



Monaco

Principality of Monaco

Europe

Geography

Area 2 sq km. The second smallest state in the world. On France's south coast.

Population	Ann Gr	Density
2010 32,904	0.28%	16,452/sq km
2020 33,806	0.27%	16,903/sq km
2030 35,370	0.27%	17,685/sq km

Capital Monaco 32,900. **Urbanites** 100%. **Pop under 15 yrs** 13%. **Life expectancy** 79.1 yrs.

Peoples

Monégasque 21.5%. Speaking Ligurian and French.

French 28%.

Italian 19%.

Other 31.5%. British, Swiss, Belgian, German, many others. Numerous French and Italian daily commuter workers.

Literacy 100%. **Official language** French. **All languages** 3. **Languages with Scriptures** 1Bi 2por.

Economy

A byword for a very high standard of living. Most revenue is from tourism, but Monaco also serves as a tax haven and gambling destination. Allegations persist of suspicious fiscal activities in the country.

Income/person \$35,000 (77% of USA).

Politics

A constitutional monarchy. The prince, of the house of Grimaldi since 1297, shares his power with the National Council, which is elected.

Religion

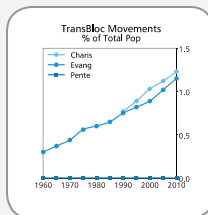
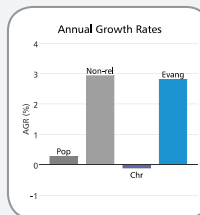
Roman Catholicism is the state religion, but there is freedom of religion, though proselytism is strongly discouraged and frowned upon.

Religions	Pop %	Population	Ann Gr
Christian	84.78	27,896	-0.1%
Non-religious	11.42	3,758	2.9%
Jewish	2.90	954	1.7%
Muslim	0.70	230	3.4%
Other	0.20	66	0.3%

Christians	Denoms	Pop %	Affiliates	Ann Gr
Protestant	1	1.98	1,000	-0.9%
Independent	2	0.27	<100	3.7%
Anglican	1	0.87	<300	-1.0%
Catholic	1	81.30	27,000	-0.1%
Orthodox	2	0.36	<200	1.8%

Churches	MegaBloc	Congs	Members	Affiliates
Catholic Church	C	9	19,815	26,750
Ref Church of Monaco	P	1	130	650
Anglican Church	A	1	130	285
Orthodox Church	O	1	72	120
Monaco Chr Fellowship	I	1	59	90
Total Christians[7]		13	20,206	27,895

TransBloc	Pop %	Population	Ann Gr
Evangelicals			
Evangelicals	1.2	379	2.8%
Renewalists			
Charismatics	1.2	403	2.1%



Answer to Prayer

1 **Praise God** that, for the first time, there is a small group of Monégasque evangelical believers.

Challenges for Prayer

- 1 Monaco is culturally Catholic**, but the real culture is one of materialistic hedonism. It is very difficult to foster interest in spiritual things in such an environment. Pray that many would see the ultimate emptiness of such a lifestyle and seek the fullness of life Christ offers.
- 2 The expatriate community** is 78.5% of the population. Apart from the prevalent Catholic Church, three congregations serve the expatriate community – Anglican, French Reformed and the strongly evangelical, bilingual Monaco Christian Fellowship. Pray that committed believers in all three might impact the whole of society.
- 3 Evangelicals are so few** that their impact is limited, especially in the hard spiritual ground that is Monaco. But the great numbers of nationalities (more than 160) in Monaco, and the highly transitory nature of many expats there, represent a good opportunity to reach the nations from this small principality. Pray for culturally appropriate witness in a context where evangelism is regarded as socially unacceptable.
- 4 Christian radio. TWR** broadcasts from Monaco have had a wide audience for years (using transmitters there – **TWR** has no staff in Monaco). Powerful medium- and short-wave transmitters broadcast in 10 European and four North African languages. Pray for spiritual impact on the materialistic and indifferent cultures of Europe and the much more spiritually responsive ones in North Africa.