



## Competitive Exams: Regional Human Geography: B geography notes on ethnic groups, languages and religious affiliations of countries starting with B

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BAHRAIN	Ethnic groups Bahraini Arab 63 percent Asian 13 percent Other Arab 10 percent Iranian 8 percent Other 6 percent.	Languages Arabic (official), English, Persian (Farsi), Urdu.	Religious affiliations Shiite Muslim 60 percent Sunni Muslim 25 percent Christian 9 percent Oilier 6 percent.
BANGLADESH	Ethnic groups Bengali 98 percent Other 2 percent.	Languages Bangla (official), Urdu, English.	Religious affiliations Muslim 86 percent Hindu 12 percent Other 2 percent.
BELARUS	Ethnic groups Belarusian 77.9 percent Russian 13.2 percent Polish 4.1 percent Ukrainian 2.9 percent Other 1.9 percent.	Languages Belarusian (official), Russian (official), Polish, Ukrainian, other.	Religious affiliations Eastern Orthodox 49 percent Roman Catholic 13 percent Atheist 9 percent Nonreligious 24 percent Other 5 percent.
BELGIUM	Ethnic groups Flemish 55 percent Walloon 33 percent Mixed or other 12 percent.	Languages Dutch (official) 56 percent French (official) 32 percent German (official) 1 percent Legally bilingual (divided along ethnic lines) 11 percent.	Religious affiliations Roman Catholic 81 percent Protestant 1 percent Muslims 4 percent Nonreligious 6 percent Other 8 percent.

BELIZE	Ethnic groups Mestizo 44 percent Creole 30 percent Maya 11 percent Garifuna 7 percent Other 8 percent.	Languages English (official), Spanish, Maya, Garifuna (Carib).	Religious affiliations Roman Catholic 62 percent Protestant 30 percent Other 6 percent None 2 percent.
BENIN	Ethnic groups African (42 ethnic groups, the largest being Fon, Adja, Yoruba, and Bariba) 99 percent Other 1 percent.	Languages French (official), Fon and Yoruba (most common vernaculars in south), Bariba and Somba (most common vernaculars in north), indigenous languages.	Religious affiliations Indigenous beliefs 65 percent Muslim 15 percent Christian (largely Roman Catholic) 20 percent
BHUTAN	Ethnic groups Bhutia 50 percent Ethnic Nepalese 35 percent Sharchops 10 percent Indigenous or migrant groups 5 percent.	Languages Dzongkha (official); the Bhutia speak various Tibetan dialects; the Nepalese speak various Nepalese dialects.	Religious affiliations Lamaist Buddhist 75 percent Indian and Nepaleseinfluenced Hindu 25 percent.
BOLIVIA	Ethnic groups Quechua 30 percent Mestizo 30 percent Aymara 25 percent European 15 percent.	Languages Spanish (official), Quechua (official), Aymara (official).	Religious affiliations Roman Catholic 88 percent Protestant (Evangelical Methodist) and other 12 percent.
BOSNIA HERZEGOVINA	Ethnic groups Muslim 40 percent Serbian 38 percent Croatian 22 percent	Languages SerboCroatian (official) 99 percent Other 1 percent.	Religious affiliations Muslim 40 percent Orthodox Christian 31 percent Roman Catholic 15 percent Protestant 4

			percent Other or nonreligious 10 percent.
BOTSWANA	Ethnic groups Tswana 75 percent Kalanga, Basarwa, and Kgalagadi 4 percent Other 21 percent.	Languages English (official), Setswana.	Religious affiliations Indigenous beliefs 50 percent Christian 50 percent.
BRAZIL	Ethnic groups Caucasian (includes Portuguese, German, Italian, Spanish, and Polish) 55 percent Mixed Caucasian and African 38 percent African 6 percent Other (including Japanese and Arab) 1 percent.	Languages Portuguese (official), Spanish, English, French.	Religious affiliations Roman Catholic (nominal) 90 percent Spiritists and African Brazilian religions, such as Candombl, Maoumba, and Umbanda 4 percent Nonreligious 2 percent Other 4 percent.
BRUNEI	Ethnic groups Malay 64 percent Chinese 20 percent Other 16 percent.	Languages Malay (official), English, Chinese.	Religious affiliations Muslim (Islam is the official religion) 67 percent Buddhist 14 percent Christian 10 percent Indigenous beliefs and other 9 percent.
BULGARIA	Ethnic groups Bulgarian 85.3 percent Turkish 8.5 percent Roma (Gypsy) 2.6 percent Macedonian 2.5 percent Armenian 0.3 percent Russian 0.2 percent Other 0.6 percent.	Languages Bulgarian (official); secondary languages closely correspond to ethnic breakdown.	Religious affiliations Bulgarian Orthodox 85 percent Muslim 13 percent Other 2 percent.
BURKINA FASO	Ethnic groups Mossi, Gourounsi, Senufo, Lobi, Bobo, Mande, Fulani.	Languages French (official); tribal languages	Religious affiliations Muslim 50 percent Indigenous beliefs 40

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belonging to  
Sudanic family are  
spoken by 90  
percent of the  
population.  
percent Christian  
(mainly Roman  
Catholic) 10 percent.

## BURUNDI

Ethnic groups Hutu  
(Bantu speakers) 79  
percent Tutsi (Hamitic)  
20 percent Twa 1  
percent.

Languages Kirundi  
(official), French  
(official), Swahili  
(along Lake  
Tanganyika and in  
the Bujumbura  
area).

Religious affiliations  
Roman Catholic 62  
percent Indigenous  
beliefs 32 percent  
Protestant 5 percent  
Muslim 1 percent.

*TABLE SHOWS REGIONAL HUMAN GEOGRAPHY: B*