

## RESEARCH

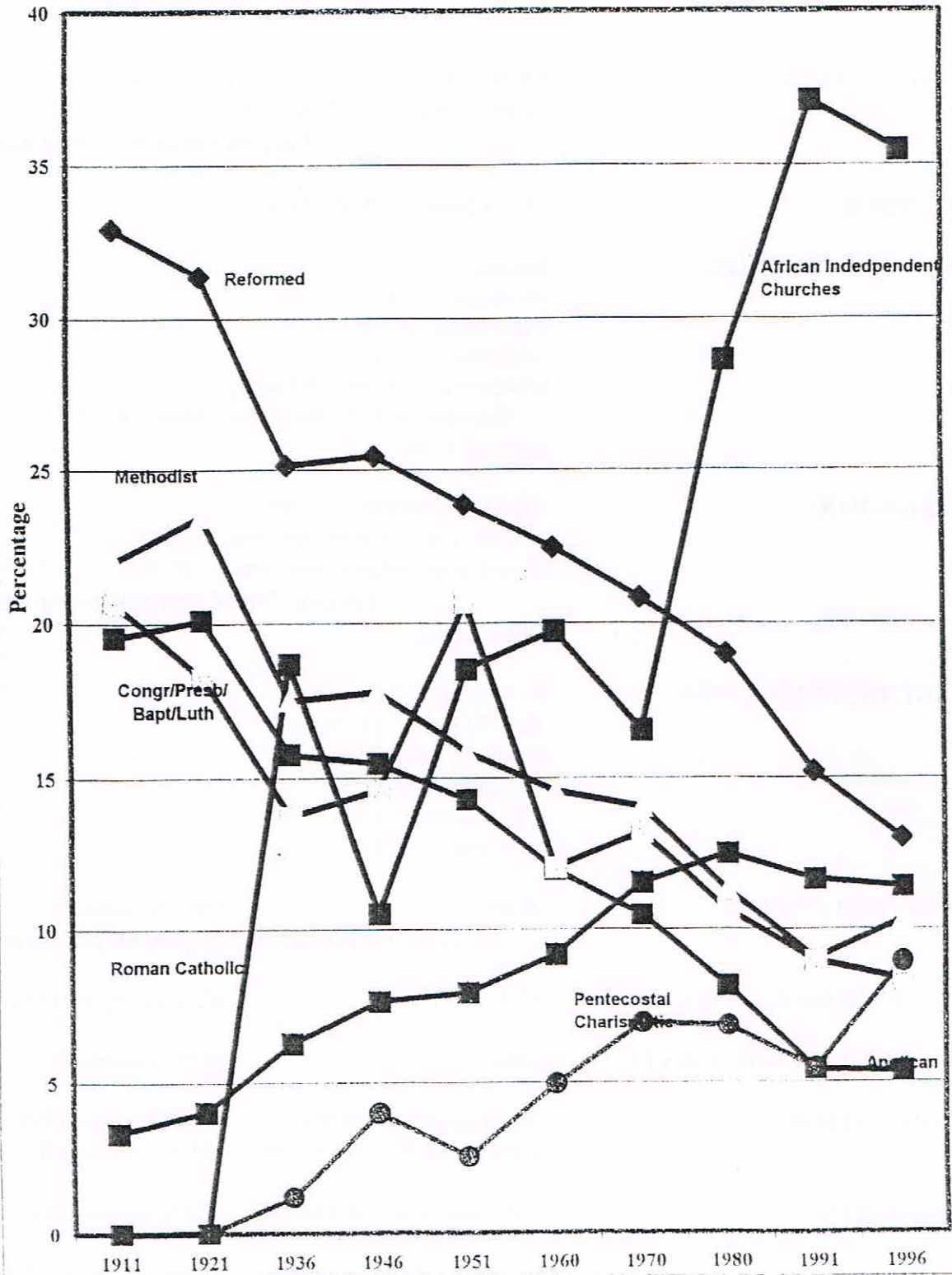
# Northern Province - Demographic Summary

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POPULATION:	4,929,368 11.0% Urban, 89.0% Non-urban <i>(Largest rural province nationally)</i>	<i>(12.1% of South African total)</i>
GENDER:	45.7% Male, 54.3% Female	
HOME LANGUAGE:	Sepedi, 52.7% Xitsonga, 22.6% Tshivenda, 15.5% Afrikaans, 2.2% IsiNdebele, Setwana, SiSwati, Sesotho, IsiZulu, IsiXhosa, Other; 6.4% English, 0.4%	
RELIGION:	Christian churches, 27.0% African Independent churches, 37.0% No religion, refused, not stated; 35.0% Other faiths, 1.0%	<i>(18.3% nationally)</i> <i>(Largest Non-Christian province nationally)</i>
AGE DISTRIBUTION:	0 – 9 years, 15.1%, 10 – 19 years, 14.7% 20 – 29 years, 10.4% 30 – 39 years, 8.8% 40 – 49 years, 8.7% 50 + years, 12.4%	
UN-EMPLOYMENT:	46.0%	<i>(34% nationally)</i> <i>(Second highest un-employed province nationally)</i>
LIFE EXPECTANCY:	62.7 years	<i>(62.8 years nationally)</i>
ADULT LITERACY RATE:	74%	<i>(82% nationally)</i>
EDUCATION:	No Schooling, 36.9% Completed Std 10, 14.0%	<i>(19.3% nationally)</i> <i>(16.4% nationally)</i>
POVERTY:	33% less than R999/month	<i>(31% nationally)</i>

*Based on the 1996 Census Office*

Table 4: Denominational market share trends, total population

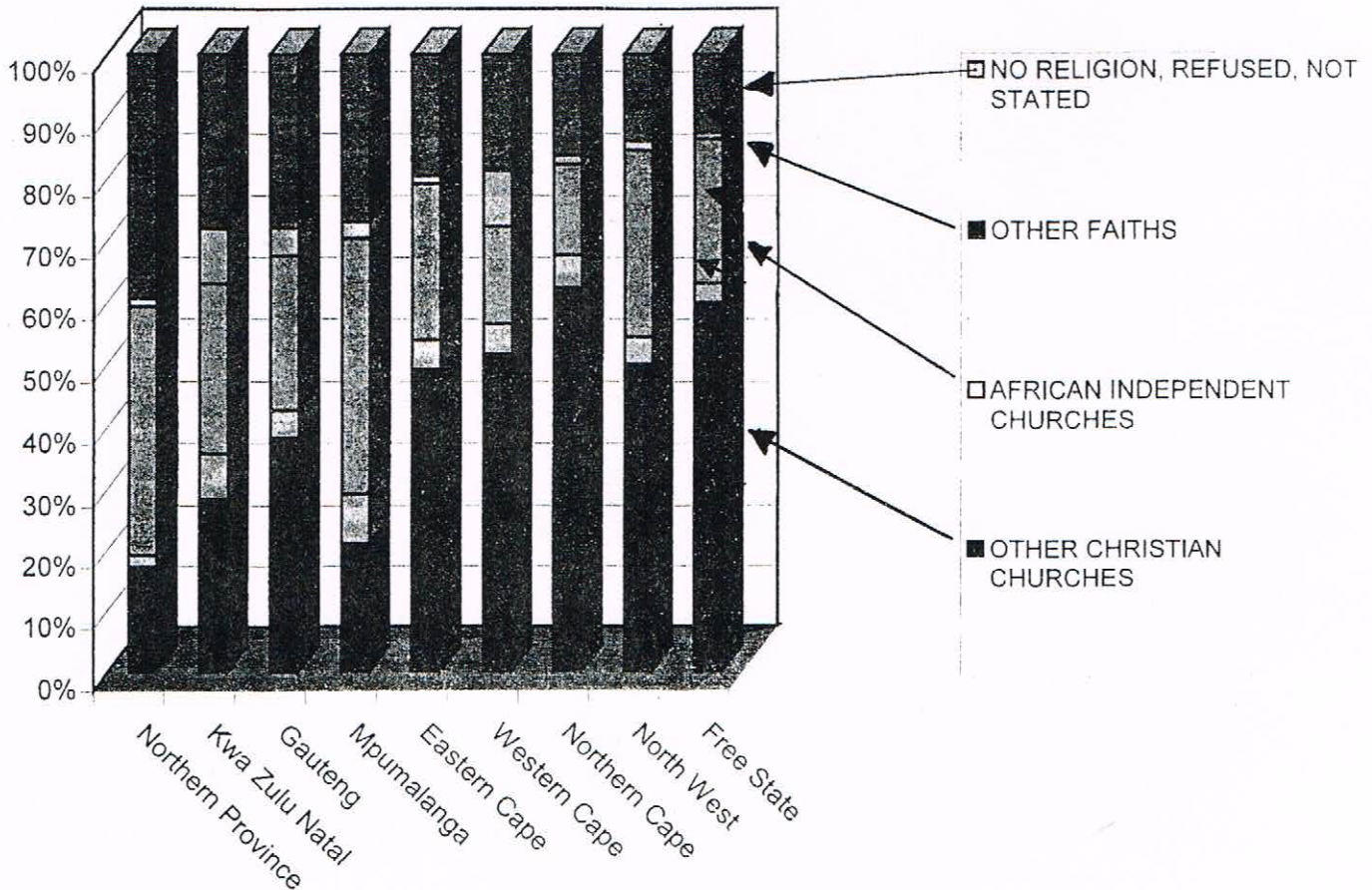


## PROVINCIAL SUMMARY RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION by PROVINCE

PROVINCE	EVANGELICAL, PENTECOSTAL, CHARISMATIC CHURCHES	%	MAINLINE CHURCHES	%	OTHER CHRISTIAN CHURCHES	%	AFRICAN INDEPENDENT CHURCHES	%	OTHER FAITHS	%	NO RELIGION, REFUSED, NOT STATED	%	TOTAL
Northern Provinc	505,378	10.3	755,947	15.3	83,860	1.7	1,778,138	36.1	57,345	1.2	1,748,696	35.5	4,929,364
Kwa Zulu Natal	678,710	8.1	2,189,799	26.0	559,504	6.6	2,120,360	25.2	684,024	8.1	2,184,624	26.0	8,417,021
Gauteng	626,474	8.5	2,568,681	35.0	297,889	4.1	1,675,547	22.8	292,269	4.0	1,887,565	25.7	7,348,425
Mpumalanga	294,338	10.5	526,283	18.8	203,302	7.3	1,032,193	36.9	65,453	2.3	679,142	24.2	2,800,711
Eastern Cape	561,383	8.9	2,816,563	44.7	267,806	4.2	1,454,112	23.1	77,551	1.2	1,125,096	17.9	6,302,511
Western Cape	378,938	9.6	1,841,744	46.5	176,155	4.5	565,047	14.3	324,993	8.2	670,003	16.9	3,956,880
Northern Cape	62,021	7.4	484,207	57.6	41,785	5.0	114,216	13.6	11,097	1.3	126,999	15.1	840,325
North West	259,320	7.7	1,546,040	46.1	134,697	4.0	937,148	27.9	45,825	1.4	431,794	12.9	3,354,824
Free State	192,327	7.3	1,462,849	55.5	77,086	2.9	570,640	21.7	21,939	0.8	308,661	11.7	2,533,502
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,558,889</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>14,192,113</b>	<b>35.0</b>	<b>1,842,084</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>10,247,401</b>	<b>25.3</b>	<b>1,580,496</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>9,162,580</b>	<b>22.6</b>	<b>40,583,563</b>

Data taken from the South African 1996 Census  
Sorted by highest percentage of no religion, refused, not stated  
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### Percentage of Religious Affiliation by Province



# Least Evangelized Communities / Villages in the Northern Province

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## **NORTHERN REGION:**

Giyani (toward the east)  
Malamulele (eastern parts)  
Kirsten  
Lebowa (southern parts)  
Louis Trichardt

## **LOWVELD REGION:**

Malesane  
Dsingene  
Modjadi  
Morca  
Ruval  
Nkowa-Kowa  
Lenyene  
Sedani

## **BUSHBUCK RIDGE REGION:**

Rolle  
Athurstand  
Dumpres  
Thulamahashe  
Lowdlow  
Dwarsloup  
Cottendale  
B/spruit  
D/koppies  
Magogeni  
Wilverdiened  
Zockneg

*Note: This listing is the result of ongoing research and feedback from local pastors, church planters, and other ministries. It is always changing and if you have any suggested modifications and are aware of other least reached communities, please contact Karl Teichert of the CPA at (011)472-9157.*

NORTHERN PROVINCE  
RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION by MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT	EVANGELICAL / PENTECOSTAL / CHARISMATIC CHURCHES	%	MAINLINE CHURCHES	%	OTHER CHRISTIAN CHURCHES	%	AFRICAN INDEPENDENT CHURCHES	%	OTHER FAITHS	%	NO RELIGION / REFUSED / NOT STATED	%	TOTAL
Letaba	3,504	5.3	9,637	14.4	556	0.8	13,218	19.8	295	0.4	39,484	59.2	66,694
Messina	2,805	9.4	6,445	21.6	693	2.3	5,109	17.1	398	1.3	14,377	48.2	29,827
Phalaborwa	2,883	9.4	9,005	29.5	498	1.6	4,609	15.1	207	0.7	13,332	43.7	30,534
Pietersburg	3,862	6.0	23,751	37.2	1,010	1.6	9,926	15.5	2,998	4.7	22,355	35.0	63,902
Soutpansberg	2,227	6.6	8,877	26.1	617	1.8	4,659	13.7	1,077	3.2	16,535	48.6	33,992
Potgietersrus	3,195	6.4	12,394	24.9	737	1.5	16,406	33.0	307	0.6	16,679	33.5	49,718
Waterberg	5,142	9.1	14,869	26.3	1,244	2.2	22,250	39.4	500	0.9	12,483	22.1	56,488
Ellisras	2,618	12.1	7,632	35.3	393	1.8	7,257	33.6	116	0.5	3,598	16.6	21,614
Thabazimbi	3,890	7.0	19,859	35.8	645	1.2	16,276	29.4	285	0.5	14,455	26.1	55,410
Warmbad	3,857	7.7	16,205	32.5	514	1.0	18,124	36.4	412	0.8	10,702	21.5	49,814
Malamulela	28,026	16.5	11,262	6.6	1,591	0.9	47,945	28.2	847	0.5	80,484	47.3	170,155
Hlanganani	17,375	14.3	14,872	12.3	1,081	0.9	32,946	27.2	554	0.5	54,254	44.8	121,082
Namakgale	6,520	13.4	7,394	15.2	669	1.4	19,524	40.1	416	0.9	14,189	29.1	48,712
Mhala	45,485	15.4	33,288	11.3	15,377	5.2	119,864	40.5	4,424	1.5	77,268	26.1	295,706
Ritavi	22,925	15.1	12,792	8.4	2,975	2.0	35,082	23.1	943	0.6	76,901	50.7	151,618
Giyani	30,491	14.5	12,511	6.0	1,735	0.8	59,690	28.5	2,986	1.4	102,307	48.8	209,720
Lulekani	6,491	17.3	2,522	6.7	774	2.1	12,664	33.7	498	1.3	14,587	38.9	37,536
Bolobedu	14,345	7.2	22,917	11.5	1,472	0.7	51,167	25.8	4,000	2.0	104,719	52.7	198,620
Sekgosese	5,347	5.1	27,404	26.0	710	0.7	36,689	34.8	1,206	1.1	33,922	32.2	105,278
Bochum	9,181	5.7	18,695	11.6	2,157	1.3	55,075	34.3	1,483	0.9	74,058	46.1	160,649
Mokerong	42,192	10.4	73,571	18.1	5,764	1.4	178,635	43.9	2,286	0.6	104,159	25.6	406,607
Seshego	26,615	8.1	103,448	31.6	6,154	1.9	105,611	32.3	2,073	0.6	83,135	25.4	327,036
Thabamoopo	23,771	6.7	72,843	20.5	4,729	1.3	153,596	43.1	2,750	0.8	98,326	27.6	356,015
Nebo	26,517	8.7	50,086	16.5	7,441	2.5	136,674	45.0	2,555	0.8	80,435	26.5	303,708
Sekhukhuleni	27,940	6.7	40,007	9.6	4,875	1.2	213,900	51.6	1,564	0.4	126,504	30.5	414,790
Naphuno	12,987	8.5	19,918	13.1	2,092	1.4	65,589	43.0	844	0.6	51,025	33.5	152,455
Mapulaneng	26,685	10.8	28,347	11.4	5,315	2.1	126,661	51.1	2,156	0.9	58,827	23.7	247,991
Dzanani	20,049	11.8	16,256	9.5	4,626	2.7	50,227	29.5	1,815	1.1	77,566	45.5	170,539
Mutali	5,485	8.0	5,030	7.4	1,553	2.3	21,901	32.0	396	0.6	34,037	49.8	68,402
Thohoyandou	46,486	13.5	31,773	9.2	13,362	3.9	91,324	26.6	3,931	1.1	156,833	45.6	343,709
Vuwani	26,482	14.6	22,337	12.3	3,411	1.9	45,783	25.3	1,869	1.0	81,160	44.8	181,042
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>505,378</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>755,947</b>	<b>15.3</b>	<b>94,770</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1,778,381</b>	<b>36.1</b>	<b>46,191</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>1,748,696</b>	<b>35.5</b>	<b>4,929,363</b>

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