

## This people's country: ALGERIA (The Democratic and Popular Republic of Algeria)

### DEMOGRAPHY

**Population:** 27,815,000 (1995); 32,693,000

(2000); 65,000,000 (2020)

**Doubling time:** 34.5 years

**Major languages:** (Algerian) Arabic; Berber languages; French; English; German; Italian

**Official language:** Arabic

**Capital:** Algiers over 3 million

**Other cities:** Oran over 1 million; Constantine 750,000; Annaba 450,000; Tizi Ouzou 350,000

**Urban dwellers:** (1995) 52%

**Rural dwellers:** (1995) 48%

**Birth rate:** (1994) 2.27%

**Death rate:** (1994) 5.1%

**Life expectancy:** 66.94 yrs male; 69.13 yrs female

### RELIGION

**Religious profession:** Muslims 100%

**Percent unevangelized:** 98% (approx.)

**Major denominations:** Roman Catholic Church; French Reformed (all of which are expatriate churches)

**Christian workers:** a handful in country & about 100 in Europe (approx.)

**Christian agencies:** 17 (approx.)

### HEALTH

**Physicians:** 5,491 (1 per 1,600 persons)

**Hospital beds:** 18,450 (21 per 10,000 persons)

**Infant mortality rate:** 42 per 1,000 births (1.44%)

**Major causes of death:** natural causes: pneumonia, cancer, heart diseases, etc.

**Daily per capita calorie intake:** 3,500 (155% of FAO minimum requirement)

### EDUCATION

**Adult literacy:** 62%

**Education rate:** (presently: +79%)

### COMMUNICATION

**Radios:** 1,502,357 (171 per 1000 persons)

**TV sets:** 597,428 (68 per 1000 persons)

**Telephones:** 254,786 (29 per 1000)

**Computers:** few personal computers

**Miniglossary:** some technical terms

## People Status: The Arabs of Algeria

**Countries where present:** Algeria, France, Tunisia, Belgium, Germany, USA

**People names:** Algerian (Arab)

**Language:** Algerian Arabic (oral); Classical Arabic (written); French

**Autoglossonym** (what they call their language): "Derja;" or "Algerian Arabic"

**Population:** 27,815,000 (1995); 32,693,000 (2000); 65,000,000 (2020)

**Political location:** Algeria, North Africa

**Chief cities and towns:** Oran over 1 million; Constantine 750,000; Annaba 450,000; Tizi Ouzou 350,000

**Religious profession:** Muslims 100% (nominal)

**Christians:** less than 100 (approx.)

**Scriptures:** Bible in Classical Arabic

**Jesus film:** Algerian Arabic (soon); Classical Arabic

**Christian broadcasting:** TWR, GMU, EBR, FIBA

**Mission agencies working among the Tunisian Arabs:** 17 (approx.)

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## Ministry Options

*What can be done?*

What follows is a list of 10 ministry options that would impact the evangelization of the Algerian Arabs. In each case, special action is required by agencies with particular areas of focus.

- Have your church adopt the Algerian Arabs to prayer for and serve among.
- Intercede in prayer for Algerians every time you read about or hear something about Algeria in the media.
- Organize prayer groups, among college friends or neighbors, to intercede for the Algerian Arabs.
- Investigate the possibility that there may be expatriate Algerians living in your country or studying on college campuses.
- Give financially toward projects and literature to reach Algerians with the Gospel.
- Volunteer to serve in a summer missions project to reach Algerians in Europe.
- Use stories from the Old Testament to bridge to the message of Jesus Christ with Algerians or other Muslim friends.
- Discover business or humanitarian ventures that would give access for witness to Algerians in Algeria or in Europe.
- Introduce Christian literature and tapes among Algerians wherever they may be.
- Encourage missionaries working among the Algerian Arabs in prayer and correspondence.

## Prayer Topics

*How can we pray?*

- Pray for the well being and for wisdom for missionaries working among the Algerian Arabs.
- Pray for Arab Christian literature to be translated into Algerian Arabic.
- Pray for God's Spirit to so move across Algeria that the people would realize their spiritual need of salvation.
- Pray that Algerians would listen and respond to Christian radio.
- Pray for the few Algerian Christians for courage, wisdom, and perseverance.

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*What else can we read?*

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