

- It has a growth rate of 6% per year.
- This number is expected to reach 16 million by 2014.

AMERICAN MUSLIMS PRACTICES:

Growth:

Muslims have an annual growth rate of 6% versus 0.9% for the total USA. (Census 2000).

Growth factors are: birth rates, conversion rates, and immigration.

There is a significant growth of Islam through new persons accepting Islam in America.

In the state of Illinois, a growth of about 25% in the Muslim population was found to be due to conversion.

Prayers:

According to national Islamic organizations 20-30 percent of Muslims attend weekly Friday prayers in America.

This number is low compared to about 40 percent of Christians in America who attend their church at least once a week and 15% of Jews who visit their synagogue once a week or more.

It may be because Muslims don't get a day off on Fridays, or that their females are not required to attend the Friday prayer, or their practice of Islam may be nominal. We do not know for sure.

Charity:

There are no statistics available on this topic. However, it is estimated that Muslims in America donate about 100 million dollars every year to their relief organizations, Mosques, and schools. Not all of these donations are through Muslim channels and not all goes to Islamic charities and projects.

Fasting:

It is estimated that about 77% of all Muslims fast in the month of Ramadan.

Muslims' Vote:

Muslims voted in bloc for President Bush in the US presidential election 2000. There is no exit poll information available about the Muslim votes. Nevertheless, based on three unscientific surveys of Muslim voters, Muslims voted 70% to 90% in favor of Bush with a significant 34% voting for the first time. Muslims, therefore, became the only bloc vote for Bush. In Florida, the last battleground, there would not have been any battle without an estimated 60,000 votes which Florida Muslims asserted that they delivered in favor of Bush. There are more than 200 Muslim organizations and communities in Florida.

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AMERICAN MUSLIMS POPULATION

The estimates of the Muslim's population in the USA range from less than three millions to over nine millions. This number is larger than the population in Norway, Finland, Denmark, or Sweden; it is around the same size as the Hispanic community was 25 years ago.

The World Almanac 2001 states that there are about 5.8 million Muslims in the USA. One Muslim sociologist, however, after an exhaustive review of all the research regarding the number of Muslims in the US, estimated in 2000 that there are 6.7 million Muslims in the USA. William B. Milam, the U.S. Ambassador to Pakistan, stated in 2001 that there are seven million Muslims in America. The lowest numbers given were by the Kosmin study in 1993. According to its population survey, Muslims are only one percent of the population.

Muslims have an annual growth rate of 6% versus 0.9% for the total USA. (Census 2000).

Muslims' average household size is 4.9 persons.

Most Muslims live in the major cosmopolitan areas of America. Twenty percent of all Muslims live in California, sixteen percent in New York State, eight percent in Illinois, four percent in each of New Jersey and Indiana, and about three percent in each of Michigan, Virginia, Texas, and Ohio.

About two-thirds of all Muslims in the United States are immigrants according to Yvonne Haddad and Adair T. Lummis. However, the American Muslim Council reports that 42% of all Muslims are African-Americans, 24% are of South Asian origin and 12% of Arab origin.

About 30% of all incarcerated African-Americans are Muslims who have accepted Islam in prison in the tradition of Malik Shabaz (Malcom X) and Imam Jamil Al-Amin (the former H. Rap Brown). A little more than one percent of all US armed forces are also reportedly Muslims.

AMERICAN MUSLIMS POPULATION AGE

The Majority of the American Muslims are young.

About 79% of all Muslims fall between the ages of 16 and 65, and about 67% of adult American Muslims are under the age of 40 years.

PROFESSIONS AND WORK:

Top occupations

Muslims occupy a wide range of positions, with the top positions being:

Students (20.2%), Engineers (12.4%), Physicians (10.8%), Homemakers (10%), Programmers (7%), Corporate Managers (6.4%), Teachers (6.4%), Small Business Owners (4.4%), Journalists/Editors (1.1%), Attorneys/Lawyers (0.8%), and Actors/Producers/Film Directors (0.6%)

Under represented occupations:

American Muslims are under represented in occupations such as those that help form public policy and influence public opinion. Some examples are: Journalists/Editors, Attorneys/Lawyers, Actors, Producers, and Film Directors.

American Muslims are not commonly found in state legislatures and courts where laws are made and practiced.

AMERICAN MUSLIMS' INCOME:

The US average income is \$42,158 per year (Census 2000).

There are no recent studies available about Muslim's income level nationally. However, if an Illinois study is taken as representative of Muslims in America, Muslims will have an average household income of \$53,500, 66% of American Muslims earn over \$50,000 a year and 26% of American Muslims earn over \$100,000 a year.

The average Arab Muslim family income is the highest at \$69,000, while African-American Muslim families earn the least at \$32,000 per year.

ISLAMIC CENTERS:

There are about 3,000 small and large Islamic centers, mosques, and prayer locations in the US. This is kind of small considering that one million Jehovah's Witnesses have 11,000 places of worship, and five million Mormons have 12,000 houses of worship.

MUSLIMS & EDUCATION:

Very high percentages of the American Muslims are well educated:

- About 67% of the American Muslims have a Bachelor's degree or higher.
- Less than 44% of the general American population has a Bachelor's degree or higher.
- 43% of American Muslims hold an advanced degree compared to 8.6% of the general American population.

Muslim children attend public and religious and non religious private schools. The main challenge Muslims parents face is that of the school's understanding of the Islamic dress code and holidays.

There are about 200 Muslim schools, about 500 Sunday Islamic schools, and 6 schools of Islamic higher learning in America. Not more than 3% of Muslim children, however, acquire any formal Islamic schooling outside of their home, as compared to about 80% of American children who have attended Sunday school or other forms of religious educational programs.

MARKET ANALYSIS OF U.S MUSLIMS:

- This sizable market is made up of up to 9 million people.
- These people are younger, well educated, and affluent.
- Muslims have around two million households in North America.
- Its family size is 25% larger than the average American family.