
Latvia

**Total area:**

64,589 km²

Population:

1,953,200 (2016)

Literacy:

99%

Official languages:

Latvian

GDP (PPP) per capita:

\$27,189 (2012 est.)

Life expectancy:

73 years

Religions:

59% Agnostic or Atheist, 25% Protestant, 14% Catholic, 2% other religions

Prayer points

Ignoring God

Many Latvian students have some sort of belief in God, but it has little influence on their day-to-day existence. Ignoring God, they focus on what they hope will lead to successful and happy lives, such as doing well in their studies or developing a career. Kentija, who recently attended a Christianity Explored Bible study course, describes the transformation that took place in her life: "A year ago I believed that God exists, but I couldn't feel his presence in my life and thought that Jesus was only a myth. I thought that God was out of my reach. But then through LKSB (the IFES movement in Latvia) I learned that God is the only one that I can always rely on. I started to appreciate everything he has done in my life, for it all has led to something good." Please pray for students attending universities in Latvia, that God will open their hearts as he did Kentija's. Pray too for LKSB members as they seek to help others come to see Jesus as their only hope in life. (IFES - March 2011)

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