

Product/Event Outline

1. A detailed explanation of what zakat is and its purpose.

The word zakat translates to purity/purification. It is one of the five pillars of Islam and is known as almsgiving. It is mandatory for Muslims to give zakat if they are able to do so.

- Talk about who is eligible to give zakat
- Talk about the percentage of wealth that should be given
- Talk about the purpose of zakat (creating balance in society and purifying wealth)

<https://www.transparenthands.org/what-is-the-meaning-of-zakat-and-what-is-zakat-in-islam/>
<https://www.transparenthands.org/concept-purpose-and-importance-of-zakat-in-islam/>
<https://www.islamweb.net/en/article/135513/zakat-the-poor-due-meaning-ruling-and-benefits>

2. How zakat is different than sadaqaat.

- Zakat means purification whereas sadaqah means sincerity of faith
- Zakat is obligatory whereas sadaqah is voluntary
- Certain conditions for giving zakat whereas sadaqah has no conditions

-Talk about how Zakat is mandatory where as sadaqah is voluntary and key differences between them.

<http://www.differencebetween.net/miscellaneous/difference-between-zakat-and-sadaqah/>

3. Who is eligible for zakat and how it is distributed. How does one apply to receive zakat?

- Talk about the 8 types of people who are given zakat.
- Zakat is distributed based off of the needs of people.
- Applying for zakat. Online/filling out papers. Contacting masjids or zakat organizations

<https://www.transparenthands.org/what-is-the-meaning-of-zakat-and-what-is-zakat-in-islam/>
<https://www.zakat.org/en/the-eight-kinds-of-people-who-receive-zakat/>
<https://www.nzf.org.uk/Knowledge/ReceivingZakat>

1. Percent of the community that is Muslim and non-Muslim

1.3% of the Ann Arbor population is Muslim, making the other 98.7% non-Muslims.

https://www.bestplaces.net/religion/city/michigan/ann_arbor

2. Current amount of zakat (it may be best to do this in US dollars to make it relatable)

3. If possible, how that zakat was distributed over the last year (for example)

1. Current poverty rate. When is someone considered poor? How many people earn how much money and what percent of the population that is for your city/area.

-poverty rate in Ann Arbor is 22.1% while the poverty rate for Michigan is 15.6%, this means that compared to Michigan, Ann Arbor's poverty rate is higher than average.

-Somebody is considered poor when they can't provide for themselves food and shelter and other factors of the Global MPI. Or somebody is also considered poor if they are below the poverty line (an income threshold that determines who is poor and who isn't, if you are above the threshold you are not considered poor, if you are below the threshold you are considered poor)

-At the 20th percentile, household income is \$20.7k.

-At the 40th percentile, household income is \$44.1k

-At the median, household income is \$57.7k

-At the 60th percentile, household income is 75.9k

-At the 80th percentile, household income is \$126.6k

-At the 95th percentile, household income is 243.4k

<https://www.welfareinfo.org/poverty-rate/michigan/ann-arbor>

<https://statisticalatlas.com/place/Michigan/Ann-Arbor/Household-Income#figure/household-income-percentiles>

2. What is the average household income in your city/area?

-Average household income in Ann Arbor was \$89,295.00. Compared to the latest report of household income average for Michigan(\$75,352 in 2018), Ann Arbor has a higher than average household income. Egyptian Pounds

<https://www.point2homes.com/US/Neighborhood/MI/Ann-Arbor-Demographics.html>

<https://www.incomebyzipcode.com/michigan>

3. Now a calculation on what the potential zakat could be if everyone donated.

<https://www.payscale.com/research/US/Location=Ann-Arbor-MI/Salary>

<https://www.welfareinfo.org/poverty-rate/michigan/ann-arbor>

4. The results this amount of zakat would have on the poverty rate (as compared to #1 above). How many people/families would be eligible?

<https://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty-guidelines>