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Census Bureau's Working Classification of Middle Eastern or North African for the 2015 National Content Test

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Reference Map



Classifications

The 15 organizations we used in our research classified the population in various ways

- Included as few as 12 countries/territories, and as many as 29
- Average number of countries/territories was about 20
- Most classifications overlapped (e.g., Jordan was included in all classifications)



Census Bureau Working Classification of Middle Eastern or North African

- Includes nationalities of countries in majority of 15 classifications (>50%)
- Includes Middle Eastern and North African ethnicities not tied to specific countries

Census Bureau Working Classification of Middle Eastern or North African - Nationalities

- Algerian
- Bahraini
- Egyptian
- Emirati
- Iranian
- Iraqi
- Israeli
- Jordanian
- Kuwaiti
- Lebanese
- Libyan
- Moroccan
- Omani
- Palestinian
- Qatari
- Saudi Arabian
- Syrian
- Tunisian
- Yemeni

Census Bureau Working Classification of Middle Eastern or North African - Ethnicities

- Amazigh/Berber
- Arab/Arabic
- Assyrian
- Bedouin
- Chaldean
- Copt
- Druze
- Kurdish
- “Middle Eastern”
- “North African”
- Syriac

Comments on Classification Received in Response to the Federal Register Notice

Nationalities suggested for inclusion:

- Comoran
- Djiboutian
- Mauritanian
- Somali
- Sudanese
- Turkish

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