

PRESSURE

Degree of pressure in 5 spheres of Christian life

Private life
MAX SCORE = 16.7

Family life
MAX SCORE = 16.7

Community life
MAX SCORE = 16.7

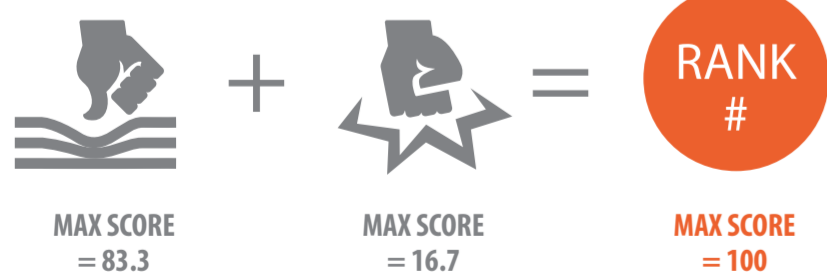
National life
MAX SCORE = 16.7

Church life
MAX SCORE = 16.7

VIOLENCE

Amount of violent incidents against Christians and Church

Violence
MAX SCORE = 16.7

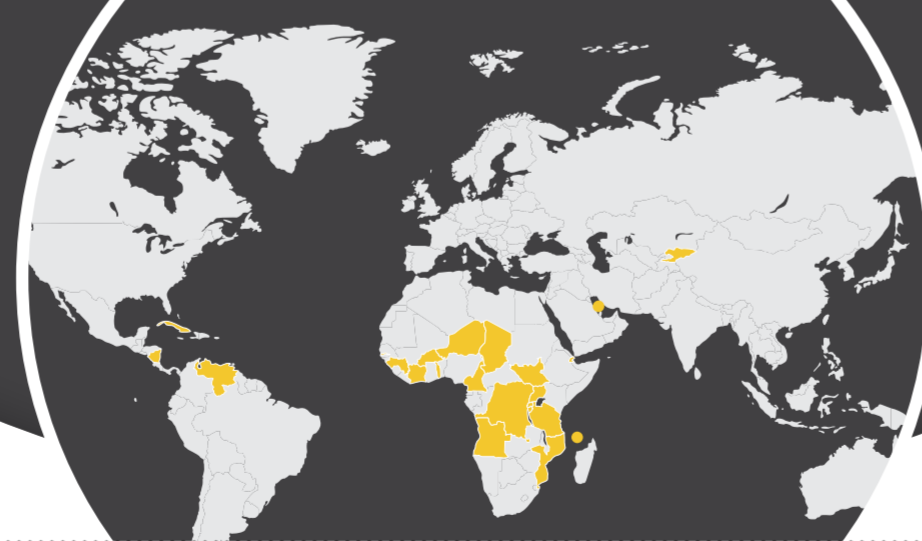


WWL RANKING

Rank	Country	Total Score
1	North Korea	94
2	Afghanistan	94
3	Somalia	91
4	Libya	87
5	Pakistan	87
6	Sudan	87
7	Eritrea	86
8	Yemen	86
9	Iran	85
10	India	83
11	Syria	82
12	Nigeria	80
13	Iraq	79
14	Maldives	78
15	Saudi Arabia	77
16	Egypt	76
17	Uzbekistan	74
18	Myanmar	71
19	Laos	71
20	Vietnam	70
21	Central African Rep.	70
22	Algeria	70
23	Turkmenistan	69
24	Mali	68
25	Mauritania	67
26	Turkey	66
27	China	65
28	Ethiopia	65
29	Tajikistan	65
30	Indonesia	65
31	Jordan	65
32	Nepal	64
33	Bhutan	64
34	Kazakhstan	63
35	Morocco	63
36	Brunei	63
37	Tunisia	63
38	Qatar	62
39	Mexico	61
40	Kenya	61
41	Russian Federation	60
42	Malaysia	60
43	Kuwait	60
44	Oman	59
45	United Arab Emirates	58
46	Sri Lanka	58
47	Colombia	58
48	Bangladesh	58
49	Palestinian Territories	57
50	Azerbaijan	57

WATCH COUNTRIES

These countries reached a score of 41 points or more but did not receive enough points to be included in the WWL Top 50.



North Korea continues to hold the top spot on the World Watch List, as it's the most stiflingly authoritarian regime in the world. But as a trend, state authoritarianism is increasing in many parts of the world – as seen in China (#27). In a growing number of countries, nationalism is intensifying into an ultranationalism, as minority groups such as Christians are seen as a threat to those in power. And radical Islam rounds out this year's trends as Islamic militants spread into Sub-Saharan Africa.

Please pray for Christians on this year's World Watch List, as persecution against them increased. They need our prayers and support more than ever before.

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The Open Doors World Watch List (WWL) is released every January and ranks the top 50 countries where Christians face the worst forms of persecution. Persecution is defined as any hostility experienced because of one's identification with Christ. The WWL takes into account all spheres of life and incidents of violence. The methods for arriving at country scores and their transnational comparison have been independently audited by the International Institute for Religious Freedom and their proper application checked in some sample countries. Additional statements and interpretations by Open Doors based on or associated with the publication of the WWL remain outside the scope of this audit. Reporting period: 1 November 2017 – 31 October 2018

