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Czech Republic

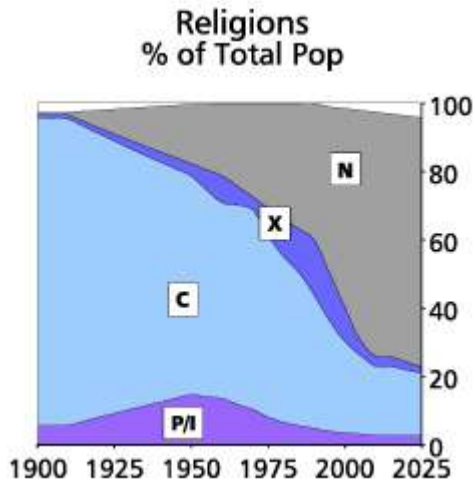
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Geography

Area: 78,864 sq km

Landlocked central European state.

Population: 10,410,786 **Annual Growth:** 0.42%

Capital: Prague

Urbanites: 73.5%

HDI Rank: 36 of 182 ([UN Human Development Reports 2009](#))

Peoples

Peoples: 19 (13% unreached) [All peoples](#)
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Pray for the Unreached**Chinese, generic of Czech Republic**

Country: Czech Republic
 People: Chinese, generic
 Population: 5,300
 World Popl: 7,670,000
 Main Language: Chinese, Mandarin
 Main Religion: Ethnic Religions
 Status: ■ Least-Reached
 Christ-Followers: Few, less than 2%
 Bible: Complete

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

Official language: Czech **Languages:** 20 [All languages](#)

Religion

Largest Religion: Non-religious

Religion		Pop %	Ann Gr
Christians	2,698,476	25.92	-2.9
Evangelicals	72,854	0.7	0.3
Non-religious	7,434,342	71.41	

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Challenges for Prayer

Freedom for Czechs has too often translated into a “free-for-all”. A generally successful shift to a market economy is positive for the country, but it places economic stress on too many of the most vulnerable. The moral vacuum that has emerged sees hedonistic materialism assume primacy; crime, sexual immorality, substance abuse as well as depression and suicide are more prevalent today than in Communist times. Atheism rose from 40% in 1991 to 60% in 2001 (and 71% non-religious in 2010), but apparently this does not preclude widespread use of horoscopes and a fuzzy mishmash of spiritual ideas. Pray for this existential and spiritual heaviness over the Czech Republic; pray that serious soul-searching may take place and that a shift in the spiritual atmosphere might occur.

The Catholic Church is in what could almost be described as freefall. Despite outnumbering all other confessions nearly 6 to 1, its influence is waning quickly. The openness of the 1990s was a window of opportunity that was passed up. Instead of offering a living faith, traditionalism (“religion for grannies”) and a failure to act decisively relegated Catholicism to a minor role in society – a strong contrast to neighbouring Slovakia and Poland. Increasing adaptation and renewal movements may not be enough to save Catholicism from declining further, since both laity and priesthood are generally quite old.

For an additional 6 Challenges for Prayer see Operation World [book](#), [CD-ROM](#), or [DVD-ROM](#).

More Information

The Operation World [book](#), [CD-ROM](#), and [DVD-ROM](#) provide far more information and fuel for prayer for the people of Czech Republic.



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