

Fushun

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Fushun is one of the largest cities in northeast China, in the area formerly known as Manchuria. It has also been designated one of the 31 "very large" cities in China. Fushun is located in the northeastern part of Liaoning Province, just 45 km (28 miles) from the provincial capital of Shenyang.

The Russians controlled Fushun until 1905, and later the city was run by the hated Japanese from 1931 until the end of World War II in 1945. Japan committed many war crimes in Fushun, most of which are so diabolical in nature that they do not deserve mentioning here. Today

tourists can visit the Fushun War Criminal's Prison, renovated as a memorial to this dark time in the city's past.

In the 1990 census Fushun City itself contained 1.22 million people, but the nearby Shuncheng District of Fushun City contained an additional 167,000 inhabitants. We have combined the statistics from the two administrative areas into a single profile. By 2010 Fushun City and Shuncheng District are expected to contain over 1.8 million people.

Although more than 90% of the people in Fushun are Han Chinese, the city contains significant minority populations of more than

Population:
1,388,011 (1990)
1,583,400 (2000)
1,806,400 (2010)

Province:
Liaoning

Major Ethnic Groups:

Han	91.2%
Manchu	5.3%
Korean	2.0%
Hui	1.0%

Christians:
26,000 (1.7%)

70,000 ethnic Manchus, 28,000 Koreans, and 13,500 Hui Muslims. There are also a couple of thousand Mongols and a similar number of Xibe people, one of the lesser-known minority groups in China.

Research into the demographic makeup of Fushun City reveals a high education rate, with 5.1% of people having attended university or another form of tertiary education - a figure significantly higher than the national average. This increased knowledge has not strengthened the family structure in the city, however, with Fushun in 1990 possessing a divorce rate approximately three times higher than

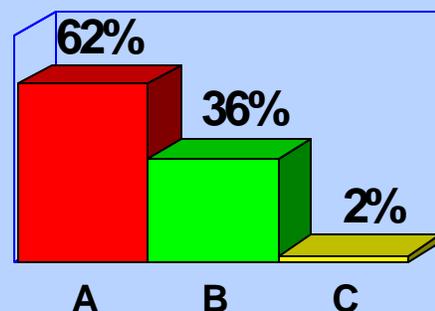
the national average.

Fushun is an important hub city in the northeast. Six railroads cross the city, connecting to other parts of China. The area is also a water resource for other parts of Liaoning Province. To the north and south of the city are thickly-forested hills containing lakes and reservoirs. The winter temperature in Fushun sits at around minus 20 degrees Celsius for months at a time. There are only about 150 days a year when the water is not frozen over.

Fushun has an enormous open-pit coal mine, which has been operating since the 12th century. Today it is highly mechanized. The city produces 11% of the national petroleum needs. Thousands



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 = Adherents to any form of Christianity



of people are employed at the oil refinery, the huge aluminium reduction plant, the 410 mining areas in the city, and the hundreds of factories that make automobiles, machinery, cement, rubber and chemicals.

Chinese historians claim Fushun's history dates back seven thousand years, although its present name has only been in use since 1384, when the Ming government constructed a city of brick on the present site.

The Gospel has struggled to make much of an impact in Liaoning Province compared to the tremendous growth of the church in other parts of China in the past decades, including nearby Heilongjiang Province. House church evangelists believe the resistance against the Gospel in Liaoning can only be explained as a spiritual blockage. In fact, the same evangelists who have experienced tremendous success and hunger for the Gospel in nearby Heilongjiang Province find people in Liaoning indifferent to their same messages.

Today less than two percent of the population of Fushun identify themselves with Christ, and many of these are among the Korean ethnic minority group. Fushun remains one of the largest unreached cities in China today.

Pray for Fushun

- 1** Pray the people of Fushun will be shaken from its spiritual complacency to see their need for Christ.
- 2** Ask God to anoint the efforts of Christians reaching out to Fushun.
- 3** Pray God would drive back the darkness over Liaoning Province.

Overview of Fushun (based on 1990 census)

Pronunciation	: "Foo-shoon"	Employed People	: 791,298 (57.0% of total population)
Old Name	:	Main Industries	: Agriculture 59.9%, Professional 12.7%
Location	: northeast Liaoning Province, NE China	Education (highest level attended):	University: 5.1% High School: 62.4% Primary school: 21.9% Never attended any school: 10.6%
Population	: 1,388,011 (1990 census)	Population under 15:	279,862 (20.2%)
Males	: 703,013 (50.65%)	Adult Illiteracy	: 9.2% (men 4.5%; women 14.1%)
Females	: 379,665 (49.35%)	Major Nationalities	: Han 1,267,204 Manchu 74,584 Korean 27,835 Hui 13,706 Others 4,682 (21 groups)
Households	: 418,723	Christians (2003)	: 26,000 (1.7%)
Average Household	: 3.3 people		
Divorced People	: 16,127		
% divorced of Population:	1.16		
Centurions (1990)	: 7 people aged 100 or more		
Immigrants to City	: 62,303		
From same province:	43,600 (70.0%)		
From other provinces:	18,668 (30.0%)		