

The Karen people

There are about seven million Karen people living in Burma, and more than one hundred thousand living in refugee camps in Thailand. There are also about a quarter of million “Thai-Karen” whose ancestral villages are in Thailand.

The Karen people are ethnically and linguistically diverse, and they have several distinctive languages and cultures.

Most Karen people follow Buddhism and Animism (spirit worship) while about 15% of Karen people follow Christianity. Most Karen Christians are Baptist, Anglican or Catholic.



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