

Muslim Population in Europe

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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 Europe. This data is summarized to be a reference for other studies and discussions related to Muslim population. The presented data show that about 7% of the population of Europe is Muslim, a total of about 49 million.

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1. Introduction and Methodology

Europe was the third continent; after Asia and Africa, to which Islam has entered. Although Islam has a deep history in Europe, the results of this paper reveal that the percentage of Muslims in the Europe is less than 7%. The total population of Europe is 727 million, of which about 49 million are Muslim. In addition, only 3% of the world Muslim population reside in this continent. 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 Europe into four regions; the data for each is included in a separate section. These regions are Southeastern Europe (Section 2), Southwestern Europe (Section 3), Northeastern Europe (Section 4), and Northwestern Europe (Section 5). A summary data for the whole continent and comparison with the rest of the continents are presented in Section 6.

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2. Muslims in Southeastern Europe

This region consists of sixteen countries with a total population of about 105 million, out of which 9% or nine million are Muslim. The corresponding individual data for each country in this region is discussed below and summarized in Table 2.

- **Albania:** Based on census data [UN09], in 2001 the population of Albania was 3,069,300. According to [CIA], Muslims make up 70% of the total Albanian population.
- **Austria:** According to census data [UN73, UN88, UN], the Austrian population has increased from 7,456,403 in 1971, to 7,555,338 in 1981, to 7,795,786 in 1991, to 8,032,926 in 2001. Thus, the average annual increase of the Austrian population was 0.13% between 1971 and 1981, which increased to 0.31% between 1981 and 1991, and remained at 0.30% between 1991 and 2001. In comparison, the corresponding Muslim population has increased from 9,162 or 0.12% in 1971, to 76,939 or 1.02% in 1981, to 158,776 or 2.04% in 1991, to 338,988 or 4.22% in 2001. Thus, the average annual increase of the Austrian Muslim population was 23.71% between 1971 and 1981, which decreased to 7.51% between 1981 and 1991, and increased slightly to 7.88% between 1991 and 2001. Thus caused the Muslim population to increase eight fold from 1971 to 1981, then double by 1991, then double again by 2001. The Muslim representation in percentage with respect to the rest of the population seems to double every decade. Thus, the Muslim population in Austria is expected to continue its sharp increase.
- **Bosnia and Herzegovina:** Based on census data [UN], in 1991 the total population of this country was 4,377,033, out of which 1,872,422 or 42.78% were Muslims. Certainly this figure must have changed due to the war of independence, however, no census has been held since 1991 census. Nevertheless, current estimates of the Muslim population in Bosnia and Herzegovina vary from 40% by [CIA], and 45% by [DOS].
- **Bulgaria:** Based on census data [UN56, UN], the total Bulgarian population increased from 7,029,349 in 1946, to 7,928,901 in 2001. The corresponding Muslim population changed from 938,418 or 13.35% in 1946, to 966,978 or 12.20% in 2001. Although both populations are growing very slowly, the growth of the Muslim population is slightly less than that of the total Bulgarian population, which led to the decrease in representation of the corresponding Muslim population.
- **Croatia:** Based on census data [UN], the total Croatian population increased from 4,784,265 in 1991 to 4,437,460 in 2001. The corresponding Muslim population increased from 54,814 or 1.15% in 1991, to 56,777 or 1.28% in 2001.

Country	2010				2020	
	Population	Muslim%	Muslims	APGR%	Population	Muslims
Albania ^[CIA]	3,659,324	70.00	2,561,527	0.546	3,864,104	2,704,873
Austria ^{[UN](2001)}	8,214,550	4.22	346,654	0.052	8,257,366	348,461
Bosnia & Herzegovina ^{[UN](1991)}	4,629,053	42.75	1,978,920	0.339	4,788,394	2,047,038
Bulgaria ^{[UN](2001)}	7,147,770	12.20	872,028	-0.79	6,602,753	805,536
Croatia ^{[UN](2001)}	4,487,075	1.28	57,435	-0.052	4,463,797	57,137
Czech Republic ^[CZ]	10,202,305	0.20	20,405	-0.094	10,106,808	20,214
Greece ^[DOS06]	10,751,065	4.01	431,118	0.127	10,888,386	436,624
Hungary ^{[HU](2001)}	9,880,139	0.03	2,964	-0.257	9,629,136	2,889
Kosovo ^[KO]	1,814,692	90.00	1,633,223	0.546	1,916,244	1,724,620
Macedonia ^{[UN](2002)}	2,072,133	33.33	690,642	0.262	2,127,067	708,952
Moldova ^[MD]	4,317,335	0.09	3,886	-0.079	4,283,349	3,855
Montenegro ^{[ME](2003)}	666,460	17.74	118,230	-0.851	611,868	108,545
Romania ^{[UN](2002)}	22,182,764	0.31	68,767	-0.147	21,858,826	67,762
Serbia ^{[UN](2002)}	7,344,804	3.20	235,034	-0.468	7,008,217	224,263
Slovakia ^[DOS07]	5,470,530	0.09	4,923	0.137	5,545,940	4,991
Slovenia ^{[UN](2002)}	2,003,426	2.42	48,483	-0.113	1,980,902	47,938
Total	104,843,425	8.66	9,074,237		103,933,157	9,313,698

Table 2: Estimated Muslim population in Southwestern Europe region for the Years 2010 and 2020

- **Czech Republic:** Based on census data [UN09], in 2001 the Czech population was 10,230,060, however Islam was not among the listed religions in this or previous censuses. Nevertheless, [CZ] points out that there are 20,000 Muslims in the Republic, which constitutes 0.20% of the total Czech population enumerated in the 2001 census.
- **Greece:** According to historical census data [UN56], in 1951 the Greek population was 7,632,801, out of which 112,665 or 1.48% were Muslims. However, later censuses did not include information about religious adherence. According to the 2001 census [UN09], the total Greek population was 10,964,020. It is estimated in [DOS06] that there are 98,000 to 140,000 indigenous Muslims and 200,000 to 300,000 immigrant Muslims in Greece. Thus, there are up to 440,000 Muslims in Greece, which constitutes up to 4.01% of the total population reported in the 2001 census.
- **Hungary:** According to the 2001 census [HU], the total Hungarian population was 10,198,315, out of which 3,201 or 0.03% were Muslims.
- **Kosovo:** According to [KO], about 1.8 million or Muslims are in Kosovo making up 90% of the total Kosovar population.
- **Macedonia:** Based on census data [UN], the Macedonian population decreased from 2,033,964 in 1991, to 1,935,034 in 1994, then increased to 2,022,547 in 2002. The corresponding Muslim population decreased from 611,326 or 30.06% in 1991, to 581,203 or 30.04% in 1994, then increased to 674,015 or 33.33% in 2002.
- **Moldova:** Based on census data [UN09], in 2004 the population of Moldova was 3,388,071. According to [MD], there are 3,000 Muslims in Moldova, which constitutes % of the total Moldovan population recorded in the 2004 census.
- **Montenegro:** According to the 2003 census [ME], the total population of Montenegro was 620,145, out of which 110,034 or 17.74% were Muslims.
- **Romania:** Based on census data [UN], the Romanian population decreased from 22,810,035 in 1992, to 21,680,974 in 2002. The corresponding Muslim population increased from 55,928 or 0.25% in 1992, to 67,257 or 0.31% in 2002.
- **Serbia:** According to the 2002 census [UN], the total population of Serbia was 7,498,001, out of which 239,658 or 3.20% were Muslims.
- **Slovakia:** Based on census data [UN], in 2001 the Slovak population was 5,379,455 out of which 6,294 follow other religions than the ones listed in the census. However Islam was not among the listed religions in this or previous censuses. Nevertheless, [DOS07] estimates between 1,200 to 5,000 Muslims in Slovakia, which constitutes up to 0.09% of the total Slovak population enumerated in the 2001 census.
- **Slovenia:** Based on census data [UN], the Slovenian population decreased slightly from 1,965,986 in 1991, to 1,964,036 in 2002. The corresponding Muslim population almost doubled from 29,719 or 1.51% in 1991, to 47,488 or 2.42% in 2002.

3. Muslims in Southwestern Europe

This region consists of eleven countries and a total population of about 182 million out of which 5% or nine million are Muslim. The corresponding individual data for each country in this region is discussed below and summarized in Table 3.

- **Andorra:** Based on census data [UN09], in 2000 the population of Andorra was 66,089. According to [DOS], there are 2,000 Muslims in Andorra, which constitutes 3.03% of the total population recorded in the 2000 census.
- **France:** Based on census data [UN09], in 2006 the population of France was 61,399,541. According to [DOS], there are five to six million Muslims in France, which constitutes up to 9.77% of the total population recorded in the 2006 census.
- **Italy:** Based on census data [UN09], in 2001 the population of Italy was 57,110,144. According to [IT], there are more than one million Muslims in Italy, which constitutes 1.75% of the total population recorded in the 2001 census.

- **Gibraltar:** According to census data [GI], in 2001 the Gibraltarian population was 22,882, out of which 1,102 or 4.82% were Muslims.
- **Liechtenstein:** Based on census data [LI], the Liechtenstein population increased from 7,046 in 1970 to 9,302 in 1980, to 10,909 in 1990, to 12,192 in 2000. Thus, the average annual Liechtenstein population growth rate between 1970 and 1980 was 1.68%, slightly decreasing to 1.42% between 1980 and 1990, and to 1.38% between 1990 and 2000. In comparison, there were only eight Muslims in the country in 1970, which jumped to 421 in 1980, then 689 in 1990, and 1593 in 2000. This constituted 0.04%, 1.67%, 2.37% and 4.78% of the total population, respectively. Thus, the average annual Muslim population growth rate between 1970 and 1980 was 48.61%, then 5.03% between 1980 and 1990, which increased to 8.74% between 1990 and 2000. Thus, the percentage of Muslims in Liechtenstein is expected to continue its steep increase.
- **Malta:** Based on census data [UN09], in 2005 the population of Maltese Islands was 404,962. According to [DOS], there are 3,000 Muslims in this island nation; which constitutes 0.74% of the total population recorded in the 2005 census.
- **Monaco:** According to census data [MC], in 2008 the population of Monaco was 31,109. Out of this population, there were 242 Moroccans, 100 Tunisians, 53 Egyptians, 27 Algerians, 16 Senegalese, 57 Turks, 46 Iranians, and 20 Syrians. Since these nationalities are predominantly Muslims, we estimate that there are 561 Muslims in Monaco, which constitutes 1.80% of the total Monaco population recorded in the 2008 census.
- **Portugal:** Based on census data [UN79, UN88, UN], the Portuguese population decreased from 8,611,125 in 1970 to 7,836,504 in 1981, then bounced to 8,376,840 in 1991, and increased to 8,699,515 in 2001. The corresponding Muslim population increased from 365 or less than 0.01% in 1970, to 4,335 or 0.06% in 1981, to 9,134 or 0.11% in 1991, to 12,014 or 0.14% in 2001. Thus, this slow increase of the Muslim population is expected to continue. The estimate of [DOS07] however, is that there are 35,000 Muslims in the country, which constitutes 0.40% of the total population enumerated in the 2001 census. In addition, according to the 2001 census [PT], the Muslim population was distributed as follows:
 - North Region: 835 or 0.03% out of 3,042,345;
 - Center Region: 638 or 0.03% out of 1,996,009;
 - Lisbon Region: 9,600 or 0.42% out of 2,265,629 inhabitants;
 - Alentejo Region: 219 or 0.03% out of 669,940 inhabitants;
 - Algarve Region: 630 or 0.19% out of 337,486 inhabitants;
 - Azores Islands: 19 or 0.01% out of 189,996 inhabitants;
 - Madeira Islands: 73 or 0.04% out of 198,110 inhabitants.
- **San Marino:** Based on census data [UN09], in 2000 the population of San Marino was 26,941. According to [DOS], there is a small number of Muslims in this country; however it did not state their

Country	2010				2020	
	Population	Muslims%	Muslims	APGR%	Population	Muslims
Andorra ^[DOS]	84,840	3.03	2,571	1.135	94,976	2,878
France ^[DOS]	64,409,469	9.77	6,292,805	0.549	68,034,199	6,646,941
Italy ^[IT]	58,098,893	1.75	1,016,731	-0.047	57,826,405	1,011,962
Gibraltar ^{[GI](2001)}	28,065	4.82	1,353	0.111	28,378	1,368
Liechtenstein ^{[LI](2000)}	35,005	4.78	1,673	0.702	37,541	1,794
Malta ^[DOS]	406,786	0.74	3,010	0.400	423,353	3,133
Monaco ^{[MC](2008)}	33,095	1.80	596	0.394	34,422	620
Portugal ^{[UN](2001)}	10,737,371	0.14	15,032	0.275	11,036,330	15,451
San Marino	30,672	0.05	15	1.148	34,381	17
Spain ^[DOS]	40,554,180	2.82	1,143,628	0.072	40,847,118	1,151,889
Switzerland ^{[CH](2000)}	7,625,455	4.26	324,844	0.276	7,838,551	333,922
Total	182,043,831	4.84	8,802,258		186,235,655	9,169,975

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

number. Thus, our estimate is that 0.05% of the total Sammarinese population is Muslim.

- **Spain:** Based on census data [UN09], in 2001 the population of Spain was 40,847,371. According to [DOS], there are 1.15 million Muslims in Spain, which constitutes 2.82% of the total population recorded in the 2001 census.
- **Switzerland:** Based on census data [UN64, UN73, CH], the Swiss population was increased from 5,429,061 in 1960, to 6,269,783 in 1970, to 6,365,960 in 1980, to 6,873,700 in 1990, then to 7,288,010 in 2000. Thus, the average annual Swiss population growth rate between 1960 and 1970 was 1.45%, which decreased sharply to 0.15% between 1970 and 1980, then increased to 0.77% between 1980 and 1990 then decreased to 0.59% between 1990 and 2000. In comparison, the Muslim population grew from 2,703 or 0.05% in 1960, to 16,353 or 0.26% in 1970, to 56,600 or 0.89% in 1980, to 152,200 or 2.21% in 1990, to 310,807 or 4.26% in 2000. Thus, the average annual Muslim population growth rate between 1960 and 1970 was 19.73%, which decreased to 13.22% between 1970 and 1980, then to 10.40% between 1980 and 1990, then to 7.40% between 1990 and 2000. This caused the Muslim population to almost triple from 1980 to 1990 and more than double by 2000. Accordingly, the Muslim population increased by six fold from 1960 to 1970, more than tripled by 1980, then nearly tripled by 1990, then doubled by 2000. Since the annual growth rate of the Swiss Muslim population is more than twelve times the total population growth rate, the percentage of Muslims in Switzerland is expected to continue its sharp increase.

4. Muslims in Northeastern Europe

This region consists of seven countries with a total population of about 240 million, out of which 9% or 23 million are Muslim. The corresponding individual data for each country in this region is discussed below and summarized in Table 4.

- **Belarus:** Based on census data [UN09], in 1999 the population of Belarus was 10,045,237. According to [BY], by 2006 there were nearly 100,000 Muslims in the country, which constitutes 1.00% of the total population enumerated in the 1999 census
- **Estonia:** Based on census data [UN], in 2000 the population of Estonia was 1,121,582 out of which 1,387 or 0.12% were Muslims.
- **Latvia:** Based on census data [UN09], in 2000 the population of Latvia was 2,377,383. According to [DOS], in 2008 there were 334 Muslims in Latvia, which constitutes 0.01% of the total population recorded in the 2000 census.
- **Lithuania:** Based on census data [UN], in 2001 the population of Lithuania was 3,483,972 out of which 2,860 or 0.08% were Muslims.
- **Poland:** Based on census data [UN09], in 2002 the population of Poland was 38,230,080. According to [DOS], there are 25,000 Muslims in Poland, which constitutes 0.07% of the total population recorded in the 2002 census.
- **Russia:** Based on census data [UN09], in 2002 the population of Russia was 145,166,731. According to [DOS], the Muslim population is estimated to be between 14 million and 23 million. Thus, the Muslim population in Russia makes up to 15.84% of the total population recorded in the 2002 census.
- **Ukraine:** Based on census data [UN09], in 2001 the population of Ukraine was 48,240,902. In [DOS],

Country	2010				2020	
	Population	Muslim%	Muslims	APGR%	Population	Muslims
Belarus ^[BY]	9,612,062	1.00	96,121	-0.378	9,254,845	92,548
Estonia ^{[UN](2000)}	1,291,159	0.12	1,549	-0.632	1,211,840	1,454
Latvia ^[DOS]	2,217,802	0.01	222	-0.614	2,085,330	209
Lithuania ^{[UN](2001)}	3,545,260	0.08	2,836	-0.279	3,447,580	2,758
Poland ^[DOS]	38,464,832	0.07	26,925	-0.047	38,284,429	26,799
Russia ^[DOS]	139,387,254	15.84	22,078,941	-0.467	133,012,974	21,069,255
Ukraine ^[DOS]	45,411,569	1.04	472,280	-0.632	42,621,820	443,267
Total	239,929,938	9.45	22,678,875		229,918,819	21,636,290

Table 4: Estimated Muslim population in Northeastern Europe region for the Years 2010 and 2020

a two million estimate of the Muslim population is downplayed and the reference puts it around 500,000, which constitutes 1.04% of the total population recorded in the 2001 census.

5. Muslims in Northwestern Europe

This region consists of eleven countries with a total population of about 200 million, out of which 4% or eight million are Muslim. The corresponding individual data for each country in this region is discussed below and summarized in Table 5.

- **Belgium:** Based on census data [UN09], in 2001 the total Belgian population was 10,296,350. According to [BE], there were 628,751 Muslims in Belgium, which constitutes 6.11% of the total population enumerated in the 2001 census.
- **Denmark:** Based on census data [UN09], in 2001 the total population of Denmark was 5,349,212. According to [DOS], there are 210,000 Muslims in the country, which constitutes 3.93% of the total Danish population recorded in the 2001 census.
- **Finland:** According to census data [UN, UN73], the total Finnish population increased slowly from 4,598,336 in 1970, to 4,910,664 in 1985, to 4,998,478 in 1990, to 5,181,115 in 2000. The percentage of the corresponding Muslim population remained almost constant at 0.02%, however. The number of Muslims was 823 in 1970, 787 in 1985, 810 in 1990, and 1,199 in 2000. Nonetheless, [DOS] points out that the total Muslim population has increased to 30,000, which constitutes 0.58% of the total population recorded in the 2000 census.
- **Germany:** According to census data [UN09], in 2004 the total German population was 82,491,000. There are no official statistics on religious groups, however, according to [DOS] Muslims number 3.5 million in Germany, which constitutes 4.24% of the total German population enumerated in the 2004 census.
- **Iceland:** According to census data [UN09], in 2000 the total Icelandic population was 281,154. However, national censuses in this country do not keep a record on religious affiliations. Nonetheless, [DOS] indicated that there are 800 to 1,000 Muslims in Iceland, which constitutes up to 0.36% of the total Icelandic population recorded in the 2000 census.
- **Ireland:** Based on census data [IE], the Irish population was 3,525,719 in 1991, rising to 2,917,203 in 2002, then 4,239,848 in 2006. Thus, the average annual Irish population growth rate between 1991 and 2002 was 0.96%, which more than doubled between 2002 and 2006 to 2.00%. In comparison, the Muslim population was 3,875 or 0.11% in 1991, climbing to 19,147 or 0.49% in 2002, then 32,539 or 0.76% in 2006. Thus, the average annual Muslim population growth rate between 1991 and 2002 was 15.00%, which slightly decreased to 14.18% between 2002 and 2006. This caused the Muslim population to increase fivefold from 1991 to 2002 and nearly double by 2006. Thus, the percentage of Muslims in Ireland is expected to continue its steep increase.
- **Luxembourg:** According to census data [UN09], in 2001 the total Luxembourg population was

Country	2010				2020	
	Population	Muslim%	Muslims	APGR%	Population	Muslims
Belgium ^[BE]	10,424,125	6.11	636,914	0.094	10,522,527	642,926
Denmark ^[DOS]	5,515,911	3.93	216,775	0.280	5,672,317	222,922
Finland ^[UN]	5,255,420	0.02	1,051	0.098	5,307,151	1,061
Germany ^[DOS]	82,286,123	4.24	3,488,932	-0.053	81,851,045	3,470,484
Iceland ^[DOS]	308,967	0.36	1,112	0.741	332,640	1,198
Ireland ^{[IE](2006)}	4,250,276	0.76	32,302	1.120	4,751,030	36,108
Luxembourg ^[DOS]	497,539	2.05	10,200	1.172	559,024	11,460
Netherlands ^{[NL](2004)}	16,784,869	5.80	973,522	0.412	17,489,369	1,014,383
Norway ^{[NO](2008)}	4,676,431	1.85	86,514	0.341	4,838,367	89,510
Sweden ^[DOS]	9,073,965	5.57	505,420	0.158	9,218,357	513,463
United Kingdom ^{[UK](2008)}	61,283,711	4.00	2,451,348	0.279	63,015,154	2,520,606
Total	200,357,337	4.19	8,404,091		203,556,981	8,524,121

Table 5: Estimated Muslim population in Northwestern Europe region for the Years 2010 and 2020

439,539. However, national censuses in this country do not keep a record on religious affiliations. Nevertheless, [DOS] estimates the Muslim population in the country at 9,000, which constitutes 2.05% of the total Luxembourg population enumerated in the 2001 census.

- **Netherlands:** According to census data [UN09], in 2002 the total Dutch population was 16,105,285, however Dutch national censuses stopped collecting data on religious affiliation since 1994, and previous censuses did not include such information on Muslims. Nevertheless, official statistics [NL, NL02, NL03] indicate that the corresponding Muslim population in the Netherlands increased from 626,000 or 4.1% in 1995, to 890,000 or 5.5% in 2002, to 920,000 or 5.7% in 2003 to 945,000 or 5.8% in 2004. Thus, the rate of increase of the Muslim population in the Netherlands with respect to the total population is more than 0.1 percentage point per year
- **Norway:** According to census data [UN09], in 2001 the total Norwegian population was 4,520,947, however the census did not include information about religious affiliation. Nevertheless, official statistics [NO] indicate that the Muslim population changed from 76,621 or 1.69% in 2005, to 72,023 or 1.59% in 2006, to 79,068 or 1.75% in 2007, to 83,684 or 1.85% in 2008.
- **Sweden:** According to census data [UN09], in 2003 the total population of Sweden was 8,975,670. However, the Swedish national census does not keep record of religious information. Nevertheless, [DOS] points out that there are 450,000 to 500,000 in the country, which constitutes up to 5.57% of the total Swedish population enumerated in the 2003 census.
- **The United Kingdom:** According to census data [UN09, CIA], in 2001 the total population was 58,789,187, out of which 1,591,000 or 2.71% were Muslims. The census also revealed that the population of England and Wales [EW] was 52,041,916 out of which 1,546,626 or 2.97% were Muslims, the population of Scotland [SQ] was 5,062,000, out of which 42,600 or 0.53% were Muslims, and the population of Northern Ireland [ND] was 1,685,267, out of which 1,943 or 0.12% were Muslims. Another official statistics [UK] estimates that the Muslim population in the UK increased from 1,870,000 in 2004, to 2,017,000 in 2005, to 2,142,000 in 2006, to 2,327,000 in 2007, to 2,422,000 in 2008, reaching 4.00% of the total British population, according to the same source. Thus, the average annual growth rate of the Muslim population in the UK between 2004 and 2008 was 6.68%, which is ten times the rate of increase of the total population during the same period, according to [UK]. This caused the percentage of Muslims in the UK to rise from 2.70% in 2001 (census year) to 4.00% in 2008; about 0.2 percentage point per year. Thus, this percentage is expected to continue to rise.

6. Muslim World Population Summary

All in all, Europe has a population of about 727 million, of which 6.73% or 49 million are Muslims, that is about 3% of the world Muslim population. A summary for each continent for the purpose of comparison is presented in Table 6. 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 1.93 billion and 25%. In addition, while the world population annual growth rate is estimated at 1.167%, the corresponding rate for the World Muslim population is 1.622%. A color coded map of Europe illustrating the presence of Muslims in the continent is presented in Figure 6. The value of pure white color is 255, while pure black is 0. Given a 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.

	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 6: Estimated World Muslim population for the years 2010 and 2020

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