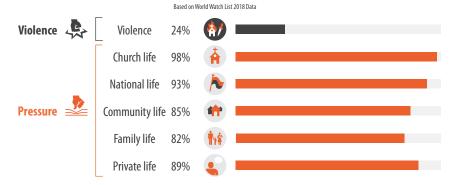


## Saudi Arabia

Source of Persecution Islamic Oppression
Population 32,743,000
Christians 1,406,000
Main Religion Islam
Government Absolute Monarchy
Leader King Salman bin Abdulaziz al-Saud

## **Profile of Persecution**



## Strict Islamic System

Anti-Christian feelings are common among Saudi citizens. Government officials create and maintain a strict Islamic system that treats Christians as second-class citizens and denies places of worship to any other religion than Islam.

The few Saudi Christians from a Muslim background face even more pressure. Nevertheless, the small number of Saudi Christians is increasing and they are also becoming bolder, sharing their Christian faith with others on the internet and Christian satellite TV channels.

## **Prayer Points**

- Pray that Saudis who recently embraced the truth
  of the gospel would become strong and mature in
  the Lord.
- Pray that Christian Saudis will find ways to share the truth with their own family members.
- Ask God to strengthen the Church and give leaders wisdom and boldness in the face of intense Islamic oppression.