

Ethnic Categories	Populations	Percentages	
Indonesian Muslims	280,000	96.80%	83.77%
Chinese Muslims (Hui) ¹⁵	8,000—53,000	2.77 %	15.86%
Pakistani Muslims	300	0.10%	0.09%
Turkish Muslims ¹⁶	250	0.09%	0.07%
Arab Muslims	200	0.07%	0.06%
African Muslims	200	0.07%	0.06%
Other ethnic Muslims ¹⁷	300	0.10%	0.09%
Total	289,250—334,250	100%	100%

The second largest Muslim ethnic group is Chinese Muslim. Chinese Muslims could be treated as local Muslims, speaking mandarin as a mother tongue and holding ROC Nationality. The population of Chinese Muslims is estimated to be between 8,000 to 53,000, according to different sources.¹⁸ It is hard to identify the exact numbers since many of their descendants hide their identities or assimilate into the Han-dominated society.¹⁹ The existence of Chinese Muslims in Taiwan can be traced back to the 1950s, when the first generation of Chinese Muslims (around 20 to 50 thousand people) came to Taiwan with the national government after the communist party took over China in 1949. These Chinese Muslims showed distinctive features of ‘Chinese Islam’ in Taiwan. The elites among these Chinese Muslims even played a leading role in the revival of Islam in China during the 1930s and the 1940s. When they settled in Taiwan, they resumed work serving the Chinese Muslim population in Taiwan as they had in China, such as by constructing mosques, building Muslim cemeteries and dispatching Muslim students to the Middle Eastern countries.

¹⁵ The definition of Chinese Muslim in this paper only refers to Chinese-Speaking Muslims who possess ROC Nationality.

¹⁶ Muslims from the Central Asia are included in the definition of Turks.

¹⁷ Other includes Iranian, Malaysian Muslims and African Muslims.

¹⁸ The Ministry of the Interior indicates nearly 8,000 Chinese Muslims lived in Taiwan in 2010. See ‘1.03 General Conditions of Religions,’ *Ministry of the Interior*, <<http://sowf.moi.gov.tw/stat/year/elist.htm>> (accessed on 22 November, 2017). According to a statistic by U.S Department of State in 2006, around 53,000 Chinese Muslims lived in Taiwan. See Shu-Ching Liu (劉淑菁), *The neglected diasporas: a Study on the religious practice of Indonesian Islamic domestic care-givers in Taiwan*, Department of Social Policy and Social Work, National Chi Nan University, 2012, p.2.

¹⁹ For the discussion of the estimation of Chinese Muslim, please see Lin Chang-Kuan, ‘The Dilemma of Han-Speaking Muslim Hijrah, the case of Taiwanese Muslim Community,’ *New Century Religious Studies*, Vol.12, No.1, p.24.