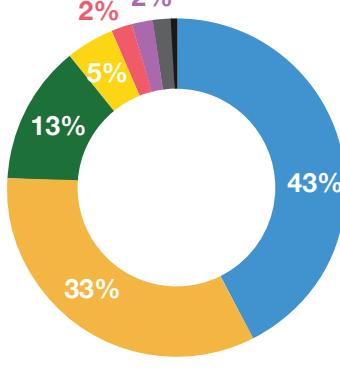


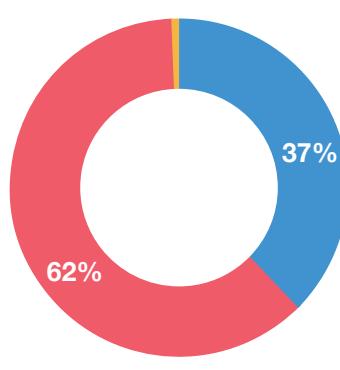
A DEMOGRAPHIC PORTRAIT OF UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA MUSLIM STUDENTS

As the population of young Muslim Americans increases, U.S. educational institutions need to be prepared to address the needs of this racially-heterogeneous community. This infographic begins to describe the demographic characteristics of the Muslim students at the University of California. Findings are based on a representative sample of over 54,000 undergraduate students, including over 1,000 Muslim students, who responded to the 2016 University of California Undergraduate Experience Survey (UCUES). Results suggest UC Muslim students are a diverse group of students that exhibit different demographic and student characteristics. For example, though Muslims are religious minorities on UC campuses, they are a racially heterogeneous group with majority immigrant backgrounds. Most Muslim students are women, enroll in STEM, and come from middle class backgrounds. Muslim students are represented among international students, first generation college students, transfer students, and students who participate in student organizations. In fact, Muslim students are more active than most groups and tend to be politically more liberal compared to their religious and nonreligious peers.



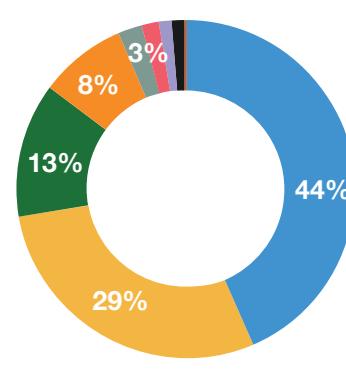
Muslim Students Are Religious Minorities on Campus

Muslim students are only about 2% of the University of California (UC) student population. The majority are nonreligious students (43%) and Christian (33%).



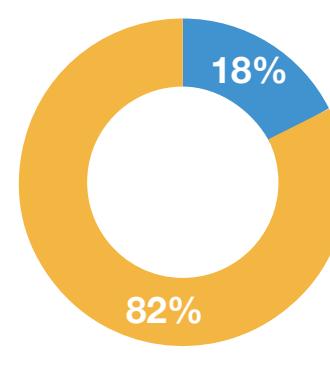
Majority of Muslim Students Are Women

Within the Muslim community, the majority identify as women (62%).



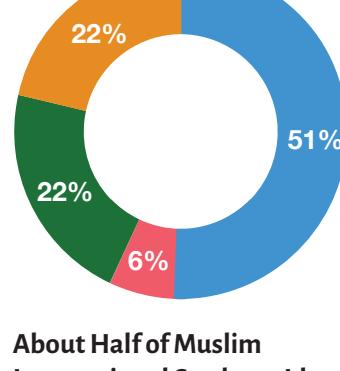
Muslim Students Are Racially Diverse

Muslim students are a racially-heterogeneous group—they comprise a large percentage of students who identify as Middle Eastern North African (designated White) (44%), South Asian (29%), Southeast Asian (13%), and African/Black/Caribbean (8%).



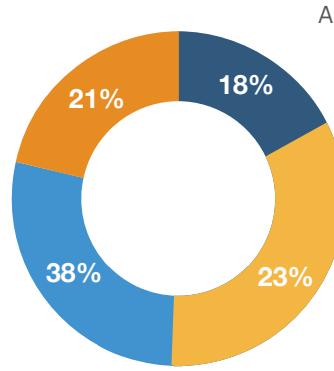
A Majority of Muslim Students Come from Immigrant Backgrounds

A significantly higher percentage of Muslim students come from immigrant backgrounds (1.5 and second generation) (82%) compared to all other UC students (52%).



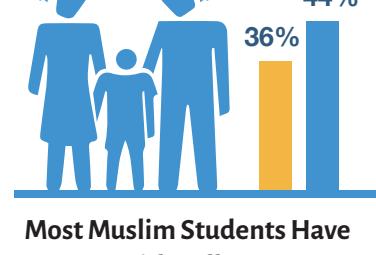
About Half of Muslim International Students Identify as Middle Eastern North African

Among Muslim students attending the UC about (8%) are international students. About half of them identify as Middle Eastern African/White (51%) followed by an equal amount of South Asian and Southeast Asians, and only 6% identify as Black/African.



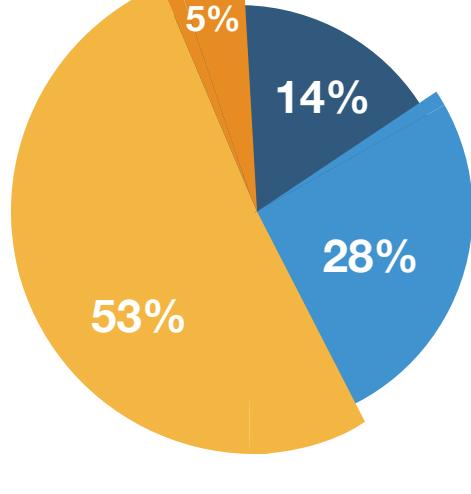
Muslim Students Have Different Social Class Backgrounds

Muslim students vary on social class from middle class (38%), working class (23%), upperclass/wealthy (21%) and low-income (18%).



Most Muslim Students Have Parents with College Degrees

Among UC students about 44% are first generation in their families to obtain a college degree compared to 36% of Muslim students.



A Higher Percentage of Muslims Are in STEM

Among religious and non-religious students, a significantly higher percentage of Muslim students enrolled in STEM (53%) compared to other religious students (43%) and other non-religious students (48%). Fewer Muslim students declared social science majors (28%), arts and humanities (14%), and undeclared (5%).

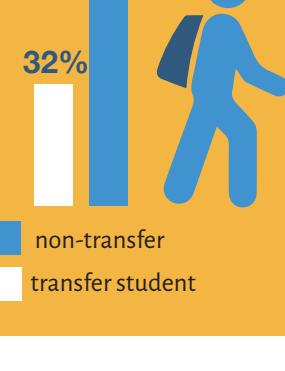
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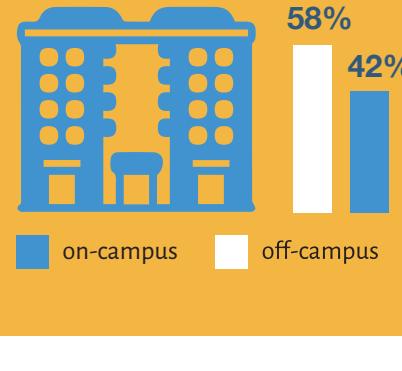
Muslim Students Are More Likely to Work During College

A higher percentage of Muslim students (40%) took a job for the first time in college to meet expenses while attending the University of California, compared to 36% of UC students in general. More Muslim students also took on a job than religious (38%) and their non-religious peers (34%).



Most Muslim Students Are Not Transfer Students

About 20% of UC students were transfer students in 2016. The percentage of Muslim transfer students is slightly higher than all UC students (32%), but most remain non-transfer students (68%).

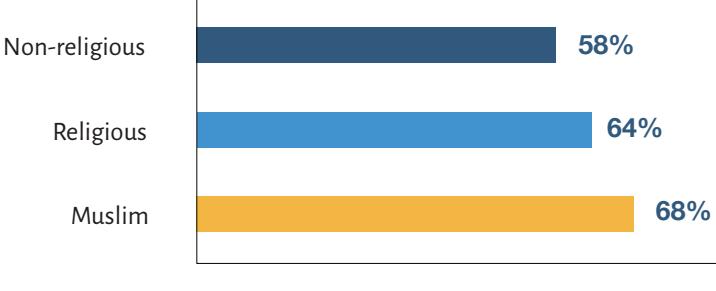


Most Muslim Students Live off Campus

About the same amount of UC students (56%) and Muslim students live off campus (58%).

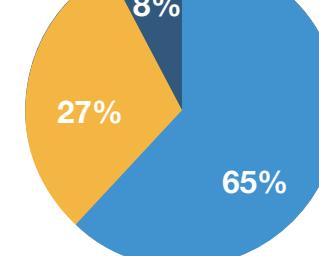
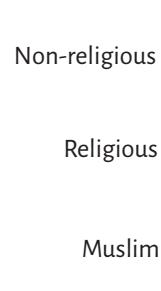
More Muslim Students Participate in Student Organizations

In general, more than half of UC students participate in a student organization (61%). Muslim students are more likely to participate in student organizations (68%) compared to their religious (64%) and nonreligious peers (58%).



Majority of Muslim Students Are Liberal or Moderate

Like most UC students (63%), Muslim students politically identify as liberal or very liberal (65%). Only a small percentage consider themselves politically conservative (8%). Other religious students tend to be more conservative (17%) and less liberal (57%) than Muslim students. Nonreligious students are more liberal than both groups (71%).



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UCUES 2016 survey questions can be found here.