

Muslim Population in the Americas: 1950 – 2020

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Abstract—The purpose of this manuscript is to present a reliable estimate of the Muslim population and its percentage in each country in the Americas from 1950 till 2020. This data is summarized to be a reference for other studies and discussions related to the Muslim population. The presented data show that the percentage of World Muslim population with respect to the total World population has increased steadily from 17% in 1950 to 26% by 2020. While the total population in the Americas increased from 339 million in 1950 to 1,057 million by 2020, the percentage of Muslims in the Americas increased from 0.1% in 1950 to 0.9% by 2020.

I. INTRODUCTION AND METHODOLOGY

Although there are convincing reports that Muslims started immigrating to the Americas since the tenth century [MRO], most Muslim population in the Americas can only trace their immigration to the twentieth century. In fact, the Muslim population in the “new world,” both in size and in percentage, remains the lowest in comparison with other continents. The total population of the Americas increased from 339 million in 1950 to 1,054 million by 2020. The related Muslim population increased from 0.1% in 1950 to 0.9% by 2020.

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.

However, not all censuses inquire on religious adherence, nor are held regularly. Thus, our second source of estimates is Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS) that include data on religion. When no census or Survey is available, we

resort to other estimates from reliable sources. The total population estimate for each country and the corresponding annual population growth rate (APGR) since 1950 are based on [UNP]. An estimate for the Muslims demographics in the decennial estimates based on these growth rates.

We divided the Americas into seven regions; the data for each is included in a separate section, and are sorted in terms of the percentage of Muslims in descending order. These regions are the Windward Islands (Section 2), North America (Section 3), Lower South America (Section 4), the Leeward Islands (Section 5), Upper South America (Section 6), the Greater Antilles (Section 7), and Central America (Section 8). Section 9 presents a summary of the data for the whole continent.

II. MUSLIMS IN THE WINDWARD ISLANDS

This region consists of eight island nations and territories: Aruba, Barbados, Dominica, Grenada, Martinique, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and Grenadines, and Trinidad and Tobago. The total population of this region increased from 0.6 million in 1870, to 1.3 million in 1950, to 2.7 million by 2020. The related Muslim percentage increased from 1% in 1870, to 2.7% in 1950, to 3.1% by 2020. The corresponding individual data for each country in this region is discussed below and summarized in Table 2.

2.1. Aruba: According to census data, the total Aruban population in 1991 was 66,687, out of which 218 or 0.33% were Muslims. The total population increased to 90,508 in 2000, however the corresponding census did not include Islam in its religion questionnaire.

2.2. Barbados: According to census data, the Muslim population increased from 58 or 0.03% in 1946, to 336 or 0.14% in 1960, to 773 or 0.32% in 1980, to 1,657 or 0.66% in 2000.

2.3. Dominica: According to census data, the Muslim population increased from 54 or 0.07% in 1981 to 139 or 0.20% in 2001.

2.4. Grenada: According to census data, the Muslim population changed from 142 or 0.45% in 1861, to 43 or 0.07% in 1901, to 76 or 0.09% in 1981.

2.5. Martinique: Estimates for the Muslim population increased from very few or less than 0.01% in 1973, to 1,000 or 0.2% in 2005.

2.6. Saint Lucia: According to census data, the Muslim population changed from 162 or 0.32% in 1901, to 25 or 0.02% in 1980, to 81 or 0.06% in 1991 to 222 or 0.14% in 2001.

2.7. Saint Vincent and the Grenadines: According to

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census data, the Muslim population changed from 15 or 0.05% in 1861, to 16 or 0.02% in 1980. By 2005, the Muslim population is estimated to be 2,000 or 1.5% of the total population.

2.8. Trinidad and Tobago: Based on census data, the Muslim population increased from 10,478 or 3.83% in 1901, to 32,615 or 5.85% in 1946, to 49,736 or 6.01% in 1960, to 58,271 or 6.26% in 1970, then increased in number to 63,733 yet decreased in percentage to 6.04% in 1980, again to 65,732 or 5.84% in 1990, and declining to 64,648 or 5.80% in 2000.

III. MUSLIMS IN NORTHERN AMERICA

This region consists of three countries and territories: Bermuda, Canada, Saint Pierre and Miquelon, and the United States of America. The total population of this region increased from 44 million in 1870, to 172 million in 1950, to

388 million by 2020. The related Muslim population increased from 0.1% before 1950, to 2% by 2020. The corresponding individual data for each country in this region is discussed below and summarized in Table 3.

3.1. Bermuda: According to census data, the Muslim population increased from none in 1901, to 393 or 0.73% in 1980 to 489 or 0.84% in 1991 to 604 or 0.97% in 2000.

3.2. Canada: According to census data, the Muslim population remained less than 0.01% of the total population until 1950. Accordingly, the number of Muslims changed from 13 in 1871, to 47 in 1901, to 797 in 1911, to 478 in 1921, to 645 in 1931, it then jumped to 1,800 or 0.01% in 1951, to 5,800 or 0.03% in 1961, to 33,430 or 0.16% in 1971, to 98,160 or 0.40% in 1981, to 253,260 or 0.93% in 1991, to 579,640 or 1.96% in 2001.

3.3. Saint Pierre and Miquelon: The Muslim population in these French Territorial Collectivity Islands increased from none in 1973, to 0.2% in 2005.

3.4. United States of America: The Muslim population

TABLE 2. ESTIMATE OF THE MUSLIM POPULATION IN THE WINDWARD ISLANDS FROM 1950 TO 2020.

		1950	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010	2020
Aruba	Population	38,066	49,205	56,771	60,684	63,233	90,657	107,380	127,188
	Muslims %	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.33
	Muslims	126	162	187	200	209	299	354	420
	APGR %		2.600	1.441	0.669	0.412	3.668	1.707	
	Reference					[UN](1991)			
Barbados	Population	210,995	230,662	238,751	248,981	259,668	251,656	256,552	261,543
	Muslims %	0.03	0.14	0.14	0.32	0.32	0.66	0.66	0.66
	Muslims	63	323	334	797	831	1,661	1,693	1,726
	APGR %		0.895	0.345	0.420	0.421	-0.313	0.193	
	Reference	[UN56](1946)	[UN63](1960)		[UN88](1980)		[BB](2000)		
Dominica	Population	47,624	59,916	69,549	73,795	69,466	71,246	68,815	66,468
	Muslims %	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.20	0.20	0.20
	Muslims	33	42	49	52	49	142	138	133
	APGR %		2.323	1.502	0.594	-0.603	0.253	-0.347	
	Reference				[UN](1981)		[UN](2001)		
Grenada	Population	76,676	89,843	94,395	88,929	96,180	101,208	104,342	107,573
	Muslims %	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09
	Muslims	69	81	85	80	87	91	94	97
	APGR %		1.597	0.495	-0.595	0.787	0.511	0.305	
	Reference				[UN](1981)				
Martinique	Population	222,001	281,799	325,498	326,140	359,098	385,067	406,001	428,073
	Muslims %	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20
	Muslims	22	28	33	33	718	770	812	856
	APGR %		2.414	1.452	0.020	0.967	0.701	0.531	
	Reference			[KET]				[PEW]	
Saint Lucia	Population	82,783	89,995	104,249	118,111	138,394	157,156	173,942	192,521
	Muslims %	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.06	0.14	0.14	0.14
	Muslims	17	18	21	24	83	220	244	270
	APGR %		0.839	1.481	1.256	1.597	1.279	1.020	
	Reference				[UN88](1980)	[UN](1991)	[UN](2001)		
Vincent & Grenadi	Population	67,000	80,946	90,455	100,433	107,423	107,857	109,284	110,730
	Muslims %	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
	Muslims	13	16	18	20	21	22	22	22
	APGR %		1.909	1.117	1.052	0.675	0.040	0.132	
	Reference				[UN88](1980)				
Trinidad & Tobago	Population	635,999	843,005	970,867	1,081,764	1,218,783	1,295,100	1,343,725	1,394,176
	Muslims %	5.85	6.01	6.26	6.04	5.84	5.80	5.80	5.80
	Muslims	37,206	50,665	60,776	65,339	71,177	75,116	77,936	80,862
	APGR %		2.858	1.422	1.087	1.200	0.609	0.369	
	Reference	[UN56](1946)	[UN63](1960)	[UN79](1970)	[UN88](1980)	[UN](1990)	[UN](2000)		
Total	Population	1,381,144	1,725,371	1,950,535	2,098,837	2,312,245	2,459,947	2,570,041	2,688,271
	Muslims %	2.72	2.98	3.15	3.17	3.16	3.18	3.16	3.14
	Muslims	37,549	51,335	61,503	66,544	73,174	78,321	81,293	84,386
	APGR %		2.250	1.234	0.735	0.973	0.621	0.439	

remained less than 0.01% until 1900, then increased to 200,000 or 0.13% in 1951, to one million or 0.49% in 1971 to three million or 1.3% in 1981 to five million or 1.57% in 1991, to six million or 1.74% in 2001, to seven million or 2.20% in 2009.

The total population of this region increased from 4 million in 1870, to 27 million in 1950, to 75 million by 2020. The related Muslim percentage increased from less than 0.1% before 1950, to 1% by 2020. The corresponding individual data for each country in this region is discussed below and summarized in Table 4.

IV. MUSLIMS IN LOWER SOUTH AMERICA

This region consists of five countries and territories: Argentina, Chile, Falkland Islands, Paraguay, and Uruguay.

TABLE 3. ESTIMATE OF THE MUSLIM POPULATION IN NORTH AMERICA FROM 1950 TO 2020.

		1950	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010	2020
Bermuda	Population	37,403	42,640	58,525	54,000	58,460	62,131	64,448	66,851
	Muslims %	0.73	0.73	0.73	0.73	0.84	0.97	0.97	0.97
	Muslims	273	311	427	394	491	603	625	648
	APGR %		1.319	3.217	-0.801	0.797	0.611	0.367	
	Reference				[UN88](1980)	[UN93](1991)	[UN](2000)		
Canada	Population	13,736,997	17,909,009	21,716,855	24,516,277	27,700,854	30,686,824	33,889,747	37,426,974
	Muslims %	0.01	0.03	0.16	0.40	0.93	1.96	1.96	1.96
	Muslims	1,374	5,373	34,747	98,065	257,618	601,462	664,239	733,569
	APGR %		2.688	1.947	1.220	1.229	1.029	0.998	
	Reference	[CA02](1951)	[CA02](1961)	[CA02](1971)	[CA02](1981)	[UN93](1991)	[UN](2001)		
Saint Pierre & Miquelon	Population	4,354	4,822	5,186	5,840	6,000	7,000	6,036	5,204
	Muslims %	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20
	Muslims	0	0	1	1	12	14	12	10
	APGR %		1.026	0.730	1.195	0.271	1.553	-1.472	
	Reference			[KET]				[PEW]	
United States of America	Population	157,813,040	186,326,215	209,463,865	229,468,823	254,865,217	287,842,178	317,641,087	350,524,933
	Muslims %	0.13	0.13	0.49	1.30	1.57	1.74	2.20	2.28
	Muslims	205,157	242,224	1,026,373	2,983,095	4,001,384	5,008,454	6,988,104	7,991,968
	APGR %		1.675	1.177	0.916	1.055	1.224	0.990	
	Reference	[KET]		[KET]	[KET]			[US]	
Total	Population	171,591,794	204,282,686	231,244,431	254,044,940	282,630,531	318,598,133	351,601,317	388,023,961
	Muslims %	0.12	0.12	0.46	1.21	1.51	1.76	2.18	2.25
	Muslims	206,804	247,909	1,061,548	3,081,555	4,259,505	5,610,532	7,652,980	8,726,196
	APGR %		1.759	1.247	0.945	1.072	1.205	0.991	

TABLE 4. ESTIMATE OF THE MUSLIM POPULATION IN LOWER SOUTH AMERICA FROM 1950 TO 2020.

		1950	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010	2020
Argentina	Population	17,150,335	20,684,913	24,002,708	28,153,804	32,497,507	36,938,728	40,665,732	44,768,779
	Muslims %	0.12	0.12	1.30	1.35	2.16	2.16	1.62	1.62
	Muslims	20,580	24,822	312,035	380,076	701,946	797,877	658,785	725,254
	APGR %		1.892	1.499	1.608	1.445	1.289	0.966	
	Reference	[UN56](1947)		[KET]	[KET]		[DOS01]	[DOS]	
Chile	Population	6,081,931	7,646,896	9,574,336	11,181,360	13,190,515	15,418,704	17,134,708	19,041,692
	Muslims %	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
	Muslims	1,216	1,529	1,915	2,236	2,638	3,084	3,427	3,808
	APGR %		2.316	2.273	1.564	1.666	1.573	1.061	
Reference	[UN56](1952)		[UN79](1970)			[CL](2002)			
Falkland Islands	Population	2,230	2,172	1,957	2,000	2,000	2,883	3,004	3,130
	Muslims %	0.01	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30
	Muslims	0	7	6	6	6	9	9	9
	APGR %		-0.263	-1.037	0.218	0.000	3.725	0.412	
Reference	[GB01](1901)						[FK](2006)		
Paraguay	Population	1,473,245	1,907,042	2,484,739	3,198,837	4,249,734	5,350,235	6,459,727	7,799,297
	Muslims %	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.02	0.02	0.02
	Muslims	589	763	994	1,280	1,700	1,070	1,292	1,560
	APGR %		2.614	2.681	2.558	2.881	2.330	1.902	
Reference			[KET]		[UN](1991)	[UN](2002)			
Uruguay	Population	2,238,506	2,538,808	2,810,013	2,915,754	3,109,992	3,320,980	3,372,222	3,424,255
	Muslims %	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
	Muslims	895	1,016	1,124	1,166	311	332	337	342
	APGR %		1.267	1.020	0.370	0.647	0.659	0.153	
Reference			[KET]				[DOS]		
Total	Population	26,946,247	32,779,831	38,873,753	45,451,755	53,049,748	61,031,530	67,635,393	75,037,154
	Muslims %	0.09	0.09	0.81	0.85	1.33	1.31	0.98	0.97
	Muslims	23,282	28,136	316,074	384,764	706,601	802,371	663,850	730,974
	APGR %		1.979	1.720	1.576	1.558	1.411	1.033	

4.1. Argentina: According to the 1947 census, the population of Argentina was 15,893,827; out of which 18,764 or 0.12% was Muslim. Argentinean national censuses since then did not include information about religious affiliation. However, Muslim population estimates have increased from 200,000 or 1.1% in 1951, to 300,000 or 1.3% in 1971 to 380,000 or 1.35% in 1981, to 800,000 or 2.16% in 2001, then decreased to 600,000 or 1.62% in 2009.

4.2. Chile: According to census data, the Muslim population remains at 0.02% of the total population, and increased in number from 956 in 1952, to 1,431 in 1970, to 2,894 in 2002.

4.3. Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas): According to census data, the Muslim population increased from none in 1901, to nine or 0.30% in 2006.

4.4. Paraguay: There were about 1,000 Muslims or 0.04% of the population in 1973. According to census data, the

Muslim population decreased from 1,200 or 0.04% in 1992 to 872 or 0.02% in 2002.

4.5. Uruguay: Estimates of the Muslim population decreased from 1,000 or 0.04% in 1973, to 400 or 0.01% in 2009.

V. MUSLIMS IN THE LEEWARD ISLANDS

This region consists of eight island nations and territories: Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Guadeloupe, Montserrat, Netherlands Antilles, Saint Kitts and Nevis, British Virgin Islands, and U.S. Virgin Islands. The total population of this region increased from 0.3 million in 1870, to 0.5 million in 1950, to 1.1 million by 2020. The related Muslim percentage changed from 0.3% in 1870, to 0.2% in 1950, to 0.5% by 2020. The corresponding individual data for each country in this region is discussed below and summarized in

TABLE 5. ESTIMATE OF THE MUSLIM POPULATION IN THE LEEWARD ISLANDS FROM 1950 TO 2020.

		1950	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010	2020
Anguilla	Population	6,243	5,708	6,000	7,000	9,000	11,254	14,237	18,011
	Muslims %	0.32	0.32	0.32	0.32	0.32	0.32	0.32	0.32
	Muslims	20	18	19	22	29	36	46	58
	APGR %		-0.892	0.500	1.553	2.545	2.260	2.379	
	Reference						[UN](2001)		
Antigua & Barbuda	Population	41,757	57,000	64,794	75,000	59,355	63,863	87,726	120,506
	Muslims %	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30
	Muslims	125	171	194	225	178	192	263	362
	APGR %		3.161	1.290	1.474	-2.312	0.735	3.226	
	Reference						[AN](2001)		
Guadeloupe	Population	209,999	275,103	320,001	326,917	386,343	429,166	467,182	508,565
	Muslims %	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40
	Muslims	21	28	32	33	1,545	1,717	1,869	2,034
	APGR %		2.737	1.523	0.214	1.684	1.057	0.852	
	Reference			[KET]				[PEW]	
Montserrat	Population	14,333	12,167	11,458	11,519	10,639	4,517	4,979	5,489
	Muslims %	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10
	Muslims	14	12	11	12	11	5	5	5
	APGR %		-1.625	-0.599	0.053	-0.792	-8.210	0.979	
	Reference				[PEW](1980)				
Netherlands Antilles	Population	111,701	134,587	159,062	173,660	190,628	180,665	200,726	223,015
	Muslims %	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.53	0.53	0.53
	Muslims	279	336	398	434	477	958	1,064	1,182
	APGR %		1.881	1.685	0.882	0.937	-0.535	1.059	
	Reference			[UN79](1971)		[UN](1992)	[UN](2001)		
Saint Kitts & Nevis	Population	40,000	50,883	44,884	43,309	40,618	35,217	51,671	75,813
	Muslims %	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.11
	Muslims	4	5	4	9	45	39	57	83
	APGR %		2.436	-1.247	-0.357	-0.639	-1.417	3.908	
	Reference		[KN](1960)	[KN](1970)	[KN](1980)	[KN](1991)			
Virgin Islands, British	Population	6,505	7,340	9,825	10,985	16,115	20,254	22,816	25,702
	Muslims %	0.31	0.31	0.31	0.31	0.31	0.85	0.85	0.85
	Muslims	20	23	30	34	50	172	194	218
	APGR %		1.215	2.959	1.122	3.907	2.312	1.198	
	Reference				[UN88](1980)		[VG](2001)		
Virgin Islands, U.S.	Population	26,795	32,628	64,067	98,429	103,286	108,577	109,326	110,080
	Muslims %	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	1.20	1.20	1.20	1.20
	Muslims	536	653	1,281	1,969	1,239	1,303	1,312	1,321
	APGR %		1.989	6.980	4.388	0.483	0.501	0.069	
	Reference			[KET]				[SS, SX]	
Total	Population	457,333	575,416	680,091	746,819	815,984	853,513	958,663	1,087,180
	Muslims %	0.22	0.22	0.29	0.37	0.44	0.52	0.50	0.48
	Muslims	1,020	1,246	1,971	2,737	3,574	4,420	4,809	5,264
	APGR %		2.323	1.685	0.940	0.890	0.451	1.169	

Table 5.

5.1. Anguilla: According to the 2001 census, the total Anguillan population was 11,430; out of which 36 or 0.32% was Muslims.

5.2. Antigua and Barbuda: According to the 2001 census, the total population was 76,886, out of which 228 or 0.30% were Muslims.

5.3. Guadeloupe: Estimates of the Muslim population increased from less than 0.01% in 1973, to 2,000 or 0.4% in 2005.

5.4. Montserrat: According to the 1980 census, Muslims make up 0.1% of the total population in this British overseas territory.

5.5. Netherlands Antilles: It mainly consists of five

Caribbean islands: Bonaire, Curaçao, Saba, St. Eustatius, and St. Maarten. According to census data, the total population decreased from 218,390 in 1971, to 189,474 in 1992, to 175,653 in 2001. The decrease in population between the censuses of 1971 and 1992 is largely due the succession of the Island of Aruba in 1986. The corresponding Muslim population decreased from 547 or 0.25% in 1971, to 466 or 0.25% in 1992, then increased to 924 or 0.53% in 2001. The 2001 census also indicated that the total population of the Islands of Bonaire, Curaçao, Saba, St. Eustatius, and St. Maarten was 10,791; and 130,628; and 1,349; and 2,292; and 30,593; respectively. Out of these populations, 64 or 0.59%, 512 or 0.39%, 29 or 2.15%; 9 or 0.39%; 310 or 1.01%; were Muslims, respectively.

TABLE 6. ESTIMATE OF THE MUSLIM POPULATION IN UPPER SOUTH AMERICA FROM 1950 TO 2020.

		1950	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010	2020
Bolivia	Population	2,713,630	3,351,626	4,211,986	5,356,019	6,670,556	8,317,371	10,030,832	12,097,283
	Muslims %	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
	Muslims	271	335	421	536	667	832	1,003	1,210
	APGR %		2.134	2.311	2.432	2.219	2.231	1.891	
	Reference			[KET]				[DOS]	
Brazil	Population	53,974,725	72,743,915	95,991,361	121,618,369	149,570,485	174,174,447	195,423,252	219,264,353
	Muslims %	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
	Muslims	5,397	7,274	9,599	12,162	29,914	34,835	39,085	43,853
	APGR %		3.029	2.812	2.395	2.090	1.535	1.158	
	Reference	[UN56](1950)					[BR](2000)		
Columbia	Population	11,999,600	16,006,393	21,332,516	26,890,687	33,203,846	39,772,905	46,300,196	53,898,707
	Muslims %	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
	Muslims	6,000	8,003	10,666	13,445	6,641	7,955	9,260	10,780
	APGR %		2.923	2.914	2.342	2.131	1.822	1.531	
	Reference	[KET]		[KET]				[DOS]	
Ecuador	Population	3,387,357	4,439,714	5,972,190	7,964,335	10,278,486	12,310,314	13,774,909	15,413,751
	Muslims %	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
	Muslims	339	444	597	796	2,056	2,462	2,755	3,083
	APGR %		2.742	3.010	2.920	2.584	1.820	1.130	
	Reference			[KET]				[PEW]	
French Guinea	Population	25,479	32,472	48,025	68,272	116,371	165,164	231,313	323,955
	Muslims %	7.80	7.80	8.20	8.20	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.90
	Muslims	1,987	2,533	3,938	5,598	1,047	1,486	2,082	2,916
	APGR %		2.455	3.991	3.580	5.478	3.564	3.426	
	Reference	[KET]		[KET]				[PEW]	
Guyana	Population	422,900	568,500	709,379	776,078	749,188	756,259	761,442	766,661
	Muslims %	8.72	8.72	8.72	8.72	7.97	7.19	7.19	7.19
	Muslims	36,877	49,573	61,858	67,674	59,710	54,375	54,748	55,123
	APGR %		3.003	2.239	0.903	-0.352	0.094	0.068	
	Reference				[UN88](1980)	[GY](1991)	[GY](2002)		
Peru	Population	7,632,461	9,931,527	13,194,522	17,328,481	21,776,063	26,004,162	29,496,120	33,456,994
	Muslims %	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
	Muslims	763	993	1,319	1,733	2,178	2,600	2,950	3,346
	APGR %		2.668	2.882	2.763	2.311	1.790	1.268	
	Reference			[KET]				[PEW]	
Suriname	Population	214,999	290,000	372,297	365,749	406,734	467,162	524,345	588,527
	Muslims %	19.64	19.64	19.64	19.64	13.45	13.45	13.45	13.45
	Muslims	42,226	56,956	73,119	71,833	54,706	62,833	70,524	79,157
	APGR %		3.038	2.530	-0.177	1.068	1.395	1.161	
	Reference		[UN71](1964)				[SR](2004)		
Venezuela	Population	5,093,708	7,580,295	10,724,379	15,096,499	19,740,837	24,407,686	29,043,555	34,559,937
	Muslims %	0.39	0.39	0.28	0.28	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35
	Muslims	19,865	29,563	30,028	42,270	69,093	85,427	101,652	120,960
	APGR %		4.056	3.531	3.479	2.719	2.145	1.754	
	Reference	[KET]		[KET]				[DOS]	
Total	Population	85,464,859	114,944,442	152,556,655	195,464,489	242,512,566	286,375,470	325,585,964	370,370,168
	Muslims %	0.13	0.14	0.13	0.11	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09
	Muslims	113,726	155,675	191,547	216,048	226,012	252,805	284,059	320,426
	APGR %		3.008	2.871	2.509	2.180	1.676	1.291	

5.6. Saint Kitts and Nevis: According to census data, the Muslim population has increased from none in 1960 and 1970, to 7 or 0.02% in 1980 to 45 or 0.11% in 1991.

5.7. British Virgin Islands: According to census data, the Muslim population increased from 34 or 0.31% in 1980, to 196 or 0.85% in 2001.

5.8. United States Virgin Islands: Estimates for the Muslim population in this United States Territory decreased from 1,500 or 2% in 1973, to 1,300 or 1.20% in 1998.

VI. MUSLIMS IN UPPER SOUTH AMERICA

This region consists of nine countries and territories: Bolivia, Brazil, Columbia, Ecuador, French Guiana, Guyana, Peru, Suriname, and Venezuela. The total population of this region increased from 19 million in 1870, to 85 million in 1950, to 370 million by 2020. The related Muslim percentage decreased from 0.2% in 1870, to 0.1% since 1910. The corresponding individual data for each country in this region is discussed below and summarized in Table 6.

6.1. Bolivia: Estimates for the Muslim population increased from 100 or less than 0.01% in 1973, to 1,000 or 0.01% in 2001.

6.2. Brazil: According to census data, the Muslim population increased from 3,454 or 0.01% in 1950, to 27,239 or 0.02% in 2000.

6.3. Columbia: Estimates for the Muslim population increased from 6,000 or 0.05% in 1951, to 10,000 or 0.05% in 1971, then remained at 10,000 or 0.02% in 2009.

6.4. Ecuador: Estimates for the Muslim population increased 100 or less than 0.01% in 1973, to 2,000 or 0.02% in 2005.

6.5. French Guiana: Estimates for the Muslim population increased from 2,500 or 7.8% in 1951, to 4,000 or 8.2% in 1971, then decreased to 2,000 or 0.9% in 2005.

6.6. Guyana: Based on census data, the Muslim population changed from 1,841 or 6.18% in 1921, to 66,122 or 8.72% in 1980, to 29,106 or 7.97% in 1991, to 28,201 or 7.19% in 2002.

6.7. Peru: Muslims increased from 500 in 1973, to 1,000 in 2005, but they still constitute less than 0.01% of the population

6.8. Suriname: Based on census data, the Muslim population decreased in percentage from 63,809 or 19.64% in 1964 to 66,307 or 13.45% in 2004.

6.9. Venezuela: Estimates for the Muslim population increased from 20,000 or 0.39% in 1951, to 30,000 or 0.28% in 1971, to 100,000 or 0.35% in 2009.

VII. MUSLIMS IN THE GREATER ANTILLES

This region consists of eight island nations and territories: Bahamas, Cayman Islands, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Jamaica, Puerto Rico, and Turks and Caicos. The total population of this region increased from three million in 1870, to 15 million in 1950, to 43 million by 2020. The related Muslim percentage remains less than 0.1%. The corresponding individual data for each country in this region is discussed below and summarized in Table 7.

7.1. Bahamas: According to the 2000 census, the total population was 303,611, out of which 292 or 0.10% was Muslims.

7.2. Cayman Islands: According to 2007 pre-census enumeration data, the total population was 53,292; out of which 411 or 0.77% was Muslims.

7.3. Cuba: Estimates for the Muslim population changed from 5,000 or 0.09% in 1951, to 1,000 or 0.01% in 1971 due to the communist revolution, and then increased to 6,300 or 0.06% in 2009.

TABLE 7. ESTIMATE OF THE MUSLIM POPULATION IN THE GREATER ANTILLES FROM 1950 TO 2020.

		1950	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010	2020
Bahamas	Population	79,088	109,644	169,744	210,109	255,603	304,812	345,736	392,154
	Muslims %	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10
	Muslims	79	110	170	210	256	305	346	392
	APGR %		3.321	4.467	2.156	1.979	1.776	1.268	
	Reference						[BS](2000)		
Cayman Islands	Population	7,503	7,622	10,460	17,000	25,355	40,200	55,143	75,641
	Muslims %	0.77	0.77	0.77	0.77	0.77	0.77	0.77	0.77
	Muslims	58	59	81	131	195	310	425	582
	APGR %		0.157	3.216	4.976	4.079	4.717	3.211	
	Reference							[KY](2007)	
Cuba	Population	5,919,997	7,141,166	8,715,168	9,835,255	10,587,115	11,086,832	11,204,351	11,323,116
	Muslims %	0.09	0.09	0.01	0.01	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06
	Muslims	5,328	6,427	872	984	6,352	6,652	6,723	6,794
	APGR %		1.893	2.012	1.216	0.739	0.462	0.105	
	Reference	[KET]		[KET]				[DOS]	
Dominican Republic	Population	2,427,074	3,349,249	4,596,743	5,926,850	7,373,667	8,829,829	10,225,482	11,841,734
	Muslims %	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10
	Muslims	243	335	460	593	7,374	8,830	10,225	11,842
	APGR %		3.273	3.217	2.574	2.208	1.819	1.478	
	Reference			[KET]				[DOS]	
Haiti	Population	3,221,277	3,869,396	4,712,998	5,691,260	7,107,901	8,647,874	10,188,175	12,002,824
	Muslims %	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06
	Muslims	322	387	471	569	4,265	5,189	6,113	7,202
	APGR %		1.850	1.992	1.904	2.248	1.980	1.653	
	Reference			[KET]				[HT]	
Jamaica	Population	1,402,896	1,629,018	1,869,004	2,133,199	2,363,987	2,567,577	2,729,909	2,902,504
	Muslims %	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.04	0.04	0.04
	Muslims	1,403	1,629	1,869	2,133	2,364	1,027	1,092	1,161

	APGR %		1.506	1.384	1.331	1.033	0.830	0.615	
	Reference				[UN88](1982)		[UN](2001)		
Puerto Rico	Population	2,218,000	2,359,797	2,716,299	3,196,520	3,527,796	3,818,744	3,998,010	4,185,691
	Muslims %	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10
	Muslims	2,218	2,360	2,716	3,197	3,528	3,819	3,998	4,186
	APGR %		0.622	1.417	1.641	0.991	0.796	0.460	
	Reference			[KET]					
Turks & Caicos	Population	5,052	5,716	5,607	7,000	12,000	18,491	35,310	67,428
	Muslims %	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10
	Muslims	5	6	6	7	12	18	35	67
	APGR %		1.243	-0.192	2.244	5.538	4.419	6.683	
	Reference							[PEW]	
Total	Population	15,280,887	18,471,608	22,796,023	27,017,193	31,253,424	35,314,359	38,782,117	42,791,093
	Muslims %	0.06	0.06	0.03	0.03	0.08	0.07	0.07	0.08
	Muslims	9,656	11,312	6,644	7,823	24,345	26,149	28,957	32,226
	APGR %		1.914	2.126	1.713	1.467	1.229	0.941	

7.4. Dominican Republic: Estimates for the Muslim population increased from less than 100 or less than 0.01% in 1973, to up to 10,000 or 0.10% in 2009.

7.5. Haiti: Estimates for the Muslim population increased very few or less than 0.01% of the total population, to up to

5,000 or 0.06% in 2002.

7.6. Jamaica: Based on census data, the total population increased from 2,172,879 in 1982 to 2,595,962 in 2001. The corresponding Muslim population however, has decreased by more than half from 2,238 or 0.10% in 1982, to 1,024 or

TABLE 8. ESTIMATE OF THE MUSLIM POPULATION IN CENTRAL AMERICA FROM 1950 TO 2020.

		1950	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010	2020
Belize	Population	68,918	92,817	122,665	143,796	189,822	251,516	312,928	389,335
	Muslims %	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.09	0.10	0.10	0.10
	Muslims	55	74	98	115	171	252	313	389
	APGR %		3.022	2.828	1.602	2.816	2.854	2.209	
	Reference				[UN88](1980)	[UN](1991)	[UN](2000)		
Costa Rica	Population	966,015	1,334,049	1,822,114	2,348,634	3,078,289	3,930,863	4,639,827	5,476,659
	Muslims %	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
	Muslims	97	133	182	235	308	393	464	548
	APGR %		3.281	3.167	2.571	2.742	2.475	1.672	
	Reference			[KET]				[CR]	
El Salvador	Population	2,199,897	2,773,759	3,741,724	4,662,518	5,329,703	5,945,317	6,194,126	6,453,348
	Muslims %	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
	Muslims	220	277	374	466	1,066	1,189	1,239	1,291
	APGR %		2.345	3.039	2.224	1.346	1.099	0.411	
	Reference			[KET]				[SV]	
Guatemala	Population	3,146,073	4,140,640	5,420,427	7,015,704	8,910,121	11,230,704	14,376,881	18,404,430
	Muslims %	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
	Muslims	315	414	542	702	891	1,123	1,438	1,840
	APGR %		2.785	2.730	2.613	2.419	2.342	2.500	
	Reference			[KET]				[GT]	
Honduras	Population	1,487,235	2,002,943	2,690,903	3,634,481	4,901,203	6,229,981	7,615,584	9,309,357
	Muslims %	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03
	Muslims	149	200	269	363	1,470	1,869	2,285	2,793
	APGR %		3.022	2.997	3.052	3.035	2.428	2.029	
	Reference	[UN56](1945)		[KET]				[DOS]	
Mexico	Population	27,740,700	37,910,243	51,910,162	68,872,210	83,403,974	99,530,617	110,645,154	123,000,846
	Muslims %	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
	Muslims	55,481	75,820	103,820	137,744	8,340	9,953	11,065	12,300
	APGR %		3.172	3.193	2.868	1.933	1.783	1.064	
	Reference			[KET]			[MX](2000)		
Nicaragua	Population	1,294,993	1,774,576	2,399,680	3,250,477	4,137,774	5,100,914	5,822,265	6,645,627
	Muslims %	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
	Muslims	129	177	240	325	414	510	582	665
	APGR %		3.201	3.064	3.081	2.443	2.115	1.331	
	Reference			[KET]				[NI](2005)	
Panama	Population	860,092	1,126,599	1,507,052	1,950,586	2,412,554	2,950,801	3,508,475	4,171,544
	Muslims %	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.17	0.17	0.30	0.30
	Muslims	258	338	452	585	4,101	5,016	10,525	12,515
	APGR %		2.736	2.952	2.613	2.148	2.034	1.746	
	Reference			[KET]			[DOS02]	[DOS]	
Total	Population	37,763,923	51,155,626	69,614,727	91,878,406	112,363,440	135,170,713	153,115,240	173,851,145
	Muslims %	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.02
	Muslims	56,704	77,435	105,978	140,536	16,761	20,305	27,910	32,340
	APGR %		3.082	3.129	2.814	2.033	1.865	1.254	

0.04% in 2001.

7.7. Puerto Rico: For the last fifty years, Muslims remained around 0.1% of the total population.

7.8. Turks and Caicos: Muslims constitute less than 0.1% of the total population.

VIII. MUSLIMS IN CENTRAL AMERICA

This region consists of eight countries: Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, and Panama. The total population in this region increased from 12 million in 1870, to 38 million in 1950, to 174 million by 2020. The related Muslim population decreased from 0.2% before 1950 to 0.02% afterwards. The corresponding individual data for each country in this region is discussed below and summarized in Table 8.

8.1. Belize: According to census data, the Muslim population increased from 12 or 0.02% in 1946, to 110 or 0.08% in 1980, to 159 or 0.09% in 1991, to 243 or 0.10% in 2000.

8.2. Costa Rica: Estimates for the Muslim population increased from less than 100 or 0.01% in 1973, to 500 or 0.01% in 2008.

8.3. El Salvador: Estimates for the Muslim population increased from less than 100 or 0.01% in 1973, to 1,300 or 0.02% in 2008.

8.4. Guatemala: Estimates for the Muslim population increased from 200 or less than 0.01% in 1973, to 1,200 or 0.01% in 2005.

8.5. Honduras: According to the 1945 census, there were 28 Muslims out of a total population of 1,200,542, or less than 0.01%. Later estimates increased the number to less than 100 or 0.01% in 1973, to 2,000 or 0.03% in 2007.

8.6. Mexico: In 1973, the Muslim population was estimated at 100,000 or 0.2%. However, the 2000 census indicated a total population of 84,794,454 out of which 1,421 or less than 0.01% was Muslim.

8.7. Nicaragua: In 1973, the Muslim population was estimated at 150 or less than 0.01% of the total population. According to the 2005 census data, the total population was 5,142,098 out of which 321 or 0.01% was Muslim.

8.8. Panama: Estimates for the Muslim population increased from 500 or 0.03% in 1973, to 5,000 or 0.17% in 1998, to 10,000 or 0.30% in 2009.

IX. SUMMARY

A summary of the Muslim population change in the

Americas from 1950 to 2020 is presented in Table 9. Accordingly, while the total population in the Americas increased from 339 million in 1950 to 1,054 million by 2020, the related Muslim population increased from 0.1% in 1950 to 0.9% by 2020. In addition, the fraction of World Muslim population living in the Americas increased slightly from 0.1% in 1950 to 0.5% in 1990 and onwards. A color coded map of Asia illustrating the presence of Muslims in each country is presented in Figure 9. The value of pure white color is 255, while pure black is 0. Given a percentage of Muslims p , the color was chosen as $255 - 2.55p$.

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TABLE 9. ESTIMATE OF THE MUSLIM POPULATION IN THE AMERICAS FROM 1950 TO 2020.

	1950	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010	2020	
Americas	Population	338,886,187	423,934,980	517,716,215	616,702,439	724,937,938	839,803,665	940,248,735	1,053,848,972
	Muslims %	0.13	0.14	0.34	0.63	0.73	0.81	0.93	0.94
	Muslims	448,741	573,048	1,745,264	3,900,006	5,309,972	6,794,905	8,743,857	9,931,812
	CAPGR %		2.264	2.019	1.765	1.630	1.482	1.136	
	MAPGR %		2.475	11.781	8.373	3.134	2.497	2.554	
	Mus. Ratio%	0.10	0.11	0.25	0.43	0.45	0.47	0.51	0.48
World	Population	2,537,241,236	3,034,626,491	3,700,897,698	4,456,005,072	5,311,251,139	6,137,637,624	6,932,088,715	7,881,482,130
	Muslims %	17.06	17.77	19.02	20.45	22.07	23.65	24.86	26.01
	Muslims	432,961,301	539,240,373	703,760,495	911,165,259	1,171,946,661	1,451,537,157	1,723,607,136	2,050,085,347
	WAPGR %		1.806	2.005	1.874	1.771	1.457	1.225	
	MAPGR %		2.219	2.699	2.617	2.549	2.163	1.733	

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Figure 9. A color coded map of the Americas illustrating the presence of Muslims in the continent as of 2010.