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ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICANS VOTING & ORGANIZING TO INCREASE CIVIC ENGAGEMENT



August 16, 2021

TO: New York State Independent Redistricting Commission

Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of the APA VOICE Redistricting Task Force, a coalition of seventeen APA leading civic engagement groups, below is a summary of the Task Force's position based on the current data available regarding communities of interest that should be kept together in the 2020 Redistricting Cycle. These communities share two or more of these characteristics in common, including but not limited to: language, socioeconomic and demographic data, need for hate crime prevention, need for culturally sensitive social services; transportation lines, race, ethnicity, religion, and/or common histories and cultures.

The recently released Census 2020 data on August 12th, 2021 showing a 43% increase in the APA community in Brooklyn and 29% increase in Queens compared to the 2010 Census further supports drawing maps that reflect the need to keep these growing communities together.

We ask that you please refer to specific oral and written testimonies by individual task force member organizations that provide further detail into the shared interests of these communities and to the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund's community of interests maps submitted to the Independent Redistricting Commission for the boundaries of these neighborhoods. In addition to agreeing to these maps, several of our task force members are grassroots organizations grounded in these communities that have made substantive contributions to the development of these maps.

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Kings (Brooklyn) County:

The neighborhoods of Sunset Park, Bensonhurst, and Sheepshead Bay should be kept together in the same state senate district.

Bensonhurst and Sheepshead Bay should NOT be divided and Bensonhurst, Sheepshead Bay and Bath Beach should NOT be placed with Staten Island in the same congressional district.

Manhattan Chinatown and Sunset Park Brooklyn should be kept together in the same congressional district.

Queens County:

Flushing should remain whole in the same assembly district with minor adjustments to the Southern border as outlined in the oral testimony of Rehan Mehmood (South Asian Council for Social Services-SACSS). Flushing should remain whole in one congressional district and be the epicentre of at least one majority Asian American state senate district.

Richmond Hill/South Ozone Park should be kept intact in one assembly district and state senate district.

Elmhurst, Jackson Heights, and Woodside should be kept whole at all legislative district levels and legally compliant majority Asian American assembly districts be created reflecting the growth in the APA community and community of interest between these neighborhoods.

The neighborhoods of Bellerose/Floral Park/Glen Oaks/Queens Village, Jamaica Hills, and Briarwood should be kept whole at all legislative district levels.

Bayside/Auburndale should be kept whole and together at all legislative district levels.

New York County:

Manhattan's Chinatown must be kept whole in any legislative district formed.

Manhattan Chinatown and Sunset Park Brooklyn should be kept together in the same congressional district.

Bronx County:

The Asian American community in Parkchester, Westchester Square, and Castle Hill should be kept together at all legislative district levels.

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Thank you for giving our task force members an opportunity to testify at the first round of public hearings. We hope you will seriously reflect our concerns above in your drawing of congressional and state redistricting lines. If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact Elizabeth R. OuYang, coordinator, APA VOICE Redistricting Task Force at lizouyang@gmail.com.

Sincerely,



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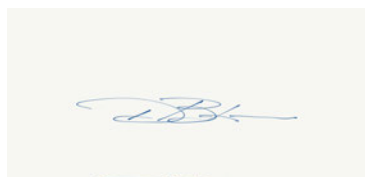
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Via Email

August 17, 2021

New York State Independent Redistricting Commission

RE: AALDEF Asian American Neighborhood Boundaries in New York City

Dear Commissioners:

Please find below, links to Asian American Neighborhood Boundaries in New York City submitted by the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF). We will provide additional documents and submissions throughout the redistricting/mapping process to assist in developing and analyzing district configurations and their impact on Asian American communities of interest.

If you have any questions, please contact me at [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

Jerry Vattamala
Director, Democracy Program
Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund

ASIAN AMERICAN NEIGHBORHOOD BOUNDARIES IN NEW YORK CITY

Queens

Richmond Hill/South Ozone Park

<https://www.representable.org/submission/da8a3b80-facd-4549-97b7-2cceb0e6bff>

Ozone Park

<https://www.representable.org/submission/f2200a52-04d6-43d8-8e3a-6f9a90263b7a>

Elmhurst

<https://www.representable.org/submission/66c859ed-9519-42f2-80bd-f4f490c041f9>

Jackson Heights

<https://www.representable.org/submission/e549c657-9b12-4a25-a4a2-f245fab1592>

Woodside

<https://www.representable.org/submission/9c9ab0d1-10f6-4c07-8675-0e6be689f405>

Flushing

<https://www.representable.org/submission/3a0c4c49-4c6f-450b-9b6b-cf2bba0309d5>

Bayside/Auburndale

<https://www.representable.org/submission/b9e7cdbf-2d49-4435-b683-48b4669bc6c5>

Oakland Gardens

<https://www.representable.org/submission/431ee4e2-c96a-46e2-aae6-3b382bc4cf74>

Floral Park-Queens Village-Bellerose-Glen Oaks

<https://www.representable.org/submission/1c3dc904-8c89-4dc8-98fc-3d8173e3390d>

Briarwood

<https://www.representable.org/submission/bef8d7f9-3ad7-49ea-9758-48641fbde424>

Jamaica Hills

<https://www.representable.org/submission/2b8b8b5c-f510-4a3f-ad36-5ffb245eecf8>

Brooklyn

Sunset Park

<https://www.representable.org/submission/7e73f20d-b5fa-4b9a-a36b-1fb09ddcd22b>

Bensonhurst

<https://www.representable.org/submission/adac6af8-42a0-4c4c-bdca-51e94b780ef0>

Sheepshead Bay

<https://www.representable.org/submission/d9ed604e-3516-4ce1-80b5-2318af63cc5b>

Manhattan

Chinatown/Lower East Side

<https://www.representable.org/submission/8250a51f-5e3e-463d-8aee-d20be9b349b6>

The Bronx

Parkchester-Westchester Square-Castle Hill

<https://www.representable.org/submission/326d4e63-15cb-4f22-9f42-d19b93f60ff5>

Emgage NYC Data

Ahsia Badi <badia@nyirc.gov>

Tue 8/24/2021 6:35 PM

To: Submissions <submissions@nyirc.gov>

 2 attachments (2 MB)

Emgage NY Metro Muslim Data 2021 - NY Data.pdf; The Muslim Community in the New York Region 2019 Update City planning.pdf;

Dear Ahsia and Jonathan,

Please find attached some maps and data to get a sense of Muslims in the NYC area.

Mosques in NYC, there are approximately 300

<https://prayertimesnyc.com/new-york-city-mosques-and-islamic-centers.html>

Impact Report on Muslim Contributions in NYC (this has a lot of demographic figures)

<https://www.ispu.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/MAP-NY-Key-Findings-Web.pdf>

Attached, please find the following documents:

Emgage NY Metro Data spreadsheet of number of registered voters by city council districts.

NYC Planning Commission Mapping of Muslim communities (outdated, but gives some great insight)

If we come across any other data, I will definitely send it to you.

Thank you,

Dr. Debbie Almontaser

Senior Advisor



EmgageUSA.org



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The Muslim Community in the New York Region: Size and Composition

*Conference at the Ford Foundation on
Confronting Islamophobia in America Today*

February 2, 2016*

Joseph Salvo
POPULATION DIVISION

* Updated February 2019



Federal Data Collection on Religion



- **Collection of data in the 19th century was restricted to questions asked of ministers and other religious leaders as part of the decennial censuses**
- **Census of Religious Bodies was established as a stand alone census to be taken every 10 years starting in 1906, and continued until 1946**
- **As part of the Current Population Survey in 1957, individuals were asked about their religious affiliation, but responses were not tabulated**



- **Increasing controversy in the 1950s and 1960s:**
 - **Questions on religion in a mandatory census**
 - **Negative impact on overall census response**
- **Plans to include questions on religion in 1960 and 1970 Censuses never materialized**
- **A 1976 law now prohibits asking questions about “religious beliefs or to membership in a religious body”**

Collection of Data on Religion: Adherents



- **The *Association of Statisticians of American Religious Bodies* sponsors the collection of data on the number of “adherents.”**
- **For 2010: “Approximately how many Muslims are associated in any way with the religious life of your masjid? Please include adults and children, as well as both regular and irregular participants.”**
- **More information: <http://www.rcms2010.org/>**

Definition Used in this Analysis

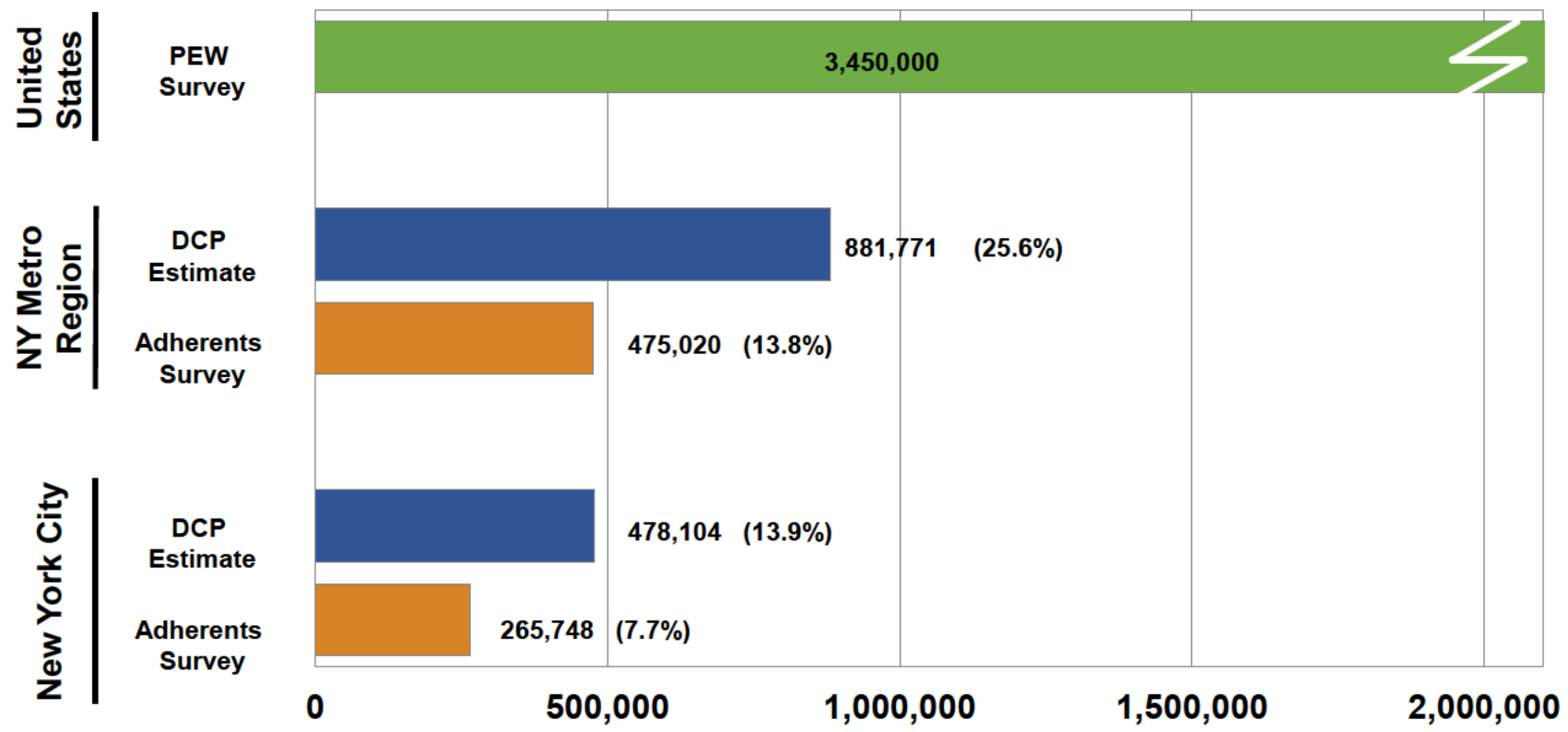
- **Used data from the American Community Survey (ACS)**
- **Persons with a place of birth, ancestry, or specified race from nations where Muslims constituted at least 25 percent of the total population**
- **This method is indirect and subject to a number of limitations, which are important to take into account when attempting to use these data to make decisions**

Countries* Used to Estimate the Muslim Population

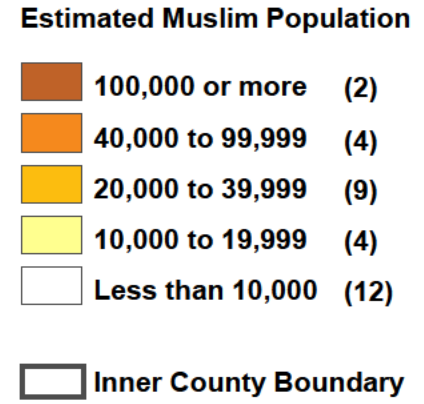
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- Azerbaijan
- Bahrain
- Bangladesh
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Brunei
- Burkina Faso
- Chad
- Comoros
- Djibouti
- Egypt
- Eritrea
- Ethiopia
- Gambia
- Guinea
- Guinea Bissau
- Indonesia
- Iran
- Iraq
- Ivory Coast
- Jordan
- Kazakhstan
- Kosovo
- Kuwait
- Kyrgyzstan
- Lebanon
- Libya
- Macedonia
- Malaysia
- Maldives
- Mali
- Mauritania
- Mayotte
- Morocco
- Niger
- Nigeria
- Oman
- Pakistan
- Palestinian territories
- Qatar
- Saudi Arabia
- Senegal
- Sierra Leone
- Somalia
- Sudan
- Syria
- Tajikistan
- Tanzania
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- Turkmenistan
- United Arab Emirates
- Uzbekistan
- Western Sahara
- Yemen

* Countries where Muslims constituted at least 25 percent of the total population were included in the estimate

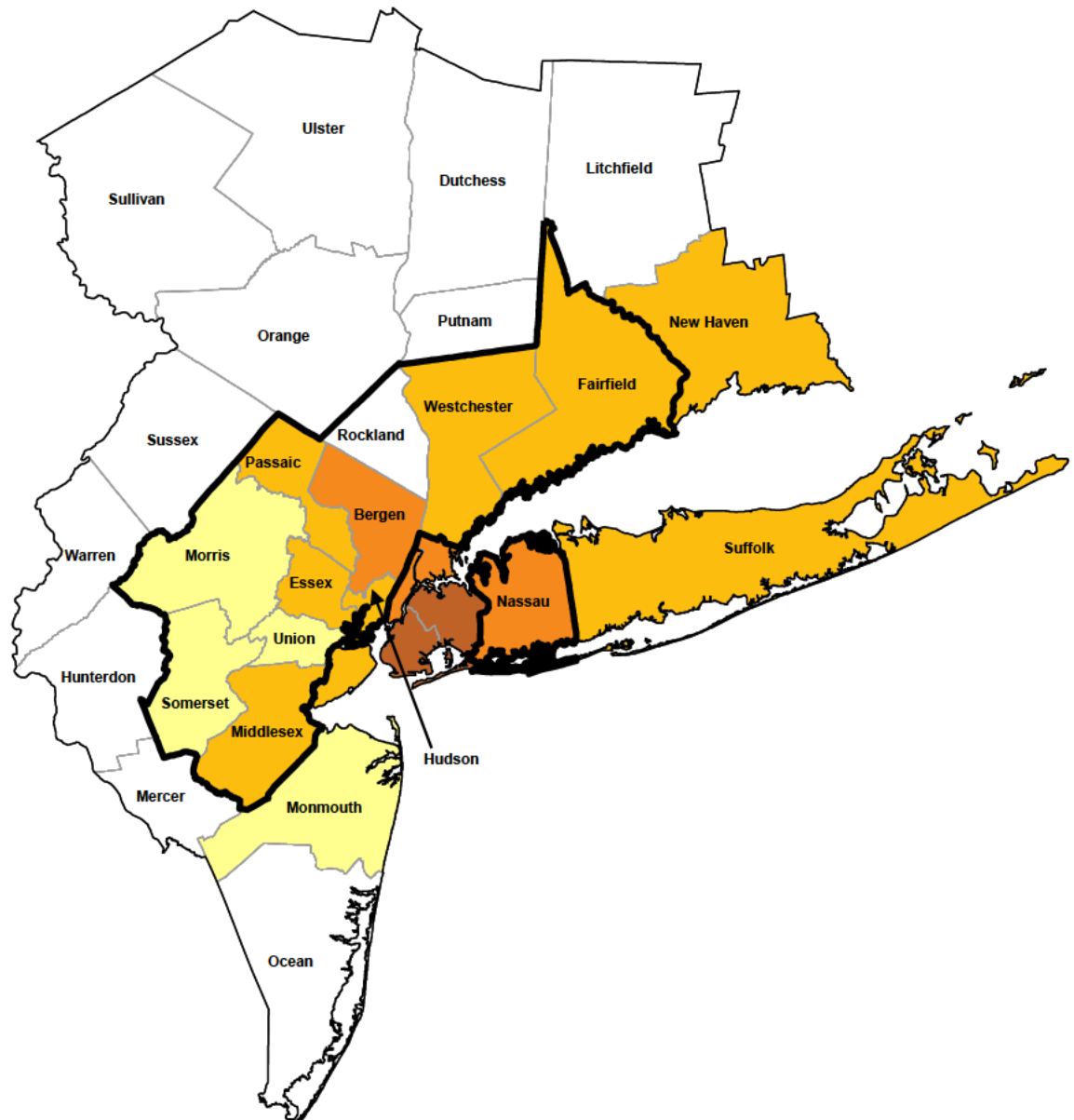
Estimated Muslim Population in the United States, New York Metropolitan Region, and New York City



Estimated Muslim Population by County New York Metropolitan Region, 2012-2016



NY Metro. Region	881,771	100.0%
New York City	478,104	54.2%
Inner Counties	303,873	34.5%
Outer Counties	99,794	11.3%



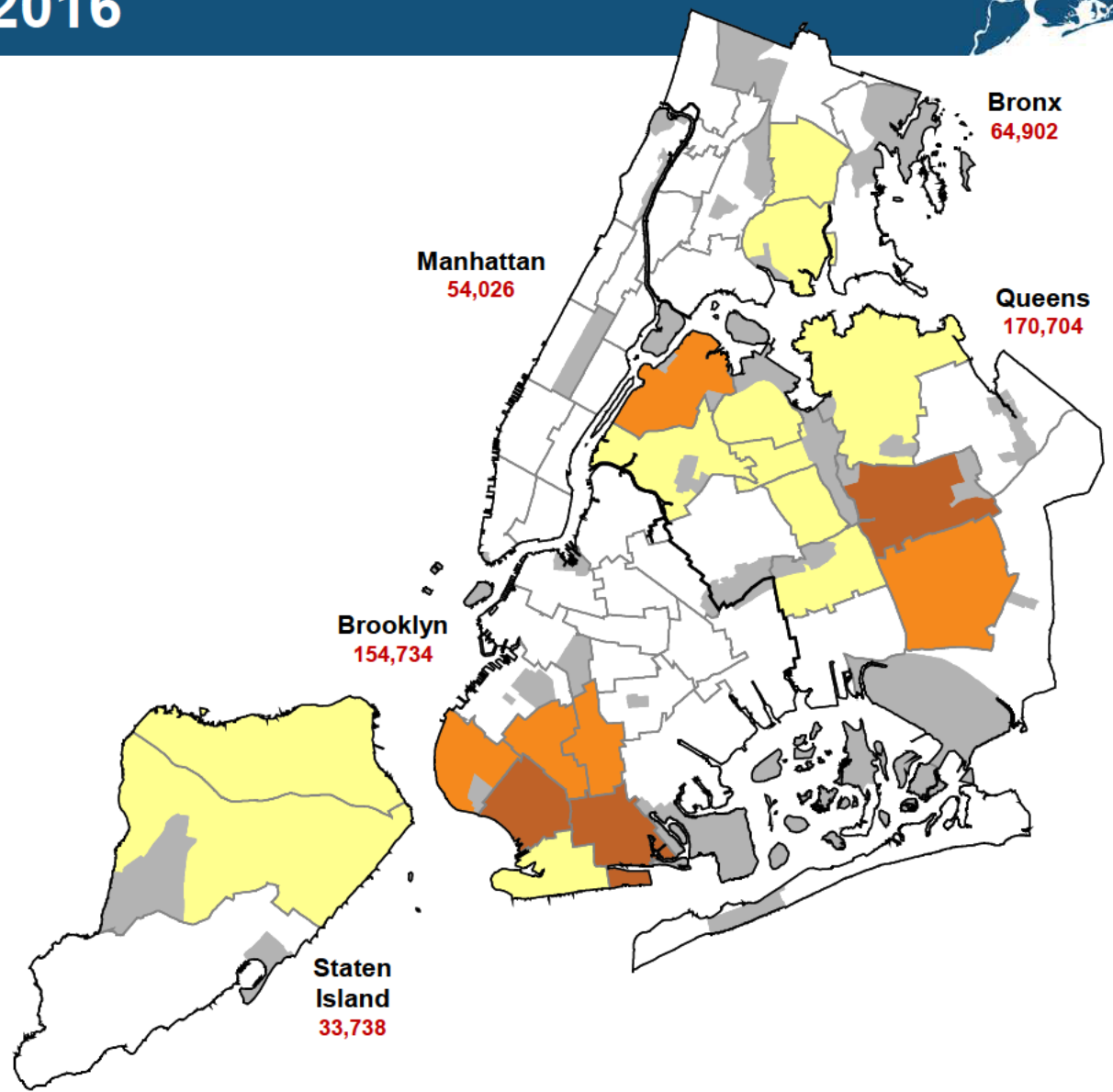
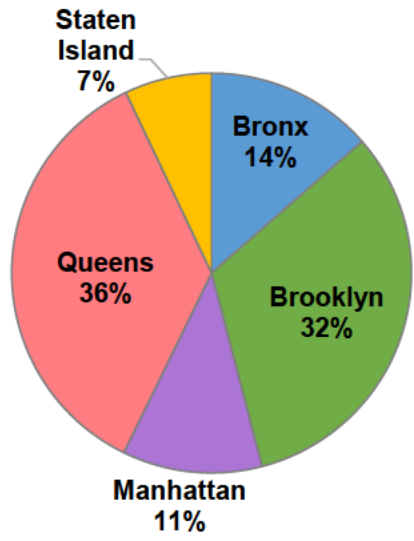
Source: U.S. Census Bureau/IPUMS, 2012-2016 American Community Survey-Public Use Microdata Sample
Population Division-New York City Department of City Planning

Estimated Muslim Population by PUMA* New York City, 2012-2016

New York City Total = 478,104

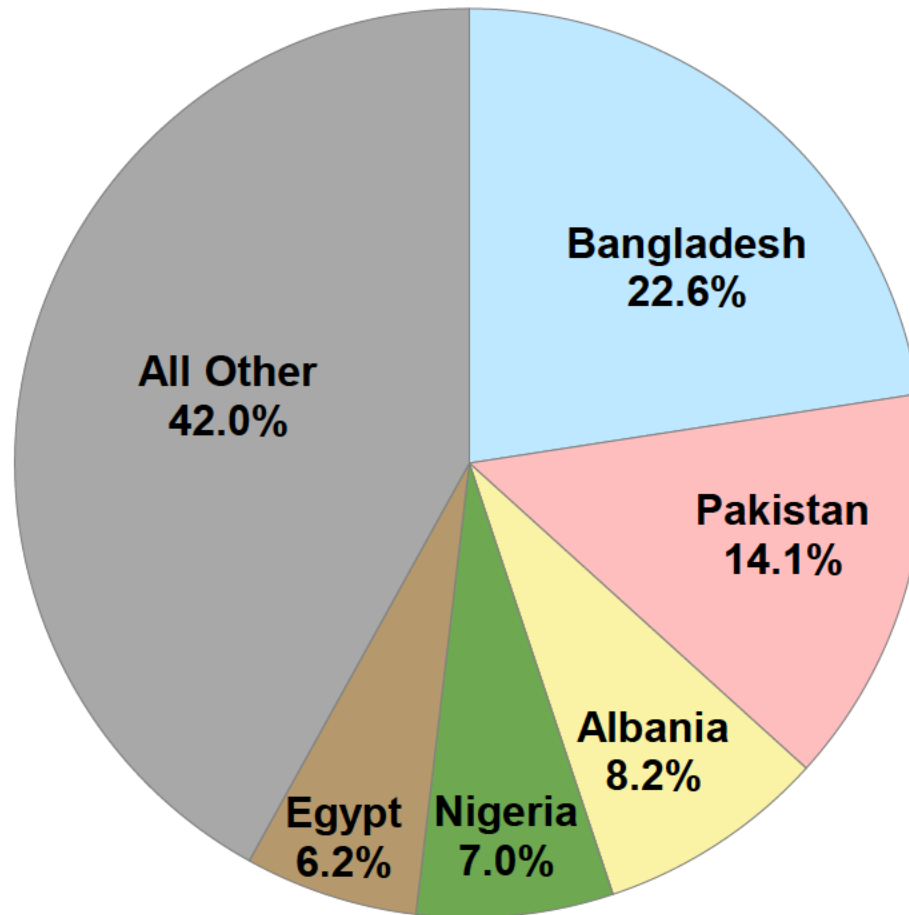
Estimated Muslim Population

- 20,000 or more (3)
- 15,000 to 19,999 (5)
- 10,000 to 14,999 (11)
- Less than 10,000 (36)



* Public Use Microdata Areas (PUMAs) are approximations of NYC's 59 Community Districts

Top Muslim Groups from Total Responses* New York City, 2012-2016

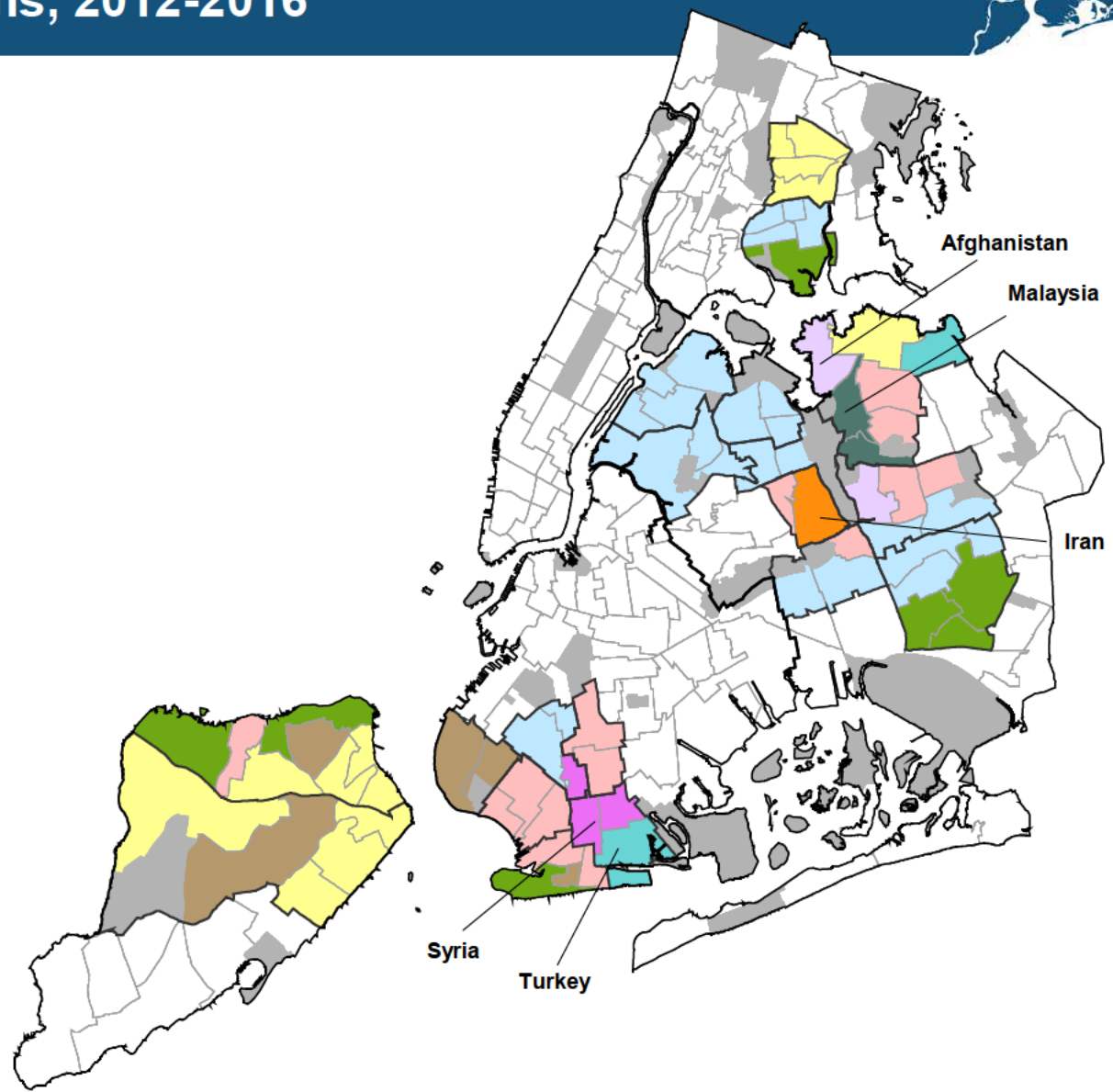


Total Responses = 487,235

* Total responses are based on place of birth, ancestry, and specified race from nations where Muslims constituted at least 25 percent of the total population. Therefore, total responses exceeds number of persons.

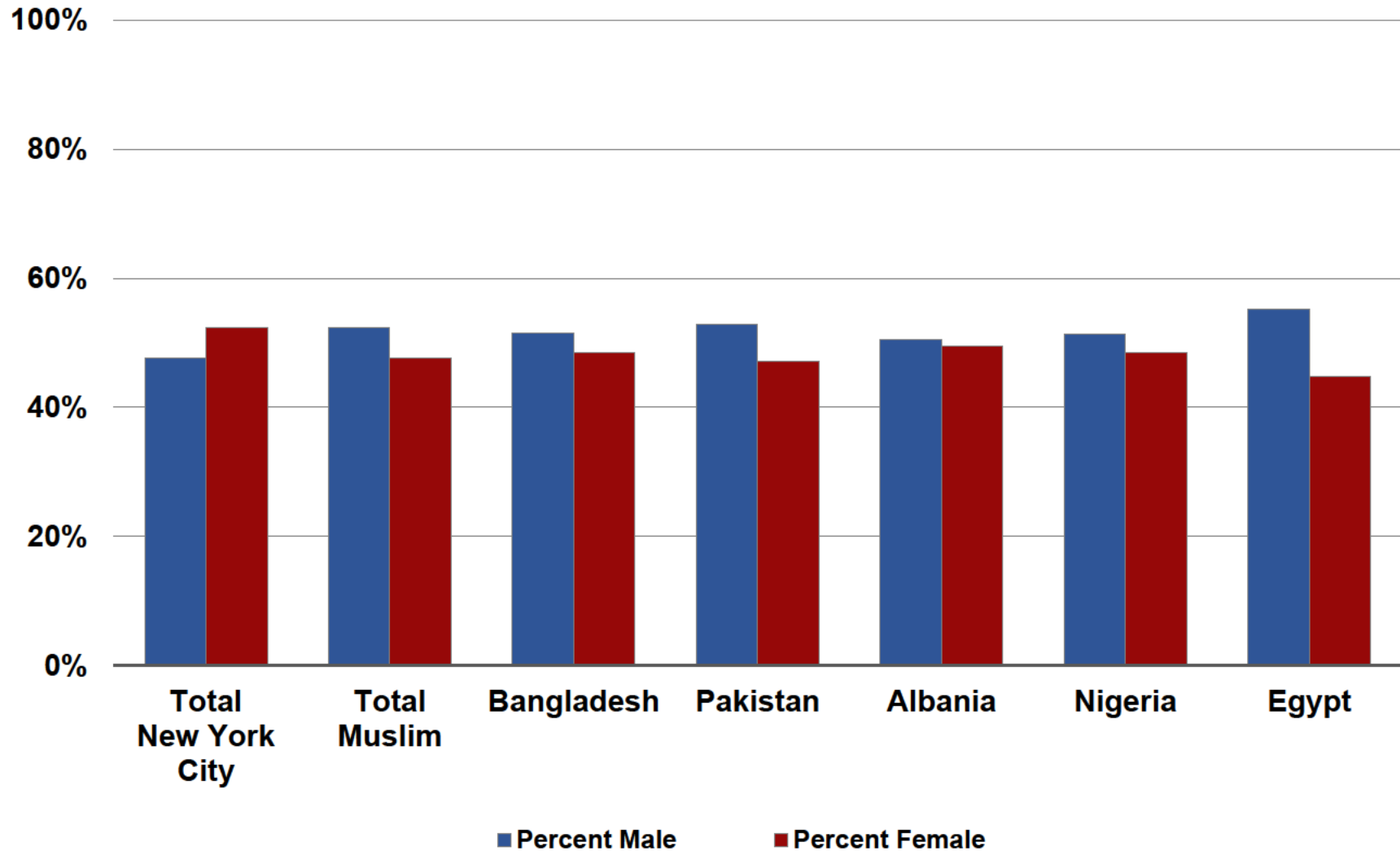
The Top Muslim Group in each Neighborhood* for PUMAs with the Largest Muslim Populations, 2012-2016

- Bangladesh
- Pakistan
- Albania
- Nigeria
- Egypt
- PUMA Boundary

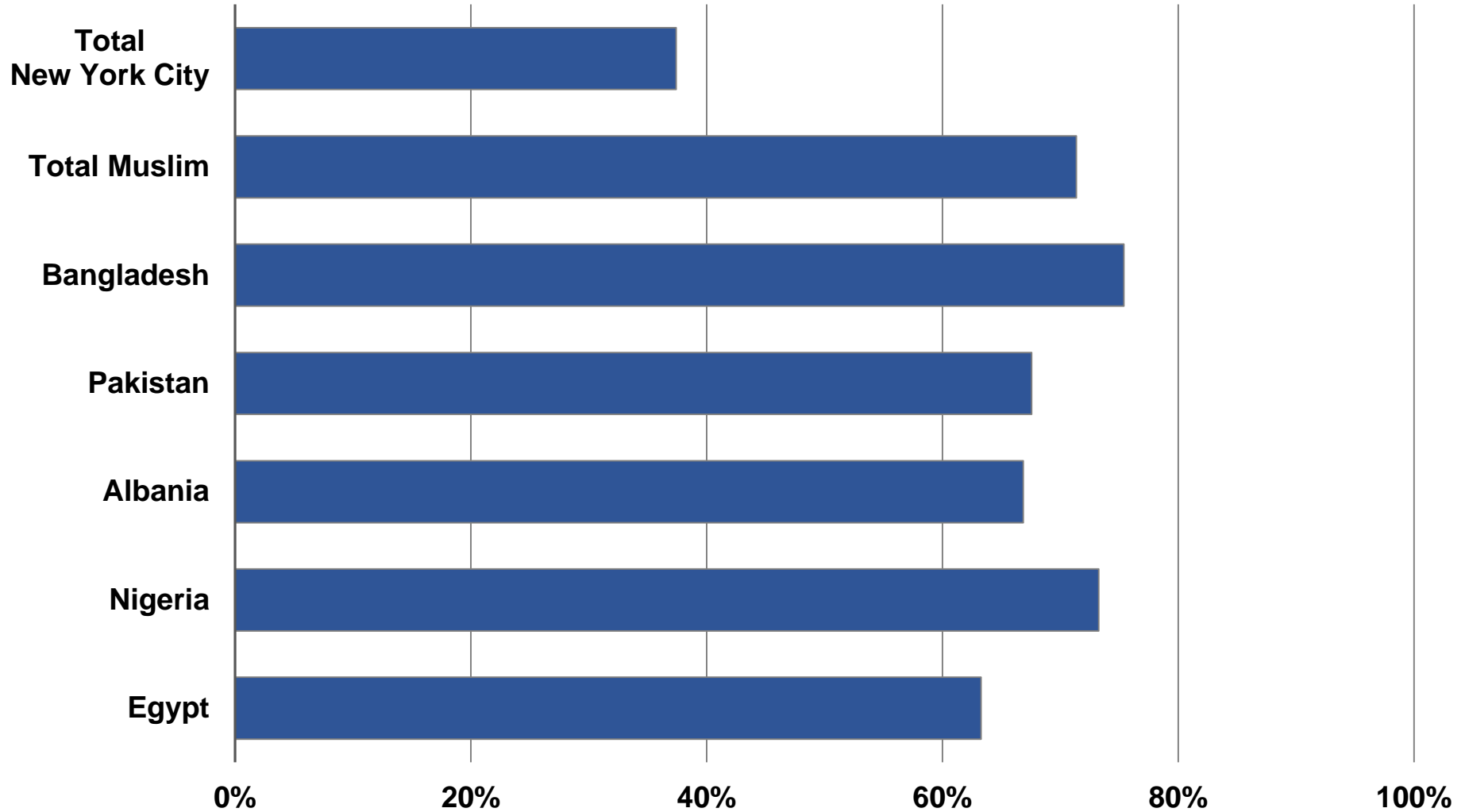


* Neighborhood Tabulation Areas or NTAs, are aggregations of census tracts that are subsets of New York City's 55 Public Use Microdata Areas (PUMAs). Primarily due to these constraints, NTA boundaries and their associated names may not definitively represent neighborhoods.

Percent Male and Female Total NYC Population, Total Muslim, and Top Muslim Countries New York City, 2012-2016



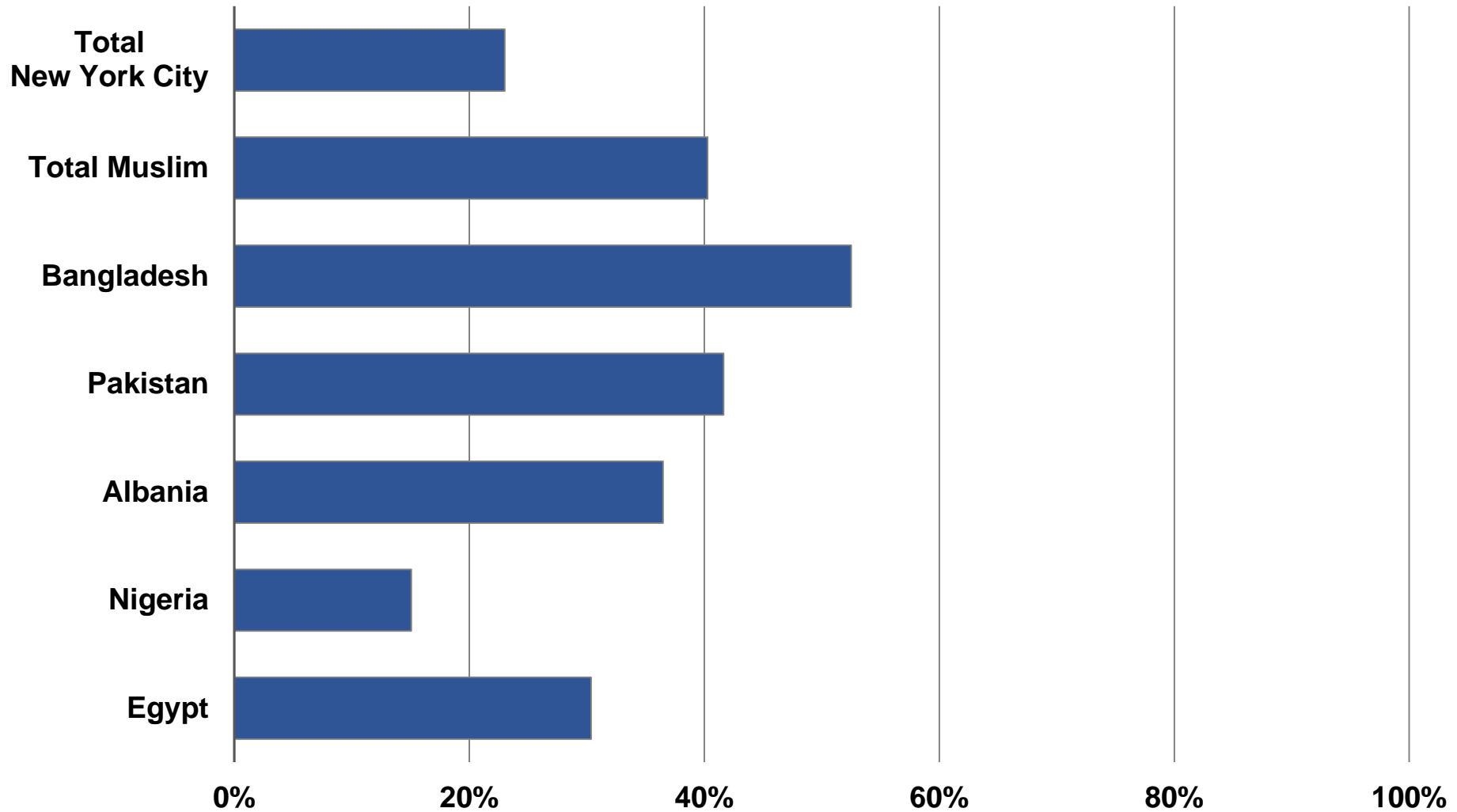
Percent Foreign-born Population Total NYC Population, Total Muslim, and Top Muslim Countries New York City, 2012-2016



Percent of the Population* Not Proficient in English

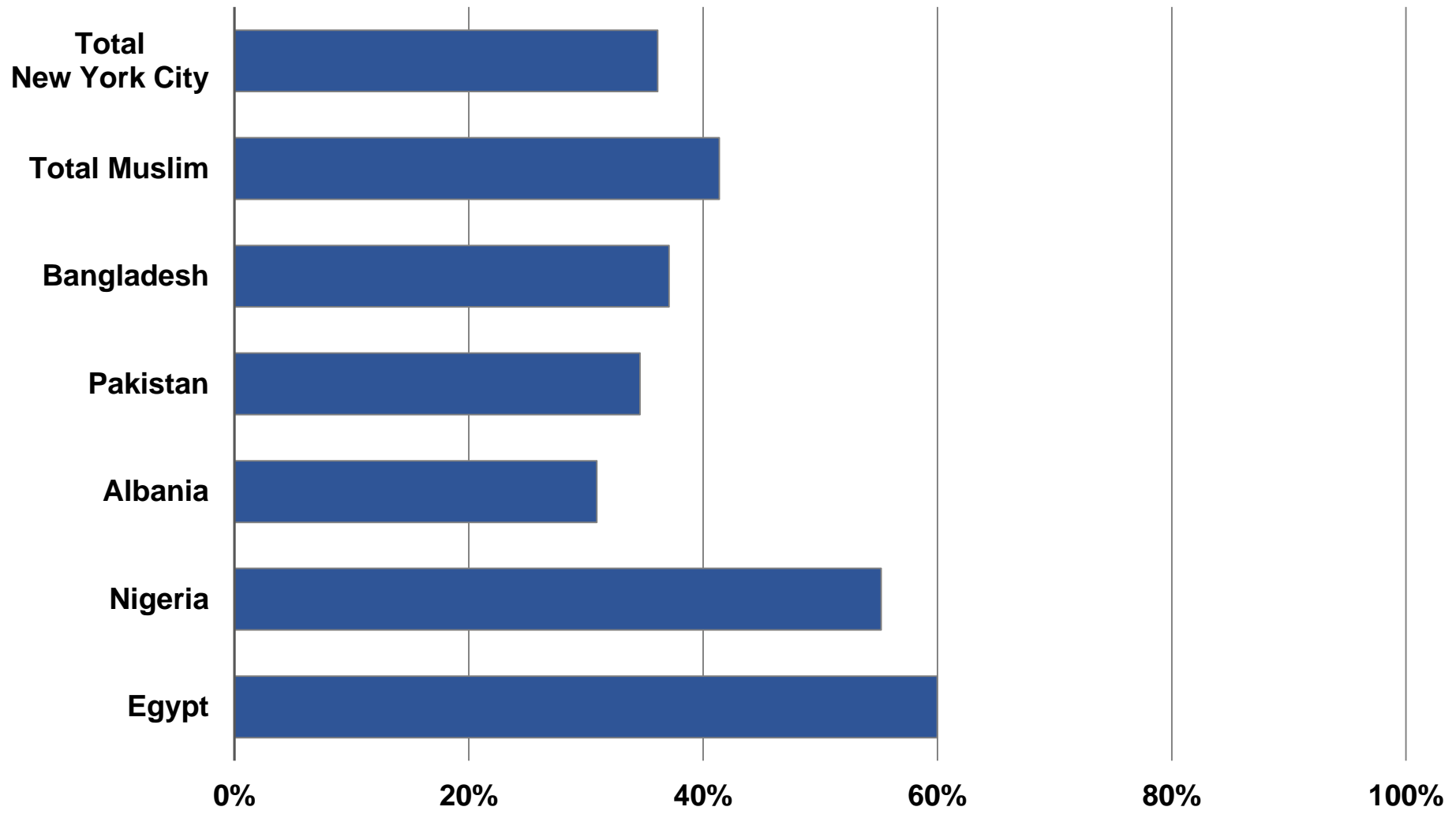
Total NYC Population, Total Muslim, and Top Muslim Countries

New York City, 2012-2016



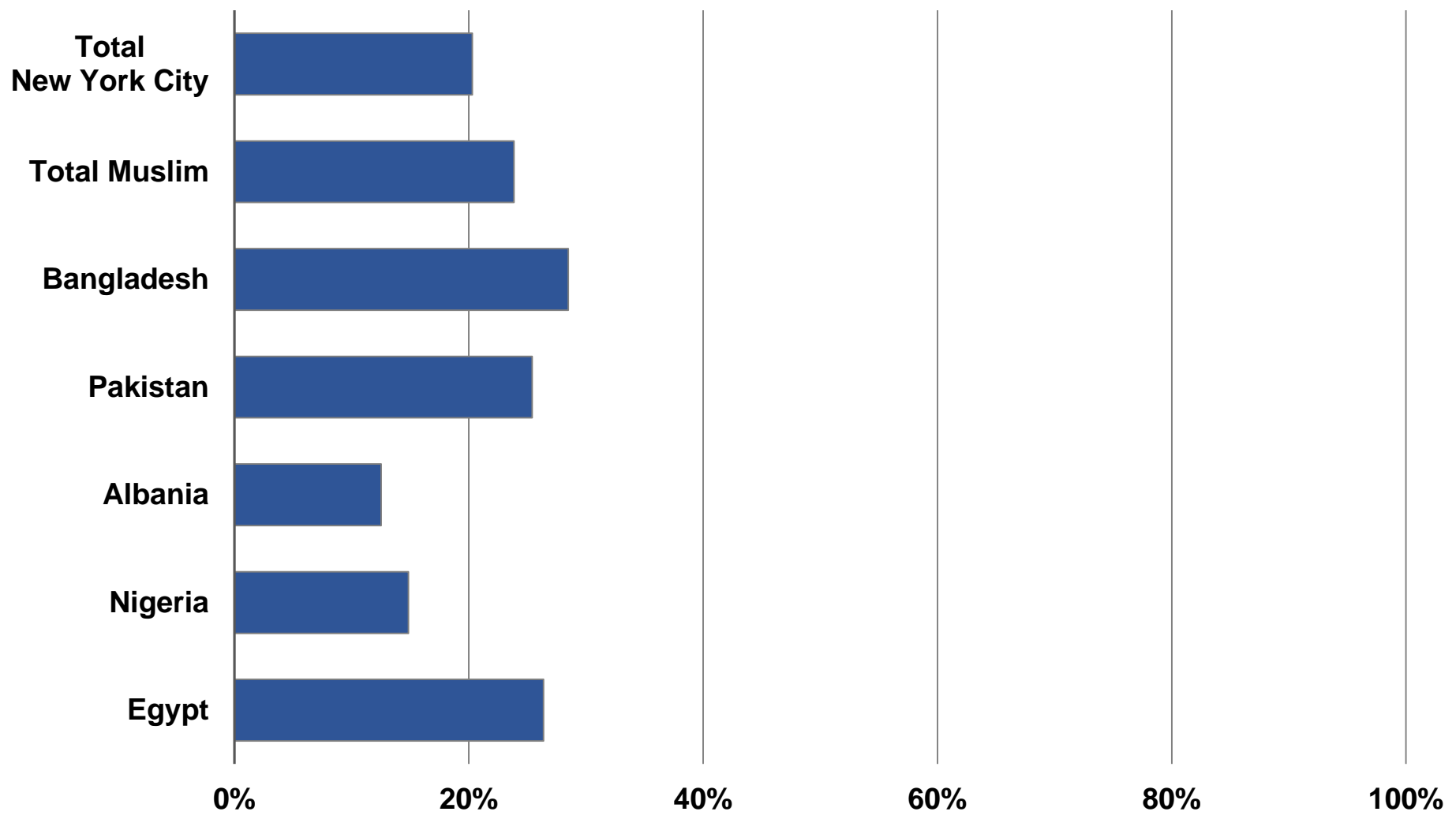
* Population 5 years and over

Percent Bachelor's Degree or Higher Total NYC Population, Total Muslim, and Top Muslim Countries New York City, 2012-2016



* Population 25 years and over

Percent of the Population Below Poverty Total NYC Population, Total Muslim, and Top Muslim Countries New York City, 2012-2016



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Data Resources

- DCP Population Division Web site:
www.nyc.gov/population
- New York City Population FactFinder:
<https://popfactfinder.planning.nyc.gov>
- Census Bureau Web site:
www.census.gov



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Registered Muslim Voter Population as of 1/12/2021 - 354,096			
Borough (Council District #)	County	Population (AV)	Population (TS)
Bronx	Bronx County	12,966	40,437
11		2,356	
13		2,085	
18	X	4,127	
Brooklyn	Kings County	66,001	70,668
33		1,933	
34		1,436	
35		2,165	
36	X	1,289	
37		2,212	
38	X	7,391	
39	X	4,811	
40		3,262	
42		1,098	
43	X	10,574	
44		6,334	
45		2,604	
46		2,125	
47	X	9,406	
48		7,285	
Manhattan	New York County	31,009	21,596
1	X	8,782	
2	X	3,990	
3		3,547	
4		3,036	
5		2,728	
6		2,379	
7		1,735	
8		1,086	
9		1,682	
Queens	Queens County	164,156	111,531
19	X	10,044	
20	X	20,110	
21		4,311	
22		7,170	
23	X	22,861	
24	X	15,974	
25	X	15,955	
26	X	11,551	
27		6,891	
28	X	18,976	

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29	X	10,936	
30		3,931	
31		1,559	
32	X	9,957	
Staten Island	Richmond County	9,748	12,177
49	X	3,244	
50		3,737	
51		2,385	



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New York City Mosques And Islamic Centers

Below is a list of some Muslims Mosques (Masjids and Islamic Center in New York City, United State of America (USA). You can also find the each month prayer times of NYC in this website.

Note: Masjid and Mosque all the same meaning but it is preferred to use the term 'Masjid'.

List Of New York City Mosques And Islamic Centers

Masjid Manhattan

Address: 30 Cliff St, New York, NY, United States

Phone No: +1 212-766-1865

Website: www.masjidmanhattan.com

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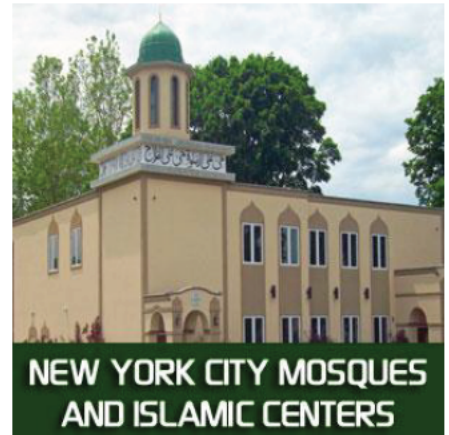
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Masjid At-Taqwa

Address: 1188
Fulton St,
Brooklyn, NY,
United States
Phone No: +1
718-622-0800

The Mosque of Islamic Brotherhood

Address: 55 St



Nicholas Ave, Brooklyn, NY, United States
Phone No: +1 212-662-4100

Masjid Usman Bin Affan

Address: 154 E 55th St, New York, NY, United States
Phone No: +1 212-888-7838
Website: www.ismmny.org

Muhammad's Mosque Number Seven

Address: 106 W 127th St, New York, NY, United States
Phone No: +1 212-865-1200

Masjid Noor-UI-Huda Islamic Center

Address: 3033 Young Ave, Bronx, NY 10469, United States
Phone No: +1 718-798-5727
Website: www.masjidnoorulhuda.com

Musa Mosque

Address: 633 E 189th St, Bronx, NY 10458, United States

Muhammad Mosque No. 7C

Address: 202 Pennsylvania Ave # A, Brooklyn, NY 11207, United States
Phone No: +1 718-342-1900
Website: www.mosque7.org

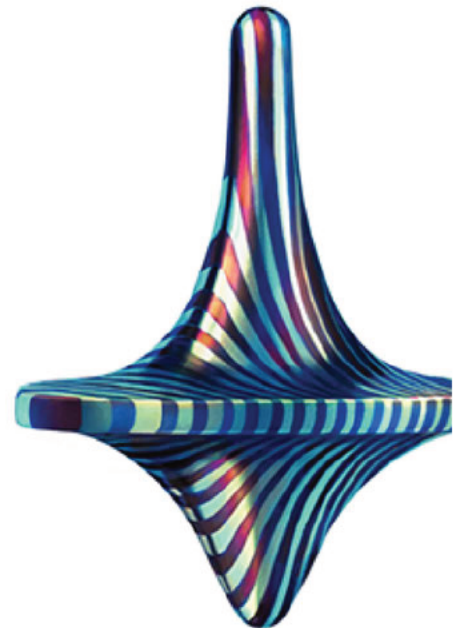
Masjid Ar-Rahman

Address: 98-10 211th St, Queens Village, NY 11429, United States

Masjid Hamza

Address: 200 Stuart Ave, Valley Stream, NY 11580, United States

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Phone No: +1 516-285-8585

Website: www.masjidhamza.com

Masjid Umar

Address: 7 Downs St, Kingston, NY 12401, United States

Phone No: +1 845-481-0787

Website: www.masjidumar.com

Masjid As-Salam

Address: 276 Central Ave, Albany, NY 12206, United States

Phone No: +1 518-463-6275

Website: www.masjidassalam.org

Madina Masjid

Address: 401 E 11th St, New York, NY 10009, United States

Phone No: +1 212-533-5060

Madani Masjid Inc

Address: 41-51 69th St, Woodside, NY 11377. United States

Phone No: +1 718-639-3498

Hazrati Abu Bakr Siddique

Address: 14147 33rd Ave, Flushing, NY 11354, United States

Phone No: +1 718-358-6905

Website: www.masjid-abubakr.org

Masjid Al-Farooq

Address: Atlantic Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11217, United States

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Masjid-Al-Aman

Address: 203 Forbell St, Brooklyn, NY 11208, United States

Phone No: +1 718-277-3976

Website: www.masjidalaman.com

Jama Masjid

Address: 9417 102nd St, Ozone Park, NY 11416, United States

Phone No: +1 718-441-2900

Ei-Ber Masjid

Address: 3607 30th St, Long Island City, NY 11106, United States

Phone No: +1 718-784-0336

Masjid Al-Ikhlas Inc

Address: 25 Washington Terrace, Newburgh, NY 12550, United States

Phone No: +1 845-561-5610

Masjid Ebum Abass

Address: 333 Alexander Ave, Bronx, NY 10454, United States

Masjid Dar Al Arqam

Address: 1288 Nostrand Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11226, United States

Iqra Masjid

Address: 1885 McDonald Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11223, United States

Website: www.iqramasjid.com

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Muhammadi Masjid

Address: 681 Elmont Rd, Elmont, NY 11003, United States

Phone No: +1 516-285-3439

Website: www.muhammadimasjid.org

Masjid Mission Center

Address: 87-26 175th St, Jamaica, NY 11432, United States

1 347-575-1110

Masjid Assalam Wal Khair

Address: 527 Malcolm X Blvd, New York, NY 10037, United States

Phone No: +1 212-690-0925

Masjid 'Eesa ibn Maryam

Address: 90-20 191st St, Hollis, NY 11423, United States

Phone No: +1 718-721-3523

Website: www.masjideesaibnmaryam.com

Masjid Bait Ul

Tahir

Address: 1477

W 8th St,

Brooklyn, NY

11204, United

States

Phone No: +1

718-232-2457

Website:

www.alislam.org



Masjid Nur Al-

Islam

Address: 21 Church Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11218, United States

Masjid Jamal Uddin Afghani

Address: 42-66 149th St, Flushing, NY 11355, United States

Phone No: +1 (718) 463-8007

Masjid Saaliheen Inc

Address: 7255 Kissena Blvd # 1, Flushing, NY 11367, United States

Phone No: +1 718-544-8218

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Masjid Fatima

Address: 57-16 37th Ave, Woodside, NY 11377, United States

Phone No: +1 718-803-3747

Website: www.masjidfatima.org

Malcolm Shabazz Mosque

Address: W 116th St, New York, NY 10026, United States

Phone No: +1 212-662-2200

Website: www.masjidalcolmshabazz.com

Masjid Al-Iman

Address: 24-30 Steinway St, Long Island City, NY 11103, United States

Phone No: +1 718-626-6633

Masjid Salam Inc

Address: 1344 Southern Blvd # 1, Bronx, NY 10459, United States

Phone No: +1 718-708-7111

Al-Mustafa Masjid

Address: 206 E 116th St, New York, NY 10029, United States

Alamin Jame Masjid

Address: 35-19 36th Ave, Queens, NY 11106, United States

Phone No: +1 718-729-6325

Masjid Omar

Address: Brighton 7th St, Brooklyn, NY 11235, United States

Phone No: +1 718-414-7980

Masjid Dar-Al-Dawah

Address: 35-13 23rd Ave, Astoria, NY 11105, United States

Phone No: +1 718-274-2474

Makki Masjid Muslim Community Center

Address: 1089 Coney Island Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11230,, United States

Phone No: +1 718-859-4485

Masjid AIRahman

Address: 575 W 175th St, New York, NY 10033, United States

Masjid Al-Baqi (Muslims On Long Island Inc)

Address: 320 Central Ave, Bethpage, NY 11714, United States

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Phone No: +1 516-433-4141

Website: www.masjidalbaqi.org

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**An Impact Report of
Muslim Contributions
to New York City**

KEY FINDINGS



Muslims for American Progress: NYC Key Findings



Today, issues surrounding American Muslims are central to our political discourse, policy debates, and popular culture. Yet, most Americans say they do not know a Muslim, and according to media content analysis, more than 80 percent of media coverage of Islam and Muslims in the United States is negative. This opens the door for a narrow media image to distort public perceptions of this diverse community. If an educated citizenry is vital to the health of our democracy, then providing accurate information on American Muslims is a civic duty. Muslims for American Progress, a project of the Institute for Social Policy and Understanding (ISPU), aims to do just that.

To fill the widespread gaps in knowledge about American Muslim citizens, including their positive impact on the country, the Muslims for American Progress (MAP) project quantified the contributions of American Muslims in New York City. We did so by analyzing contributions across eight key areas:

Medicine

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM)

Civics and Democracy

Philanthropy and Nonprofits

Education

Economics

Arts and Entertainment

Sports

Our researchers quantified American Muslim contributions by combining hard facts with human faces. We achieved this goal by profiling individuals and organizations of distinction that showcase the community's diversity and reveal important, and oftentimes overlooked, contributions by Muslims to the city. New York City's Muslim community serves as a case study for the rest of the nation, and the findings from this project are in many ways indicative of Muslim contributions across the United States.

This study is a continuation of our initial project, the MAP Michigan Study, published in 2016. In both, we explore the dynamic ways in which Muslims contribute to wider American society. We found that, indeed, Muslim New Yorkers contribute a tremendous amount across issue areas to the success of the entire city and the health, happiness, and well-being of their fellow Americans.

Muslims of New York are dynamic and diverse.

Approximately **3.45 million Muslims** live in the United States. Muslims are on average younger than the general population, with **2.05 million** adults.

This extremely diverse populace includes descendants of Muslims who have lived in the United States' geographical area since before its founding, arriving in America as early explorers and enslaved Africans, as well as recent immigrants from **75+** nations.

22.3%
OF AMERICA'S MUSLIMS
LIVE IN NEW YORK CITY



Approximately **22.3%** of America's Muslims live in New York City, and the Muslim community is rapidly growing on account of immigration, reproduction, and conversion.

The state of New York also has more mosques than any other, largely concentrated in New York City. In 2015, there were **285** mosques across the five boroughs (98 in Brooklyn, 93 in Queens, 47 in the Bronx, 39 in Manhattan, and 8 in Staten Island).



Around **768,767 Muslims** live in New York City as of 2016, making up about **8.96%** of the city's total population of **8,583,000**.

Muslim New Yorkers provide healthcare to millions as active healthcare professionals.

Muslim New Yorkers are active participants in the city's healthcare apparatuses and make up:

12.5%
OF ALL PHARMACISTS

12.3%
OF ALL CLINICAL
LAB TECHS

10.7%
OF ALL PHYSICAL
THERAPISTS

9.7%
OF ALL DOCTORS

8.6%
OF ALL DENTISTS

Yearly, these medical professionals:

- Provide **6.4** million appointments to patients.
- Fill over **9.5** million prescriptions.
- Support **36,001** jobs.
- Contribute **\$384 million** in state and local taxes and pay over **\$4 billion** in local wages and benefits.
- The impact of Muslims working in healthcare in New York City is felt strongly, especially to those who experience need. Many Muslim doctors **focus on serving the city's underprivileged and breaking through stigma surrounding mental health care.**

Key Examples:

Dr. Zehra Siddiqui's work centers on multifaceted community health work, in particular underserved populaces including the homeless population, immigrants, and those without health insurance or documentation.

Dr. Farah Alam, DDS, FSD, is director of the Dental Unit of the Rose F. Kennedy Children's Evaluation and Rehabilitation Center, which is part of Montefiore Medical Center. Dr. Alam provides special care dentistry for medically complex and behaviorally challenging dental patients and trains approximately 50 residents per year. She is the first Muslim director of this center. She was the first female Muslim member of the national Special Care Dentistry Association.

Dr. Faiz Bhora, chief of thoracic surgery at Mount Sinai Roosevelt and Mount Sinai St. Luke's Hospitals and president of the New York General Thoracic Surgical Club, works in thoracic oncology surgery and regenerative medicine, fields with few Muslim faces. Dr. Bhora has undertaken cutting-edge work, using 3-D printing to replace trachea and stem cells, and has a particular interest in serving the underprivileged, working to provide care to those in need, regardless of economic status.

Gareth Bryant, who works as a Muslim chaplain in the mental health field at Lenox Hill Hospital, serving individuals from all religious, cultural, and economic backgrounds.

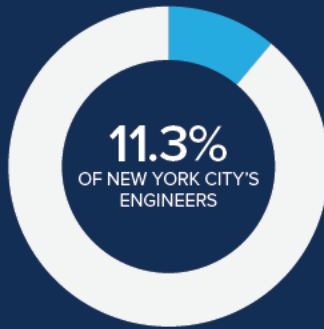
Dr. Tayeba Shaikh, PsyD, is a practicing clinical psychologist who serves patients of various backgrounds with neuropsychiatric counseling and also conducts research in the mental health field. She specializes in treating women with trauma and anxiety and has been a strong voice in identifying the need for mental health care in the American Muslim community.

Dr. Farah Alam

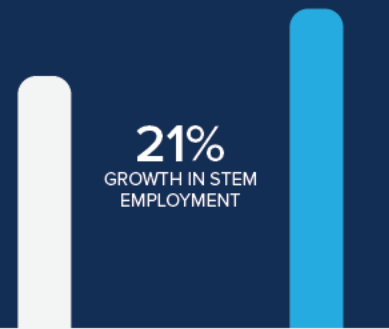


Muslims New Yorkers help drive the city's innovation.

Muslim engineers promote sustainable technology-based solutions for underserved communities and protect and serve New Yorkers through their professional dedication and high achievements.



Muslims make up **11.3%** of New York City's engineers.



From 2010 to 2015, employment in STEM in New York City grew **21%**.

Key Examples:

Noha El-Ghobashy is vice president of Strategic Initiatives at the Institute for Transformative Technologies (ITT). Prior, she was founding president of Engineering for Change, a community dedicated to promoting sustainable technology-based solutions for underserved communities worldwide. She also held numerous roles at the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), most recently as the executive director of the ASME Foundation, focusing on STEM education and innovation.

Rumana Haque has worked as a transport engineer with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey since she finished training as an engineer at the City College of New York around 10 years ago. Haque has been involved with coordinating the construction of the George Washington Bridge (the world's busiest bridge) and managing traffic operations for the NY and NJ ports, traffic signals, and control over NY. She was one of the primary responders for traffic signal management after Hurricane Sandy.

Sidrah Mirza is a project engineer at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, serving the New York District (NY, NJ, CT). As a geologist and a geophysical hazards specialist, she holds a civilian position but works with the army, and her role includes working in cooperation with several government agencies. Mirza leads engineering teams on construction contracts like dam and levee inspection, coastal storm risk management, and inland flood risk management. The broader contribution of her work is to take care of the land and its resources while protecting people from flooding, hurricanes, and other natural hazards.

Muslims are engaged at every level of civic life in New York City.

Muslims hold positions throughout every level of public life, from senior advisor in NYC government to director for outreach at NYC Council. Muslim women from NYC are behind key political movements, civic engagement, activism, and advocacy, including the public recognition of Eid holidays in schools, the locally organized Women's March on Washington, and the first Shura Council for women in the U.S.

Muslim New Yorkers are at the forefront of interfaith work centered on fostering diversity, understanding, and equality across the five boroughs. (See profiles in full MAP NYC report.) Many Muslim lawyers in New York City are dedicated to utilizing law as a way to accomplish social justice, from immigration and national security issues to the pro-bono representation of veterans.

Key Examples:

Dr. Sarah Sayeed, a prominent example of a Muslim woman in democratic practice, is a senior advisor in the Community Affairs Unit of the New York City government. She was appointed by Mayor Bill de Blasio in June 2015 to expand outreach to Muslim communities across the five boroughs. Prior to attaining this position, Sayeed was a trailblazer in interfaith work and activism, instrumental in uniting religious leaders from diverse backgrounds in NYC, helping them to cooperate on solving prescient social problems.

Omar Mohammedi has litigated numerous civil rights cases across minority communities and is a major figure in defending the civil rights of minorities targeted by the NYPD and other institutions, including significant pro-bono work. Mohammedi is currently president of Association of Muslim American Lawyers, on the advisory board of the Tanenbaum Center, a board member of Public Safety and Civil Rights Committee, Citizen Union, and an advisory board member on Hate Crimes for the New York Public Advocate Office. Mohammedi was a central figure in the campaign for the recognition of Eid holidays.



Muslim New Yorkers are devoted to teaching the next generation.

1.1 million students are taught in over **1,800** public schools in NYC, the largest public school system in the United States.

9,497 K-12 teachers in NYC are Muslim.

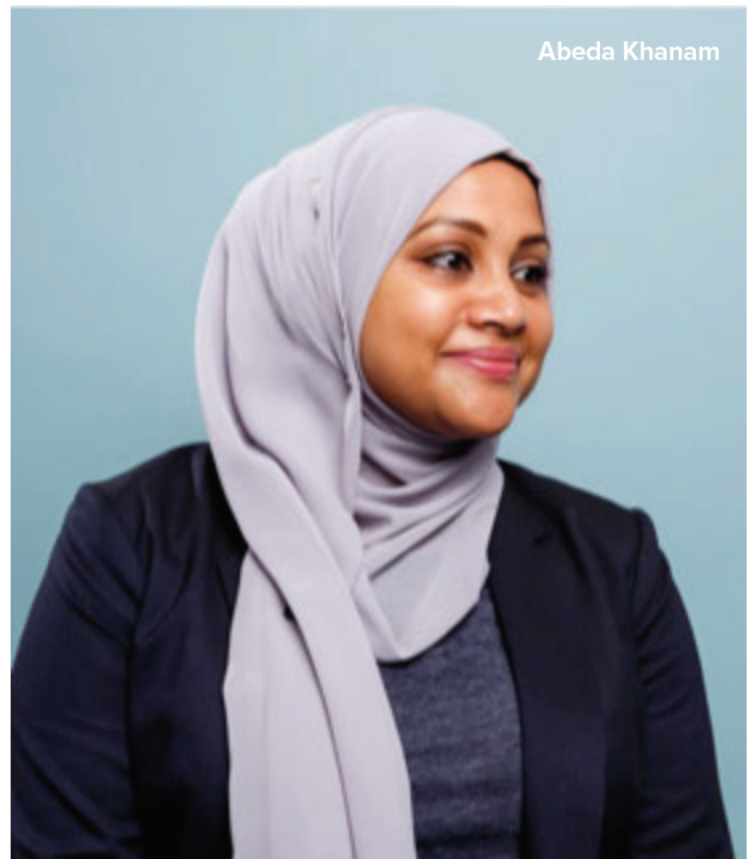
250,000 students per year are taught by a Muslim educator in NYC.

\$1,234,426,284 is spent on education by Muslim households in NYC annually, over **4 times** more than the average American household.

Key Examples:

Abeda Khanam has been a biology teacher at Robert F. Wagner High School for 20 years. She also serves as the faculty advisor for the school's National Honors Society and faculty advisor of both the diversity and garden club. Two years ago, Khanam created a program that matches high-achieving students with students that need academic support based on emotional intelligence and personality traits (as opposed to traditional programs that pair high and low scorers). "Even though I was born in a village, my village is now Jamaica Queens, and I must serve my village if I am to serve God. The lessons I have learned with my family—including the joys as well as the heartbreaks—I offer to my community. For a collection of resilient families in resilient communities make a great nation. After all, isn't the welfare of the country the true concern of the patriot?"

Dr. Dalia Fahmy is associate professor of political science at Long Island University, where she teaches courses on U.S. foreign policy, world politics, international relations, military and defense policy, and causes of war. Her research focuses on democratization and U.S. foreign policy in the Middle East, as well as the effects of Islamophobia on U.S. foreign policy. Dr. Fahmy has three published books and has given several briefings on the future of democracy in the Middle East.



Abeda Khanam

Muslim New Yorkers help fuel the city's economy and create thousands of jobs.

In New York City, in 2016:



95,816

Small businesses were owned by Muslims



176,744

Jobs were created by Muslims



251,864

Workers were employed by Muslim-owned small businesses



\$17 Billion

Muslim household consumer spending totaled **\$17 billion**



176,744

Almost **40% of taxi drivers** and more than **57% of street food vendors**, two professions epitomizing New York City culture, are Muslim

Key Examples:

Abu's Bakery was opened by Idris Conry in 2001 and is now run by his son, Idris Braithwaite. Located on the corner of Bedford Avenue and Fulton Street in Brooklyn, Abu's Bakery was featured in the *New York Times* in July 2017 for its celebrated bean pies. The bean pie is intimately connected to African American Islam and the Nation of Islam, in particular, as founder Elijah Muhammad advised his followers to consume navy beans. The Abu's Bakery bean pie is now sold in supermarkets across Manhattan, Brooklyn, and Queens.

Azra Khalfan is the CEO of Plaques by Azra. The company was started by her father 43 years ago after her family immigrated to New York from Tanzania. The company specializes in engraving, digital printing, and laser cutting. Her clients range from government offices to schools, nonprofit organizations to corporations. Her products have been sent internationally to prime ministers and Nobel Prize winners.

Azra Khalfan



Muslim New Yorkers are incredibly charitable, to both domestic and international causes.

Our research revealed Muslim New Yorkers donated:



Over \$608 Million

In charity in 2016 — **33%** more than the average American household



124,370

Pounds of food in 2017



5,500

Backpacks in 2017

Charitable contributions often stay close to home. For example, after Hurricane Sandy devastated parts of Staten Island in 2012:

900 individuals from Muslim organizations volunteered to deliver food, conduct needs assessments, and help with cleanup.

The Islamic Circle of North America (ICNA) spent **\$325,611.53** on relief efforts.

Key Examples:

Individual Muslim nonprofits based in NYC create impact that reverberates far beyond city limits. In 2017, **Islamic Circle of North America (ICNA) Relief** donated more than **\$576,454** through its food pantry, hunger prevention/meat drive, women's transitional housing, and zakat financial assistance.

Citizens Against Recidivism was founded in 1992 by **Mika'il Deveaux** who is also the current executive director. Citizens Against Recidivism serves both Muslims and non-Muslims, filling a gap by providing services not usually available to ex-prisoners. Its re-entry program provides clothing, emergency cash, MetroCards, art intervention programs, counseling services, and anger management training.

MALIKAH—formerly The International Muslim Women's Initiative for Self-Empowerment, IM(WISE)—is a self-defense, social entrepreneurship, and leadership development movement for young Muslim women.

MALIKAH recently conducted a study on the city's responses to gender-based violence, while identifying how the city can be culturally sensitive to communities that are stereotyped and over-policed. MALIKAH has also worked with and provided self-defense trainings to other communities, including Jewish community groups and Black Lives Matter.

Mika'il Deveaux



Muslim New Yorkers are important figures in arts, entertainment, and sports, shattering stereotypes and highlighting the intersection of performance and social justice.

17.4%
GROWTH IN
ARTISTS RESIDING
IN NYC

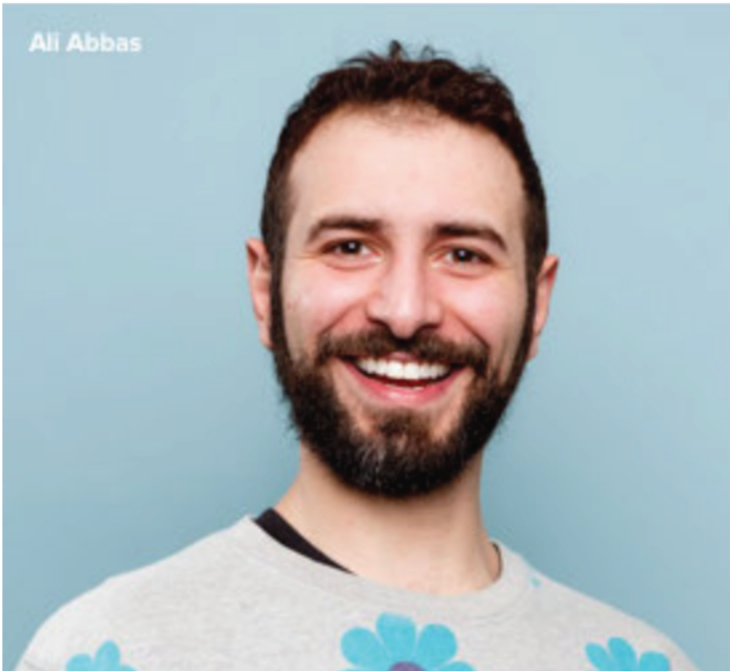
More and more artists are living moving to the city. Artists increased **17.4%** from 2000 to 2015, with **56,268** professional artists residing in the five boroughs as of 2015.

Muslims utilize art as a platform for empowerment, social critique, and building community cohesion. The deep intersection of art and social justice came through in our research, as did the far-reaching dynamism of Muslim artists who are forging new frontiers through their crafts.

High-profile athletes like Enes Kanter, Sadam Ali, Oday Aboushi, Kenneth Faried, Zainab Ismail, Ibtihaj Muhammad, Dalilah Muhammad, Mohamed Sanu, and Muhammad Wilkerson hail from diverse backgrounds and participate in the social life of the city in and beyond sports through their works in philanthropy, advocacy, and community service. Many of them have returned to their home communities to help local efforts and service projects, showing passion for civic participation and dedication to service at all levels within their communities.

Key Examples:

Ali Abbas



Ali Abbas is an American Muslim writer and filmmaker, and New Yorker of Lebanese descent. He is creator and producer of *The Ridge*, a series about a group of Brooklyn Muslim youth with

superpowers, and the current diversity fellow at the Upright Citizens Brigade. Abbas commutes between New York and Chicago where he recently released *The Girl Deep Down Below*, a web series produced by the Chicago Digital Media Production Fund about a group of young Muslim girls who unite to stop the abductions of young women in their community.

Nicole Najmah Abraham is a Brooklyn native, mother, spoken word artist, and fashion photographer. She is also project manager for Green Earth Poets Café; workshop facilitator for New York State Senator Jesse Hamilton's The Campus, which is a technology and wellness hub in Brownsville and Crown Heights, Brooklyn; project contractor for the Center for Community Alternatives, which promotes community-based alternatives to incarceration; and visual marketer, producer, and social media manager for Halalwood Entertainment, an international halal production company ("A Muslim Netflix"). She is also a resident speaker and guest lecturer at the Fresno Kremen School of Education and Human Development, where she teaches master's students. Abraham additionally teaches hip-hop, poetry, and fashion design to around 1,000 youth within the juvenile detention system, as well as prisons in and around New York.

Methodology

The Muslims for American Progress (MAP) project team conducted quantitative and qualitative data collection and analysis between March 2017 and March 2018. Qualitative interviews, lasting between 30 and 60 minutes, were conducted with 86 individuals from all eight focus areas: medicine; science, technology, engineering, and mathematics; civics and democracy; philanthropy and nonprofit; education; economics; arts and entertainment; and sports. Secondary analysis was conducted on economic and population source material from *The Muslim Green: American Muslim Market Study 2014–15* (DinarStandard and AMCC), the Bureau of Labor Statistics Aggregate Expenditures reports, the Pew Research Center 2011 report *Muslim Americans: No Signs of Growth in Alienation or Support for Extremism*, the Pew Research Center 2017 report *U.S. Muslims Concerned About Their Place in Society, but Continue to Believe in the American Dream*, and *A Journey through NYC's Religion Project*. A detailed accounting of our methodology is available in our full report.

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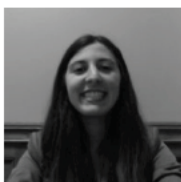
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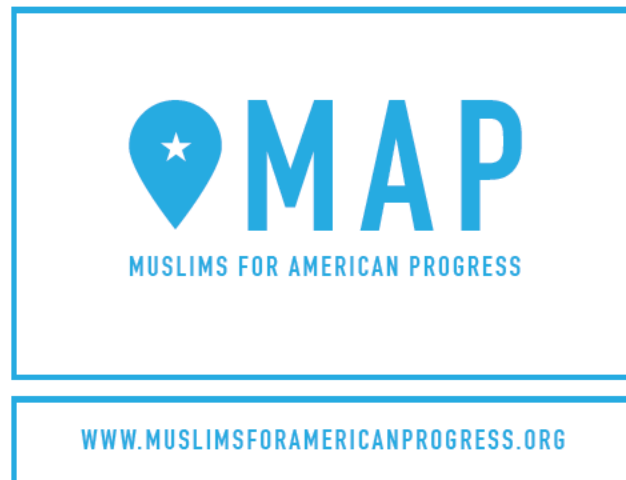
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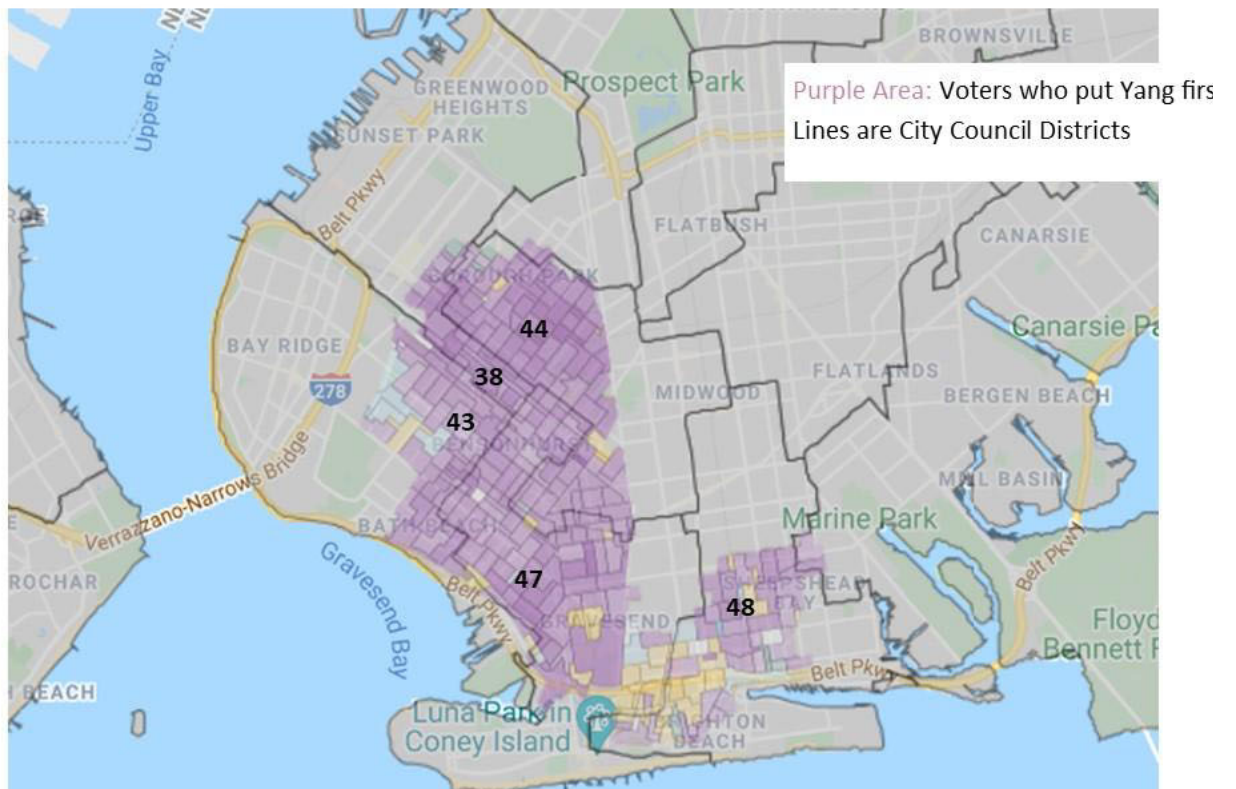
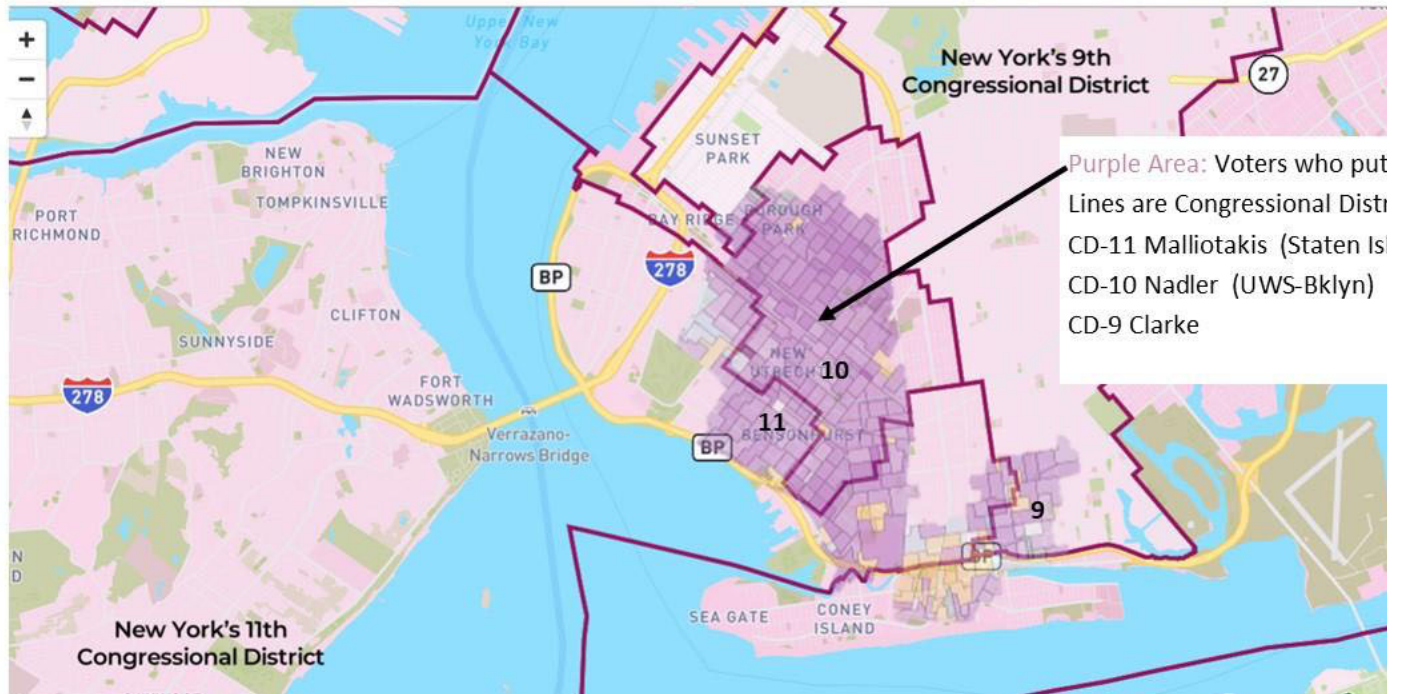
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**Chinese-American Planning Council, Inc.
Testimony Before the New York State Independent Redistricting Commission**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. The mission of the Chinese-American Planning Council (CPC) is to promote social and economic empowerment of Chinese American, immigrant, and low-income communities. CPC was founded in 1965 as a grassroots, community-based organization in response to the end of the Chinese Exclusion years and the passing of the Immigration Reform Act of 1965. CPC is a member organization of the APA VOICE Redistricting Task Force and as a member of the New York Immigration Coalition, a part of a statewide coalition called Mapping Our Future.

Asian Pacific Americans are the fastest growing population in New York City, representing at least 15% of the general population. The greater New York metropolitan area is home to the largest ethnic Chinese population outside of Asia and is the largest metropolitan APA population in the nation. Despite this explosion of growth, there are only a handful of APA elected federal and state officials in New York. Only in 2017 was an APA Task Force formed at the state level to represent community interests. As the fastest growing racial group, there needs to be serious consideration given to ensuring that those numbers, and the communities in which they share multiple interests are respected, kept whole and have the political influence that is representative of our communities. Our communities should have an equal opportunity to participate in the political process and elect the candidates of our choice.

CPC directly serves the APA communities in Brooklyn from our Community Center in Sunset Park which provides borough-wide services in English, Mandarin, Cantonese, Fujianese, and Toishanese. These services include childhood education, nutrition, mental health, senior services, career services, immigration legal help, and more to nearly 24,000 community members. These programs reach far beyond Sunset Park and community members from across Brooklyn including Bensonhurst, Homecrest, and Sheepshead Bay come to our Sunset Park office for these services. Those four neighborhoods: Sunset Park, Bensonhurst, Homecrest, and Sheepshead Bay constitute a community of interest with a shared need for culturally responsive services and should be part of the same state senate district so the voices of the APA community are heard.

On the federal level, Manhattan's Chinatown and Brooklyn's Sunset Park (two of the seven Chinatowns in the New York metropolitan area) are an APA community of interest and should be kept together in the same congressional district. CPC serves Manhattan Chinatown and Lower Manhattan from several locations in Manhattan. Nearly 15,000 Manhattan residents receive our services. These communities share similar needs with respect to language access, access to government programs, and services provided by CPC.

Similarly, Bath Beach, a portion of Bensonhurst, half of Homecrest and Gravesend is placed with all of Staten Island in Congressional District 11. Bath Beach has much more in common with

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Bensonhurst than Staten Island. Homecrest should not be divided into two Congressional districts, but kept whole with Gravesend and Sheepshead Bay in the same congressional district. Otherwise, the concerns of Staten Island will always dominate the needs of this small part of the APA community in Brooklyn.

In Queens, CPC serves the APA communities from our community center in downtown Flushing. This community center is a 10-story, 31,000 square-foot, community hub which provides borough-wide services in English, Mandarin, Cantonese, Fujianese, and Spanish. Based on our community services, we urge that Flushing remain whole and be the epicenter of a majority Asian American State Senate District. The services provided reach about one thousand people daily from every council district in Queens, including the neighborhoods of Elmhurst and Richmond Hill. Intergenerational services include an early childhood center and playground, youth services, college readiness, workforce development, adult literacy, immigration counseling, a senior center, and services to families with special needs all in culturally sensitive and linguistic appropriate programming. The neighborhoods of Elmhurst and Richmond Hill are two of the fastest growing neighborhoods of APA residents in the past 10 years, not just in Queens but all of NYC. In order to prevent the dilution of APA community power and representation, we urge the Commission to keep the neighborhoods of Elmhurst and Richmond Hill intact when drawing up district lines.

Unfair redistricting will divide rapidly growing communities, minimize their concerns, and deprive them of effective representation for years to come. We look forward to working with partners and elected officials to implement an equitable redistricting process. CPC appreciates the opportunity to testify on these issues that so greatly impact the communities we serve. Thank you.