

Muslim Population in Africa: 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 Africa 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 African population increased from 227 million in 1950 to 1,302 million by 2020, the percentage of Muslims in Africa decreased from 44% in 1950 to 41% by 2020.

I. INTRODUCTION AND METHODOLOGY

Africa was the second continent that Islam spread into, which explains why almost one-third of World Muslim population resides in this continent. The aim of this paper is to track the change of the Muslim population in Africa since 1950. Accordingly, the results of this paper reveal that while the total African population increased from 79 million in 1870, to 227 million in 1950 to 1,307 million by 2020, the percentage of Muslims in Africa decreased from 47% in 1870, to 44% in 1950, to 41% 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.

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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 Africa 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 Northern Africa (Section 2), Western Africa (Section 3), Upper Central Africa (Section 4), the Horn of Africa (Section 5), Lower Central Africa (Section 6), the Eastern Islands (Section 7), and Southern Africa (Section 8). Section 9 presents a summary of the data for the whole continent.

II. MUSLIMS IN NORTHERN AFRICA

This region consists of seven countries: Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Sudan, and Tunisia. The total population of this region increased from 19 million in 1870, to 54 million in 1950, to 257 million by 2020. The related Muslim population increased slightly from 90% in 1870, to 91% in 1950, to 93% by 2020. The corresponding individual data for each country in this region is discussed below and summarized in Table 2.

2.1. Algeria: More than 99% of the population is Muslim.

2.2. Egypt: Based on census data, the Muslim population increased from 17,397,946 or 91.73% in 1947, to 27,925,659 or 92.85% in 1966, to 34,334,328 or 93.74% in 1976, to 45,368,453 or 94.12% in 1986.

2.3. Libya: Based on census data, the Muslim population increased from 1,520,517 or 97.20% in 1964, to 2,051,731 or 99.97% in 1973.

2.4. Mauritania: The entire population is Muslim.

2.5. Morocco: Based on census data, the Muslim population increased from 8,359,196 or 92.79% in 1952, to 15,236,231 or 99.07% in 1971.

2.6. Sudan: The 1993 census indicated a total population of 25,588,000; out of which 21,266,641 live in the Northern States, out of which 20,495,781 or 96.38% were Muslim. If we assume that all population in the Southern States is non-Muslim; which is not the case, this census indicated that 80.10% of the population was Muslim. The 2008 census indicated a total population of 39,154,000; out of which 30,894,000 or 78.90% live in the Northern States, which we take as the estimate of the Muslim population.

2.7. Tunisia: The 1946 census data found a total population of 3,230,952; out of which 2,919,860 or 90.37% were Muslims. More recent census religious data are not available, but recent estimates are that Muslims constitute more than 99% of the population.

III. MUSLIMS IN WESTERN AFRICA

This region consists of eleven countries: Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast), Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Senegal, and Sierra Leone. The total population of this region increased from 10 million in 1870, to 25 million in 1950 to 145 million by 2020. The related Muslim population changed from 57% in 1870, to 58% in 1950, to 55% by 2020. The corresponding individual data for each country in this region is discussed below and summarized in Table 3.

3.1. Burkina Faso: Based on census data, the Muslim population increased from 5,764,748 or 55.90% in 1996, to 8,485,149 or 60.53% in 2006.

3.2. Cape Verde: A 2005 estimate puts the Muslim population at 1,000 or 0.2% of the total population.

3.3. Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast): According to the 1988 census, the total population was 10,815,694; out of which 4,182,410 or 38.67% were Muslims. According to DHS, this percentage changed to 34.91% in 1994, to 36.19% in 1999, to 36.67% in 2005.

3.4. The Gambia: Muslims make up more than 90% of the total population.

3.2.5. Ghana: According to the 2000 census, the total population was 18,912,079; out of which 3,004,794 or 15.89% were Muslims.

3.6. Guinea: According to DHS, the percentage of the Muslim population with respect to the total population changed from 81.93% in 1992, to 84.91% in 1999, to 84.41% in 2005.

3.7. Guinea Bissau: Muslims make up about 45% of the total population.

3.8. Liberia: According to the 2008 census, the total population was 3,476,608, out of which 424,685 or 12.22% were Muslims. This is a decrease from 14% recorded in the 1984 census.

3.9. Mali: According to DHS, the percentage of the Muslim population with respect to the total population changed from 92.63% in 1987 to 90.74% in 1996, to 93.10% in 2001, to 92.13% in 2006.

3.10. Senegal: Based on census data, the Muslim population increased from 2,789,320 or 89.69% in 1961, to 6,353,464 or 93.80% in 1988.

3.11. Sierra Leone: According to the 2004 census, the total population was 4,976,871; out of which 75% were

TABLE 2. ESTIMATE OF THE MUSLIM POPULATION IN NORTHERN AFRICA FROM 1950 TO 2020.

		1950	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010	2020
Algeria	Population	8,752,997	10,799,997	13,746,184	18,811,202	25,282,515	30,506,054	35,422,589	41,131,502
	Muslims %	99.00	99.00	99.00	99.00	99.00	99.00	99.00	99.00
	Muslims	8,665,467	10,691,997	13,608,722	18,623,090	25,029,690	30,200,993	35,068,363	40,720,187
	APGR %		2.124	2.441	3.187	3.001	1.896	1.505	
	Reference							[DOS]	
Egypt	Population	21,514,024	27,798,152	35,574,953	44,433,037	57,784,848	70,173,793	84,474,427	101,689,370
	Muslims %	91.73	92.85	92.85	93.74	94.12	94.12	94.12	94.12
	Muslims	19,734,814	25,810,584	33,031,344	41,651,529	54,387,099	66,047,574	79,507,331	95,710,035
	APGR %		2.596	2.497	2.248	2.662	1.961	1.872	
	Reference	[UN56](1947)		[UN71](1966)	[UN83](1976)	[UN](1986)			
Libya	Population	1,029,010	1,349,004	1,994,000	3,063,000	4,364,594	5,346,375	6,545,619	8,013,865
	Muslims %	97.20	97.20	99.97	99.97	99.97	99.97	99.97	99.97
	Muslims	1,000,198	1,311,232	1,993,402	3,062,081	4,363,285	5,344,771	6,543,655	8,011,461
	APGR %		2.745	3.985	4.386	3.605	2.050	2.044	
	Reference		[UN71](1964)	[UN79](1973)					
Mauritania	Population	650,677	859,306	1,149,426	1,525,251	1,987,924	2,603,740	3,365,675	4,350,576
	Muslims %	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
	Muslims	650,677	859,306	1,149,426	1,525,251	1,987,924	2,603,740	3,365,675	4,350,576
	APGR %		2.820	2.952	2.869	2.685	2.735	2.600	
	Reference							[CIA]	
Morocco	Population	8,966,766	11,658,803	15,386,680	19,717,212	25,028,519	29,142,429	32,911,719	37,168,530
	Muslims %	92.79	92.79	99.07	99.07	99.07	99.07	99.07	99.07
	Muslims	8,320,262	10,818,203	15,243,584	19,533,842	24,795,754	28,871,404	32,605,640	36,822,863
	APGR %		2.660	2.813	2.511	2.414	1.533	1.224	
	Reference	[UN56](1952)		[UN](1971)					
Sudan	Population	9,189,991	11,683,240	15,038,793	20,509,075	27,091,381	34,903,970	43,192,438	53,449,126
	Muslims %	80.10	80.10	80.10	80.10	80.10	78.90	78.90	78.90
	Muslims	7,361,183	9,358,275	12,046,073	16,427,769	21,700,196	27,539,232	34,078,834	42,171,361
	APGR %		2.429	2.557	3.151	2.823	2.566	2.154	
	Reference					[SD93](1993)		[SD](2008)	
Tunisia	Population	3,529,608	4,220,701	5,127,001	6,457,073	8,214,938	9,452,001	10,373,957	11,385,841
	Muslims %	90.37	90.37	99.00	99.00	99.00	99.00	99.00	99.00
	Muslims	3,189,707	3,814,247	5,075,731	6,392,502	8,132,789	9,357,481	10,270,217	11,271,983
	APGR %		1.804	1.964	2.333	2.437	1.413	0.935	
	Reference	[UN56](1946)						[DOS]	
Total	Population	53,633,073	68,369,203	88,017,037	114,515,850	149,754,719	182,128,362	216,286,424	256,850,809
	Muslims %	91.22	91.66	93.33	93.63	93.75	93.32	93.14	93.07
	Muslims	48,922,308	62,663,845	82,148,282	107,216,064	140,396,736	169,965,196	201,439,715	239,058,465
	APGR %		2.457	2.558	2.667	2.719	1.976	1.734	

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IV. MUSLIMS IN UPPER CENTRAL AFRICA

This region consists of seven countries: Benin, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Niger, Nigeria and Togo. The total population of this region increased from 17 million

TABLE 3. ESTIMATE OF THE MUSLIM POPULATION IN WESTERN AFRICA FROM 1950 TO 2020.

		1950	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010	2020
Burkina Faso	Population	4,080,438	4,720,676	5,607,760	6,862,361	8,813,964	11,676,155	16,286,706	22,717,820
	Muslims %	55.90	55.90	55.90	55.90	55.90	55.90	60.53	60.53
	Muslims	2,280,965	2,638,858	3,134,738	3,836,060	4,927,006	6,526,971	9,858,343	13,751,097
	APGR %		1.468	1.737	2.040	2.534	2.852	3.384	
	Reference						[UN](1996)	[BF](2006)	
Cape Verde	Population	146,134	196,351	266,910	289,232	354,221	438,971	512,582	598,537
	Muslims %	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20
	Muslims	292	393	534	578	708	878	1,025	1,197
	APGR %		2.998	3.118	0.806	2.048	2.168	1.562	
	Reference							[PEW]	
Côte d'Ivoire	Population	2,504,884	3,444,757	5,232,558	8,419,402	12,610,252	17,281,479	21,570,746	26,924,610
	Muslims %	38.67	38.67	38.67	38.67	38.67	36.19	36.67	36.67
	Muslims	968,639	1,332,088	2,023,430	3,255,783	4,876,384	6,254,167	7,909,993	9,873,255
	APGR %		3.237	4.269	4.871	4.122	3.201	2.242	
	Reference					[UN](1988)	[CI99](1999s)	[CI](2005s)	
Gambia	Population	258,453	317,856	430,754	616,153	895,529	1,301,808	1,750,732	2,354,466
	Muslims %	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00
	Muslims	232,608	286,070	387,679	554,538	805,976	1,171,627	1,575,659	2,119,019
	APGR %		2.090	3.086	3.644	3.810	3.812	3.007	
	Reference							[DOS]	
Ghana	Population	4,980,879	6,788,711	8,739,405	11,026,160	14,967,509	19,529,305	24,332,755	30,317,667
	Muslims %	15.89	15.89	15.89	15.89	15.89	15.89	15.89	15.89
	Muslims	791,462	1,078,726	1,388,691	1,752,057	2,378,337	3,103,207	3,866,475	4,817,477
	APGR %		3.145	2.558	2.352	3.103	2.696	2.223	
	Reference						[UN](2000)		
Guinea	Population	2,618,922	3,122,668	3,843,218	4,628,485	6,147,054	8,383,554	10,323,755	12,712,976
	Muslims %	81.93	81.93	81.93	81.93	81.93	84.91	84.41	84.41
	Muslims	2,145,683	2,558,402	3,148,749	3,792,118	5,036,281	7,118,476	8,714,282	10,731,023
	APGR %		1.775	2.098	1.877	2.878	3.152	2.104	
	Reference					[GN92](1992s)	[GN99](1999s)	[GN](2005s)	
Guinea Bissau	Population	518,170	594,032	603,549	836,043	1,022,392	1,303,763	1,647,380	2,081,560
	Muslims %	45.00	45.00	45.00	45.00	45.00	45.00	45.00	45.00
	Muslims	233,177	267,314	271,597	376,219	460,076	586,693	741,321	936,702
	APGR %		1.376	0.159	3.312	2.033	2.461	2.367	
	Reference						[DOS01]	[DOS]	
Liberia	Population	823,899	1,058,546	1,430,093	1,909,870	2,166,878	2,824,427	4,101,767	5,956,781
	Muslims %	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	12.22	12.22	12.22
	Muslims	115,346	148,196	200,213	267,382	303,363	345,145	501,236	727,919
	APGR %		2.538	3.054	2.935	1.271	2.686	3.802	
	Reference				[LR84](1984)			[LR](2008)	
Mali	Population	4,267,630	5,059,784	6,035,969	7,183,263	8,654,639	10,522,937	13,323,104	16,868,399
	Muslims %	92.63	92.63	92.63	92.63	90.74	93.10	92.13	92.13
	Muslims	3,953,106	4,686,878	5,591,118	6,653,857	7,853,219	9,796,854	12,274,576	15,540,856
	APGR %		1.717	1.780	1.755	1.881	1.974	2.387	
	Reference				[ML87](1987s)	[ML96](1996s)	[ML01](2001s)	[ML](2006s)	
Senegal	Population	2,416,264	3,081,978	4,169,071	5,636,005	7,537,760	9,901,787	12,860,717	16,703,858
	Muslims %	89.69	89.69	89.69	93.80	93.80	93.80	93.80	93.80
	Muslims	2,167,147	2,764,226	3,739,240	5,286,573	7,070,419	9,287,876	12,063,353	15,668,219
	APGR %		2.463	3.067	3.061	2.950	2.765	2.649	
	Reference		[UN63](1961)			[UN](1988)			
Sierra Leone	Population	1,943,999	2,253,581	2,667,551	3,260,874	4,083,501	4,228,178	5,835,664	8,054,291
	Muslims %	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00
	Muslims	1,457,999	1,690,186	2,000,663	2,445,656	3,062,626	3,171,134	4,376,748	6,040,718
	APGR %		1.489	1.701	2.029	2.275	0.349	3.275	
	Reference						[SL](2004)		
Total	Population	24,559,672	30,638,940	39,026,838	50,667,848	67,253,699	87,392,364	112,545,908	145,290,964
	Muslims %	58.41	56.96	56.08	55.70	54.68	54.20	54.98	55.20
	Muslims	14,346,422	17,451,337	21,886,652	28,220,819	36,774,397	47,363,028	61,883,009	80,207,481
	APGR %		2.236	2.449	2.645	2.872	2.654	2.562	

in 1870, to 51 million in 1950 to 291 million by 2020. The related Muslim population changed from 46% in 1870, to 44% in 1950, to 45% by 2020. The corresponding individual data for each country in this region is discussed below and summarized in Table 4.

4.1. Benin: Based on census data, the Muslim population increased from 1,011,193 or 20.57% in 1992, to 1,652,953 or 24.42% in 2002.

4.2. Cameroon: According to the 1953 census, the total population was 1,439,870; out of which 338,820 or 23.53% were Muslims. According to DHS, this percentage decreased to 21.11% in 1991, to 19.07% in 1998, to 17.57% in 2004.

4.3. Central African Republic: According to the 2003 census, the total population was 3,151,072; out of which 10% were Muslim.

4.4. Chad: Based on census data, the Muslim population increased from 1,035,450 or 41.02% in 1964, to 3,335,869 or 53.86% in 1993. According to DHS, this percentage increased to 54.62% in 1997, to 55.63% in 2004.

4.5. Niger: According to the 1960 census, the total population was 1,506,490, out of which 1,484,710 or 98.55% were Muslims. According to DHS, this percentage changed to 98.52% in 1992, to 98.95 in 1998, to 98.18% in 2006.

4.6. Nigeria: According to the 1963 census, the total

population was 55,670,055; out of which 26,276,496 or 47.20% were Muslims. According to DHS, this percentage changed to 47.53% in 1990, to 44.43% in 1999, to 50.43% in 2003, to 44.56% in 2008.

4.7. Togo: According to the 1970 census, the total population was 1,949,470; out of which 226,186 or 11.60% were Muslim. According to DHS, this percentage changed to 11.43% in 1988, to 12.24% in 1998.

V. MUSLIMS IN THE HORN OF AFRICA

This region consists of five countries: Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, and Somalia. The total population of this region increased from 11 million in 1870, to 28 million in 1950 to 184 million by 2020. The related Muslim population decreased from 33% in 1870, to 32% in 1950, to 31% by 2020. The corresponding individual data for each country in this region is discussed below and summarized in Table 5.

5.1. Djibouti: Muslims constitute more than 99% of the total population.

5.2. Eritrea: According to DHS, the percentage of Muslims with respect to the total population increased from 38.18% in 1995, to 39.57% in 2002.

TABLE 4. ESTIMATE OF THE MUSLIM POPULATION IN UPPER CENTRAL AFRICA FROM 1950 TO 2020.

		1950	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010	2020
Benin	Population	2,050,199	2,269,175	2,756,531	3,559,934	4,795,088	6,659,331	9,211,741	12,742,447
	Muslims %	20.57	20.57	20.57	20.57	20.57	24.42	24.42	24.42
	Muslims	421,726	466,769	567,018	732,278	986,350	1,626,209	2,249,507	3,111,706
	APGR %		1.020	1.965	2.591	3.023	3.339	3.298	
	Reference					[UN](1992)	[BJ](2002)		
Cameroon	Population	4,466,496	5,407,991	6,838,792	9,079,803	12,232,973	15,865,456	19,958,351	25,107,112
	Muslims %	23.53	23.53	23.53	23.53	21.11	19.07	17.57	17.57
	Muslims	1,050,967	1,272,500	1,609,168	2,136,478	2,582,381	3,025,542	3,506,682	4,411,320
	APGR %		1.931	2.375	2.875	3.026	2.634	2.322	
	Reference	[UN56](1953)				[CM91](1991s)	[CM98](1998s)	[CM](2004s)	
Central African Republic	Population	1,326,654	1,503,267	1,827,970	2,268,768	2,928,464	3,745,727	4,505,945	5,420,454
	Muslims %	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
	Muslims	132,665	150,327	182,797	226,877	292,846	374,573	450,595	542,045
	APGR %		1.258	1.975	2.184	2.585	2.492	1.865	
	Reference						[DOS](2003)		
Chad	Population	2,429,433	2,966,822	3,682,355	4,608,167	6,105,359	8,401,696	11,506,130	15,757,655
	Muslims %	41.02	41.02	41.02	53.86	53.86	55.63	55.63	55.63
	Muslims	996,553	1,216,990	1,510,502	2,481,959	3,288,346	4,673,863	6,400,860	8,765,984
	APGR %		2.018	2.184	2.268	2.853	3.244	3.194	
	Reference		[UN71](1964)			[UN](1993)	[TD04](2004s)		
Niger	Population	2,461,727	3,241,599	4,382,820	5,922,179	7,903,944	11,031,046	15,891,482	22,893,495
	Muslims %	98.55	98.55	98.55	98.55	98.52	98.95	98.18	98.18
	Muslims	2,426,032	3,194,596	4,319,269	5,836,307	7,786,966	10,915,220	15,602,257	22,476,834
	APGR %		2.790	3.062	3.056	2.929	3.390	3.718	
	Reference		[UN64](1960)			[NE92](1992s)	[NE98](1998s)	[NE](2006s)	
Nigeria	Population	36,680,002	45,148,007	56,467,479	74,522,934	97,338,277	124,842,371	158,258,917	200,620,067
	Muslims %	47.20	47.20	47.20	47.20	47.53	44.43	44.56	44.56
	Muslims	17,312,961	21,309,859	26,652,650	35,420,751	43,247,396	55,629,761	70,520,173	89,396,302
	APGR %		2.099	2.262	2.813	2.707	2.520	2.400	
	Reference		[UN71](1963)			[NG90](1990s)	[NG99](1999s)	[NG](2008s)	
Togo	Population	1,329,006	1,566,393	2,132,285	2,784,589	3,925,939	5,247,486	6,780,030	8,760,158
	Muslims %	11.60	11.60	11.60	11.60	11.43	12.24	12.24	12.24
	Muslims	154,165	181,702	247,345	323,012	448,735	642,292	829,876	1,072,243
	APGR %		1.657	3.132	2.705	3.495	2.944	2.595	
	Reference			[UN79](1970)		[TG88](1988s)	[TG](1998s)		
Total	Population	50,743,517	62,103,254	78,088,232	102,746,374	135,230,044	175,793,113	226,112,596	291,301,388
	Muslims %	44.33	44.75	44.93	45.90	43.36	43.74	44.03	44.55
	Muslims	22,495,069	27,792,743	35,088,749	47,157,662	58,633,020	76,887,460	99,559,950	129,776,433
	APGR %		2.041	2.317	2.782	2.785	2.658	2.549	

5.3. Ethiopia: Based on census data, the Muslim population increased from 17,412,432 or 32.77% in 1994, to 25,045,550 or 33.88% in 2007.

5.4. Kenya: According to the 1962 census, the total population was 8,048,000, out of which 309,100 or 3.84% were Muslims. According to DHS, this percentage changed to 3.54% in 1989, to 4.91% in 1993, to 4.88% in 1998, to 7.01% in 2003.

5.5. Somalia: Muslims constitute more than 99.99% of the total population.

VI. MUSLIMS IN LOWER CENTRAL AFRICA

This region consists of nine countries: Burundi, Congo – Brazzaville, Congo – Kinshasa, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Rwanda, São Tomé & Príncipe, Tanzania, and Uganda. The total population of this region increased from nine million in 1870, to 31 million in 1950 to 229 million by 2020. The related Muslim population changed from 15% in 1870, to 10% in 1950, to 11% by 2020. The corresponding individual data for each country in this region is discussed below and summarized in Table 6.

6.1. Burundi: According to the 1990 census, the total population was 5,292,793; out of which 83,528 or 1.58% were Muslim.

6.2. Congo – Brazzaville: According to a 2005 DHS, 1.61% of the total population is Muslim. According to a 2009 AIDS Indicator Survey (AIS), this percentage decreased to 1.25%.

6.3. Congo – Kinshasa: According to a 2007 DHS, 1.49% of the total population is Muslim.

6.4. Equatorial Guinea: Muslims make up less than 1%

of the total population.

6.5. Gabon: According to a 2000 DHS, 9.44% of the total population is Muslim.

6.6. Rwanda: According to census data, the Muslim population decreased from 302,300 or 8.46% in 1970, to 39,676 or 0.82% in 1978, then bounced to 144,968 or 1.82% in 2002.

6.7. São Tomé and Príncipe: According to the 1991 census, the total population was 117,504 in 1991, out of which 51 or 0.04% was Muslim.

6.8. Tanzania: According to DHS, the percentage of Muslims with respect to the total population changed from 30.68% in 1992, to 30.97% in 1996, to 32.60% in 1999, to 30.12% in 2005.

6.9. Uganda: According to census data, the Muslim population increased from 356,236 or 5.45% in 1959, to 1,758,101 or 10.55% in 1991, to 2,956,121 or 12.10% in 2002.

VII. MUSLIMS IN THE EASTERN ISLANDS

This region consists of six Island nations: Comoros, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mayotte, Réunion, and Seychelles. The total population of this region increased from two million in 1870, to 5 million in 1950 to 30 million by 2020. The related Muslim population decreased from 8% in 1870, to 6% in 1950, to 5% by 2020. The corresponding individual data for each country in this region is discussed below and summarized in Table 3.6.

7.1. Comoros: More than 99% of the population is Muslim.

7.2. Madagascar: According to DHS, the percentage of

TABLE 5. ESTIMATE OF THE MUSLIM POPULATION IN THE HORN OF AFRICA FROM 1950 TO 2020.

		1950	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010	2020
Djibouti	Population	62,001	84,868	161,584	340,023	560,279	729,561	879,053	1,059,177
	Muslims %	99.00	99.00	99.00	99.00	99.00	99.00	99.00	99.00
	Muslims	61,381	84,019	159,968	336,623	554,676	722,265	870,262	1,048,585
	APGR %		3.189	6.651	7.724	5.121	2.675	1.882	
	Reference							[DOS]	
Eritrea	Population	1,141,299	1,423,600	1,847,002	2,468,904	3,157,904	3,657,325	5,223,994	7,461,769
	Muslims %	38.18	38.18	38.18	38.18	38.18	39.57	39.57	39.57
	Muslims	435,748	543,530	705,185	942,628	1,205,688	1,447,204	2,067,134	2,952,622
	APGR %		2.235	2.638	2.945	2.492	1.479	3.630	
	Reference					[ER95](1995s)	[ER](2002s)		
Ethiopia	Population	18,433,865	22,550,343	28,948,172	35,408,618	48,292,435	65,514,626	84,975,606	110,217,429
	Muslims %	32.77	32.77	32.77	32.77	32.77	33.88	33.88	33.88
	Muslims	6,040,778	7,389,747	9,486,316	11,603,404	15,825,431	22,196,355	28,789,735	37,341,665
	APGR %		2.036	2.529	2.035	3.152	3.097	2.635	
	Reference					[UN](1994)		[ET](2007)	
Kenya	Population	6,076,757	8,104,242	11,248,508	16,261,487	23,433,370	31,440,637	40,862,900	53,108,867
	Muslims %	3.84	3.84	3.84	3.84	4.88	7.01	7.01	7.01
	Muslims	233,347	311,203	431,943	624,441	1,143,548	2,203,989	2,864,489	3,722,932
	APGR %		2.921	3.333	3.754	3.721	2.983	2.656	
	Reference		[UN71](1962)			[KE93](1993s)	[KE](2003s)		
Somalia	Population	2,264,080	2,818,943	3,599,962	6,433,522	6,595,987	7,394,196	9,358,602	11,844,889
	Muslims %	99.99	99.99	99.99	99.99	99.99	99.99	99.99	99.99
	Muslims	2,263,854	2,818,661	3,599,602	6,432,879	6,595,327	7,393,457	9,357,666	11,843,705
	APGR %		2.216	2.476	5.978	0.250	1.149	2.384	
	Reference							[DOS]	
Total	Population	27,978,002	34,981,996	45,805,228	60,912,554	82,039,975	108,736,345	141,300,155	183,692,130
	Muslims %	32.29	31.87	31.40	32.74	30.87	31.23	31.10	30.98
	Muslims	9,035,108	11,147,161	14,383,014	19,939,974	25,324,671	33,963,269	43,949,288	56,909,508
	APGR %		2.259	2.732	2.891	3.022	2.857	2.654	
	Reference								

Muslims with respect to the total population decreased from 0.94% in 1992, to 0.71% in 1997.

7.3. Mauritius: Based on census data, the Muslim population increased from 41,255 or 10.91% in 1901, to 77,014 or 15.37% in 1952, to 110,332 or 16.19% in 1962, to 136,997 or 16.58% in 1972, then decreased to 124,969 or 12.95% in 1983, then increased to 171,670 or 16.25% in 1990, then to 196,240 or 16.65% in 2000.

7.4. Mayotte: Muslims constitute 97% of the total population is.

7.5. Réunion: By 2005 Muslims make up 4.2% of the total population.

7.6. Seychelles: According to census data, the Muslim population increased from 68 or 0.35% in 1901, to 132 or 0.32% in 1960, to 176 or 0.33% in 1971, to 328 or 0.48% in 1987, to 506 or 0.68% in 1994, to 866 or 1.06% in 2002.

VIII. MUSLIMS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

This region consists of eleven countries and territories: Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Saint Helena, South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. The total population in this region increased from 10 million in 1870, to 34 million in 1950 to 171 million by 2020. The related Muslim population decreased from 7% in 1870, to 6% in 1950 to 5% by 2020. The corresponding individual data for each country in this region is discussed below and summarized in Table 8.

8.1. Angola: By 2009, the Muslim population is estimated to be 80,000 to 90,000 or up to 0.53% of the total population.

8.2. Botswana: Based on census data, the Muslim population increased from 98 or 0.03% in 1946, to 5,036 or

0.42% in 2001.

8.3. Lesotho: Before independence in 1966, this country was named Basutoland. Historical census data show that in 1946 the population was 563,854, out of which 220 or 0.04% were Muslims. The numbers increased in 1956 to a total population of 641,674, out of which 331 or 0.05% were Muslims.

8.4. Malawi: Based on census data, the Muslim population changed from 7,570 or 36.24% in 1961, to 1,272,429 or 12.81% in 1998, to 1,690,087 or 12.97% in 2008.

8.5. Mozambique: Based on Census data, the Muslim population increased from 16,348 or 13.92% in 1955, to 2,696,756 or 17.65% in 1997, to 3,620,500 or 17.90% in 2007.

8.6. Namibia: By 2005, the Muslim population was estimated at 8,000 or 0.4% of the total population.

8.7. Saint Helena: According to census data, the Muslim population remained less than 0.1% in 2008, 1998, and before.

8.8. South Africa: Based on census data, the Muslim population decreased from 32,773 or 1.09% in 1901, to 4,928 or 0.06% in 1946, and then increased to 192,007 or 1.20% in 1960, to 269,915 or 1.24% in 1970, to 352,993 or 1.41 in 1980, to 553,585 or 1.36% in 1996, to 654,064 or 1.46% in 2001.

8.9. Swaziland: According to a 2006 DHS, Muslims constitute 0.2% of the total population.

8.10. Zambia: Based on census data, the Muslim population decreased from 2,390 or 2.83% in 1961, to 41,932 or 0.45% in 2000.

TABLE 6. ESTIMATE OF THE MUSLIM POPULATION IN LOWER CENTRAL AFRICA FROM 1950 TO 2020.

		1950	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010	2020
Burundi	Population	2,456,301	2,940,499	3,513,500	4,129,997	5,681,258	6,472,622	8,518,862	11,211,996
	Muslims %	1.58	1.58	1.58	1.58	1.58	1.58	1.58	1.58
	Muslims	38,810	46,460	55,513	65,254	89,764	102,267	134,598	177,150
	APGR %		1.816	1.796	1.630	3.240	1.313	2.785	
	Reference					[UN](1990)			
Congo - Brazzaville	Population	807,726	1,011,381	1,332,828	1,814,824	2,446,482	3,035,508	3,758,678	4,654,134
	Muslims %	1.61	1.61	1.61	1.61	1.61	1.61	1.25	1.25
	Muslims	13,004	16,283	21,459	29,219	39,388	48,872	46,983	58,177
	APGR %		2.274	2.798	3.135	3.032	2.181	2.160	
	Reference						[CG05](2005s)	[CG](2009s)	
Congo - Kinshasa	Population	12,183,661	15,385,055	20,285,425	27,170,024	37,016,126	50,829,248	67,827,495	90,510,272
	Muslims %	1.49	1.49	1.49	1.49	1.49	1.49	1.49	1.49
	Muslims	181,537	229,237	302,253	404,833	551,540	757,356	1,010,630	1,348,603
	APGR %		2.360	2.804	2.965	3.141	3.222	2.927	
	Reference							[CD](2007s)	
Equatorial Guinea	Population	225,536	252,080	290,785	220,351	379,254	528,882	693,385	909,055
	Muslims %	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
	Muslims	2,255	2,521	2,908	2,204	3,793	5,289	6,934	9,091
	APGR %		1.119	1.439	-2.736	5.580	3.382	2.745	
	Reference							[DOS]	
Gabon	Population	469,000	485,683	529,380	681,581	926,400	1,233,410	1,501,266	1,827,291
	Muslims %	9.44	9.44	9.44	9.44	9.44	9.44	9.44	9.44
	Muslims	44,274	45,848	49,973	64,341	87,452	116,434	141,720	172,496
	APGR %		0.350	0.865	2.559	3.116	2.904	1.985	
	Reference						[GA](2000s)		
Rwanda	Population	2,162,316	2,887,402	3,775,833	5,196,989	7,150,297	7,957,797	10,277,212	13,272,654
	Muslims %	8.46	8.46	8.46	0.82	0.82	1.82	1.82	1.82
	Muslims	182,932	244,274	319,435	42,615	58,632	144,832	187,045	241,562
	APGR %		2.934	2.719	3.246	3.242	1.076	2.591	

	Reference		[UN79](1970)	[UN83](1978)		[RW](2002)			
São Tomé & Príncipe	Population	60,000	64,251	73,630	94,688	116,117	140,131	165,397	195,219
	Muslims %	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
	Muslims	24	26	29	38	46	56	66	78
	APGR %		0.687	1.372	2.547	2.061	1.898	1.672	
	Reference					[UN](1991)			
Tanzania	Population	7,649,766	10,072,878	13,599,895	18,661,433	25,454,631	34,131,312	45,039,573	59,434,080
	Muslims %	30.68	30.68	30.68	30.68	30.68	32.60	30.12	30.12
	Muslims	2,346,948	3,090,359	4,172,448	5,725,328	7,809,481	11,126,808	13,565,919	17,901,545
	APGR %		2.790	3.048	3.215	3.153	2.977	2.812	
	Reference					[TZ92](1992s)	[TZ99](1999s)	[TZ](2005s)	
Uganda	Population	5,158,194	6,787,351	9,443,100	12,655,396	17,730,869	24,432,843	33,796,461	46,748,582
	Muslims %	5.45	5.45	5.45	10.55	10.55	12.10	12.10	12.10
	Muslims	281,122	369,911	514,649	1,335,144	1,870,607	2,956,374	4,089,372	5,656,578
	APGR %		2.783	3.357	2.971	3.430	3.258	3.297	
	Reference		[UN63](1959)			[UN](1991)	[UN](2002)		
Total	Population	31,172,500	39,886,580	52,844,376	70,625,283	96,901,434	128,761,753	171,578,329	228,763,283
	Muslims %	9.92	10.14	10.29	10.86	10.85	11.85	11.18	11.18
	Muslims	3,090,905	4,044,919	5,438,668	7,668,976	10,510,704	15,258,287	19,183,267	25,565,280
	APGR %		2.496	2.853	2.943	3.214	2.883	2.912	

8.11. Zimbabwe: According to the 1961 census, the population was 239,310, out of which 3,100 or 1.30% was Muslims. According to DHS, this percentage changed to 0.86% in 1999, to 0.88% in 2006.

1. Summary

A summary of the Muslim population change in Africa from 1950 to 2020 is presented in Table 9. Accordingly, while the total African population increased from 79 million

TABLE 7. ESTIMATE OF THE MUSLIM POPULATION IN THE EASTERN ISLANDS FROM 1950 TO 2020.

		1950	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010	2020
Comoros	Population	156,334	193,047	238,001	328,818	437,817	551,997	691,351	865,886
	Muslims %	99.00	99.00	99.00	99.00	99.00	99.00	99.00	99.00
	Muslims	154,771	191,117	235,621	325,530	433,439	546,477	684,437	857,227
	APGR %		2.132	2.115	3.285	2.904	2.344	2.277	
	Reference							[DOS]	
Madagascar	Population	4,083,554	5,102,813	6,546,187	8,604,246	11,272,999	15,275,362	20,146,442	26,570,835
	Muslims %	0.94	0.94	0.94	0.94	0.94	0.71	0.71	0.71
	Muslims	38,385	47,966	61,534	80,880	105,966	108,455	143,040	188,653
	APGR %		2.253	2.522	2.771	2.738	3.085	2.807	
	Reference					[MG92](1992s)	[MG97](1997s)		
Réunion	Population	248,111	335,055	460,632	506,331	603,994	723,769	837,094	968,163
	Muslims %	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.20
	Muslims	10,421	14,072	19,347	21,266	25,368	30,398	35,158	40,663
	APGR %		3.050	3.234	0.950	1.779	1.826	1.465	
	Reference							[PEW]	
Mauritius	Population	493,254	660,170	826,324	966,035	1,056,281	1,194,803	1,296,569	1,407,003
	Muslims %	15.37	16.19	16.58	12.95	16.25	16.65	16.65	16.65
	Muslims	75,813	106,882	137,005	125,102	171,646	198,935	215,879	234,266
	APGR %		2.958	2.270	1.574	0.897	1.240	0.821	
	Reference	[UN55](1952)	[UN63](1962)	[UN73](1972)	[UN88](1983)	[UN](1990)	[UN](2000)		
Mayotte	Population	15,141	23,967	36,690	54,948	92,326	148,572	199,065	266,718
	Muslims %	97.00	97.00	97.00	97.00	97.00	97.00	97.00	97.00
	Muslims	14,687	23,248	35,589	53,300	89,556	144,115	193,093	258,717
	APGR %		4.700	4.350	4.122	5.326	4.872	2.969	
	Reference							[CIA]	
Réunion	Population	248,111	335,055	460,632	506,331	603,994	723,769	837,094	968,163
	Muslims %	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.20
	Muslims	10,421	14,072	19,347	21,266	25,368	30,398	35,158	40,663
	APGR %		3.050	3.234	0.950	1.779	1.826	1.465	
	Reference							[PEW]	
Seychelles	Population	35,232	34,632	41,425	61,898	70,000	81,131	86,202	91,589
	Muslims %	0.32	0.32	0.33	0.48	0.48	0.68	0.68	0.68
	Muslims	113	111	137	297	336	552	586	623
	APGR %		-0.172	1.807	4.098	1.238	1.487	0.608	
	Reference		[UN63](1960)	[UN73](1971)	[UN](1987)	[UN](1994)	[UN](2002)		
Total	Population	5,031,626	6,349,684	8,149,259	10,522,276	13,533,417	17,975,634	23,256,723	30,170,194
	Muslims %	5.85	6.04	6.00	5.76	6.11	5.72	5.47	5.24
	Muslims	294,189	383,396	489,232	606,374	826,311	1,028,932	1,272,193	1,580,148
	APGR %		2.354	2.527	2.589	2.549	2.879	2.609	

in 1870, to 227 million in 1950 to 1,307 million by 2020, the percentage of Muslims in Africa decreased from 47% in 1870, to 44% in 1950, to 41% by 2020. A color coded map of the 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. Thus, the darker the region is, the higher the percentage of Muslims in the corresponding country.

TABLE 8. ESTIMATE OF THE MUSLIM POPULATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA FROM 1950 TO 2020.

		1950	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010	2020
Angola	Population	4,147,509	5,011,585	6,083,243	7,854,004	10,661,460	14,279,518	18,992,707	25,261,561
	Muslims %	0.53	0.53	0.53	0.53	0.53	0.53	0.53	0.53
	Muslims	21,982	26,561	32,241	41,626	56,506	75,681	100,661	133,886
	APGR %		1.910	1.957	2.588	3.103	2.965	2.893	
	Reference						[DOS]		
Botswana	Population	412,533	523,882	692,791	985,051	1,351,599	1,722,554	1,977,569	2,270,338
	Muslims %	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.42
	Muslims	124	157	208	4,137	5,677	7,235	8,306	9,535
	APGR %		2.418	2.834	3.582	3.214	2.455	1.390	
	Reference	[UN56](1946)					[BW01](2001)		
Lesotho	Population	733,942	851,456	1,032,803	1,295,860	1,602,337	1,888,520	2,084,182	2,300,116
	Muslims %	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05
	Muslims	294	426	516	648	801	944	1,042	1,150
	APGR %		1.496	1.950	2.295	2.146	1.657	0.991	
	Reference	[UN56](1946)	[UN63](1956)						
Malawi	Population	2,880,700	3,528,901	4,517,806	6,214,787	9,451,491	11,831,431	15,691,784	20,811,691
	Muslims %	36.24	36.24	36.24	36.24	12.81	12.81	12.97	12.97
	Muslims	1,043,966	1,278,874	1,637,253	2,252,239	1,210,736	1,515,606	2,035,224	2,699,276
	APGR %		2.050	2.501	3.240	4.282	2.271	2.864	
	Reference		[UN63](1961)				[MW](1998)	[MW](2008)	
Mozambique	Population	6,442,133	7,646,095	9,448,877	12,138,111	13,543,223	18,249,419	23,405,670	30,018,785
	Muslims %	13.92	13.92	13.92	17.65	17.65	17.65	17.90	17.65
	Muslims	896,745	1,064,336	1,315,284	2,142,377	2,390,379	3,221,022	4,189,615	5,298,316
	APGR %		1.728	2.140	2.536	1.101	3.027	2.520	
	Reference		[UN56](1955)				[UN](1997)	[MZ](2007)	
Namibia	Population	485,274	602,427	780,277	1,013,313	1,416,897	1,823,997	2,212,037	2,682,629
	Muslims %	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40
	Muslims	1,941	2,410	3,121	4,053	5,668	7,296	8,848	10,731
	APGR %		2.186	2.621	2.648	3.409	2.558	1.948	
	Reference						[PEW]		
Saint Helena	Population	5,040	5,032	5,125	5,996	5,644	3,969	4,398	4,873
	Muslims %	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10
	Muslims	5	5	5	6	6	4	4	5
	APGR %		-0.016	0.183	1.582	-0.603	-3.460	1.031	
	Reference							(2008)	
South Africa	Population	13,683,162	17,396,477	22,501,928	29,075,274	36,745,283	44,871,893	50,492,408	56,816,931
	Muslims %	0.06	1.20	1.24	1.41	1.36	1.46	1.46	1.46
	Muslims	8,210	208,758	279,024	409,961	499,736	655,130	737,189	829,527
	APGR %		2.430	2.607	2.596	2.369	2.018	1.187	
	Reference	[UN56](1946)	[UN63](1960)	[UN79](1970)	[UN88](1980)	[UN](1996)	[UN](2001)		
Swaziland	Population	273,000	349,132	445,627	603,202	864,367	1,079,690	1,201,904	1,337,952
	Muslims %	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20
	Muslims	546	698	891	1,206	1,729	2,159	2,404	2,676
	APGR %		2.490	2.470	3.074	3.663	2.249	1.078	
	Reference							[PEW]	
Zambia	Population	2,340,351	3,044,262	4,137,589	5,774,159	7,910,280	10,467,278	13,257,269	16,790,916
	Muslims %	2.83	2.83	2.83	2.83	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45
	Muslims	66,232	86,153	117,094	163,409	35,596	47,103	59,658	75,559
	APGR %		2.664	3.116	3.389	3.198	2.841	2.391	
	Reference		[UN63](1961)				[ZM](2000)		
Zimbabwe	Population	2,746,854	3,751,391	5,204,364	7,282,344	10,461,122	12,455,362	12,644,041	12,835,578
	Muslims %	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.30	0.86	0.86	0.88	0.88
	Muslims	35,709	48,768	67,657	94,670	89,966	107,116	111,268	112,953
	APGR %		3.166	3.328	3.417	3.689	1.760	0.150	
	Reference		[UN69](1961)				[ZW](1999s)	[ZW](2006s)	
Total	Population	34,150,498	42,710,640	54,850,430	72,242,101	94,013,703	118,673,631	141,963,969	171,131,370
	Muslims %	6.08	6.36	6.30	7.08	4.57	4.75	5.11	5.36
	Muslims	2,075,753	2,717,146	3,453,294	5,114,333	4,296,798	5,639,297	7,254,219	9,173,614
	APGR %		2.262	2.533	2.792	2.669	2.357	1.808	

Since the 1980s, the continent annual population growth (APGR) has been decreasing constantly, from 2.9% to 2.3%

in the 2010s. The corresponding APGR for the Muslim population in this continent also has been decreasing since

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

	1950	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010	2020	
Asia	Population	227,268,888	285,040,297	366,781,400	482,232,286	638,726,991	819,461,202	1,033,044,104	1,307,200,138
	Muslims %	44.12	44.27	44.41	44.78	43.33	42.72	42.06	41.48
	Muslims	100,259,754	126,200,548	162,887,891	215,924,202	276,762,636	350,105,469	434,541,642	542,270,929
	CAPGR %		2.291	2.553	2.774	2.850	2.523	2.343	
	MAPGR %		2.328	2.585	2.859	2.513	2.379	2.184	
	Mus. Ratio%	23.16	23.40	23.15	23.70	23.62	24.12	25.21	26.45
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	

the 1970s, from 2.9% to 2.2% in the 2010s. However, since the 1980s, the Muslim's growth is less than the continent's growth. This explains why the representation of Muslims with respect to the total population is decreasing at about 0.5% point each decade.

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

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