

Dalian 大连

Dalian ("Great Link") is one of the largest cities in northeast China. It sits right at the southern tip of the Liaodong Peninsula in Liaoning Province. Dalian faces out towards both the Yellow Sea and the Bohai Sea, and is a major trading center for goods being transported between China and Japan, Korea, and beyond.

Dalian, which is a 'new' city founded just over 100 years ago, has been administratively divided into three separate entities by the government: Dalian City, and the nearby Jinzhou and Lussshunkou regions.

Population:
 2,483,776 (1990)
 2,677,760 (2000)
 2,886,900 (2010)

Province:
 Liaoning

Major Ethnic Groups:

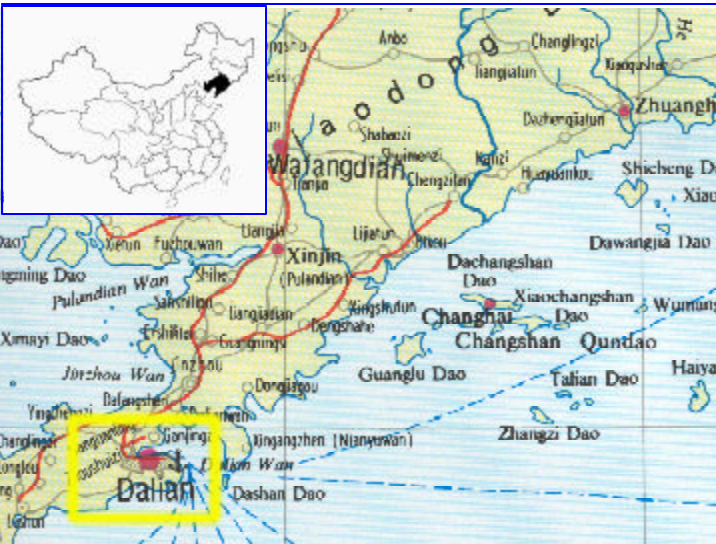
Han	95.4%
Manchu	3.9%
Hui	0.2%
Korean	0.2%

Christians:
 19,000 (0.8%)

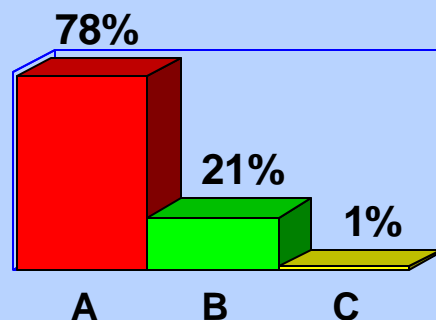
These two later localities could be considered satellite townships, or outer suburbs of Dalian, so we have combined the statistics for all three places into this one profile. The total population for Dalian was 2.48 million people in 1990, and 2.67 million in 2001.

Dalian, and the whole Liaodong Peninsula, was controlled by the Japanese in 1895, followed by the Russians in 1898, before being won back by Japan in 1905. It transferred once again into the hands of the Soviet Union in 1945.

Although Dalian was one of the



Status of Evangelization (Awareness of Christ and the Gospel)



A = have never heard the Gospel or the Name of Christ
 B = were evangelized but have not yet become Christians
 C = Adherants to any form of Christianity



major cities in the former Manchuria, today more than 95% of the city's population are Han Chinese. 97,200 Manchus reside in the city, as do 6,000 Hui Muslims, 4,500 Koreans, 2,600 Mongols, and 900 members of the Xibe minority.

Dalian is perhaps the most modern city in all of China. It has been transformed from a dull, gray seaside town into an international center of fashion and commerce. Broad roads, soaring skyscrapers and bright lights adorn the city.

Dalian is unquestionably one of the most unreached cities in China. A study by one Christian organization in the early 1990s ranked Dalian the eighth largest unreached city in the world. Dalian has just three official churches: one Catholic, one Protestant and one for the Korean community. One source lists an additional 150 house churches with a total of 3,000 members, but a prominent house church leader we consulted claimed 200 house churches in Dalian just within his own movement, an indication that the Gospel is gradually making ground among the city's residents. Even the best estimates of Christians in Dalian place the city as unreached and desperately in need of the love and grace of God.

Pray for Dalian

- 1** Pray against the strongholds of pride and materialism that keep the people of Dalian from knowing Jesus Christ.
- 2** Ask God to bless and empower all Christians reaching out in Dalian.
- 3** Pray the Dalian Church would be united and able to work together.

Overview of Dalian (based on 1990 census)

Pronunciation	: "Da-li-ahn"	Employed People	: 1,470,076 (59.2% of total population)
Old Names	: Dalny, Dairen, Lushun, Luda	Main Industries	: Industrial 44.9%, Agriculture 17.7%
Location	: SE Liaoning Province, Northeast China	Education	: University: 7.8%
Population	: 2,483,776 (1990 census)	(highest level attended):	: High School: 54.5%
Males	: 1,272,035 (51.21%)		: Primary school: 27.5%
Females	: 1,211,741 (48.79%)		: Never attended any school: 10.2%
Households	: 719,389	Population under 15:	: 886,372 (35.7%)
Average Household	: 3.5 people	Adult Illiteracy	: 8.9% (men 4.3%; women 13.8%)
Divorced People	: 14,522	Major Nationalities	: Han 2,371,166
% divorced of Population:	: 0.58		: Manchu 97,235
Centurions (1990)	: 13 people aged 100 or more		: Hui 6,031
Immigrants to City	: 131,183		: Manchu 4,551
From same province	: 68,168 (52.0%)		: Others 4,793 (32 groups)
From other provinces	: 62,862 (47.9%)	Christians (2003)	: 19,000 (0.8%)