

FACT SHEET: WHAT PERCENTAGE OF MUSLIMS WORLDWIDE SUPPORT THE ISLAMIC STATE?

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A report issued by Pew Research in 2015 analyzed 11 nations and territories in the Middle East and East Asia with Muslim majorities or significant Muslim minority populations. Combined, these nations had a total population of 818.22 million people.

Of these, the Pew data revealed that 67.99 million people – or 8.3 percent of the total populations surveyed – were “somewhat favorable” or “very favorable” to “the Islamic militant group in Iraq and Syria known as ISIS.”

This is consistent with other studies suggesting 90 percent of the Muslim world does not support violence against civilians, but 7 to 10 percent do. Additional polling is needed to further understand evolving Muslim attitudes towards the Islamic State and jihadism.

	<u>Support for ISIS¹</u>	<u>Population²</u>	<u>ISIS supporters</u>
Turkey	8 percent	80.3 million	6.4 million
Jordan	3 percent	8.1 million	243,000
Lebanon	0 percent	6.2 million	0
Palestinians	6 percent	4.42 million ³	265,000
Israel	1 percent	8.2 million	82,000
Indonesia	4 percent	258.3 million	10.3 million
Malaysia	11 percent	30.9 million	3.4 million
Pakistan	9 percent	202 million	18.1 million
Burkina Faso	8 percent	19.5 million	1.6 million
Nigeria	14 percent	186 million	26 million
Senegal	11 percent	14.3 million	1.6 million
Total:		818.22 million	67.99 million

		Q12n. Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable opinion of _____ n. the Islamic militant group in Iraq and Syria known as ISIS					
		Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
Turkey	Spring, 2015	1	7	17	56	19	100
Jordan	Spring, 2015	0	3	5	89	4	100
Lebanon	Spring, 2015	0	0	1	99	1	100
Palest. ter.	Spring, 2015	1	5	15	69	10	100
Israel	Spring, 2015	0	1	3	94	2	100
Indonesia	Spring, 2015	1	3	16	63	18	100
Malaysia	Spring, 2015	2	9	23	41	25	100
Pakistan	Spring, 2015	1	8	9	19	62	100
Burkina Faso	Spring, 2015	3	5	11	53	28	100
Nigeria	Spring, 2015	7	7	13	53	20	100
Senegal	Spring, 2015	4	7	15	45	29	100

¹ “Views of ISIS: Topline Data,” Pew Research Center, November 17, 2015 (based on data from spring 2015), <http://www.pewglobal.org/2015/11/17/views-of-isis-topline/>.

² Population data from The World Factbook, Central Intelligence Agency (most data from July 2016), <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/>.

³ Population data (combined West Bank and Gaza) from The World Bank (updated October 2016), <http://www.worldbank.org/en/country/westbankandgaza>.