

Pray for districts of Istanbul

Cut apart each district with its description. Split into groups and pass out one district to each group or individual. Pray for the specific needs of the districts and its people.

Bahçelievler and Bakirköy

Pop. 786,532

Middle and upper class working families live in these European districts. People come here for the shopping, cinemas and bistros.

Bayrampaşa

Pop. 272,196

Immigrants from the Balkan peninsula and Eastern Turkey live in this industrial district. The crime rate is high and there is a large jail here. Teenagers drop out of school to work in textile factories with poor conditions and minimal payment to help provide for their families.

Zeytinburnu

Pop. 288,743

Many immigrants live in this European district, which suffers from poor drainage and low employment rates. The lack of education has led to high illiteracy.

Beykoz and Sarıyer

Pop. 518,240

These districts are far away from the hustle and bustle of the rest of the city. Upper class people live in these peaceful, green neighborhoods where the wealthy also vacation during the summer.

Eyüp, Fatih, Üsküdar

Pop. 1,331,139

These are some of the most conservative Muslim areas in Istanbul. They are largely residential, and many tourists come to visit the historical mosques and cemeteries.

Sultanbeyli

Pop. 272,758

Conservative Muslims live in this area, and many people are lower class.

Gaziosmanpaşa, Esenyurt, Güngören, Bağcılar and Esenler

Pop. 3,340,346

The crime rates are extremely high in these impoverished districts. Gangs, drugs and violence abound here where the population is largely uneducated. Most people work in factories or are unemployed, and the standard of living is low.

Kadıköy, Beyoğlu, Şişli and Beşiktaş

Pop. 1,498,123

These diverse districts are home to the middle class, upper class, immigrants, Muslims, Christians and atheists. Many students live and hang out in these areas where there are lots of bazaars, restaurants, shops and nightlife.

Kağıthane and Ümraniye

Pop. 1,315,489

Many conservative Kurdish Muslims live in these districts, which are often neglected by the Turkish government. Political violence is common, and the poor drainage systems cause many houses to flood.

Kartal, Pendik, and Maltepe

Pop. 1,476,812

These upper middle class residential districts far from the city center provide shopping, cinemas and restaurants on the Marmara Sea.

Küçükçekmece

Pop. 785,392

Many immigrants in this area are unemployed and lower class. But the district is becoming more urban with schools, shopping, restaurants and nightlife.

Büyükçekmece and Avcılar

Pop. 1,012,370

Many people live in these industrial areas and commute to other parts of the city for work. Avcılar is home to Istanbul University.

Ataşehir

Pop. 345,588

Wealthy, frequent travelers live in this district that is near the airport.