

TABLE #1: Muslims in Europe

Country	Demographics-1970 (H. Kettani)	Demographics-1990 (H. Kettani)	Demographics- 2009 (Various sources)	Muslim populations
Belgium	Total: 9.6 million Muslim: 125,000 (1.3%)	Total: 9.9 million Muslim: 447,000 (4.5%)	Total: 10.8 million (Eurostat estimate, 2009) Muslim: 281,000 (3%) (Pew Forum Report, 2009)	Since the 1960s labor migrants (guest workers) from Morocco, Turkey, Albania and Tunisia were the largest Muslim communities in Belgium. More recently Muslims have arrived as refugees and asylum seekers from East and North Africa, especially Somalia.
Denmark	Total: 4.9 million Muslim: 15,800 (< 1%)	Total: 5.1 million Muslim: 97,700 (1.9%)	Total: 5.5 million (Eurostat estimate, 2009) Muslim: 88,000 (2%) (Pew Forum Report, 2009) * Muslim population- other sources: (210,000, (3.7%)) (2009, U.S. State Department) http://www.state.gov/g/drl/rls/irf/2009/127307.htm	Denmark did not have large numbers of labor migrants from Muslim countries in the 1960s. Since the 1980s and 1990s most Muslims in Denmark are refugees and asylum seekers from Iran, Iraq, Somalia and Bosnia.
France	Total: 50.7 million Muslim: 1.9 million (3.9%)	Total: 56.8 million Muslim: 3.9 million (7%)	Total: 64.4 million (Eurostat estimate, 2009) Muslim: 3.5 million Muslims (6%) (Pew Forum Report, 2009)	Recent Muslim migration to France includes labor migrants from North Africa including Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia. France is home to the largest Moroccan population outside of Morocco.
Germany	Total: 78.2 million Muslim: 1.1 million (1.5%)	Total: 79.4 million Muslim: 2.5 million (3.1%)	Total: 82 million (Eurostat estimate, 2009) Muslim: 4 million (5%) (Pew Forum Report, 2009)	Germany has one of the largest Muslim populations in Europe. Most are descendent of Turkish labor migrants (guest workers) from the 1950s. Since the 1990s Muslims

				from Eastern Europe and the Balkan states (Bosnia) have increased migration to Germany.
United Kingdom	Total: 55.6 million Muslims: 668,000 (1.2%)	Total: 57 million Muslim: 1.5 million (2.6%)	Total: 61.6 million (Eurostat estimate, 2009) Muslim: 1.6 million (2.7 %) (Pew Forum, 2009)	The United Kingdom has a long history with Muslims back to the Middle Ages. In the early 20 th century Muslim migrants, both laborers and students, arrived from countries in the British Empire such as Yemen, India, Pakistan and Somalia. In the 1960s, new migrants from former British colonies joined these early communities. Today there are many Muslims in the UK who can trace their family histories in the UK across several generations.
Italy	Total: 53.4 million Muslim: 48,000 (.09%)	Total: 57 million Muslim: ~1 million (1.7%)	Total: 60.3 million (Italian National Statistical Institute, 2009) Muslim: 36,000 (<1%) (Pew Forum, 2009)	In the 1970s and 1980s, Muslims from Somalia, Morocco, Tunisia and Egypt migrated to Italy in small numbers. Many Muslims came as students but there were also labor migrants. Since the 1990s, the Muslim population has diversified and includes people from North and East Africa, the Middle East, South Asia and Eastern Europe.
Netherlands	Total: 13 million Muslims: 143,000 (1.1%)	Total: 14.9 million Muslim: 613,000 (4.1%)	Total: 16.5 million (Eurostat estimate, 2009) Muslim: 946,000 (5.7%) (Pew Forum, 2009)	Since the 1950s Muslims from former Dutch colonies such as Suriname and Indonesia have migrated to the Netherlands. Today, Turkish and Moroccan populations

				are the largest Muslim communities in Netherlands. Many came as labor migrants (guest workers). Since the 1990s many asylum seekers and refugees from Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan and Somalia have migrated to the Netherlands.
Spain	Total: 33.8 million Muslim: 91,000 (.27%)	Total: 38.8 million Muslim: 350,000 (.9%)	Total: 45.8 million (Eurostat estimate, 2009) Muslim: 650,000 (<1%) (Pew Forum Report, 2009)	Spain has a long history with Islam since it was under Moorish rule for several centuries (ending in the 15 th century). Recent Muslim communities started arriving in the 1970s primarily from North African countries (Morocco) as labor migrants, many working in the tourism industry. Historically Spain has been a country that exports labor migrants so it was not as easy to obtain employment there. However, since the 1980s, Spain has become an importer of migrant labor. Today, Muslim migrants represent a variety of countries such as Iraq, Iran, Syria, Lebanon, India and Pakistan.
European Union—27 Countries			EU- 27 countries: 500 million (Eurostat estimate, 2009) Europe’s Muslim population: 38 million (5.2%) (Pew Forum Report, 2009)	The European Union includes many Muslim communities from Eastern Europe, North Africa, the Middle East and South Asia.

A note on numbers: Historically it has been difficult to find accurate statistical information on migrant populations (both migrants and their descendants) as many are not recognized as legal citizens and are not reflected in census data. In addition, it is hard to track religious affiliations of migrant groups. The charts in this module seek to include some of the most referenced and most reliable statistical data available online.

Background on sources used for population/demographic chart:

- A) [Houssain Kettani](http://www.pupr.edu/hkettani/papers/WMP.pdf)'s recently published report tracks Muslim populations in world history from the 1950s into the 21st century. Kettani's report uses census data as well as demographic and health surveys. Kettani's research shows a sharp increase in the number of Muslims in Northwest Europe during the 1980s and 1990s.
 - <http://www.pupr.edu/hkettani/papers/WMP.pdf>
- B) [Eurostat](http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/tgm/table.do?tab=table&language=en&pcode=tps00001&tableSelection=1&footnotes=yes&labeling=labels&plugin=1) provides recent population estimates from the beginning of each year and is the official clearinghouse of statistical data for European countries.
 - <http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/tgm/table.do?tab=table&language=en&pcode=tps00001&tableSelection=1&footnotes=yes&labeling=labels&plugin=1>
- C) The Pew Forum Research Center recently published a report on mapping [Muslim populations in the world](http://www.pewforum.org/Muslim/Mapping-the-Global-Muslim-Population.aspx). The report reflects official census data, demographics surveys and other statistical records from each country.
- There are a few statistical differences between the Kettani report and the Pew Forum report on Muslim populations in Europe for the years 2009 and 2010. The Kettani report quoted higher numbers of Muslims than the Pew Forum Research Center and other national statistics.
 - <http://www.pewforum.org/Muslim/Mapping-the-Global-Muslim-Population.aspx>
 - The CIA World Factbook and the United Nations Demographic Yearbook were used to compare the Kettani report and the Pew Forum Research Center report.
 - CIA World Factbook <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/fields/2122.html?countryName=&countryCode=®ionCode=;>
 - UN Demographic Yearbook <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/demographic/products/dyb/dyb2.htm>

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<http://pewforum.org/Muslim/Mapping-the-Global-Muslim-Population.aspx>
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 - BBC Special Report on Muslims in Europe: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/europe/4385768.stm>
 - Wikipedia: The demographics of each country page provides background information: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Immigration_to_Europe
 - CIA World Factbook: <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/fields/2122.html?countryName=&countryCode=®ionCode=;>

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