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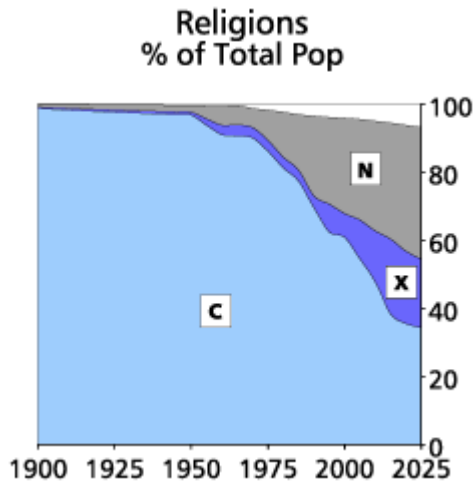
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## Belgium

### Kingdom of Belgium

Europe

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### Geography

**Area:** 30,528 sq km

One of the Low Countries; often called The Crossroads of Western Europe.

**Population:** 10,697,588    **Annual Growth:** 0.54%

**Capital:** Brussels. Capital of the EU and headquarters of NATO

**Urbanites:** 97.4%

**HDI Rank:** 14 of 182 ([UN Human Development Reports 2009](#))

### Peoples

**Peoples:** 38 (26% unreached) [All peoples](#)  
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*Pray for the Unreached*  
**Shawiya of Belgium**



Country: **Belgium**  
 People: **Shawiya**  
 Population: **38,000**  
 World Popl: **2,262,900**  
 Main Language: **Tachawit**  
 Main Religion: **Islam**  
 Status: **Least-Reached**  
 Christ-Followers: **Few, less than 2%**  
 Bible: **Portions**

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"Declare his glory among the nations" Psalm 96:3

**Official language:** Flemish, French and German    **Languages:** 29 [All languages](#)

## Religion

**Largest Religion:** Christian

Religion	Pop %	Ann Gr
<a href="#">Christians</a>	6,709,527	62.72
<a href="#">Evangelicals</a>	132,569	1.2

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## Challenges for Prayer

Catholicism is in rapid decline. Atheists and the non-religious now number 31%. Only 48% saw themselves as Catholic in 2010. Nominalism is pervasive; nationally, only 7% attend mass, and as low as 1% in some parts of Flanders and less than 0.5% in some Walloon cities. The Church faces five major crises – declining commitment, waning influence, a severe lack of students in seminaries, mass defections and, most of all, the pedophilia scandals that have destroyed Catholicism's reputation. The number of priests today is less than half that of 1960; their average age is over 65. The charismatic movement brought some new life but remains quite small. Pray for revival in this materially prosperous but spiritually poor land.

Rapid secularization has allowed the introduction of several very liberal laws that are an affront to a biblical understanding of the sanctity of life, sexuality and marriage. These both reflect and encourage an erosion of the moral foundations of society, coinciding with widespread recreational drug use, sexual immorality and occult and New Age activities. Pray for all false and erroneous beliefs to be exposed as such before the light of God's revelation.

For an additional 8 Challenges for Prayer see Operation World [book, CD-ROM, or DVD-ROM](#).

## More Information

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