

Brunei

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PRAYER FOR THIS COUNTRY

Brunei has been struggling with an economic recession that looks set to continue. This year has seen record low production of oil and gas, attributed to maintenance on the facilities that couldn't be carried out during the COVID-19 pandemic. However, a downward trend has been observed since 2006. As many in this nation have had a strong sense of security due to the economic wealth of the nation based on its natural resources, pray that this downward trend will cause many to consider their future carefully. Pray for an increasing openness to searching out the Gospel, and meeting Jesus as our source of hope for the future (The Bible, [Proverbs 23:18](#)).

Source: [Record-low oil output drags Brunei economy deeper into recession \(The Scoop\)](#).

MORE ABOUT THIS COUNTRY

Brunei has boasted a small but prosperous economy. Its wealthy standard of living surely contributes to the wild popularity of its sultan who provides free health care, housing, and education to his countrymen. The nation has begun exploring alternative sources of income as it foresees its oil reserves running out. Sharia (Islamic) law was fully implemented in 2019. The enormous international backlash against the death penalty by stoning for homosexual acts resulted in the Sultan reneging and claiming the death penalty will not be applied, but concerns about the fate of Christians in the country remained out of the spotlight. Propagating any other religion than Islam is illegal.



CHIEF OF STATE

Sultan and PM Hassanal Bolkiah

HEAD OF GOV.

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POPULATION

430,000

CHRISTIANS

11.8%

EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANS

5.2%

DOMINANT RELIGION

Sunni Islam

PERSECUTION RANKING

39

REFUGEES

20,524

LIFE EXPECTANCY

76.97 yrs

LITERACY RATE

95.4%

POPULATION BELOW POVERTY LINE

Unknown