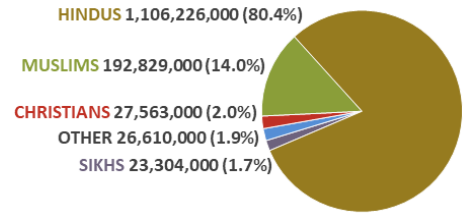
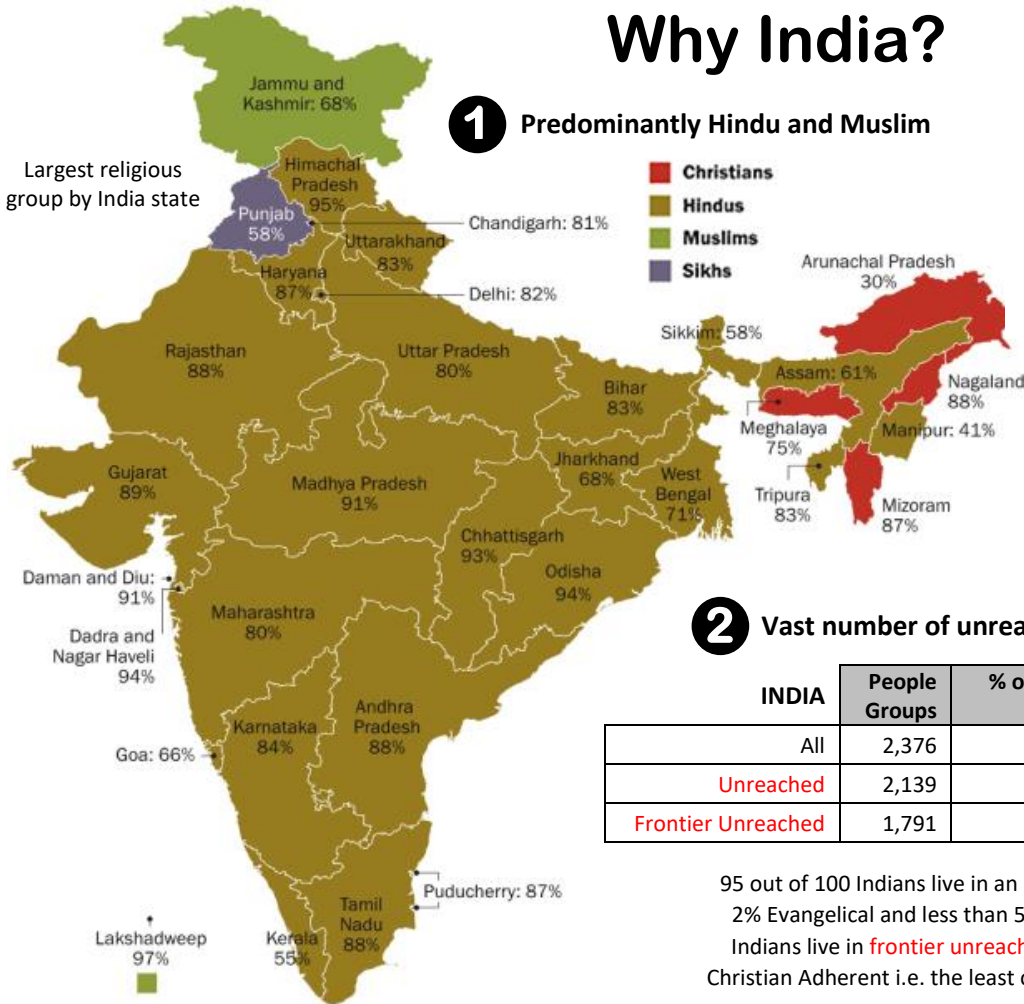


# Why India?

## 1 Predominantly Hindu and Muslim



In last 70 years, the percentage of Hindus in India has declined slightly, while the Muslim percentage has gradually increased. The percentages of Christians, Buddhists, Sikhs and Jains have remained about the same since 1951.

## 2 Vast number of unreached people groups and population

INDIA	People Groups	% of People Groups	Population in People Groups	% of Population
All	2,376	100%	1,387,000,000	100%
Unreached	2,139	90%	1,324,000,000	95%
Frontier Unreached	1,791	75%	1,031,000,000	74%

95 out of 100 Indians live in an **unreached** people group (less than 2% Evangelical and less than 5% Christian Adherent). 3 out of 4 Indians live in **frontier unreached** people groups (less than 0.1% Christian Adherent i.e. the least of the least). <https://bit.ly/2H3E83u>

Map source: Pew Research

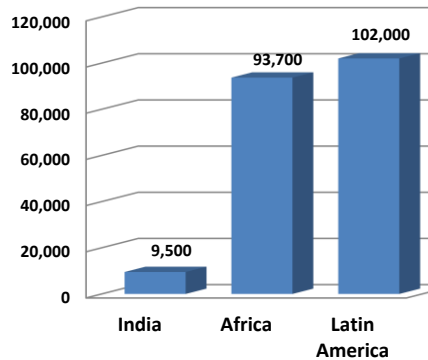
## 3 Lack of workers

India needs far more cross-cultural workers than the Indian churches can realistically provide. India has over 50% of the global population of frontier unreached people groups, yet receives less than 3% of the world's full-time international missionaries. India is 23 times larger than Italy, yet India receives fewer missionaries than Italy.

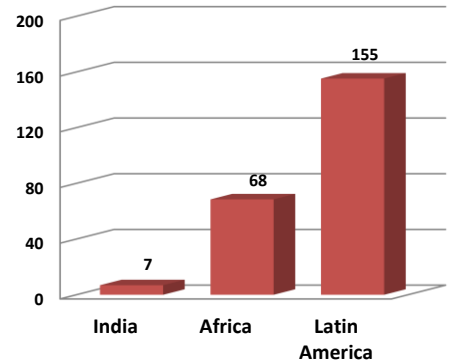


Numerous Indian church leaders have died from Covid-19. Their congregations, also impacted by the pandemic, are left without pastoral care in their grief and challenges.

Estimated missionaries to these region



Missionaries per million people



## 4 Tightening religious restrictions

- India has seen a dramatic rise in attacks on Christians since the Hindu nationalist party took power in 2014. The view of the nationalists is that to be Indian is to be Hindu, so any other faith—including Christianity—is considered non-Indian.
- A growing number of Indian states now have anti-conversion laws criminalize conversions carried out through force, fraud, or allurement.
- It is common in India for Christians involved in legitimate evangelism to be falsely accused of forcing individuals to convert to Christianity.

