

Muslim Population in Asia

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Abstract. The purpose of this manuscript is to present a reliable estimate in form of tables of the Muslim population and its percentage in each country in Asia. This data is summarized to be a reference for other studies and discussions related to Muslim population. The presented data show that nearly 28% of the population of Asia is Muslim, a total of about 1.14 billion.

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1. Introduction and Methodology

Islam has started in Asia, which explains why most Muslims reside in this continent. Accordingly, the results of this paper reveal that the percentage of Muslims in Asia is about 27.5% with a total Muslim population of one billion and 140 million, which constitutes over 69% of the world Muslim population. Our results are summarized in tables and a superscript number is put by a country name representing the source of the percentages. A “(year)” sign is put next to this number to indicate that the source bases its estimate on official census data and the year the census was conducted. Percentage values are based on the latest available census and reliable estimates.

Official censuses were considered in this study to be the most reliable; although official censuses are usually challenged by minorities, whether Muslims or not, claiming that their number is underestimated for various reasons. However, these claims tend to be based on emotions and wishful thinking and not on scientific facts. In addition, residents who are not citizens are not counted in many religious and ethnic censuses. While typically non-citizens do not influence the political life in a country, they do help in establishing and maintaining various religious facilities and activities. Thus, it makes sense to include them in an estimate that inquires about adherents of a certain religion in a country. The total population estimate for each country and the corresponding annual population growth rate (APGR) are based on [CIA]. An estimate for the Muslims demographics in the Year 2020 is also given based on these growth rates.

We divide the continent into various regions, and then sort countries that belong to each region in alphabetical order. These regions go from the bottom up (south to north) to simulate the growth of Islam in the continent as a growing tree, and right to left (east to west), to follow the Muslim tradition of starting from the right. The percentage and population of Muslims in each region and for the whole continent is summarized at the end of each section. The country of Russia was included in Europe as most of its population lives in the European side of the country, although most of its territory is in Asia.

To this end, we divided Asia into five regions; the data for each is included in a separate section. These regions are Southeastern Asia (Section 2), Southwestern Asia (Section 3), Eastern Asia (Section 4), Central Asia (Section 5), and Western Asia (Section 6). A summary data for the whole continent and comparison with the rest of the continents are presented in Section 7.

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2. Muslims in Southeastern Asia

This region consists of eleven countries with a total population of about 600 million, out of which 41% or 244 million are Muslim. The corresponding individual data for each country in this region is discussed below and summarized in Table 2.

- **Brunei:** Based on census data [UN56, UN63, UN73, UN83, UN, UN09], the total population increased from 40,657 in 1947, to 83,877 in 1960, to 136,256 in 1971, to 192,832 in 1981, to 260,482 in 1991, to 332,844 in 2001. The corresponding Muslim population increased from 27,266 or 67.06% in 1947, to 50,516 or 60.23% in 1960, to 84,700 or 62.16 in 1971, to 122,269 or 63.41% in 1981, to 174,977 or 67.17% in 1991.
- **Cambodia:** Based on census data [UN09], the total population increased from 11,437,656 in 1998, to 13,388,910 in 2008. According to [CIA], the 1998 census indicated that 2.1% of the total population is Muslim. On the other hand, [DOS] indicates that there are 500,000 to 700,000 Muslims, which constitutes up to 5.23% of the total population recorded in the 2008 census.
- **Indonesia:** Based on census data [UN73, UN], the total population increased from 118,367,850 in 1971 to 201,241,999 in 2000. The corresponding Muslim population increased from 103,579,496 or 87.51% in 1971 to 177,528,772 or 88.22% in 2000.
- **Laos:** Based on census data [UN, LA], the total population increased from 4,574,848 in 1995, to 5,621,982 in 2005. The corresponding Muslim population decreased from 1,133 or 0.02% in 1995, to 1,006 or 0.02% in 2005.
- **Malaysia:** Based on census data [UN73, UN88, UN], the total population increased from 10,319,324 in 1970, to 13,070,372 in 1980, to 17,498,091 in 1991, to 23,274,690 in 2000. The corresponding Muslim population increased from 5,164,205 or 50.04% in 1970, to 6,918,307 or 52.93% in 1980, to 10,257,341 or 58.62% in 1991, to 14,049,379 or 60.36% in 2000.
- **Myanmar (Burma):** According to 1953 census [UN56], the total population was 2,940,704, out of which 234,512 or 7.97% were Muslims. More recent religious census data are not available. Nevertheless, although [DOS] acknowledges that Muslims claim that they make up 20% of the population, while official statistics indicate that this percentage is only 4%, [DOS] points out that independent studies estimate that 6% to 10% of the population is Muslim.
- **Philippines:** Based on census data [UN56, UN63, UN79, UN, UN09], the total population increased from 19,234,182 in 1948, to 27,087,685 in 1960, to 36,684,486 in 1970, to 60,559,116 in 1990, to 76,332,470 in 2000, to 88,574,614 in 2007. The corresponding Muslim population increased from 791,817 or 4.12% in 1948, to 1,317,475 or 4.86% in 1960, to 1,584,963 or 4.32% in 1970, to 2,769,643 or 4.57% in 1990, to 3,862,409 or 5.06% in 2000. Although [DOS] estimates that 5% to 9% of the total population is Muslim.
- **Singapore:** Based on census data [UN83, UN], the total population increased from 1,981,962 in 1980,

Country	2010				2020	
	Population	Muslim%	Muslims	APGR%	Population	Muslims
Brunei ^{[UN](1991)}	395,018	67.17	265,334	1.759	470,268	315,879
Cambodia ^{[CIA](1998)}	14,750,117	2.10	309,752	1.765	17,570,327	368,977
Indonesia ^{[UN](2000)}	243,001,006	88.22	214,375,487	1.136	272,060,694	240,011,944
Laos ^{[LA](2005)}	6,993,239	0.02	1,399	2.316	8,792,531	1,759
Malaysia ^{[UN](2000)}	26,158,903	60.36	15,789,514	1.723	31,032,097	18,730,974
Myanmar ^[DOS] (Burma)	48,514,660	10.00	4,851,466	0.783	52,450,038	5,245,004
Philippines ^{[UN](2000)}	99,894,005	5.06	5,054,637	1.957	121,257,862	6,135,648
Singapore ^{[UN](2000)}	4,704,024	14.90	700,900	0.998	5,195,140	774,076
Thailand ^{[UN](2000)}	66,310,728	4.56	3,023,769	0.615	70,503,570	3,214,963
Timor-Leste ^{[TL](2004)} (East Timor)	1,154,550	0.32	3,695	2.027	1,411,120	4,516
Vietnam ^{[VN](1999)}	87,817,197	0.08	70,254	0.977	96,784,143	77,427
Total	599,693,447	40.76	244,446,206		677,527,790	274,881,165

Table 2: Estimated Muslim population in Southeastern Asia region for the Years 2010 and 2020

to 2,253,900 in 1990, to 2,494,630 in 2000. The corresponding Muslim population increased in number but decreased in percentage with respect to the total population from 323,867 or 16.34% in 1980, to 346,200 or 15.36% in 1990, to 371,660 or 14.90% in 2000.

- **Thailand:** Based on census data [UN56, UN63, UN73, UN83, UN], the total population increased from 17,442,689 in 1947, to 26,257,916 in 1960, to 34,397,374 in 1970, to 44,803,677 in 1980, to 60,916,441 in 2000. The corresponding Muslim population increased from 670,404 or 3.84% in 1947, to 1,025,569 or 3.91% in 1960, to 1,325,587 or 3.85% in 1970, to 1,714,689 or 3.83% in 1980, to 2,777,542 or 4.56% in 2000.
- **Timor-Leste (East Timor):** According to census data [UN09, TL], in 2004 the total population was 924,642 out of which 2,970 or 0.32% were Muslims.
- **Vietnam:** The 1999 census [VN] included for the first time a question about religious affiliation, which indicated that the total population was 76,323,173, out of which 63,147 or 0.08% were Muslims.

3. Muslims in Southwestern Asia

This region consists of seven countries with a total population of about 1.57 billion, out of which 30% or 477 million are Muslim. The corresponding individual data for each country in this region is discussed below and summarized in Table 3.

- **Bangladesh:** Based on census data [UN83, UN88, BD], the total population increased from 71,477,748 in 1974, to 87,119,965 in 1981, to 111,455,185 in 1991, to 130,522,598 in 2001. The corresponding Muslim population increased from 61,038,929 or 85.40% in 1974, to 75,486,980 or 86.65% in 1981, to 98,426,074 or 88.31% in 1991, to 116,922,143 or 89.58% in 2001. This shows that every decade the representation of Muslims with respect to the total population increased by more than one percentage point.
- **Bhutan:** According to [BT], “up to five per cent of the population practice Islam.”
- **India:** Based on census data [UN56, UN63, UN88, UN], the total population increased from 356,610,792 in 1951, to 438,774,729 in 1961, to 665,287,849 in 1981, to 838,583,988 in 1991, to 1,028,610,328 in 2001. The corresponding Muslim population increased from 35,400,117 or 9.93% in 1951, to 46,939,592 or 10.70% in 1961, to 75,571,514 or 11.36% in 1981, to 101,596,057 or 12.16% in 1991, to 138,188,240 or 13.43% in 2001. This shows that every decade the representation of Muslims with respect to the total population increased by around one percentage point.
- **Maldives:** Census data [UN88, UN09] show that the total population increased from 142,832 in 1977 to 298,968 in 2008, and that the entire population is Muslim [CIA].
- **Nepal:** Based on census data [UN73, UN83, UN], the total population increased from 11,555,983 in 1971, to 15,022,839 in 1981, to 18,491,097 in 1991, to 22,736, 934 in 2001. The corresponding Muslim population increased from 351,186 or 3.04% in 1971, to 399,197 or 2.66% in 1981, to 653,218 or 3.53% in 1991, to 954,023 or 4.20% in 2001.
- **Pakistan:** Based on census data [UN56, UN63, UN88, PK], the total population increased from 75,635,496 in 1951, to 93,720,613 in 1961, to 84,253,644 in 1981, to 130,579,571 in 1998. The corresponding Muslim population increased from 64,958,221 or 85.88% in 1951, to 82,556,634 or

Country	2010				2020	
	Population	Muslim%	Muslims	APGR%	Population	Muslims
Bangladesh ^{[BD](2001)}	158,067,060	89.58	141,596,472	1.292	179,718,522	160,991,852
Bhutan ^[BT]	699,898	5.00	34,995	1.267	793,806	39,690
India ^{[UN](2001)}	1,184,130,123	13.43	159,028,676	1.548	1,380,744,025	185,433,923
Maldives ^[CIA]	395,668	100.00	395,668	-0.168	389,071	389,071
Nepal ^{[UN](2001)}	28,929,274	4.20	1,215,030	1.281	32,856,201	1,379,960
Pakistan ^{[PK](1998)}	179,674,399	96.50	173,385,795	1.947	217,886,691	210,260,657
Sri Lanka ^{[UN](2001)}	21,517,567	8.45	1,818,234	0.904	23,543,823	1,989,453
Total	1,573,413,989	30.35	477,474,870		1,835,932,139	560,484,606

Table 3: Estimated Muslim Population in Southwestern Asia region for the Years 2010 and 2020

88.09% in 1961, to 81,450,057 or 96.67% in 1981, to 126,009,286 or 96.50% in 1998.

- **Sri Lanka:** It changed its name from Ceylon in 1972 [CIA]. Based on census data [UN56, UN71, UN79, UN81, UN], the total population increased from 6,657,339 in 1946, to 10,582,064 in 1963 to 12,689,897 in 1971, to 14,846,750 in 1981, to 16,864,687 in 2001. The corresponding Muslim population increased from 436,556 or 6.56% in 1946, to 724,043 or 6.84% in 1963, to 901,785 or 7.11% in 1971, to 1,121,717 or 7.56% in 1981, to 1,425,698 or 8.45% in 2001.

4. Muslims in Eastern Asia

This region consists of six countries with a total population of about 1.57 billion, out of which 3.5% or 55 million are Muslim. The corresponding individual data for each country in this region is discussed below and summarized in Table 4.

- **China:** The 2000 census [UN09] indicated that the total population is 1,242,612,226. According to [CIA], Muslims make up 1% to 2% of the total population. However, [DOS] points out while official statistics claim that there are as many as twenty million Muslims in the country, independent studies range as high as fifty million or more, which constitutes 4.02% of the total population recorded in the 2000 census.
- **Japan:** The 2005 census [UN09] showed that the total population is 127,767,994. According to [DOS], there are 115,000 to 125,000 Muslims in Japan, which constitutes up to 0.10% of the total population recorded in the 2005 census.
- **North Korea:** The 2008 census [UN09] indicates that the total population is 24,051,218. Since no estimates on Islam adherence are available, our estimate is that Muslims make up less than 0.01% of the total population.
- **South Korea:** The 2005 census [UN09] showed that the total population is 47,278,951. According to [KR], South Korea is home to 35,000 Korean Muslims and 200,000 migrant Muslim workers. Thus, Muslims constitute up to 0.50% of the total population recorded in the 2005 census.
- **Mongolia:** Based on census data [MN], the total population increased from 845,481 in 1956, to 1,017,162 in 1963, to 1,188,271 in 1969, to 1,538,980 in 1979, to 1,987,274 in 1989, to 2,365,269 in 2000. The corresponding ethnic Kazakh population, which is mostly Muslim [DOS], increased from 36,729 or 4.34% in 1956, to 47,735 or 4.69% in 1963, to 62,812 or 5.29% in 1969, to 84,305 or 5.48% in 1979, to 120,506 or 6.06% in 1989, then decreased to 102,983 or 4.35% in 2000.
- **Taiwan:** According to [TW], “Taiwan has 60,000 native Muslims as well as 150,000 Muslim workers from Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand and the Philippines.” Thus, Muslims make up 0.94% of the total Taiwanese population of 22,300,929 enumerated in the 2000 census.

5. Muslims in Central Asia

This region consists of twelve countries with a total population of about 179 million, out of which 90% or 162 million are Muslim. The de facto countries of Abkhazia and South Ossetia were included as they are run by independent governments from the claiming country of Georgia and are recognized by Russia. To this end, the corresponding individual data for each country in this region is discussed below and summarized in Table 5.

Country	2010				2020	
	Population	Muslim%	Muslims	APGR%	Population	Muslims
China ^[DOS]	1,347,380,883	4.02	54,164,711	0.655	1,438,281,562	57,818,919
Japan ^[DOS]	126,835,959	0.10	126,836	-0.191	124,434,108	124,434
Korea, North	22,760,539	0.01	2,276	0.420	23,734,753	2,373
Korea, South ^[KR]	48,638,006	0.50	243,190	0.266	49,947,374	249,737
Mongolia ^{[MN](2000)}	3,086,546	4.35	134,265	1.493	3,579,593	155,712
Taiwan ^[TW]	23,026,499	0.94	216,449	0.227	23,554,572	221,413
Total	1,571,728,432	3.49	54,887,727		1,663,531,962	58,572,589

Table 4: Estimated Muslim population in Eastern Asia region for the Years 2010 and 2020

- **Abkhazia:** According to [AB], Muslims make up 35% of the total population.
- **Afghanistan:** According to the last census of 1979 census [UN83], the total population was 13,051,358, out of which 13,020,810 or 99.77% were Muslims.
- **Armenia:** Based on the 2001 census [UN09], the total population was 3,002,594. According to [DOS06], “Approximately one thousand Muslims resided in the capital,” which constitutes 0.03% of the total population recorded in the 2001 census.
- **Azerbaijan:** According to [DOS], Muslims make up 96% of the total population.
- **Georgia:** Based on the 2002 census [GA], the total population was 4,371,535, out of which 433,784 or 9.92% were Muslims.
- **Iran:** Based on census data [UN63, UN71, UN83, UN], the total population increased from 18,954,704 in 1956, to 25,078,923 in 1966, to 33,708,744 in 1976, to 60,055,488 in 1996, to 70,495,782 in 2006. The corresponding Muslim population increased from 18,654,127 or 98.41% in 1956, to 24,771,922 or 98.76% in 1966, to 33,396,908 or 99.07% in 1976, to 59,788,791 or 99.56% in 1996.
- **Kazakhstan:** According [KZ], in January 2007 the Kazakhstani President declared that 70% of the total population is Muslim.
- **Kyrgyzstan:** According to [DOS], Muslims make up 80% of the total population.
- **South Ossetia:** According to [AB], Muslims make up 35% of the total population.
- **Tajikistan:** According to [DOS], Muslims make up 97% of the total population.
- **Turkmenistan:** According to [CIA], Muslims make up 89% of the total population.
- **Uzbekistan:** According to [DOS], Muslims make up 91% of the total population.

6. Muslims in Western Asia

This region consists of seventeen countries and territories with a total population of about 218 million, out of which 92% or 201 million are Muslim. Regardless of politics and territorial claims, the following de facto territories: North Cyprus, Gaza Strip, Israel and West Bank had independent entries since they are run by independent governments, even though they are not recognized by most countries in the world. In particular, the population and statistics of Muslims in the West Bank exclude Israeli citizens as they were already included in the entry of Israel. To this end, the corresponding individual data for each country in this region is discussed below and summarized in Table 6.

- **Bahrain:** Based on census data [UN56, UN63, UN71, UN83, UN, UN09, CIA], the total population increased from 109,650 in 1950, to 143,135 in 1959, to 182,203 in 1965, to 216,078 in 1971, to 350,798 in 1981, to 508,037 in 1991, to 650,604 in 2001. The corresponding Muslim population increased from 105,401 or 96.12% in 1950, to 135,720 or 94.82% in 1959, to 173,594 or 95.28% in 1965, to 206,708 or 95.66% in 1971, to 298,140 or 84.99 in 1981, to 415,427 or 81.77 in 1991, to

Country	2010				2020	
	Population	Muslim%	Muslims	APGR%	Population	Muslims
Abkhazia ^[AB]	211,106	35.00	73,887	-0.325	204,345	71,521
Afghanistan ^{[UN](1979)}	34,493,542	99.77	34,414,207	2.629	44,713,510	44,610,669
Armenia ^[DOS06]	2,966,114	0.03	890	-0.030	2,957,228	887
Azerbaijan ^[DOS]	8,301,451	96.00	7,969,393	0.762	8,956,159	8,597,913
Georgia ^{[GE](2002)}	4,600,806	9.92	456,400	-0.325	4,453,448	441,782
Iran ^{[UN](1996)}	67,015,855	99.56	66,720,985	0.883	73,174,110	72,852,144
Kazakhstan ^[KZ]	15,459,803	70.00	10,821,862	0.392	16,076,630	11,253,641
Kyrgyzstan ^[DOS]	5,507,574	80.00	4,406,059	1.396	6,326,574	5,061,259
Ossetia, South ^[AB]	67,758	35.00	23,715	-0.325	65,588	22,956
Tajikistan ^[DOS]	7,487,162	97.00	7,262,547	1.878	9,018,231	8,747,684
Turkmenistan ^[CIA]	4,940,624	89.00	4,397,155	1.141	5,534,192	4,925,431
Uzbekistan ^[DOS]	27,864,123	91.00	25,356,352	0.935	30,581,815	27,829,451
Total	178,915,918	90.49	161,903,453		202,061,828	184,415,337

Table 5: Estimated Muslim population in Central Asia region for the Years 2010 and 2020

528,290 or 81.20% in 2001.

- **Cyprus:** Based on census data [UN56, UN63, UN], the total population increased from 450,114 in 1946, to 573,566 in 1960, to 689,565 in 2001. The corresponding Muslim population increased from 80,548 or 17.90% in 1946, to 104,942 or 18.30% in 1960, then decreased to 4,182 or 0.61% in 2001 due to the ethnic cleansing against Muslim from 1963 to 1974 and the Turkish military intervention in 1974, then the unilateral declaration of independence of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (North Cyprus) in 1983.
- **North Cyprus:** According to the 2006 census [DOS], the total population was 265,100, and according to [DOS], 99.6% of the population is Muslim.
- **Gaza Strip:** The 1967 census [UN71] indicated that the strip had a total population of 356,269 out of which 352,532 or 98.95% were Muslims. More recent census data [UN, PS] indicate that the total population increased to 1,022,207 in 1997, and 1,416,543 in 2007. The 1997 census [UN] indicated that both Gaza Strip and the West Bank had a total population of 2,597,616, out of which 2,556,859 or 98.43% were Muslims. According to [DOS], there are 1,500 to 2,500 Christians living in the Strip. Thus, Muslims make up at least 99.82% of the total population of the Strip.
- **Iraq:** Based on census data [UN56, UN63, UN71, UN09], the total population increased from 4,816,185 in 1947, to 6,339,960 in 1957, to 8,047,415 in 1965. The corresponding Muslim population increased from 4,508,779 or 93.62% in 1947, to 6,057,493 or 95.54% in 1957, to 6,057,493 or 95.54% in 1965. Current estimate of the percentage of Muslims is 97% according to [CIA] and 95% according to [DOS].
- **Israel:** Based on census data [UN63, UN88, UN, UN09], the total population increased from 2,179,491 in 1961, to 4,037,620 in 1983, to 5,548,523 in 1995. The corresponding Muslim population increased from 170,830 or 7.84% in 1961, to 526,639 or 13.04% in 1983, to 811,200 or 14.62% in 1995. Currently, [DOS] points out that Muslims make up 16.5% of the total Israeli population.
- **Jordan:** Based on census data [UN63, UN88, UN09], the total population increased from 1,706,226 in 1961, to 2,132,997 in 1979, to 5,103,639 in 2004. The corresponding Muslim population increased from 1,596,745 or 93.58% in 1961, to 2,036,407 or 95.47% in 1979.
- **Kuwait:** Based on census data [UN63, UN71, UN83, UN88, UN09], the total population increased from 206,473 in 1957, to 439,687 in 1965, to 944,781 in 1975, to 1,242,708 in 1980, to 2,213,403 in

Country	2010				2020	
	Population	Muslim%	Muslims	APGR%	Population	Muslims
Bahrain ^{[CIA](2001)}	737,137	81.20	598,555	1.285	837,528	680,073
Cyprus ^{[UN](2001)}	800,875	0.61	4,885	0.519	843,425	5,145
Cyprus, North ^{[DOS](2006)}	270,646	99.60	269,563	0.519	285,025	283,885
Gaza Strip ^[DOS]	1,603,831	99.82	1,600,944	3.349	2,229,571	2,225,558
Iraq ^{[UN71](1965)}	29,671,325	95.83	28,434,031	2.507	38,007,751	36,422,828
Israel ^[DOS]	7,354,576	16.50	1,213,505	1.671	8,680,177	1,432,229
Jordan ^{[UN88](1979)}	6,486,552	95.49	6,194,009	2.264	8,114,124	7,748,177
Kuwait ^{[UN88](1980)}	2,786,613	91.51	2,550,030	3.547	3,948,679	3,613,436
Lebanon ^[DOS]	4,061,564	56.00	2,274,476	1.107	4,534,251	2,539,180
Oman ^[DOS]	3,525,345	95.00	3,349,078	3.138	4,801,630	4,561,548
Qatar ^{[UN](2004)}	841,260	77.54	652,313	0.957	925,326	717,498
Saudi Arabia ^[DOS]	29,216,762	95.00	27,755,924	1.848	35,087,880	33,333,486
Syria ^[DOS]	20,608,085	87.00	17,929,034	2.129	25,440,663	22,133,377
Turkey ^[CIA]	77,813,212	99.80	77,657,586	1.312	88,646,630	88,469,337
United Arab Emirates ^{[DOS](2005)}	4,975,507	76.00	3,781,385	3.689	7,147,665	5,432,226
West Bank ^[DOS]	2,514,873	94.89	2,386,363	2.178	3,119,536	2,960,128
Yemen ^[DOS]	24,645,384	99.98	24,640,455	3.453	34,607,201	34,600,280
Total	217,913,547	92.37	201,292,135		267,257,065	247,158,393

Table 6: Estimated Muslim population in Western Asia region for the Years 2010 and 2020

2005. The corresponding Muslim population increased from 194,894 or 94.39% in 1957, to 439,687 or 94.08% in 1965, to 944,781 or 94.97 in 1975, to 1,242,708 or 91.51% in 1980. This percentage has been decreased to 85% according to [CIA].

- **Lebanon:** According to [DOS], Muslims make up 56% of the total population.
- **Oman:** According to [DOS], non-Muslims make up less than 5% of the total population. Thus, Muslims make up at least 95% of the total population.
- **Qatar:** According to the 2004 census [UN], the total population was 744,029, out of which 576,931 or 77.54% were Muslims.
- **Saudi Arabia:** According to the 2004 census [UN09], the total population was 22,678,262. Although [CIA] states that 100% of the population is Muslim, [DOS] points out that there are more than one million Roman Catholics, in addition to other Christians, Jews, Hindus, Buddhists, etc. Thus, Muslims make less than 95% of the total population.
- **Syria:** According to [DOS], Muslims make up 87% of the total population.
- **Turkey:** Based on census data [UN56, UN63, UN71, UN09], the total population increased from 18,790,174 in 1945, to 24,064,763 in 1955, to 31,391,207 in 1965, to 67,803,927 in 2000. The corresponding Muslim population increased from 18,497,801 or 98.44% in 1945, to 23,804,048 or 98.92% in 1955, to 31,129,973 or 99.17% in 1965. More recent estimate is that Muslims make up 99.8% of the total population [CIA].
- **United Arab Emirates:** Based on census data [UN71, UN83, UN09], the total population increased from 179,126 in 1968, to 557,887 in 1975, to 4,106,427 in 2005. The corresponding Muslim population increased in number but decreased in percentage from 172,052 or 96.05% in 1968, to 494,325 or 88.61% in 1975, then to 76% in 2005 [DOS].
- **West Bank:** Based on census data [UN, PS], the total population of this territory increased from 1,873,476 in 1997, to 2,350,583 in 2007. The 1997 census [UN] indicated that both Gaza Strip and the West Bank had a total population of 2,597,616, out of which 2,556,859 or 98.43% were Muslims. These censuses include Palestinians who are not Israeli citizens in East Jerusalem and exclude the Israeli citizens, colonizers or settlers who are included in the entry of Israel. According to [DOS], “there are about 120,000 Christians in the West Bank,” or about 5.11% of the population recorded in the 2007 census. Thus, Muslims make up at least 94.89% of the total population of the West Bank.
- **Yemen:** The 2004 census [UN09] reported a total population of 19,685,161. According to [DOS], there are less than 3,600 non-Muslims in the country. Thus, Muslims make up at least 99.98% of the total population.

7. Muslim World Population Summary

All in all, Asia has a population of about 4.14 billion, of which 27.5% or 1.14 billion are Muslims, that is about 69% of the World Muslim population. A summary for each continent for the purpose of comparison is presented in Table 7. Accordingly, there are currently 1.64 billion Muslims in the World, or 24% of the World population. These numbers are expected to increase by the Year 2020 to 1.94 billion and 25%. In addition, while the World population annual growth rate is estimated at 1.203%, the corresponding rate for the World Muslim population is 1.643%. A color coded map of Asia illustrating the presence of Muslims in the continent is presented in Figure 7. The value of pure white color is 255, while pure black is 0. Given a

	2010				2020			
	Population	%	Muslims	Muslim Ratio%	Population	Muslims	%	Muslim Ratio%
Asia	4,141,665,333	27.53	1,140,004,391	69.30	4,646,310,785	1,325,512,090	28.53	68.47
Africa	1,017,965,627	43.81	445,973,198	27.11	1,269,491,026	550,836,503	43.39	28.45
Europe	727,174,531	6.73	48,959,460	2.98	723,644,611	48,644,084	6.72	2.51
Americas	938,875,385	1.01	9,518,459	0.58	1,052,361,179	10,483,051	1.00	0.54
Oceania	35,293,611	1.36	481,025	0.03	40,387,175	542,241	1.34	0.03
World	6,860,974,487	23.98	1,644,936,534	100	7,732,194,777	1,936,017,970	25.04	100

Table 7: Estimated World Muslim population for the years 2010 and 2020

percentage of Muslims p , the color was chosen as $255 - 2.55p$. Thus, the darker the region the higher the percentage of Muslims in the corresponding country.

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Figure 7: A color coded map of Asia illustrating the presence of Muslims in the continent; the darker the region the higher the percentage of Muslims in the corresponding country.

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