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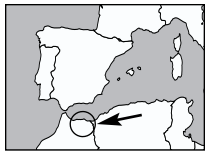
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SPANISH NORTH AFRICA



SECULAR DATA, AD 2000

STATE
Official name: Africa del Norte Español (Spanish North Africa).
Short name: Spanish North Africa. **Adjective of nationality:** Spanish North African.
Flag: That of Spain.
Area: 33 sq. km. (13 sq. mi.).
Government: Overseas areas with special relationship to Spain, governed as parts of 2 provinces (1415 Portuguese possession, then Spanish: 1496 Melilla, 1580 Ceuta).
Legislature: Spanish Provincial government.
Official language: Spanish (Español).
Monetary unit: 1 peseta (Pta) = 100 céntimos. **US\$1= Ptas 141.88.**
Chief cities: CEUTA 84,038; Melilla 69,690.
Political divisions: 2 provinces.

DEMOGRAPHY
Population: 130,000.
Population density: 3,939.3/sq. km. (10,000.0/sq. mi.).

Under 15 years: 42,000.
Growth rate p.a.: 1.57% (births 22.83, deaths 6.13).
Mortality: infant, per 1,000: 41.0; **Maternal per 100,000:** 250.0.
Life expectancy: 69 (male 67, female 71).
Household size: 3.0. **Floor area per person, sq.m:** 20.0.
Major languages: Spanish, Arabic.
Urban dwellers: 90.00%. **Urban growth rate p.a.:** 1.00%.
Labor force: 40%.

ETHNOLINGUISTIC PEOPLES
 84.2% Spaniard (Andalusian); 14.1% Maghrebi Arab; 1.0% Riffian (Northern Shilha); 0.5% Maghrebi Jewish.

ECONOMY
National income p.a. per person: US\$8,000; **per family:** US\$24,000.

EDUCATION
Adult literacy: 92% (male 94%, female 90%). **Schools:** 20.
Universities: 1. **School enrolment:** female/male: 80%/80%.

HEALTH
Access to health services: 90%. **Access to safe water:** 57%.
Hospitals: 3 (40 beds per 10,000). **Doctors:** 100.
Blind: 150. **Deaf:** 7,800. **Murder rate:** 2.
Lepers: 100.

LITERATURE
New book titles p.a.: 90 (700 p.a. per million). **Periodicals:** 0.
Newspapers: 0 dailies.

COMMUNICATION (per 1,000 people)
Phones: 350 (20% mobile). **Radios:** 250. **TV sets:** 400.
Daily newspaper circulation: 90. **Computers:** 180.

HUMAN LIFE AND LIBERTY (optimum condition=100.0%)
HDI: 91.0. **HSI:** 70.0. **HFI:** 70.0. **EFL:** 30.0.

Country Table 1. Religious adherents in Spanish North Africa, AD 1900-2025.

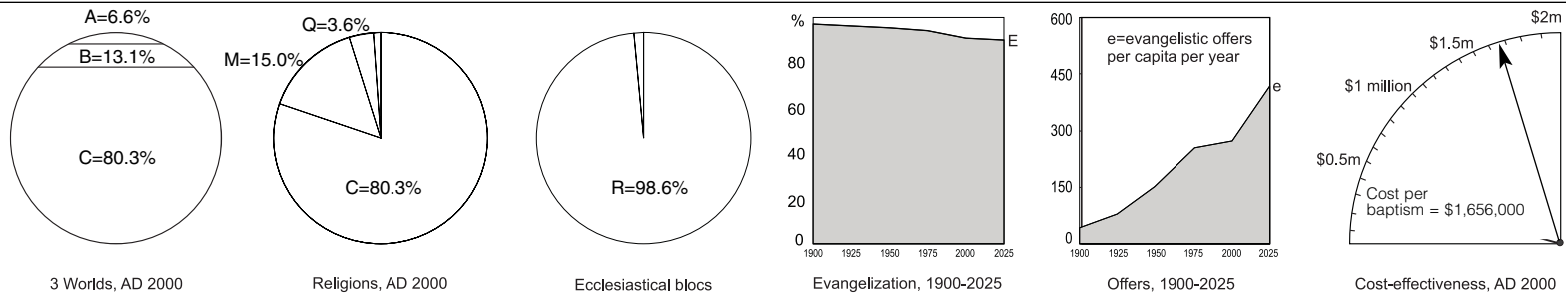
Year	1900		1970		mid-1990		Annual change, 1990-2000				mid-1995		mid-2000		mid-2025	
	Adherents	%	Adherents	%	Adherents	%	Natural	Conversion	Total	Rate	Adherents	%	Adherents	%	Adherents	%
Christians	20,970	90.0	116,300	89.9	105,740	83.3	250	-392	-142	-0.13	104,060	81.0	104,324	80.3	108,000	77.1
<i>PROFESSION</i>																
professing Christians	20,970	90.0	116,300	89.9	105,740	83.3	250	-392	-142	-0.13	104,060	81.0	104,324	80.3	108,000	77.1
<i>AFFILIATION</i>																
unaffiliated Christians	470	2.0	950	0.7	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
affiliated Christians	20,500	88.0	115,350	89.2	105,740	83.3	250	-392	-142	-0.13	104,060	81.0	104,324	80.3	108,000	77.1
Roman Catholics	20,500	88.0	115,000	88.9	104,640	82.4	247	-424	-177	-0.17	102,800	80.0	102,874	79.1	105,300	75.2
Independents	0	0.0	100	0.1	600	0.5	1	19	20	2.92	700	0.5	800	0.6	1,500	1.1
Protestants	0	0.0	250	0.2	500	0.4	1	14	15	2.66	560	0.4	650	0.5	1,200	0.9
<i>Trans-megabloc groupings</i>																
Evangelicals	0	0.0	300	0.2	260	0.2	1	3	4	1.44	260	0.2	300	0.2	500	0.4
Pentecostals/Charismatics	0	0.0	100	0.1	2,500	2.0	6	44	50	1.84	2,757	2.2	3,000	2.3	5,000	3.6
Great Commission Christians	2,400	10.3	25,800	20.0	11,000	8.7	26	8	34	0.31	11,100	8.6	11,344	8.7	12,600	9.0
Muslims	930	4.0	8,500	6.6	16,260	12.8	38	289	327	1.85	18,500	14.4	19,527	15.0	22,500	16.1
Nonreligious	0	0.0	0	0.0	3,600	2.8	9	95	104	2.57	4,000	3.1	4,642	3.6	7,000	5.0
Baha'is	0	0.0	100	0.1	600	0.5	1	27	28	3.86	740	0.6	876	0.7	1,800	1.3
Jews	1,400	6.0	4,100	3.2	800	0.6	2	-19	-17	-2.35	700	0.5	631	0.5	700	0.5
World A (unevangelized persons)	699	3.0	6,466	5.0	8,001	6.3	19	36	55	0.67	8,480	6.6	8,580	6.6	11,060	7.9
World B (evangelized non-Christians)	1,631	7.0	6,558	5.1	13,259	10.4	31	356	387	2.57	15,951	12.4	17,096	13.1	20,940	15.0
World C (Christians)	20,970	90.0	116,300	89.9	105,740	83.3	250	-392	-142	-0.13	104,060	81.0	104,324	80.3	108,000	77.1
Country's population	23,300	100.0	129,324	100.0	127,000	100.0	300	0	300	0.23	128,491	100.0	130,000	100.0	140,000	100.0

COLUMNS, ROWS. For meanings and definitions, see Codebook (Part 3). Note that, by definition, total 'Christians' = professing + crypto-Christians, which also = affiliated + unaffiliated Christians, and also = Great Commission Christians + latent Christians. Percentages may not always total exactly, due to rounding.

NOTES ON RELIGIONS
BAHA'IS. Begun about 1955. In 1962 there were in the former Spanish Morocco 4 local spiritual assemblies and 6 groups, including an assembly in Ceuta and a group in Melilla.
JEWS. In 2 registered communities (Ceuta, Melilla). The total under the column 'Natural change' includes loss by emigration.

MUSLIMS. Arabs (Sunnis), in 2 registered associations. The total under the column 'Natural change' includes immigration. Their mosques are dependent on the Habous of Tetouan.
ROMAN CATHOLICS. In 1900, there were 12,900 Catholics in Ceuta.

Great Commission Instrument Panel: status of Spanish North Africa (for explanation see start of Part 4)



Country status. Spanish North Africa consists of 2 enclaves in Morocco, Ceuta and Melilla, both on the Mediterranean Sea. Fishing and exporting iron ore are 2 important economic activities.

HUMAN LIFE AND LIBERTY

Human need and development. Leaving behind the scars of several wars, Spanish North Africa has reached economic development on par with most of Europe, as is the case with Spain. Standards of life are similar to those in Western Europe. The Socialist government has employed a national housing program and provides full access to health insurance and social security benefits to all citizens.

Human rights and freedoms. As enclaves of Spain, Spanish North Africa enjoys the same basic rights and freedoms as its mother country. Basques, illegal aliens, and minorities reportedly experience some mistreatment, though officially no type of discrimination is tolerated. The Plan for Equality of

Opportunity for Women sponsored by the official Women's Institute provides a wide range of services for women.

Human environment. Naturally poor soil combined with inefficient farming practices have resulted in land depleted of nutrients. Air and water pollution are not severe in Spanish North Africa, but are somewhat of a problem.

NON-CHRISTIAN RELIGIONS

Islam is the religion of 15% of the population of the 2 cities of Ceuta and Melilla, who are Arabs. Mosques are dependent on the Habous of Tetouan. Muslim schools are staffed by Moroccan teachers from Rabat who also provide religious instruction. There are 2 officially registered bodies: the Muslim Association of Melilla (Asociacion Musulmana de Melilla), and the Zania Musulmana de Mohamadia Mahoma, in Ceuta.

CHRISTIANITY

CATHOLIC CHURCH. Arab Muslims gained control of North Africa at the end of the 7th century, and with the aid of Berbers they succeeded in conquering the Iberian peninsula itself soon afterwards. However by the end of the 15th century all Muslims had been driven out of Spain. The expansive Spanish and Portuguese Catholic regimes continued their conquest of ports along the coast of North Africa, with the sparsely-populated interior remaining in the hands of the nomadic Muslim Berbers. Ceuta was taken by the Portuguese in 1415 but passed to Spain in 1580, Melilla having already been conquered by Spain in 1496. In 1704, Our Lady of Africa church was built at Ceuta on the site of a former mosque. Although Morocco obtained its independence from France and Spain in 1956, Ceuta and Melilla have continued as possessions of Spain. Almost all the Spanish residents of the 2 cities are Catholics.

Country summary. Worlds A, B, C by ethnolinguistic peoples, cities, and major civil divisions in Spanish North Africa.																					
World	PEOPLES							CITIES							CIVIL DIVISIONS						
	Num	Pop 2000	C%	Christians	E%	U%	Unevangelized	Num	Pop 2000	C%	Christians	E%	U%	Unevangelized	Num	Pop 2000	C%	Christians	E%	U%	Unevangelized
A	2	1,950	0.15	3	35	65	1,271	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0
B	2	18,590	0.62	115	61	39	7,224	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0
C	1	109,460	95.20	104,206	100	0	55	2	153,728	80.55	123,823	94	6	9,659	2	130,000	80.25	104,324	93	7	8,550
Total	5	130,000	80.25	104,324	93	7	8,550	2	153,728	80.55	123,823	94	6	9,659	2	130,000	80.25	104,324	93	7	8,550

Ceuta is part of the Catholic diocese of Cadiz in Spain, and Melilla is in the diocese of Malaga, also in Spain. Between 1970 and 1995, Catholics declined by 12,000 members (nearly 0.5% per annum).

PROTESTANT CHURCHES. Seventh-day Adventists include Ceuta and Melilla in the sphere of influence of their Spanish Church, but there are no organized Adventist churches in either city. The Church of God has one congregation in Ceuta, whereas Spanish Baptists and the Church of Christ have concentrated their attention in Melilla. All Protestant groups are small.

Indigenous missions. Though Christians have predominated since the 15th century, there have been very few missionaries sent out from Spanish North Africa.

FUTURE TRENDS AND PROSPECTS

Except for the continued growth of Muslims and the nonreligious, few changes are expected in the religious situation in Spanish North Africa before AD 2025.

As long as Ceuta and Melilla are ruled by Spain, the Roman Catholic presence will likely predominate.

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Country Table 2. Organized churches and denominations in Spanish North Africa.

Official name (bold type = church with over 10% of all affiliated)	Begun	Type	Counc	Congs	Adults	Affiliated 1970	Affiliated 1995	G%	Names, notes, and other statistics (see Codebook, Part 3)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Iglesia Católica (D Cádiz, D Málaga)	c 400	R-Lat	B.B.r	13	90,000	115,000	102,800	-0.45	Ceuta is in D Cádiz (M=AA), Melilla in D Málaga (M=OFMcap,FSC). C=2+2+3. 24x. SDA. Unorganized Seventh-day Adventists, part of Spanish Church, S.European UM. <i>Ch of Christ in Melilla.</i> Related to CC(Non-Instrumental) in Spain and USA. 1n. <i>IDE. Church of God of Spain.</i> M=IDE(Spain). 1 church in Ceuta. 1n. <i>World Mission of Argentina.</i> M=WMA(Argentina missionaries). <i>UEBE. Spanish Ev Baptist Union.</i> M=UEBE(Spain),SBC(USA). Church in Melilla.
Iglesia Cristiana Adventista del 7 Dia		P-Adv	x...	3	90	100	200	0.05	
Iglesia de Cristo en Melilla	c1965	I-Dis	x...	2	80	100	100	0.00	
Iglesia de Dios de España		P-Pe3	Z...	1	50	50	60	0.05	
Misión Mundial de Argentina	c1992	I-3cW	3	200	-	600	33.33	
Unión Evangélica Bautista Española		P-Bap	T....	2	200	100	300	0.05	
Totals				24	90,620	115,350	104,060		
<i>Churches, members, growth, 1900-2025</i>				<i>Congs</i>	<i>Adults</i>	<i>Affiliated</i>	<i>G%</i>	<i>Total denominations</i>	
Total churches, members, and denominations (mid-1900)				10	17,800	20,500	2.50	1	
Total churches, members, and denominations (mid-1970)				19	100,150	115,350	2.50	5	
Total churches, members, and denominations (mid-1990)				20	92,100	105,740	-0.43	6	
Total churches, members, and denominations (mid-1995)				24	90,620	104,060	-0.32	6	
Total churches, members, and denominations (mid-2000)				30	90,800	104,324	0.05	6	
Total churches, members, and denominations (mid-2025)				40	94,100	108,000	0.14	12	

NOTES ON TABLE ABOVE
 NATIONAL COUNCILS (Column 4, 5th letter).
 r = Conferencia Española (CEE) (Spanish Episcopal Conference).