



Fast Facts
about
Full Time Islamic Schools
in
the United States

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Full Time Islamic Schools in the US – data collected 2006		
Total Number*	235 (2006)	270 (updated count in Nov 2014)
◆ Sr. Clara Muhammad Schools	23 (possibly up to 27)	
◆ Immigrant Community-Based Schools	212	
Total Students**	32,000	(updated count expected in 2015)
Average Number of Students per/School	121	
Most Common Size of Schools	Under 100 students 55% Under 150 students 85%	
Age of Schools	6 years or younger 55% 10 years or younger 85%	
Growth	66% of Islamic schools are currently in bricks & mortar expansion projects or have written plans to do so	
Professionalism	Widespread movement toward professionalism – in 60% of schools, 80% of teachers are certified	
Governance	45% completely independent 29% mosque connected but govern autonomously 21% mosque governed	
Hire Teachers of Other Faiths	49% Yes (most Yes indicate 10%-30% of faculty is Other Faith) 23% Not yet, but are considering doing so in the future 28% No, hire only Muslim teachers	

* All numbers will be approximate as there is a lag time between changes in schools and the League learning about those changes.

** An estimated number of students – between 26,000 and 35,500 students – in Islamic schools can be extrapolated from the actual number of students reported in the data. After taking into consideration other factors, the most *probable* number of children in Islamic schools is approximately 32,000 students.

The Typical Full Time Islamic School is:

- ◆ Average sized for parochial school – 100 students or less (most common size)
- ◆ Young – 6 years or younger
- ◆ Growing
- ◆ Professionally oriented
- ◆ Independent governance

Please note: this research was conducted in 2006 and published in 2008. For a free download, please visit our **Research Archives** at <http://www.theisla.org/staticpages/index.php/PublicationsArticlesPapers> Thank you!