

Italy

General Information

- Population: 60 million.
- Its population density, at 201/km² (520/sq. mile), is higher than that of most Western European countries.
- Roman Catholicism is, by far, the largest religion in the country, although Catholicism is no longer officially the state religion.
- The proportion of Italians that identify themselves as Roman Catholic is 87.8%
- Starting from the 1980s, immigration from Subsaharan Africa has increased the size of Baptist, Anglican, Pentecostal and Evangelical communities in Italy, while immigration from Eastern Europe has established large Eastern Orthodox communities.

Challenges

- High fertility and birth rates persisted until the 1970s, after which they start to dramatically decline, leading to rapid population aging. At the end of the 2000s (decade), one in five Italians was over 65 years old.
- According to the most recent Poll 2005: 74% of Italian citizens responded that 'they believe there is a God', 16% answered that 'they believe there is some sort of spirit or life force' and 6% answered that 'they do not believe there is any sort of spirit, God, or life force'.
- There are almost just as many Jehovah Witnesses as Evangelicals: 0.9%.

Prayer

- The Evangelical Reformed Baptist Churches in Italy is an association of Reformed Baptist churches formed on 25 April 2006 in Bologna. The group adheres to the 1689 Baptist Confession of Faith, Cambridge Declaration of 1996
- Eleven churches in Italy are associated with this network, which places great emphasis on evangelization and wishes to plant churches across Italy. In 2010 new churches were started in Rome and new projects are underway to have two other churches in the capital city in Italy by 2015.

Reference

- <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Azerbaijan#Demographics>
- http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Baptist_Reformed_Evangelical_Churches_in_Italy#Statistics