buddhist	0.15	54	3.8%
Jewish	0.13	47	0.8%

Christians	Denoms	Pop %	Affiliates	Ann Gr
Protestant	4	8.65	3,000	2.0%
Independent	4	0.22	<100	5.9%
Catholic	1	69.36	25,000	-0.1%
Orthodox	5	0.75	<300	2.0%
Marginal	1	0.18	<100	-1.5%

Churches	MegaBloc	Congs	Members	Affiliates
Catholic Church	C	10	19,015	25,100
Free Evangelical Ch	P	2	1,200	1,850
Evang Lutheran Ch	P	4	909	1,200
Orthodox Church	O	1	208	270
Other denominations[7]		8	156	225
Total Christians[15]		25	21,488	28,645

TransBloc	Pop %	Population	Ann Gr
Evangelicals			
Evangelicals	0.5	186	1.3%
Renewalists			
Charismatics	1.1	398	1.0%
Pentecostals	0.2	71	3.4%



Challenges for Prayer

1 **Liechtenstein has changed** from a feudal backwater in the 1930s to a sophisticated and affluent modern state. The last remaining vestige of the Holy Roman Empire; the prince's family has always been Catholic and the vast majority of native citizens are likewise, albeit most only nominally. Expatriates represent several Christian confessions, but non-religion and Islam are growing rapidly. Few in this country have ever been confronted with the necessity of a personal faith in Christ. Pray that, as the immigrant population increases, encounters with the gospel might likewise multiply.

2 **The first and only evangelical fellowship** of believers was started in 1985 after an evangelistic campaign launched by British, Norwegian and Swiss believers. The evangelical population, mostly expatriates, is now slowly increasing. Campus for Christ had a part-time presence hosting evangelistic breakfasts. Some members of the extended royal family profess personal faith in Christ, with links to the Catholic charismatic renewal movement.