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Ecuador

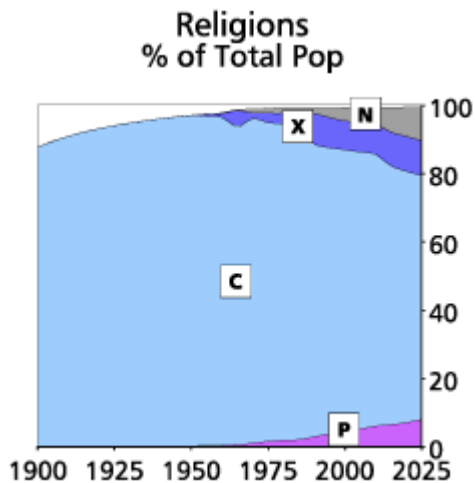
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Ecuador

Republic of Ecuador

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Geography

Area: 269,178 sq km

Amazon jungle in the east, high Andean Sierra in the centre, fertile coastal plain on Pacific Coast. Also the Galapagos Islands, 1,000 km to the west.

Population: 13,774,909 **Annual Growth:** 1.07%

Capital: Quito

Urbanites: 66.9%

HDI Rank: 80 of 182 ([UN Human Development Reports 2009](#))

Peoples

Peoples: 31 (6% unreached) [All peoples](#)
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Pray for the Unreached
Tsachila of Ecuador



Country: Ecuador
 People: Tsachila
 Population: 2,600
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 Main Language: Colorado
 Main Religion: Ethnic Religions
 Status: ■ Least-Reached
 Christ-Followers: Few, less than 2%
 Bible: New Testament

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

Official language: Spanish **Languages:** 25 [All languages](#)

Religion

Largest Religion: Christian

| Religion | | Pop % | Ann Gr |
|------------------------------|------------|-------|--------|
| Christians | 13,010,402 | 94.45 | 1.0 |
| Evangelicals | 1,170,089 | 8.5 | 4.9 |

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Challenges for Prayer

Missions. The largest groups are HCJB, MAF, AoG, CB/CMML, AV, OMS, IT. Many opportunities remain for missionary recruits in supportive ministries, church planting and pioneer work in the groups mentioned below. Pray for good church-mission relationships. The ever-present danger of administrative and financial paternalism threatens to impose Western patterns and stifle Ecuadorian initiatives.

The less-evangelized:

- a) The slum-dwellers of Quito and Guayaquil. Over 60% of the latter's population are extremely poor, and many live in slums built on a polluted marsh. Few Christian workers have a vision for these deprived people.
- b) The upper and middle classes are relatively unresponsive (CMA, OMS and others).
- c) University and school students. Over eight agencies are involved in campus ministries among the 250,000 students (on more than 300 campuses), including CCCI, CECE (IFES), YFC, LAM and four denominational groups. There is still much room for growth.
- d) The Afro-Ecuadorian people are only 0.03% evangelical. Although there are many Catholics among them, Spiritism is the true spiritual power at work in their midst. Pray for a breakthrough among this unique group.
- e) The 28,000 people living on the distant and barren Galapagos Islands now have a growing ministry in their midst through MVI. The islands host many eco-tourists who, through Darwin's legacy, are often hostile to biblical Christianity.
- f) Loja province is isolated from mainstream Ecuadorian life and is only 0.1% evangelical. Operation

Esperanza is a multi-agency effort to see fruit in this region through prayer, radio, evangelism and holistic ministry (SIM, OMS, WV). Good Shepherd Radio broadcasts the gospel to many isolated villages otherwise difficult to access.

For an additional 8 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 Ecuador.



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