

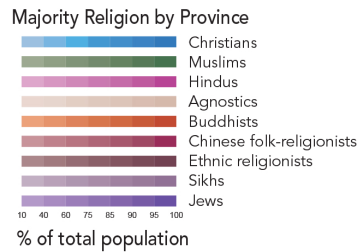
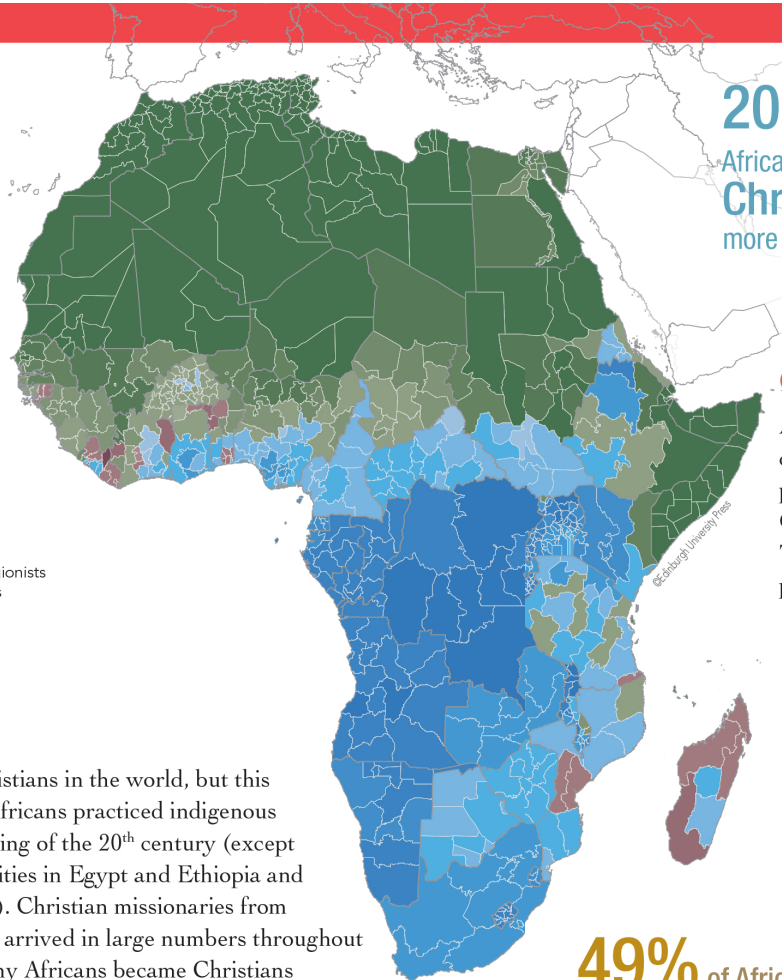
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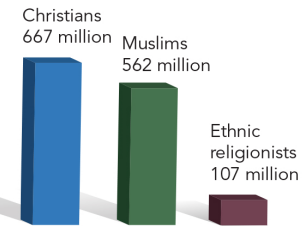


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AFRICA



2018 is the year that Africa had the **most Christians**—30 million more than Latin America.



Challenges and Prayer Needs

Africa is the least developed continent in the world. The continent has high rates of HIV/AIDS (34 cases per 1,000 people) and cases of malaria (175 cases per 1,000 people). Only 63% of people in Africa have access to safe water. There also exists significant Christian-Muslim violence in places like Nigeria, the Sudans, and Cameroon.

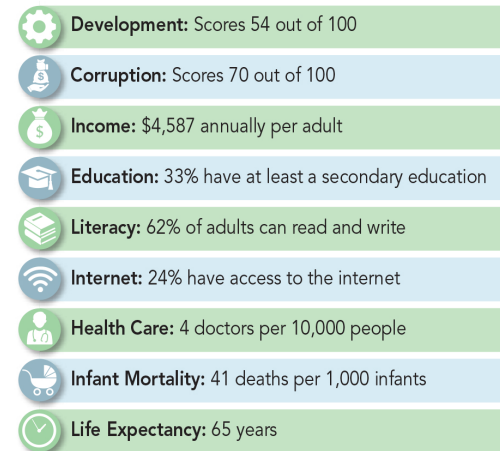
History

Africa is home to the most Christians in the world, but this wasn't always the case. Most Africans practiced indigenous religions or Islam at the beginning of the 20th century (except for historic Orthodox communities in Egypt and Ethiopia and Protestants in Southern Africa). Christian missionaries from Northern America and Europe arrived in large numbers throughout the 19th and 20th centuries. Many Africans became Christians and then had large families, which contributed to the growth of Christianity on the continent.

Today

Christianity in Africa is very diverse, with large Catholic, Independent, Protestant, and Orthodox churches. Charismatic megachurches are especially attractive to young people. Many African churches are now sending missionaries to countries in the West to revitalize formerly Christian places. Churches in Africa are generally very involved in politics and make their voices heard on national platforms, especially where governments are unable to maintain peace or assist in times of conflict.

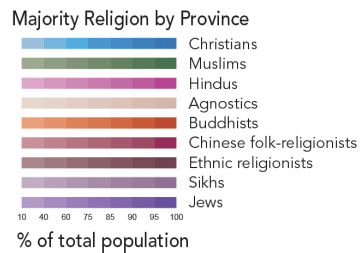
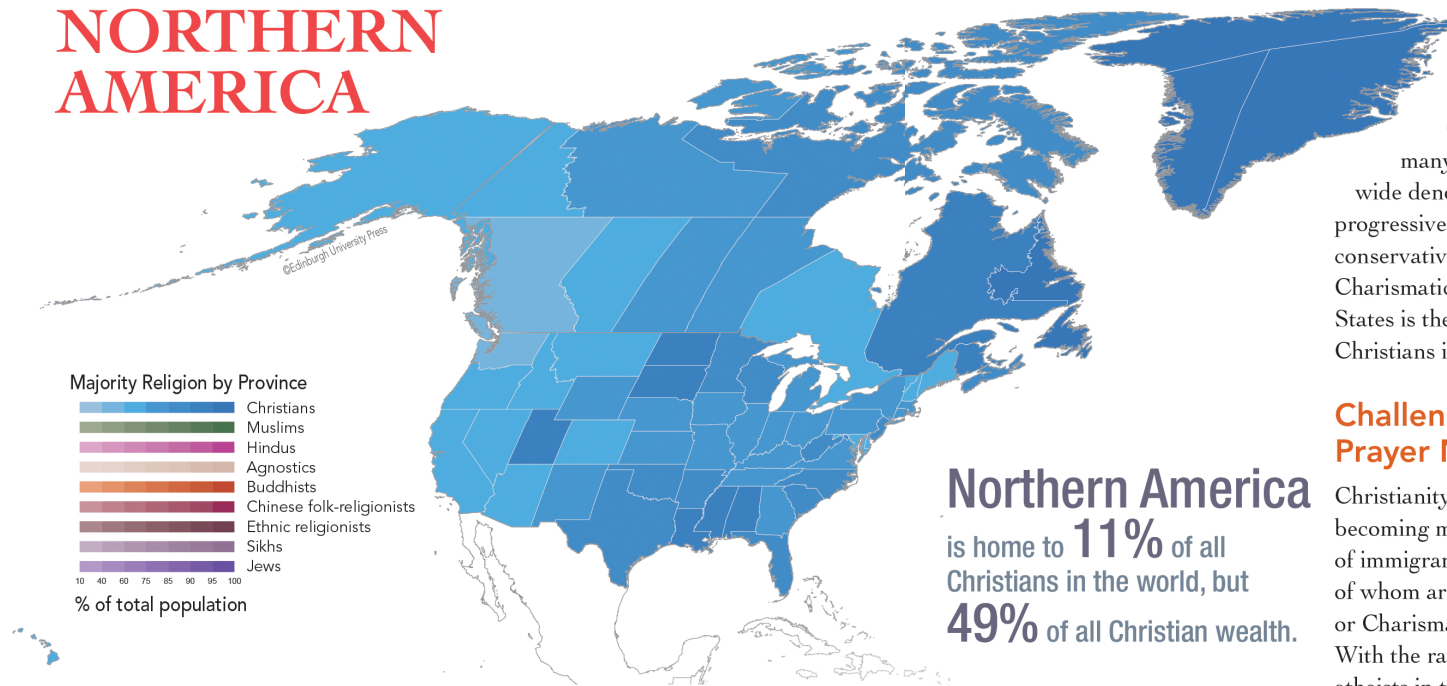
49% of Africa is Christian.



Africa is home to **27%** of all Christians in the world, but less than **1%** of all Christian wealth.

19 is the average age of a Christian in Africa.

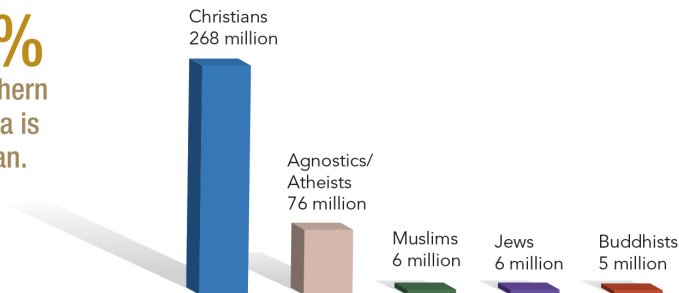
NORTHERN AMERICA



History

Northern America is a very religiously diverse continent, mostly due to mid-20th-century immigration from Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Although historically a majority-Christian continent, it's now home to large populations of Muslims, Buddhists, and Hindus. Canada has a significant Sikh population, nearly half a million. Like Europe, Northern America has experienced secularizing influences and has seen its non-religious population (atheists and agnostics) rise to 20%.

73% of Northern America is Christian.



Today

Christianity in Northern America is majority Catholic and Protestant, with many different groups across a wide denominational spectrum—from progressive historic Protestant churches to conservative Evangelical and Pentecostal/Charismatic megachurches. The United States is the country with the most Christians in the world (239 million).

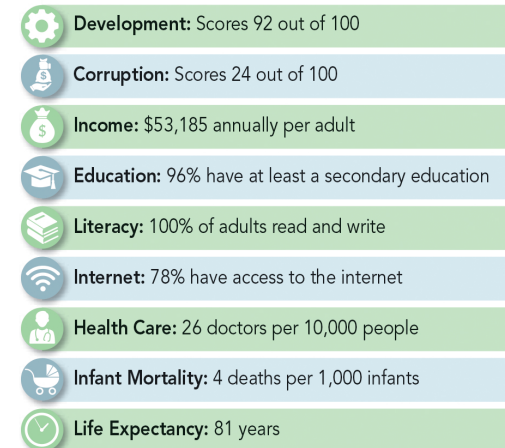
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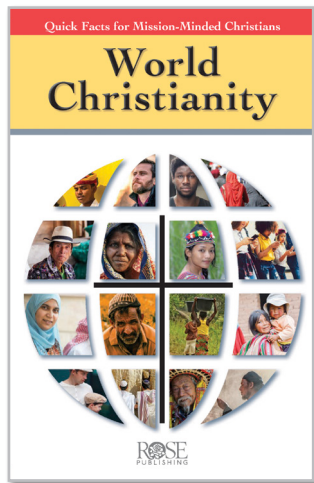
Christianity in Northern America is becoming more diverse with the arrival of immigrants from Latin America, many of whom are Catholic, Pentecostal, and/or Charismatic, and speak Spanish. With the rapid increase of agnostics and atheists in the United States, for example,

Northern America is home to **11%** of all Christians in the world, but **49%** of all Christian wealth.

it's primarily Christian immigrants who are holding the percentage of Christians steady. Churches in Northern America are trying to understand what their new role should be in a world where most Christians worldwide live in Asia, Africa, and Latin America, although most of the Christian wealth and resources remain in the West.

135,000 is the number of Christian missionaries the United States sends each year—the most of any country in the world.



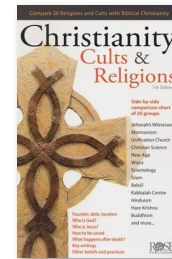


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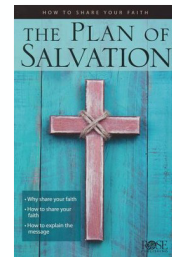


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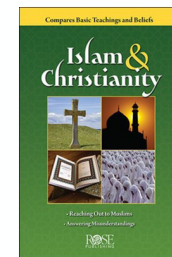


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