

Turks

Unreached & Unengaged People Group from Turkey

East-West Link

Turkey is considered to be a “link” between the Orient (Chinese and Mongols) and the Occident (Anglo-Saxons, Slavs, Goths and Latins).



Turks are a unique blend of Eastern and Western cultures and knowledge.

Modern Turkey was founded in 1923 from the remnants of the defeated Ottoman Empire by national hero Mustafa Kemal, who is considered the “Father of the Turks.” Turkey’s democracy has been fractured by periods of instability, military coups and most recently, terrorism.

Turks make up 75% of Turkey’s population - the rest are Kurds or other minorities.

Turkey is the only secular republic where the majority of the population is Muslim.

Population

Turks live in 31 countries; here are the top 6:



Turkey	68,430,000
Germany	2,205,000
Bulgaria	637,000
Netherlands	380,000
France	222,000
Austria	201,000

Religion



Islam 99%



Christian <1%



Other <1%

Though mostly Sunni Muslim, ethnic beliefs are prevalent (men cursing others by giving them the “evil eye”).

In Turkey, Muslims will visit and pray in churches and synagogues on special occasions. Though other religions and prophets are respected, they are not accepted.

Language



Daily Life

The majority of Turks live a secularized, modern urban life in large cities (Istanbul and Ankara) with all the materialistic advantages and temptations that go with it. Istanbul is home to 20% of Turkey’s population! Men and women are doctors, lawyers, architects and engineers.

About 40% of Turks live in villages and work in agriculture. Some stick with tradition: living as nomads, moving their sheep from place-to-place and dwelling in tents or huts.

Engaging With God

Most of the church planting in the New Testament took place in Turkey. Today, Turks are decidedly Muslim. Prayer alone has the power to break down the stronghold of Islam and bring salvation to these precious people.



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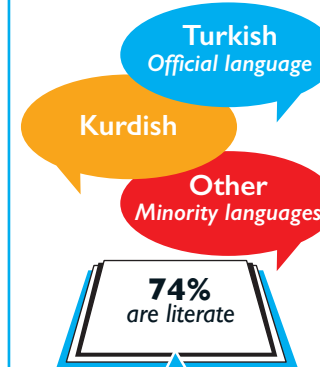


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