

DENMARK

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Denmark is in northern Europe. It is the southern-most Scandinavian country. It has about 5.5 million people. It became Christianized in the 10th century during the Viking period. About 85% of the population professes to be Christian with only about 3.5% of those being evangelical.

Denmark is known for being a large welfare state which has attracted many immigrants from Asia and the middle east. Increased Muslim immigration due to the “Arab Spring” uprisings in northern Africa has caused Denmark to consider limiting immigration. The aging population of Denmark will cause a strain on resources. The Danes are fiercely supportive of state guarantees of standard of living so any government attempt to reign in benefits will be met with resistance.

Prayer challenges: The economic and political challenge of the liberal welfare policies will present problems. The rise of the Muslim population, which is small but growing and consumes close to 40% of the social welfare is a problem. The largest mosque in Scandinavia was recently built there thanks to a \$26 million grant from Qatar. Also there is the need to reach out to Muslims with the gospel.