

# COUNTRY: PERU

## CAPITOL: LIMA

### CONTINENT: SOUTH AMERICA

#### FACTS

- **Population:** 3.4 million
- **Official Language:** Spanish
- **Languages Spoken:** Quechua, Aymara, and many indigenous languages
- **Human Development Index Rank:** 78/182

#### RELIGION

- **Roman Catholic:** 83.4%
- **Evangelical Christian:** 8%



Peru was the seat of several prominent Andean civilizations, most notably that of the Incas whose empire was captured by Spanish conquistadors in 1533. Peru declared its independence in 1821, and remaining Spanish forces were defeated in 1824. After a dozen years of military rule, Peru returned to democratic leadership in 1980.

Although Peru has made great progress economically and the gospel is spreading, and the number of evangelicals has increased dramatically, many challenges remain. These include recent history of dictatorships, corruption, and violence, widespread poverty, and remaining unreached people groups among tribal peoples.



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## HELPFUL SPANISH PHRASES:

- Hello : Hola
- Goodbye : Adios
- Thank you : Gracias
- Please : Por Favor
- Yes : Sí
- No : No
- How are you? :  
¿Cómo estás?
- I'm fine, thank you :  
Estoy bien, gracias
- Do you speak  
English? : ¿Hablas  
Inglés?
- I don't understand :  
No entiendo
- Excuse me/I'm sorry  
: Disculpe/Lo siento
- God, Jesus Christ :  
Dios, Jesús Cristo
- God Bless you :  
Dios lo bendiga



Religious freedom is guaranteed but the Catholic Church as the officially recognized state church receives some degree of preferential treatment. This status has been used to discriminate against non-Catholics in the past. There remain a number of unreached tribal peoples in the Amazonian jungle areas.

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