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1. Introduction.

The last Nigerian censuses that gathered data on religious affiliation were those conducted in 1952 and 1963. The country was then divided for administrative purposes into regions, provinces, and divisions, with further subdivisions into districts and Native Authorities. The smallest units for which data on religious affiliation are given in the census reports are the divisions. The very limited purpose of this paper is to present the 1952 and 1963 census data on population by religion within Nigeria's then divisions (of which there were 95 in 1952 and 94 in 1963), as data on the 1952 and 1963 populations of Nigeria's present 36 states. In short, the old divisions and the census data associated with them, have been allocated to the present states as nearly as may be. The detailed results of the exercise, organized by the former Northern, Western, and Eastern Regions, are given in Tables E-G, in section 5 below. The resulting percentages by religion, of the 1952 and 1963 populations of Nigeria's present states, extracted from Tables E-G, are summarized in Tables A-C, section 3 below. Section 2 briefly discusses the data and some of the problems the analysis presented. Section 4 aggregates the regional data to yield Table D, showing percentages by religion for the whole country in 1952 and 1963.

2. Discussion of the census data.

The 1952 and 1963 censuses were national exercises, managed by the British Census Superintendent in 1952 and by the Federal Census Office in 1963.¹ Accordingly, although the work was subdivided by region, and although there are some regional variations, the censuses were conducted, compiled, and reported according to similar formats for all the regions. For 1952, all the data entered in Tables E-G is from Tables 8 of the 1952 Northern, Western and Eastern census reports respectively.² For 1963, all the data is from Tables 5.³ Creating Tables E-G of the present paper was a matter of retrieving the relevant pages of the census reports from the library, determining how to allocate 1952 and 1963 provincial divisions to present states, and entering the data accordingly.

The only new element in Tables E-G, therefore, is the allocation of 1952 and 1963 divisions to present states. This was frankly done by comparing old regional maps showing the provinces and divisions (helpfully provided in the 1953 census reports for each region), with current maps showing the 36 states, and matching up shapes; some knowledge of the history was also helpful. I believe I have got this right.

But besides the possibility that I have made some mistakes in allocating divisions to states, there is the further problem that not all 1952 and 1963 divisions in the North went into the present

¹ See *Population Census of Nigeria, 1952-53* (Lagos: The Census Superintendent Census, 1953); *Population Census of Nigeria, 1963* (Lagos: Federal Census Office, 1964).

² Tables 8: West and East: "AFRICAN POPULATION OF THE [WESTERN, EASTERN] REGION CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO PROVINCE, DIVISION AND RELIGIOUS GROUP, [DECEMBER 1952, JUNE 1953]". North: "NUMBER OF RECORDED AFRICAN HOUSEHOLDS IN THE NORTHERN REGION CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO RELIGIOUS GROUP BY PROVINCE AND DIVISION, JULY 1952". As Table 8 in the North gives the religious breakdown by households, Table 6 of the Northern census report was also used to get the Northern African population figures for 1952 as shown in Table E. Another difference between the Western and Eastern Tables 8 and the Northern: the former call non-Muslims/non-Christians "Others", the latter calls them "Animists and Others". In 1963 all regions call them "Others".

³ Tables 5: North and West: "POPULATION BY RELIGION [NORTHERN, WESTERN] NIGERIA". East: "POPULATION BY RELIGION AND SEX EASTERN NIGERIA". The Northern and Western Tables 5 also break the religious divisions down by sex, and all also break it down by urban and rural populations. All the Tables 5 have sub-tables giving the data by provinces and by all divisions of all provinces.

states in one piece. The old Borgu, Kontagora, Sokoto, Kano, Bornu and Southern Sardauna Divisions (of Ilorin, Niger, Sokoto, Kano, Bornu and Sardauna Provinces, respectively) were all divided between present states in unknown proportions: old Borgu Division was divided between present Kwara and Niger States, Kontagora Division between Kebbi and Niger States, and so on as indicated in Table E. Lacking further information, I have only been able to estimate the proportions of the old divisional populations allocable to current states. Looking at the maps, I have estimated that Borgu Division went half to Kwara State and half to Niger State, including half its Muslims, Christians and Others; Kontagora Division went half to Kebbi and half to Niger; Sokoto Division went half to Sokoto and half to Zamfara; Bornu Division went half to Borno and half to Yobe; and Southern Sardauna Division went half to Adamawa and half to Taraba. In the case of old Kano Division of Kano Province, I have allocated three-fourths to present Kano State and only one-fourth to Jigawa. It may be that similar problems exist as to some parts of the Western and Eastern Regions: sometimes the maps are not very clear.

The other allocational point relates to the Federal Capital Territory of Abuja (FCT). This was created in 1976 out of districts formerly part of what are now Niger, Nasarawa and Kogi States. The 1952 and 1963 census data were not reported for districts but only for the larger divisions, and I have not attempted any allocations to the FCT. This distorts the data for Niger, Nasarawa and Kogi States by unknown but no doubt very small amounts. Secondly, the fact that the population of the current FCT bears limited resemblance to what it was in the 1950s and 1960s means that not much would be gained from the complicated task of extrapolating the FCT's shares of the populations of its composite divisions many decades ago.

3. Tables A-C: Percentages by religion of the 1952 and 1963 populations of Nigeria's present states.

The complete data given in Tables E-G lend themselves to various sorts of analysis. Tables A-C present one possibility: a ranking of the present states, grouped according to their former regions, in descending order of their percentages of Muslims in 1963 (bolded in the tables for ease of reference). The percentages for the total regions are given at the bottom of each table.

Table A: Northern Region

Present State (North)	1952			1963		
	% Muslim	% Christian	% Animist and Other	% Muslim	% Christian	% Other
Sokoto	96.3	0.5	3.2	98.9	0.4	0.7
Zamfara	96.3	0.5	3.2	98.9	0.4	0.7
Jigawa	98.4	0.4	1.3	98.0	0.8	1.2
Kano	97.8	0.5	1.7	97.0	1.1	1.8
Yobe	87.3	0.5	12.2	94.8	1.0	4.2
Katsina	95.2	0.3	4.5	94.6	0.4	5.1
Borno	80.9	0.6	18.5	88.3	2.7	8.9
Kebbi	79.0	0.3	20.7	85.5	0.5	14.0
Bauchi	76.3	1.1	22.6	83.4	1.6	14.9
Kwara	63.4	6.5	30.1	75.6	13.6	10.8
Gombe	70.1	2.5	27.4	75.0	6.2	18.8
Niger	46.8	3.5	49.7	62.4	4.0	33.6
Kaduna	57.3	10.2	32.5	55.7	25.1	19.2
Kogi	22.5	18.5	59.1	37.5	28.2	34.2
Adamawa	32.9	3.8	63.3	34.6	16.0	49.4
Nasarawa	23.4	7.8	68.8	30.2	13.8	56.0
Taraba	19.0	2.0	78.0	26.2	13.7	60.0
Plateau	25.5	11.4	63.1	26.1	23.2	50.7
Benue	2.8	7.1	90.1	2.8	53.4	43.8
Total North	73.0	2.7	24.3	71.7	9.7	18.6

Table B: Western Region⁴

Present State (West)	1952			1963		
	% Muslim	% Christian	% Other	% Muslim	% Christian	% Other
Oyo	50.4	26.7	22.9	58.3	30.5	11.2
Lagos	48.3	44.3	7.4	56.0	40.7	3.3
Ogun	47.5	35.2	17.4	53.0	37.9	9.1
Osun	48.3	38.2	13.5	52.7	42.2	5.1
Ondo	12.7	66.7	20.6	14.2	78.2	7.6
Ekiti	8.2	69.3	22.5	10.6	79.0	10.4
Edo	7.1	24.5	68.3	7.4	58.2	34.4
Delta	1.1	21.1	77.8	0.6	51.2	48.3
Total West	32.8	36.9	30.3	35.7	49.9	14.4

Table C: Eastern Region⁵

Present State (East)	1952			1963		
	% Muslim	% Christian	% Other	% Muslim	% Christian	% Other
Anambra	1.2	36.9	62.0	0.7	72.6	26.8
Enugu	0.5	18.7	80.8	0.5	47.9	51.6
Cross River	0.3	47.9	51.8	0.3	75.1	24.6
Ebonyi	0.1	8.2	91.7	0.3	30.3	69.4
Rivers	0.4	65.6	34.0	0.3	90.4	9.3
Abia	0.2	70.9	28.9	0.1	91.3	8.6
Akwa Ibom	0.1	77.7	22.2	0.0	95.8	4.2
Bayelsa	0.1	45.3	54.5	0.0	79.2	20.8
Imo	0.1	56.7	43.2	0.0	85.0	15.0
Total East	0.3	50.0	49.6	0.2	77.2	22.5

Many observations on Tables A-C suggest themselves. One is the diversity of the religious mixes in 1952 and 1963, as between Muslims, Christians, and Others, both within the regions and between the regions. A second observation is the almost uniform reduction in the percentages of “Others” from 1952 to 1963, across all regions and states (only Kano and Katsina show slight increases). The two missionary religions, Islam and Christianity, were both trying to win converts from the Traditionalists, and both were succeeding, to different extents in different places. E.g. in Ekiti State, the percentage of Others dropped 12% between 1952 and 1963, 2% of which went to the Muslims and 10% to the Christians. But in Kwara State the percentage of Others dropped 19%, 12% to the Muslims and 7% to the Christians. A third observation is that notwithstanding losing market share to the Muslims and Christians, the Traditionalists were nevertheless still holding their own in many places in 1963. It would be interesting to know whether and where they still exist in substantial numbers today. All of this is not very new, but only quantified according to today’s political divisions. Much else could be said about Tables A-C, and of course other types of arrangements of the data given in Tables E-G would bring out different points.

4. Table D: Percentages by religion of the 1952 and 1963 populations of the whole of Nigeria.

Extracting the total regional population and population-by-religion figures from Tables E-G, totalling them, and calculating the resulting percentages by religion of the 1952 and 1963 populations of the whole of present-day Nigeria, yields Table D:

⁴ Including the then-Benin and Delta Provinces (now Edo and Delta States), which were part of the West in 1952 but were split off in 1963 to become the new Mid-Western Region.

⁵ Excluding, for 1952, Bamenda and Cameroons Provinces, which after WWI were governed by Britain as part of the Eastern Region of Nigeria, but which by 1961 plebiscite joined Cameroon.

Table D: Total Nigeria

	1952				1963			
	Population	Population by religion			Population	Population by religion		
		Muslim	Christian	Other		Muslim	Christian	Other
North	16835582	12289975	454561	4091046	29763276	21342866	2880112	5540302
West	6352472	2083491	2346826	1922155	12801687	4565388	6388700	1847599
East	7215251	24032	3610781	3580438	12394463	29964	9573622	2790878
Total Nigeria	30403305	14397498	6412168	9593639	54959426	25938218	18842434	10178779
Percentages		47.4%	21.1%	31.6%		47.2%	34.3%	18.5%

The only difficulty here is with the population-by-religion numbers for the Northern Region in 1952, since, as is indicated in footnote 2 and Table E, the Northern census report for 1952 gives the religious breakdown by households rather than by numbers of people. For purposes of constructing Table D, this problem was solved by assuming that in 1952 in the Northern Region, the percentages of the population by religion were the same as the percentages of households by religion (as shown in Table E), and, out of the total population, calculating the numbers of Muslims, Christians and Others accordingly.⁶

Tables similar to Table D have been constructed by other scholars, though with slightly different results.⁷ It might be interesting to try to account for the differences, but no attempt to do so has been made for present purposes.

5. Tables E-G: 1952 and 1963 census data on population by religion within Nigeria's then divisions, allocated to Nigeria's present 36 states.

Tables E-G are self-explanatory, but should be read in the light of section 2. Regional totals and percentages are given at the end of each table.

[Tables E-G begin on p. 6.]

⁶ The *Population Census of Nigeria, 1952-53* contains what purport to be summary tables of data published in the three regional reports, including a summary "Table 8: African population of Nigeria classified according to Region, Province and religious group, 1952/53" (p. 9). This gives population-by-religion numbers for the Northern Region as follows: Moslem: 11,661,000; Christian: 558,000; Others: 4,616,000. These numbers yield percentages-by-religion for the North of 69.3, 3.3 and 27.4 percent Muslim, Christian and Other respectively. But the same summary Table 8 gives the percentages rather as 73.0, 2.7 and 24.3, which are the percentages calculated from the households-by-religion numbers actually contained in the 1952 census report for the Northern Region. I do not know how to account for these inconsistencies, or where the population-by-religion numbers for the Northern Region given in the summary Table 8 came from.

⁷ See J.N. Paden, *Religion and Political Culture in Kano* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1973), 44, giving the percentages of Muslims, Christians and Others as: 1952: 44.4, 22.0, 33.6; 1963: 49, 34, 17; P.B. Clarke and I. Linden, *Islam in Modern Nigeria* (Mainz: Grünwald; München: Kaiser, 1984), 20-21, giving the percentages as: 1952: 44.0, 22.0, 34.0; 1963: 47.2, 34.5, 18.3. In both cases the 1952 percentages for the Northern Region are based on the population-by-religion numbers given in the summary Table 8 discussed n. 6 above, whose source is unclear, rather than on the households-by-religion figures actually contained in the 1952 census report for the Northern Region.

Table E: Northern Region

Present State (North)	1952 Divisions/PROVINCES	1963 Divisions/PROVINCES	1952					1963				
			Population	Households	Households by religion			Population	Population by religion			
					Moslem	Christian	Animists and Others		Moslems	Christians	Others	
Adamawa	Adamawa/ADAMAWA	Adamawa/ADAMAWA	799150	110030	37753	2587	69690	703365	308260	110779	284326	
	Numan/ADAMAWA	Numan/ADAMAWA	121438	18781	4576	2371	11834	282655	77769	79863	125023	
		Northern/SARDAUNA						481154	109228	50519	321407	
		½ Southern/SARDAUNA						163769	69395	19477	74897	
	Totals Adamawa State			920588	128811	42329	4958	81524	1630943	564652	260638	805653
	Percentages by religion for Adamawa State					32.9%	3.8%	63.3%		34.6%	16.0%	49.4%
Bauchi	Bauchi/BAUCHI	Bauchi/BAUCHI	512314	66724	44805	1081	20838	895412	654414	24334	216664	
	Katagum/BAUCHI	Katagum/BAUCHI	434402	33135	31359	30	1746	739700	709554	2386	27760	
	Totals Bauchi State			946716	99859	76164	1111	22584	1635112	1363968	26720	244424
	Percentages by religion for Bauchi State					76.3%	1.1%	22.6%		83.4%	1.6%	14.9%
Benue	Idoma/BENUE	Idoma/BENUE	318848	22501	254	1219	21028	497953	9272	182717	305964	
	Tiv/BENUE	Tiv/BENUE	718706	29675	1192	2502	25981	1244185	38964	747334	457887	
	Totals Benue State			1037554	52176	1446	3721	47009	1742138	48236	930051	763851
	Percentages by religion for Benue State					2.8%	7.1%	90.1%		2.8%	53.4%	43.8%
Borno	Biu/BORNU	Biu/BORNU	164639	24301	12199	642	11460	270810	176625	33931	60254	
	½ Bornu/BORNU	½ Bornu/BORNU	502962	84877	79797	332	4749	985935	961711	9266	14959	
	Dikwa/BORNU	Dikwa/BORNU	265207	55503	41251	70	14182	295274	283341	928	11005	
		Gwoza/SARDAUNA						69580	10890	272	58418	
	Totals Borno State			932808	164681	133247	1044	30391	1621599	1432567	44397	144636
	Percentages by religion for Borno State					80.9%	0.6%	18.5%		88.3%	2.7%	8.9%
Gombe	Gombe/BAUCHI	Gombe/BAUCHI	476881	55863	39137	1424	15302	841217	631094	52028	158095	
	Totals Gombe State			476881	55863	39137	1424	15302	841217	631094	52028	158095
	Percentages by religion for Gombe State					70.1%	2.5%	27.4%		75.0%	6.2%	18.8%

Present State (North)	1952 Divisions/PROVINCES	1963 Divisions/PROVINCES	1952					1963				
			Population	Households	Households by religion			Population	Population by religion			
					Moslem	Christian	Animists and Others		Moslems	Christians	Others	
Jigawa	Northern/KANO	Northern/KANO	424008	52545	52169	117	259	816446	812660	1455	2332	
	¼ Kano/KANO	¼ Kano/KANO	742309	88502	86607	378	1517	1239598	1202800	14110	22687	
	Totals Jigawa State		1166317	141047	138776	495	1776	2056044	2015460	15565	25019	
	Percentages by religion for Jigawa State				98.4%	0.4%	1.3%		98.0%	0.8%	1.2%	
Kaduna	Jema'a/PLATEAU	Jema'a/ZARIA	64969	9307	2082	2876	4349	220300	39735	133493	47072	
	Kaduna Township/ZARIA	Kaduna Capital Territory	6605	no data				149910	73853	74146	1911	
	Zaria/ZARIA	Zaria/ZARIA	796057	79405	48759	6182	24464	1183090	752189	181908	248993	
	Zaria Township/ZARIA		2507	no data								
	Totals Kaduna State		870138	88712	50841	9058	28813	1553300	865777	389547	297976	
	Percentages by religion for Kaduna State				57.3%	10.2%	32.5%		55.7%	25.1%	19.2%	
Kano	¼ Kano/KANO	¼ Kano/KANO	2226929	265506	259821	1134	4551	3718796	3608402	42332	68064	
	Kano Township/KANO		4112	441	212	221	8					
	Totals Kano State		2231041	265947	260033	1355	4559	3718796	3608402	42332	68064	
	Percentages by religion for Kano State				97.8%	0.5%	1.7%		97.0%	1.1%	1.8%	
Katsina	Katsina/KATSINA	Katsina/KATSINA	1483484	197008	187464	608	8936	2545006	2407142	9205	128659	
	Totals Katsina State		1483484	197008	187464	608	8936	2545006	2407142	9205	128659	
	Percentages by religion for Katsina State				95.2%	0.3%	4.5%		94.6%	0.4%	5.1%	
Kebbi	Argungu/SOKOTO	Argungu/SOKOTO	170613	16974	13825	32	3117	293985	286683	1023	6279	
	Gwandu/SOKOTO	Gwandu/SOKOTO	488936	53008	47547	145	5316	847765	786316	1871	59579	
	½ Kontagora/NIGER	½ Kontagora/NIGER	125373	14554	5378	116	9059	229197	99023	3512	126661	
	Totals Kebbi State		784922	84536	66750	293	17492	1370947	1172022	6406	192519	
	Percentages by religion for Kebbi State				79.0%	0.3%	20.7%		85.5%	0.5%	14.0%	

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			Population	Households	Households by religion			Population	Population by religion			
					Moslem	Christian	Animists and Others		Moslems	Christians	Others	
Kogi	Igala/KABBA	Igala/KABBA	361166	23528	3554	1908	18066	684880	160178	162895	361807	
	Igbirra/KABBA	Igbirra/KABBA	156787	8221	3885	1151.0	3185	325273	240039	43892	41342	
	Kabba/KABBA	Kabba/KABBA	110325	7200	893	4450	1857	180037	24063	139795	16179	
	Koton Karifi/KABBA	Kwara/KABBA	33237	2339	939	125	1275	89953	56370	15014	18569	
	Totals Kogi State			661515	41288	9271	7634	24383	1280143	480650	361596	437897
	Percentages by religion for Kogi State					22.5%	18.5%	59.1%		37.5%	28.2%	34.2%
Kwara	½ Borgu/ILORIN	½ Borgu/ILORIN	37872	2916	1616	11	1289	53496	26058	1174	26265	
	Ilorin/ILORIN	Ilorin/ILORIN	398673	23964	15385	1860	6719	901416	693068	133033	75315	
	Lafiagi-Pategi/ILORIN	Lafiagi-Pategi/ILORIN	55600	3066	1970	84	1012	65435	52497	4790	8148	
	Totals Kwara State			492145	29946	18971	1955	9020	1020347	771623	138997	109728
	Percentages by religion for Kwara State					63.4%	6.5%	30.1%		75.6%	13.6%	10.8%
Nasarawa	Lafia/BENUE	Lafia/BENUE	131557	6401	1712	428	4261	289659	93221	37436	159002	
	Nasarawa/BENUE	Nasarawa/BENUE	162335	14439	4302	719	9418	324517	105981	29710	188826	
	Southern/PLATEAU	Akwanga/PLATEAU	98174	13832	2105	1555	10172	177858	40378	41976	95504	
	Totals Nasarawa State			392066	34672	8119	2702	23851	792034	239580	109122	443332
	Percentages by religion for Nasarawa State					23.4%	7.8%	68.8%		30.2%	13.8%	56.0%
Niger	Abuja/NIGER	Abuja/NIGER	101429	9127	2642	147	6338	141124	64186	4530	72408	
	Bida/NIGER	Bida/NIGER	221497	11471	10141	422	908	437246	421943	13788	1515	
	½ Kontagora/NIGER	½ Kontagora/NIGER	125374	14554	5379	117	9059	229197	99023	3513	126662	
	Minna/NIGER	Minna/NIGER	141682	12754	4014	1062	7678	361761	151411	25768	184582	
	½ Borgu/ILORIN	½ Borgu/ILORIN	37872	2916	1616	11	1289	53495	26057	1173	26264	
	Totals Niger State			627854	50822	23792	1759	25272	1222823	762620	48772	411431
	Percentages by religion for Niger State					46.8%	3.5%	49.7%		62.4%	4.0%	33.6%

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			Population	Households	Households by religion			Population	Population by religion			
					Moslem	Christian	Animists and Others		Moslems	Christians	Others	
Plateau	Jos/PLATEAU	Jos/PLATEAU	247027	39221	14976	7843	16402	457760	154724	152242	150794	
	Jos Township/PLATEAU		7467	690	83	583	24					
	Pankshin/PLATEAU	Pankshin/PLATEAU	279048	28772	6135	1704	20933	372637	90776	90611	191250	
	Shendam/PLATEAU	Lowland/PLATEAU	194208	27103	3269	776	23058	359193	65070	33041	261082	
	Totals Plateau State			727750	95786	24463	10906	60417	1189590	310570	275894	603126
	Percentages by religion for Plateau State					25.5%	11.4%	63.1%		26.1%	23.2%	50.7%
Sokoto	½ Sokoto/SOKOTO	½ Sokoto/SOKOTO	1010259	96339	92741	522	3077	1596510	1579591	5863	11057	
	Totals Sokoto State			1010259	96339	92741	522	3077	1596510	1579591	5863	11057
	Percentages by religion for Sokoto State					96.3%	0.5%	3.2%		98.9%	0.4%	0.7%
Taraba	Muri/ADAMAWA	Muri/ADAMAWA	260288	38134	7869	376	29889	599270	154725	35185	409360	
	Wukari/BENUE	Wukari/BENUE	136700	8085	1142	737	6206	285645	51012	89302	145331	
		½ Southern/SARDAUNA						163768	69395	19477	74896	
	Totals Taraba State			396988	46219	9011	1113	36095	1048683	275132	143964	629587
	Percentages by religion for Taraba State					19%	2%	78%		26.2%	13.7%	60.0%
Yobe	Bedde/BORNU	Bedde/BORNU	45075	6983	5676	70	1237	94344	92352	1020	972	
	½ Bornu/BORNU	½ Bornu/BORNU	502962	84877	79796	331	4749	985935	961711	9265	14958	
	Potiskum/BORNU	Potiskum/BORNU	114660	19519	11789	102	7628	221256	180127	2868	38261	
	Totals Yobe State			662697	111379	97261	503	13614	1301535	1234190	13153	54191
	Percentages by religion for Yobe State					87.3%	0.5%	12.2%		94.8%	1.0%	4.2%
Zamfara	½ Sokoto/SOKOTO	½ Sokoto/SOKOTO	1010258	96339	92740	522	3076	1596509	1579590	5862	11057	
	Totals Zamfara State			1010258	96339	92740	522	3076	1596509	1579590	5862	11057
	Percentages by religion for Zamfara State					96.3%	0.5%	3.2%		98.9%	0.4%	0.7%
Total North	Numbers Totals for Northern Region		16835582	1881430	1372556	51683	457191	29763276	21342866	2880112	5540302	
	Percentages by religion for Northern Region				73.0%	2.7%	24.3%		71.7%	9.7%	18.6%	

Table F: Western Region⁸

Present State (West)	1952 Divisions/PROVINCES	1963 Divisions/PROVINCES	1952				1963				
			Population	Population by religion			Population	Population by religion			
				Moslems	Christians	Others		Moslems	Christians	Others	
Delta	Aboh/DELTA	Aboh/DELTA	130121	608	19505	110008	178154				
	Urhobo/DELTA	Urhobo/DELTA	323315	3939	75303	244073	625893				
	Warri/DELTA	Warri/DELTA	54284	1126	16788	36370	145060				
	Western Ijaw/DELTA	Western Ijaw/DELTA	82809	755	12920	69134	231746				
	Totals Delta State			590529	6428	124516	459585	1180853	6924	604073	569856
	Percentages by religion for Delta State				1.1%	21.1%	77.8%		0.6%	51.2%	48.3%
Edo	Asaba/BENIN	Asaba/BENIN	212382	2390	50017	159975	315998				
	Benin/BENIN	Benin/BENIN	292081	4377	65611	222093	429907				
	Ishan/BENIN	Ishan/BENIN	192194	5106	41791	145297	270903				
	Kukuruku/BENIN	Afenmai/BENIN	204229	52531	63384	88314	338178				
	Totals Edo State			900886	64404	220803	615679	1354986	99933	788936	466117
	Percentages by religion for Edo State				7.1%	24.5%	68.3%		7.4%	58.2%	34.4%
Ekiti	Ekiti/ONDO	Ekiti/ONDO	327363	26922	226901	73540	1418114	150670	1120125	147319	
	Totals Ekiti State			327363	26922	226901	73540	1418114	150670	1120125	147319
	Percentages by religion for Ekiti State				8.2%	69.3%	22.5%		10.6%	79.0%	10.4%
Lagos	Badagry/COLONY	Badagry/COLONY	65594	22772	26427	16395	122159	36622	71615	13922	
	Epe/COLONY	Epe/COLONY	59938	46600	10317	3021	130396	107777	20683	1936	
	Ikeja/COLONY	Ikeja/COLONY	112396	61908	41493	8995	525767	291681	224172	9914	
	Lagos Township/COLONY		267407	112682	145718	9007					
	Totals Lagos State			505335	243962	223955	37418	778322	436080	316470	25772
	Percentages by religion for Lagos State				48.3%	44.3%	7.4%		56.0%	40.7%	3.3%

⁸ Including Benin and Delta Provinces, which were part of the Western Region in 1952 but were split off in 1963 to become the new Mid-Western Region. Unfortunately the 1963 details for Delta and Benin Provinces by division were not available at the time of writing. The totals for these provinces given in the table come from Table 8 of the *Midwest Statistical Note Book* (Benin City: Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, 1968).

Present State (West)	1952 Divisions/PROVINCES	1963 Divisions/PROVINCES	1952				1963			
			Population	Population by religion			Population	Population by religion		
				Moslems	Christians	Others		Moslems	Christians	Others
Ogun	Egba/ABEOKUTA	Egba/ABEOKUTA	393800	217070	134222	42508	629565	384456	213945	31164
	Egbado/ABEOKUTA	Egbado/ABEOKUTA	236030	89301	69617	77112	345321	145182	117322	82817
	Ijebu/IJEBU	Ijebu/IJEBU	248611	120410	113569	14632	420355	221538	189786	9031
	Igebu-Remo/IJEBU	Igebu-Remo/IJEBU	99413	37239	26699	35475	155725	71066	66518	18141
	Totals Ogun State		977854	464020	344107	169727	1550966	822242	587571	141153
	Percentages by religion for Ogun State			47.5%	35.2%	17.4%		53.0%	37.9%	9.1%
Ondo	Okitipupa/ONDO	Okitipupa/ONDO	150185	7040	105281	37864	275709	5848	249314	20547
	Ondo/ONDO	Ondo/ONDO	243099	21406	174989	46704	536375	53329	438948	44098
	Owo/ONDO	Owo/ONDO	224793	50204	131933	42656	497478	126676	335672	35130
	Totals Ondo State		618077	78650	412203	127224	1309562	185853	1023934	99775
	Percentages by religion for Ondo State			12.7%	66.7%	20.6%		14.2%	78.2%	7.6%
Osun	Ife/OYO	Ife/OYO	216551	68304	116158	32089	515194	207554	270231	37409
	Ilesha/OYO	Ilesha/OYO	188084	30925	134686	22473	481720	91805	380592	9323
	Oshun/IBADAN	Oshun/IBADAN	852984	507888	230117	114979	2068022	1314574	643011	110437
	Totals Osun State		1257619	607117	480961	169541	3064936	1613933	1293834	157169
	Percentages by religion for Osun State			48.3%	38.2%	13.5%		52.7%	42.2%	5.1%
Oyo	Ibadan/IBADAN	Ibadan/IBADAN	796942	452590	237478	106874	1258625	762817	427414	68394
	Oyo/OYO	Oyo/OYO	377867	139398	75902	162567	885323	486936	226343	172044
	Totals Oyo State		1174809	591988	313380	269441	2143948	1249753	653757	240438
	Percentages by religion for Oyo State			50.4%	26.7%	22.9%		58.3%	30.5%	11.2%
Total West	Numbers Totals for Western Region		6352472	2083491	2346826	1922155	12801687	4565388	6388700	1847599
	Percentages by religion for Western Region			32.8%	36.9%	30.3%		35.7%	49.9%	14.4%

Table G: Eastern Region⁹

Present State (East)	1952 Divisions/PROVINCES	1963 Divisions/PROVINCES	1952				1963			
			Population	Population by religion			Population	Population by religion		
				Moslems	Christians	Others		Moslems	Christians	Others
Abia	Aba/OWERRI	Aba/OWERRI	396111	1286	310975	83850	541968	892	519208	21868
	Bende/OWERRI	Bende/OWERRI	322145	950	180236	140959	427867	1090	384629	42148
	Okigwi/OWERRI	Okigwi/OWERRI	442706	156	331797	110753	743832	274	660736	82822
	Totals Abia State		1160962	2392	823008	335562	1713667	2256	1564573	146838
	Percentages by religion for Abia State			0.2%	70.9%	28.9%		0.1%	91.3%	8.6%
Akwa Ibom	Abak/CALABAR	Abak/CALABAR	233361	994	138292	94075	355724	211	325194	30319
	Eket/CALABAR	Eket/CALABAR	238748	259	216748	21741	765162	176	753825	11161
	Ikot Ekpene/CALABAR	Ikot Ekpene/CALABAR	282736	319	179964	102453	440082	263	406554	33265
	Opobo/CALABAR	Opobo/CALABAR	172057	46	144903	27108	405191	87	382683	22422
	Uyo/CALABAR	Uyo/CALABAR	296609	103	270662	25844	518939	83	511648	7208
	Totals Akwa Ibom State		1223511	1721	950569	271221	2485098	820	2379904	104375
Percentages by religion for Akwa Ibom State			0.1%	77.7%	22.2%		0.0%	95.8%	4.2%	
Anambra	Awka/ONITSHA	Awka/ONITSHA	295048	423	111765	182860	694396	529	529850	164017
	Onitsha/ONITSHA	Onitsha/ONITSHA	466193	8551	168759	288883	797386	9613	552557	235216
	Totals Anambra State		761241	8974	280524	471743	1491782	10142	1082407	399233
	Percentages by religion for Anambra State			1.2%	36.9%	62.0%		0.7%	72.6%	26.8%
Bayelsa	Brass/RIVERS	Brass/RIVERS	126954	178	57535	69241	309715	116	245297	64302
	Totals Bayelsa State		126954	178	57535	69241	309715	116	245297	64302
	Percentages by religion for Bayelsa State			0.1%	45.3%	54.5%		0.0%	79.2%	20.8%

⁹ Excluding, for 1952, Bamenda and Cameroons Provinces, which after WWI were governed by Britain as part of the Eastern Region of Nigeria, but which by 1961 plebiscite joined Cameroon.

Present State (East)	1952 Divisions/PROVINCES	1963 Divisions/PROVINCES	1952				1963				
			Population	Population by religion			Population	Population by religion			
				Moslems	Christians	Others		Moslems	Christians	Others	
Cross River	Calabar/CALABAR	Calabar/CALABAR	140731	744	104028	35959	267015	691	254588	11736	
	Enyong/CALABAR	Enyong/CALABAR	175849	29	132056	43764	271673	92	247227	24354	
	Ikrom/OGOJA	Ikrom/OGOJA	45760	225	26997	18538	69797	310	57767	11720	
	Obubra/OGOJA	Obubra/OGOJA	109870	97	34475	75298	241706	164	167496	74046	
	Ogoja/OGOJA	Ogoja/OGOJA	206925	1092	27842	177991	287302	1907	126981	158414	
	Totals Cross River State			679135	2187	325398	351550	1137493	3164	854059	280270
	Percentages by religion for Cross River State				0.3%	47.9%	51.8%		0.3%	75.1%	24.6%
Ebonyi	Abakaliki/OGOJA	Abakaliki/OGOJA	472860	465	25052	447343	627589	1110	160458	466021	
	Afikpo/OGOJA	Afikpo/OGOJA	246796	174	34165	212457	376139	1408	143723	231008	
	Totals Ebonyi State			719656	639	59217	659800	1003728	2518	304181	697029
	Percentages by religion for Ebonyi State				0.1%	8.2%	91.7%		0.3%	30.3%	69.4%
Enugu	Awgu/ONITSHA	Awgu/ONITSHA	150868	8	27034	123826	212805	104	114474	98227	
	Nsukka/ONITSHA	Nsukka/ONITSHA	449345	2415	58075	388855	689353	3576	275030	410747	
	Udi/ONITSHA	Udi/ONITSHA	406959	2369	103072	301518	549543	2884	306134	240525	
	Totals Enugu State			1007172	4792	188181	814199	1451701	6564	695638	749499
	Percentages by religion for Enugu State				0.5%	18.7%	80.8%		0.5%	47.9%	51.6%
Imo	Orlu/OWERRI	Orlu/OWERRI	356256	3	143071	213182	665665	232	520618	144815	
	Owerri/OWERRI	Owerri/OWERRI	560673	545	376740	183388	901016	487	810367	90162	
	Totals Imo State			916929	548	519811	396570	1566681	719	1330985	234977
	Percentages by religion for Imo State				0.1%	56.7%	43.2%		0.0%	85.0%	15.0%
Rivers	Ahoada/RIVERS	Ahoada/RIVERS	286225	698	167605	117922	506576	1370	429546	75660	
	Degema/RIVERS	Degema/RIVERS	117903	209	106985	10709	400741	368	388595	11778	
	Ogoni/RIVERS	Ogoni/RIVERS	156717	14	77496	79207	231513	71	206092	25350	
	Port Harcourt/RIVERS	Port Harcourt/RIVERS	58846	1680	54452	2714	95768	1856	92345	1567	
	Totals Rivers State			619691	2601	406538	210552	1234598	3665	1116578	114355
	Percentages by religion for Rivers State				0.4%	65.6%	34.0%		0.3%	90.4%	9.3%

Present State (East)	1952 Divisions/PROVINCES	1963 Divisions/PROVINCES	1952			1963				
			Population	Population by religion		Population	Population by religion			
				Moslems	Christians		Others	Moslems	Christians	Others
Total East	Numbers Totals for Eastern Region		7215251	24032	3610781	3580438	12394463	29964	9573622	2790878
	Percentages by religion for Eastern Region			0.3%	50.0%	49.6%		0.2%	77.2%	22.5%