

‘Muslim population in some EU countries could triple, says report’

Text

expected	apart from	blossom	exponentially
lion’s	refugees	fertility	indefinitely
marginally	rise	fleeing	severely

Europe’s Growing Muslim Population is the latest report to show a staggering contrast between Muslim populations in West and Eastern countries by 2050. Germany’s Muslim community could _____ from 6.1% in 2016 to 19.7% in 2050 if high migration continues, whereas across the Polish border numbers would _____ change from 0.1% to 0.2%.

Pew’s data states that Muslims made up 4.9% of Europe’s population in 2016, with an estimated 25.8 million people across 30 countries, up from 19.5 million people in 2010. The number of Muslim migrants arriving in **Europe** shot up after 2014 to almost half a million _____, mainly because of people _____ conflicts in Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan.

Researchers considered three scenarios: zero migration between 2016 and 2050; medium migration, in which the flow of refugees stops; high migration where it continues growing _____.

In the zero migration scenario, the Muslim population in Europe is _____ slim share already (25.4%). France would have Europe’s biggest share of population with 12.7%, up from 8.8%.

In the medium migration scenario, Sweden would have the _____ share of the population at 20.5%. The UK’s share would _____ from 6.3% in 2016 to 16.7%. Finland’s Muslim share would grow from 2.7% to 11.4% and most western European countries would face a big jump.

If high migration continues until 2050, Sweden’s Muslim share will grow _____ to 30.6%, Finland’s to 15% and Norway’s to 17%. In eastern Europe, most countries will continue to have a relatively low Muslim share of population.

The European average _____ rate, which stands at 2.6 for Muslims compared to 1.6 for non-Muslims, would also _____ impact the numbers, as well as the Muslim population being much younger than non-Muslims. The proportion of Muslims under the age of 15 is 27%, nearly double the proportion of under-15 non-Muslims at 15%.

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Questions – True / False – according to the text

- Q1 - Germany's Muslim community could more than treble by 2050 T / F
 Q2 - The number of Polish Muslims will shrink by 2050? T / F
 Q3 - In 2016, more than 10% of Europe's population were Muslim? T / F
 Q4 - There are 3 scenarios of migration given; zero, medium and high? T / F
 Q5 - With zero migration Britain will have the biggest share of migrants? T / F
 Q6 - With medium migration Sweden will have under 20% Muslim migrants? T / F
 Q7 - With High migration Sweden will have over 30% of immigrants? T / F
 Q8 - Even with high migration Eastern Europe's levels will remain the same? T / F
 Q9 - The average birth rate for non-muslims is 2.6? T / F
 Q10 - The percentage of Muslims under 15 is triple that of Non-muslims? T / F

Antonym match – Find the opposite meanings

Annually	Seriously
Apart from	The majority
Blossom	Forever
Exponentially	Escape
Lion's share	Except for
Refugees	Minimal
Fertility	Flowers budding
Indefinitely	Grow
Marginally	Escapees of war
Rise	Yearly
Fleeing	Ability to conceive
Severely	Increasing rapidly

Quick grammar Past modals: Explain the form - Could have been, should have done etc... and then react to the situation given using the correct form. E.g They shouldn't have drunk so much..

I was walking in the market square and found a dead body. He had an empty wallet nearby and multiple stab wounds.
Hitler's biggest mistake was entering Russia.
The Syrian war and the fight against Terrorism has lasted over 15 years so far.
Historic talks are taking place between Korean leaders that will change the shape of Asia.
My boss fired my friend yesterday, he was an incompetent, lazy and an impunctual Jackass.
Osama bin laden was buried at sea, nobody saw his body except American soldiers.
Bill Cosby was sentenced to 30 years imprisonment today for sexual assault.
Jihadists argue their interpretation of the Koran is the complete truth.
I saw mettatica play live yesterday. Absolute garbage, 500zl to listen to a bunch of pensioners ramble on.
Whilst sipping a beer a man and a woman started fighting, she slapped him round the face and walked out.

Discussion

Should immigrants have the right to have their children educated in their native language? What are the arguments for and against?
Should immigrants have a legal obligation to learn the local language? Why, or why not?
Do immigrants have a duty to assimilate themselves into the local culture, or should they do their best to retain their own identities? What are the advantages and disadvantages of the two strategies?
Experts say that the European Union needs to absorb three million migrants a year to maintain its economic sustainability. Why do you think that politicians try to equate immigration with destabilizing society
It is sometimes suggested that there is a link between immigration and crime. What is your opinion?
Do you feel there should be any controls on immigration? If so, what controls and how should they be implemented?
Do you know of anyone who has suffered any kind of discrimination because they come from another country?
If your country has many immigrant workers, what would the impact on industry, agriculture etc if they were all to leave?
When was the last great migratory movement within your country?
If an individual has entered a country illegally, what should be done with that individual?
What should be the standard for giving citizenship to migrants?
What rights to vote should immigrants have in a new country?
Should economic migrants be treated differently from those who have moved for political reasons?
When an immigrant arrives in a new country should they have the same access to healthcare and other rights as an existing citizen? Why, or why not?

Answers

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Researchers considered three scenarios: zero migration between 2016 and 2050; medium migration, in which the flow of refugees stops; high migration where it continues **indefinitely**.

In the zero migration scenario, the Muslim population in Europe is **expected** to rise from 4.9% to 7.4%, **apart from** Cyprus, which has a high Muslim share already (25.4%). France would have Europe's biggest share of population with 12.7%, up from 8.8%.

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Grammar – Open to their own interpretation

He might have been mugged
He should have stayed in Europe. He shouldn't have battled Stalin.
Thousands must have been killed by now. They should have dropped a nuke!
They can't have come to a conclusion, he is a crazy man.
He should have worked harder and been a better worker.
He might not have been killed. His murder could have been staged.
He shouldn't have attacked so many women.

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They must have invented parts of the religion.

The band might have been drunk, they could have rehearsed more.

He might have said something rude. He might have had a fight.