



BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA day 04

Bosnia and Herzegovina consist of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, which is largely Bosniak and Croat, and the Republika Srpska, which is primarily Serb.

In 1463, the Ottoman Turks captured the region and many Bosnians converted from Christianity to Islam. Bosnia was under Ottoman rule until 1878, when it was given to Austria-Hungary as a colony. The South Serbs in Serbia wanted a South Slav state and no longer wanted to be under the rule of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. A Serb nationalist assassinated the Archduke Ferdinand in Sarajevo and started World War I. Later during the Cold War, Bosnia became part of the Communist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. In 1986, Slobodan Milosevic came to power and embraced Serb nationalism that led to ethnic cleansing where 200,000 people died, and over half of the population was displaced. Today, the Presidency rotates among three members: a Bosniak, a Serb, and a Croation - each for a four-year term.

Early migrants to Chicago found jobs in the construction and mining industries or building roads and tunnels for the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA). The war in Bosnia-Herzegovina from 1992 to 1995 brought the largest influx of Bosnian refugees to Chicago. Many Bosnians are now apartment managers and construction workers. Their need for relationships and learning English as a second language are important bridges into this community. **Pray that Christians will befriend them and be willing to teach them English. Pray that God will touch hearts to love and visit many Bosnians who are elderly.** Bosnians have experienced great loss from those who fought against them in the name of Christianity. **Pray that emotional healing will take place as they encounter true Christianity.**



FAQS

SIZE
Smaller than W Virginia

POPULATION
4,555,2198

CAPITAL
Sarajevo

LANGUAGES
Bosnian, Croat, Serb

RELIGION
Islam, Orthodox

UPG'S
5

POP. IN CHICAGO
40,000

LOCATION
Edgewater, Rogers Park, Uptown

VISIT
Bosanski Okusi
6014 N Broadway
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773.743.7560

JOEL 2:28
"And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh. . . Your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions."

