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THE WORLD'S HIGHEST PREVALENCE OF PARKINSON'S DISEASE

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Albania has been found to be the country with the world's highest prevalence of Parkinson's Disease by far. The prevalence figures for Parkinsonism were found to be 800 per 100,000. To put that in perspective, the countries with the next highest prevalence of Parkinson's Disease (per 100,000) are the U.S.A. with 329 and Israel with 256. Parkinsonism includes some other disorders. So the Albanian figure for only Parkinson's Disease would be lower, but still far higher than any other country. The prevalence of neurological disorders in Albania was found to be high generally. It was not only Parkinson's Disease that is common there. Albania is one of the poorest nations in Europe, but poverty is not related to the prevalence of Parkinson's Disease. There are some isolated communities elsewhere that have a very high prevalence of Parkinson's Disease. This includes the Amish religious community in the U.S.A., the Parsi community of Mumbai, and the vicinities of ferromanganese plants near Brescia in Italy. For more information go to the Prevalence of Parkinson's Disease : <http://viartis.net/parkinsons.disease/prevalence.htm>

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