IMPLICATIONS OF CORONAVIRUS: COVID-19's Impact on Muslims

**HIV:** United States

According to the Pew Research Center, about 3.45 million Muslims reside in the United States (~1.1% of the total population).

**HEALTHCARE & SOCIETAL BARRIERS:** United States (Source: Muslim Wellness Foundation)

Compared to Christian peers, Muslims were:

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<th>Christian Community</th>
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<td>Less likely to have full-time employment</td>
<td>48%</td>
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<td>More likely to be laid off because of COVID</td>
<td>11%</td>
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<td>More likely to be classified as an &quot;essential employee&quot;</td>
<td>58%</td>
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<td>Less likely to be able to work from home</td>
<td>73%</td>
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<td>More likely to report &quot;having to go without&quot;</td>
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<td>Less likely to seek therapy or to have ever been in therapy</td>
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**HATE CRIMES:** (Source: Council on American-Islamic Relations; Legal Council for Health Justice)

The Hateful to Health special report found, “Survivors of hate crimes often develop anxiety, depression, and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), along with a general sense of fear, hopelessness, and anger.” (Legal Council)

There were 1,164 anti-Muslim hate crimes reported from 2014 through June 2019, including: (CAIR)

**COVID-19 SNAPSHOT:**

In U.S. counties with large Muslim communities, COVID-19 has presented significant risks.

- **Cook County, Illinois**
  - Muslim Population 3.87%
  - Ranked 39th (Source: ARDA, 2020)
  - 183,649 Cases
  - 5,463 Deaths

- **Wayne County, Michigan**
  - Muslim Population 4.63%
  - Ranked 27th (Source: ARDA)
  - 41,371 Cases
  - 3,056 Deaths

- **Fairfax County, Virginia**
  - Muslim Population 4.63%
  - Ranked 25th (Source: ARDA, 2020)
  - 13.4% state total cases
  - 16.6% state total deaths
  - 23,842 Cases
  - 605 Deaths

- **Dallas County, Texas**
  - Muslim Population 3.56%
  - Ranked 41st (Source: ARDA, 2020)
  - 11.4% state total cases
  - 6.7% state total deaths
  - 101,051 Cases
  - 1,243 Deaths

- **Passaic County, New Jersey**
  - Muslim Population 5.57%
  - Ranked 20th (Source: ARDA)
  - 8.9% state total cases
  - 7.7% state total deaths
  - 21,039 Cases
  - 1,290 Deaths

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"We know that living with HIV and embracing spirituality leads to better emotional, mental, and physical health. Yet, no data presently exists showing how many HIV-positive Muslims reside in the United States. More needs to be done to identify how the HIV epidemic is impacting our Muslim brothers and sisters."

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