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# Turkmenistan



## About

During the days of the Soviet Union, atheism was enforced by the state. Religion is still viewed with suspicion and distrust, and the church is heavily regulated. Police raids, surveillance and confiscation of Christian materials are common.

Most Turkmen identify as Muslim. Converting from Islam to Christianity can lead to violent persecution and rejection from family and community.

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## Did You Know

Despite the country's enormous amounts of natural gas and even though almost every citizen is literate, 60% of the population are unemployed and poverty is high. Turkmenistan also has a bad reputation for human rights violations with overpopulated prison and labour camps where thousands are kept in appalling conditions.

### Pray



Please pray for more religious freedom and for Christians to continue to be bold in sharing the gospel.

Score  
69/100



**Source Of Persecution**  
**General Population**  
**Christian Population**  
**Main Religion**  
**Region**  
**Government**  
**Leader**

Dictatorial Paranoia  
5.9 Million  
69.8 Thousand  
Islam  
Central Asia  
Presidential Republic  
President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedow