

# Dandong 丹东

Unreached Dandong City, with its population of approximately 800,000, is located on the border between China and North Korea in Liaoning Province. Dandong ("Red East") is the major border point between the two countries. To enter North Korea, visitors must cross the Yalu River into the city of Sinuiju on the Korean side. The 795 km (491 mile) long Yalu River forms the border between the two Communist nations. Visitors can take a boat ride that gives a good view of each side of the river. The Chinese side is clearly much more modern than its grey, run down Korean counterpart.

Dandong City is part of the large Dandong Prefecture, which is home to 2.4 million people.



The 936-meter Friendship Bridge across the Yalu River joins Dandong in China with the city of Sinuiju in North Korea.

**Population:**  
660,518 (1990)  
762,732 (2000)  
880,800 (2010)

**Province:**  
Liaoning

**Major Ethnic Groups:**

Han 91.7%  
Manchu 5.6%  
Hui 1.7%  
Korean 0.3%

**Christians:**  
7,500 (1.1%)

More than 90% of the people in the city area are Han Chinese. 37,000 Manchus, 11,500 Hui Muslims, 3,500 Koreans, 1,800 Mongols and 360 Xibe people are also residents of Dandong city. The 3,500 Koreans are only those considered Chinese citizens and members of China's official Korean minority group. Thousands more Koreans have illegally entered Dandong in recent years as they escape famine, persecution and deprivation in North Korea - surely the most tightly controlled Communist nation in the world.

Dandong was a strategic city during the Korean War with America.

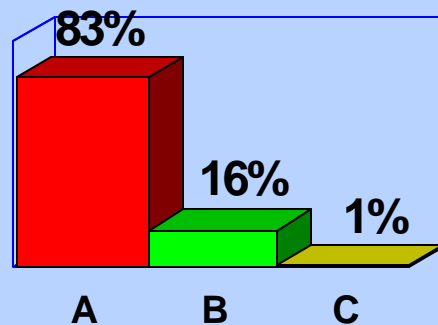
China provided supplies and soldiers through the city. The American forces bombed part of Dandong (then known as Andong) by 'accident' in 1950. Tourists today can visit the 'Memorial Museum of the War to Resist U.S. Aggression and Aid Korea' in Dandong, containing exhibition halls with 'evidence of American war crimes.'

Dandong was opened as a 'treaty port' in 1907. The city's major products include paper, oakleaf silk, medicines, chemicals, cement, and rubber products. Mineral resources include solid boron (Dandong accounts for 94% of the national total). The city is also China's leading producer of magnesite.

Korean Christians, both from within China and



## 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



from South Korea, have taken God's love in both deed and word to the North Korean refugees. Some have responded. The Chinese authorities are continually searching for illegal immigrants. When they find them they send them back to face the brutal North Korean authorities. Some South Korean missionaries have been imprisoned for sheltering refugees in Dandong. Since the 1980s Dandong has been the major storage point for Korean Bibles that have been smuggled across the river into North Korea to help the severely-persecuted believers there. Although only eternity will reveal the full extent of the demonic oppression of Christianity in North Korea, it is known that thousands of believers have been murdered. Hundreds, if not thousands, remain in prison today. Christians have been subjected to demonic cruelty, their bodies even subjected to medical experiments that led to death.

Today there are a few churches and meeting places in Dandong belonging to the Three-Self Patriotic Movement (TSPM). These are attended by both Chinese and Koreans, although the Chinese language is used in services. The city is also home to a small number of unregistered house church fellowships, but overall the Gospel appears to have made little impact in Dandong City.

### Pray for Dandong

- 1** Pray Jesus would be enthroned above the city of Dandong, impacting both northeast China and North Korea.
- 2** Ask God to dismantle the evil system that prevails in North Korea.
- 3** Pray the light of Jesus would shine into the hearts of people in Dandong.

### Overview of Dandong (based on 1990 census)

<b>Pronunciation</b>	: "Dahn-dong"	<b>Employed People</b>	: 378,698 (57.3% of total population)
<b>Old Spelling</b>	: Tan-tung	<b>Main Industries</b>	: Industrial 54.1%, Professional 12.6%
<b>Location</b>	: SE Liaoning Province, NE China	<b>Education</b>	: University: 5.5%
<b>Population</b>	: 660,518 (1990 census)	<b>(highest level attended):</b>	: High School: 57.8%
<b>Males</b>	: 331,235 (50.15%)		: Primary school: 26.5%
<b>Females</b>	: 329,283 (49.85%)		: Never attended any school: 10.2%
<b>Households</b>	: 189,256	<b>Population under 15:</b>	: 135,066 (20.4%)
<b>Average Household</b>	: 3.5 people	<b>Adult Illiteracy</b>	: 9.3% (men 4.5%; women 14.1%)
<b>Divorced People</b>	: 5,698	<b>Major Nationalities</b>	: Han 605,878
<b>% divorced of Population:</b>	: 0.86		: Manchu 37,186
<b>Centurions (1990)</b>	: 2 people aged 100 or more		: Hui 11,553
<b>Immigrants to City</b>	: 43,392		: Korean 3,538
<b>From same province:</b>	: 33,647 (77.5%)		: Others 2,363 (15 groups)
<b>From other provinces:</b>	: 9,593 (22.1%)	<b>Christians (2003)</b>	: 7,200 (1.1%)