

Armenian Population in Eastern Anatolia between Years 1878-1915

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Abstract

Most of the Armenian allegations on the Armenian relocation in the year 1915 based on the Armenian Patriarch's reports and the book titled "Ambassador Morgenthau's Story" written by Mr. Henry Morgenthau Sr..

Mr. Morgenthau was the U.S. Ambassador in Istanbul from 1913 to 1916, his book on which the Armenian allegations mainly based on, when cross checked day by day with his diary, reveals the fact that it is tailored rather than conveying the real truth on what happened during this era.

The population and events recorded by various officials, organizations, Armenian Church ecclesiastics and local governments before Armenian relocation on 1915 and after the World War I, reveals the fact that the loss of lives during relocation is far below than the alleged fictitious number.

This paper, going through various non Ottoman documents, tries to reach to actual population before and after the relocation with the intention to figure out the number of loss of lives during this incident.

Keywords: Armenian relocation, 1915, Armenian population, Hearings in USA House of Representative, Deportation,

Introduction

The Armenian population in eastern Anatolia just before the relocation, according to non Ottoman records, contradicts with the Armenian allegation of 2.5 million, which forms the basis of lives lost during the deportation in 1915.

The Armenian allegations based on mainly to the declarations of Patriarch Nerses Varjabedian on 1878, Patriarch Hovannes Arsaruni's estimation through Mr. Kirkor Zohrab on 1912 and to book "Ambassador Morgenthau's Story" written by Ambassador Henry Morgenthau on 1918 where a serious research revealed later that the ghostwriter Morgenthau was Burton J. Hendrick.

Patriarch Nerses Varjabedian had forwarded statistics bearing large figures, as over 2.5 million on 1878 to Berlin Conference as the Armenian population living in eastern Anatolia.

The Armenian Patriarch Hovannes Arsaruni¹ (1912-13) estimated the Armenian population as over 2.1 million on 1912.

Both figures are not based on the birth or baptize or death records of the Patriarchate or to any kind of official register but purposely puffed up to demand autonomy from the Sublime Port of Ottoman Empire.

Patriarch N. Varjabedian’s declaration of Armenian Population on 1880

The Patriarchate sent an informative statistical letters to the embassies of the than Great Power States on the year 1878 and 1880, giving details of the Armenian population in the Ottoman Empire, mainly in the Anatolia region².

His figures, as seen in below chart, almost had a difference of 586,315 people within 2 years.

The year 1878 figures were submitted to Berlin Congress on 1878 by the Patriarch.

The year 1880-a figures were submitted to the British Ambassador on 24 June 1880³ by the Patriarchate. On July 1880, Odian Effendi of Patriarchate submitted a further list to Sir Charles Dilke (F.O⁴. 424/106/200⁵) of the British Foreign Office in London. Later on Patriarch sent another one with amended figures on September 10, 1880⁶.

The year 1880-b figures are the Patriarch’s corrected list (F.O. 424/106/273), with the Sivas correction (F.O. 424/107/135).

	<u>Year 1878</u>	<u>Year 1880-a</u>	<u>Year 1880-b</u>
Erzurum	-	215,177	111,000
Van	1,150,000	184,000	
Bitlis	-	164,500	252,500
Diyarbakir	-	-	88,000
Elaziz	-	-	155,000
Sivas	-	-	199,245
TOTAL	1,150,000	563,677	805,745

¹ Morgan, Jacques de, “*The History of the Armenian People*”, Hairenik Association and Press, Boston, 1918, p.368-9.

² Gürün, Kamuran. “*Ermeni Dosyası*”, Remzi Kitapevi, İstanbul, 2008, p.41

³ F.O. 424106, No.273, Enclosure I.

⁴ F.O.: Foreign Office

⁵ F.O. 424/106/200: As is coded in The National Archives

⁶ F.O. 424/107, No. 135, Enclosure I.

Patriarch N. Varjabedian’s declaration of Armenian Population on 1881⁷

The Armenian population in six provinces (including Catholics and Protestants), according to the Patriarchate, were:

	<u>Year 1881</u>
Erzurum	128,478
Van	133,859
Bitlis	130,460
Diyarbakir	-
Elaziz	107,059
<u>Sivas</u>	<u>243,515</u>
TOTAL	743,371

Patriarch N. Varjabedian’s declaration of Armenian Population on 1882⁸

	<u>Year 1882</u>
Erzurum	280,000
Van	400,000
Bitlis	250,000
Diyarbakir	-
Elaziz	270,000
<u>Sivas</u>	<u>280,000</u>
TOTAL	1,630,371

Marcel Leart⁹’s findings on Armenian population on the year 1882, alleging that it was taken from the Patriarchate’s list.

	<u>Year 1882¹⁰</u>
Van	400,000
Bitlis	250,000
Diyarbakir	150,000
Erzurum	280,000
Elaziz	270,000
<u>Sivas</u>	<u>280,000</u>

⁷ F.O. 424/132/46

⁸ Leart, Marcel. “*La Question Armenienne a la Lumiere des Documents*”, Paris, 1913, pp. 59-60

⁹ Marcel Leart: actual name Kirkor Zöhrap, served as a Member of Parliament on 1908 and 1914 Assemblies, used the name Marcel Leart in his research papers. (Gale Encyclopedia of the Mideast & N. Africa: Krikor Zohrab)

¹⁰ Leart, Marcel. “*La Question Armenienne a la Lumiere des Documents*”, Paris, 1913, pp. 59-60

Total of 6 provinces 1,630,000

Adana	280,000	
<u>Aleppo</u>	<u>100,000</u>	(Antep, Urfa, Kilis, Marash)
Total of 2 provinces	380,000	

Trabzon	120,000	
Bursa	60,000	
Aydın	50,000	
Ankara	120,000	(Ankara, Kastamonu, Konya)
Grand Syria	40,000	(Syria, Beirut, Musul, Baghdad, Basrah)
<u>Izmir province</u>	<u>65,000</u>	
Total of 6 provinces	455,000	

Istanbul	135,000	(Istanbul and surroundings)
Edirne	50,000	
<u>European Turkey</u>	<u>10,000</u>	(Ottoman territories in Eastern Europe)
Total of 2 provinces and Balkans	195,000	

Grand Total for Ottoman Empire: 2,660,000

When both lists put together side by side as below, it can be clearly seen that while Patriarch's first list revealing a population of Armenians living in the area totaling 743,371 for the year 1881, the second list for the year 1882 of both Patriarch's and Marcel Leart's, which primarily was based on the Patriarch's list¹¹, reveals an incredible number of 1,630,000, alleging that within a year the Armenian population living in the above mentioned 6 provinces, namely Erzurum, Van, Bitlis, Diyarbekir, Elaziz and Sivas did increase a mere 886,629 Armenians.

	<u>Year 1881</u>	<u>Year 1882</u> (<i>Patriarch and Leart</i>)
Erzurum	128,478	280,000
Van	133,859	400,000
Bitlis	130,460	250,000
Diyarbekir	-	150,000
Elaziz	107,059	270,000
<u>Sivas</u>	<u>243,515</u>	<u>280,000</u>
TOTAL	743,371	1,630,000

Major Henry Trotter, who was an expert on population in the British Embassy realized immediately the discordant figures in the consecutive reports of the Patriarchate and wrote down a memorandum to his ambassador on February 15, 1882 on the matter.

¹¹ Ibid, pp.58-59

According to Major Henry Trotter’s report¹², dated February 15, 1882, the Armenian population in Bitlis, Hekkari, Erzurum, Van region totaled as 373,500 Armenian and 85,000 Nestorian.

Major Trotter’s deposition in his report *"During a meeting of the Armenian National Assembly, in the last autumn, Mr. Sdépan Papazian, the presumed author of the statistical figures presented to the Berlin Conference, took on violently to the patriarch to have communicated to the Embassies the statistical figures without having consulted first the National Assembly, what consequentially drew the attention of the opinion to the enormous differences between the figures of Berlin and those supplied more recently by the patriarchy and to provoke remarks on the doubtful character of these two series of figures (...)* In the list of Berlin, by an apparently dishonest manipulation of the official figures, the purpose aimed at was to prove that, according to these figures, the Armenian population of Erzurum and Van (including Erzurum and Hakkari) amounted to 1,150,000 souls. I demonstrated afterward that the real number did not exceed doubtlessly 450,000. As for the figures supplied by the Patriarch in the embassy in 1880, they indicated a population of 373,500 Armenians, and 85,000 Nestorians." clearly proves that the population figures supplied by the Patriarch were purposely inflated from 373,500 of the year 1880 to 1,150,000 in the year 1882. An unbelievable and non logical birthrate and increase of 777,000 souls in population within 2 years time period only.

Vahan Vardapet’s declaration of entire Armenian Population on 1886 living in the Ottoman Empire.

In an Armenian news paper published in Istanbul and titled Ceride-i Şarkiye (Djeridei Sharkieh¹³) dated December 3-15, 1886 an Armenian clerical writer Vahan Vardapet gave the figure of 1,263,000 as the total population of the Armenians living with in the territories of Ottoman Empire. His figures included Catholic, Orthodox and Gregorian Armenians.

Marcel Leart’s findings on Armenian Population on year 1912

Marcel Leart’s findings on Armenian Population in the provinces of Erzurum, Van, Bitlis, Harput, Diyarbekir and Sivas for the year 1912 totals as 2,615,000 where Moslems were 666,000 and Armenians 1,018,000. The numbers were based on Patriarchate’s again for the year 1882.

Details of Leart's findings.

<u>Province</u>	<u>Total of population</u>		
	<u>Including minorities</u>	<u>Turks</u>	<u>Armenians</u>
Erzurum	630,000	240,000	215,000

¹² Report of the Major Henry Trotter, dated February 15th, 1882 (Reference : Foreign Office 424/132, n°46, annexe 5)

¹³ Djeridei Sharkieh meaning Eastern Newspaper, published in Istanbul during the years 1885-1913, in Armenian language.

Van	350,000	47,000	185,000
Bitlis	382,000	40,000	180,000
Harput	450,000	102,000	168,000
Diyarbakir	296,000	45,000	105,000
Sivas	507,000	192,000	165,000
TOTAL	2,615,000	666,000	1,018,000

Richard Hovannisian's findings on Armenian Population before 1914

Richard Hovannisian¹⁴ in his book titled "Armenia On The Road To Independence", alleges that before 1914 the Armenian population in Turkey was between 1,500,000 and 2,000,000.

Hrant Pasdermadjian's findings on Armenian Population on year 1914

Hrant Pasdermadjian¹⁵ in his book titled "Histoire de l'Armenie" alleges that, in the year 1914, 2,100,000 Armenians were living in Ottoman Empire, 1,700,000 in Russia and total of 4,100,000 Armenians in the world.

Arshak Chobanian's findings on Armenian Population on year 1914

Arshak Chobanian¹⁶, as the member of the Armenian National Delegation led by Boghos Nubar Pasha, prepared a report on the Armenian population in the territories of Ottoman Empire and on the world stating 2,380,000 Armenians living in the Ottoman empire and 4,160,000 on the world.

Jacques de Morgan's findings on Armenian Population on year 1914

Jacques de Morgan¹⁷, in his book titled "Histoire du Peuple Armenien" alleges that in the year 1914, 2,380,000 Armenians were living in the Ottoman Empire and total of 4,160,000 in the world. (*It is strongly believed that he obtained the population figures from Arshak Chobanian's report*)

¹⁴ Hovannisian, Richard. Armenia On The Road To Independence, Los Angeles, 1963, p.9

¹⁵ Pasdermadjian, Hrant. Histoire de l'Armenie, Paris, 1949, 2nd Ed. Douredjián, 1987, p.374

¹⁶ Arshak Chobanian (Tchobanian)(1872-1954), A well known Armenian poet, translator and Member of National Delegation led by Boghos Nubar Pasha, Secretary of the Armenian Committee in Paris, to Jean Gout, Assistant Director of Asia, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of France.

¹⁷ Morgan, Jacques Jean Marie de. Histoire du Peuple Armenien, Berger-Levrault, Paris, 1919, p.297

Letter sent by the U.S. Consul in Aleppo, J.B. Jackson sent on Feb.8th, 1916 to U.S. Ambassador Morgenthau.

U.S. Archive Doc. 59.867.48/21 is a Report – Letter sent by the U.S. Consul in Aleppo, J.B. Jackson sent on Feb.8th, 1916 to U.S. Ambassador Morgenthau, and gives a list of various camps in Syria region totaling to 486.000 and without referring to any killings¹⁸.

Memorandum given by the Armenian Delegation to Paris Peace Conference on Feb. 12, 1919 signed by A. Aharonian and Boghos Nubar.

Refer to this memorandum given by the Armenian Delegation to Paris Peace Conference on Feb. 12, 1919 signed by A. Aharonian and Boghos Nubar. This memorandum says that 1.400.000 Armenians is alive at that time. The same is almost confirmed by Greek PM Venizelos at the same Conference¹⁹.

Near East Relief Report on Armenians alive in Syria in the year 1921.

The report states that²⁰ after F. Bouillon's Treaty with Kemalist Turks 300.000 Armenians returned to Cilicia after British-French occupation, but that they evacuated the region in 1921. The report clearly declares that around 200.000 to 300.000 Armenians were alive in Syria region seeking for relief.

Near East Relief Report on Armenians alive in Armenia in the year 1921.

The report states that the number of resident Armenians in (Caucasus) Armenia is 1,000,000 in the year 1921 and half of these people around, 500,000 applied to Relief Organization for relief²¹.

¹⁸ US Senate, 67th Congress 2nd Edition, Document No. 192, Near East Relief, Report of the Near East Relief for the year ending December 31, 1921, Washington, Government printing Office, 1922

¹⁹ <http://armenians-1915.blogspot.com/2008/07/2719-armenian-authorities-on-issue-of.html>

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²⁰ Ibid p. 4

²¹ Ibid p.5

Near East Relief Report²² does not mention the word or an incident of massacre or genocide or any other word with similar meaning or context in any paragraph.

The report does not speak of or mention in any line or paragraph the word “massacre or genocide” or any other word with similar meaning or context.

The report US Senate Resolution No. 266, April 22

The report US Senate Resolution No. 266, April 22, 1922 resolves that on 31.12.1921 there was 1.414.000 Armenians living in Turkey-Syria-and Russia. There is no indication of any massacre at all²³.

U.S. Document Authority Letter 1-8-58, signed by State Department W.R. Anderson in the year 1922.

U.S. Document²⁴ “Authority Letter 1-8-58, signed by State Department W.R. Anderson” gives the number of all Armenians on the whole world in the year 1922. This document states that the total population is 3,004,000 of which 817,873 are refugees from Turkey and that 281,000 Armenians live in Turkey.

The Memorandum submitted to the Lausanne Peace Conference on 1923

The Memorandum given to the 1923 to the Lausanne Peace Conference on 2.2.1923 states that 760,000 Armenians are alive²⁵.

Ethnic Cleansing by Dashnagtzoutun Party during the years 1918-1920

Soviet historian Mr. A. A. Lalaian, who was originally an Armenian and a journalist as well, published his findings in Russian language on the “Tashnak” period of Caucas Armenia, in the Russian magazine “Revolyutsionniy Vostok” (Revolutionist East) No. 2-3 of 1936 under the title “Anti-Revolutionist Tashnaksyutin and Imperialist War 1914-1918”. The magazine was edited and printed by Russian National and Colonial Studies Organization.

²² Ibid from page 1 to 29

²³ <http://armenians-1915.blogspot.com/2008/02/2335-free-e-book-near-east-relief.html>

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²⁴ <http://armenians-1915.blogspot.com/2008/02/2335-free-e-book-near-east-relief.html>

²⁵ <http://armenians-1915.blogspot.com/2008/02/2335-free-e-book-near-east-relief.html>

The Republic of Armenia (Hayastani Hanrapetutyun, May 1918 to December 1920) was founded in month May of 1918 and the first Prime minister Mr. Hovhannes Katchaznoui ruled the country from May 1918 to 1919.

According to Lalain²⁶, in the year 1918 within the boundaries of Caucasus Armenia, total of 1,200,000 people of mainly 5 different nations were living²⁷.

During the dictatorship of Dashnags, under the reign of Prime minister Katchaznoui from 1918 till 1920 the population decreased by a total of 430,000 man, woman and children of the 5 different nations. The Armenians decreased by 35%, the Turks by 77%, the Kurds by 98% and the Yezidis by 40% total amounting to 430,000.

The below table shows the decrease by year and by per nation.

<u>Nations</u>	<u>1918</u>	<u>1920</u>	<u>% Loss</u>
Armenians	885,000	690,500	22 %
Turks	260,000	60,000	77 %
Kurds	25,000	500	98 %
Yezids	8,000	5,000	40 %
Russians	15,000	14,000	7 %
<u>Other nations</u>	<u>7,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>43 %</u>
Total	1,200,000	774,000	35.5 %

Conclusion part of Mr. Şükrü Server Aya's review of the report "Near East Relief Report dated 31 December 1929" of the US Senate.

"Conclusion²⁸: According to this report, the Armenian deaths are unbelievably low if we are to add 1 million alive in 1921 (say 800.000 in Armenia after loss of 200.000 by starvation plus 200.000 or 300.000 in Syria district) we have a figure of 1.1 million alive and by adding those who went to other countries, Greek Islands etc. we arrive to about 1.3 million alive in 1921. If we are to depend on this report which is an official U.S. document, the deaths due to several reasons are much to less and only around 300.000 (or 20% versus 40% estimated by McCarthy for Turks and Armenians in the area)".

²⁶ A. A. Lalaian, Counter Revolutionary Role of the Dashnagzoutiun Party 1914-1923. Kaynak Yayinevi, ISBN: 9789753434836, 103 pages

²⁷ <http://www.tallarmeniantale.com/lalayan.htm>

²⁸ Şükrü Server Aya. Review of Near East Relief Report 31 Dec 1921, US Senate, 67th Congress 2nd Edition, Document No. 192, Washington, Government printing Office, 1922
<http://armenians-1915.blogspot.com/2008/02/2335-free-e-book-near-east-relief.html>

Comparative estimates of Armenian population existed with in the territories of Ottoman Empire during years 1880 and 1920.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Estimated Population</u>
1878	Patriarchate (Subm. to Berlin Conf.)	1,150,000
1880	Patriarch N. Varjabedian	563,677 and 805,743 ²⁹
1881	Patriarch N. Varjabedian	743,371 ³⁰
1882	Patriarch N. Varjabedian	1,630,371 ³¹
1882	Marcel Leart (Kirkor Zöhrap)	1,660,000 ³²
1886	Vahan Vardapet ³³	1,263,000 ³⁴
1892	Vital Cuninet ³⁵	1,475,011 ³⁶
1895	Francis de Presence	1,260,000 ³⁷
1896	Felix Weber	1,000,000 ³⁸
1900	Tournbize ³⁹	1,300,000
1901	H. F. B. Lynch ⁴⁰	1,325,000 ⁴¹
1901	Ludovic de Constenson ⁴²	1,383,779 ⁴³
1905	Ottoman State Census	1,294,851
1910	Encycloapedia Britannica (Year 1910)	1,500,000 ⁴⁴
1912	Marcel Leart (Kirkor Zöhrap)	1,018,000
1912	British Blue Book	1,056,000
1913	Armenian Patriarchate	1,915,651

²⁹ F.O. 424106, No.273, Enclosure I.

³⁰ F.O. 424/132/46

³¹ Leart, Marcel, p.59-60

³² Leart, Marcel, p.59-60

³³ Armenian Clericai writer

³⁴ Djeridei Sharkieh Newspaper, Istanbul, 1886

³⁵ Vital Cuninet, La Turquie d'Asie, Paris, 1992

³⁶ H. Özdemir, K. Çiçek, Ö. Turan, R. Çalık, Y. Halaçoğlu, Ermeniler: Sürgün ve Göç, TTK Yayınları, Ankara, 2005. p.49-50

³⁷ Annex 2-AJR-2, Assembly Joint Resolution No. 2, Introduced by Assembly Members Gatto and Achadjian, December 3, 2012, California Legislature 2013-14 Regular Session

³⁸ Yusuf Halaçoğlu, Ermenilerin Suriye'ye Nakli: Sürgün mü, Soykırım mı, Belgeler, Türk Tarih Kurumu, Ankara, s.25

³⁹ Şükrü Server Aya, 2062) Letter To Wes Allison Ref: Deaths in WWI Era Dated 11th Oct, 2007.

<http://armenians-1915.blogspot.com/2007/10/2062-letter-to-wes-allison-ref-deaths.html>

⁴⁰ H. F. B. Lynch, Armenia, Travels and Studies, Beirut, 1965

⁴¹ H. Özdemir, K. Çiçek, Ö. Turan, R. Çalık, Y. Halaçoğlu, p.49-50

⁴² Ludovic de Constenson, Les Reformes en Turquie d'Asie, Paris, 1913

⁴³ Halil Gülşen, Tehcir Öncesi Osmanlı Ermeni Nüfusu Üzerine Değerlendirme, Ermeni

Araştırmaları, Sayı 36, 2010, ISSN: 1303-068X, AVİM, Terazi Yayınları, Ankara, p.247

⁴⁴ H. Özdemir, K. Çiçek, Ö. Turan, R. Çalık, Y. Halaçoğlu, p.49-50

1913	Ludovic de Constenson	1,056,000-1,400,000 ⁴⁵
1914	Richard Hovannisian	1,500,000-2,000,000 ⁴⁶
1914	Daniel Panzac ⁴⁷	1,500,000-1,600,000 ⁴⁸
1914	Justin McCarthy ⁴⁹	1,698,303
1914	Ottoman Empire Census ⁵⁰	1,229,007 ⁵¹
1914	Patriarch Ormanian	1,579,000 ⁵²
1914	J. Lepsius	1,600,000
1914	Christopher V. Walker	1,500,000-2,000,000 ⁵³
1914	Stanford J. Shaw ⁵⁴	1,294,851
1914	David Magie ⁵⁵	1,479,000 ⁵⁶
1914	Clair Price	1,500,000 ⁵⁷
1914	Vital Cuinet	1,475,000 ⁵⁸ (Asian territories)
1914	Hrant Pastirmadjian	2,100,000 ⁵⁹
1914	Alexander E. Powell	1,500,000 ⁶⁰
1914	Arshak Chobanian	2,380,000 ⁶¹
1914	Jacques de Morgan	2,380,000 ⁶²
1914	Grabill (All over Ott. Empire)	1,800,000-2,000,000 ⁶³
1910	Encycloapedia Britannica (year 1914)	1,500,000
1915	National Geographic	2,000,000 (Ottoman, Russia, Persia)
1915	New York Times (Oct 22, 1915)	1,200,000
1917	Russian Official Statistics	1,700,000 ⁶⁴

⁴⁵ H. Özdemir, K. Çiçek, Ö. Turan, R. Çalık, Y. Halaçoğlu, p.49-50

⁴⁶ Hovanissian, Richard. Armenia On The Road To Independence, p.9

⁴⁷ Halil Gülşen, p.25

⁴⁸ H. Özdemir, K. Çiçek, Ö. Turan, R. Çalık, Y. Halaçoğlu, p.49-50

⁴⁹ Justin McCarthy, Death and Exile, New Jersey, 1995, The Darwin Press

⁵⁰ 1914 Census records by Statistics Bureau of Ottoman Empire

⁵¹ H. Özdemir, K. Çiçek, Ö. Turan, R. Çalık, Y. Halaçoğlu, p.49-50

⁵² Şükrü Server Aya, The Genocide of Truth, Istanbul Trade University, Istanbul, 2008, ISBN 978-975-6516249

⁵³ Christopher V. Walker, Armenia, the Survival of a Nation, London, 1980

⁵⁴ Stanford J. Shaw, G. K., History of the ottoman Empire and modern Turkey, Cambridge University Press, 1977

⁵⁵ Halil Gülşen, p.25

⁵⁶ H. Özdemir, K. Çiçek, Ö. Turan, R. Çalık, Y. Halaçoğlu, p.49-50

⁵⁷ Clair Price, The Rebirth of Turkey, New York, 1923

⁵⁸ Cuinet Vital, La Turquie d'Asie, Paris, 1892

⁵⁹ Pastermadjian, Hrant, p.374

⁶⁰ Alexander E. Powell, The Struggle for Power in Muslim Asia, New York, 1923

⁶¹ Arshak Chobanian (Tchobanian)(1872-1954),

⁶² Morgan, Jacques Jean Marie de. Histoire du Peuple Armenian, Berger-Levrault, Paris, 1919, p.297

⁶³ Grabill, p.51

⁶⁴ Şükrü Server Aya, The Genocide of Truth Continues, Derin Press, Istanbul, 2010 ,

1918	Encyclopaedia Britannica (Year 1918)	2,000,000
1918	A. A. Lalaian	885,000 (Only in Armenia)
1919	A. Aharonian and Bohos Nubar	1,400,000 ⁶⁵
1919	Akaby Nessibian	1,080,000 ⁶⁶
1920	Ohannes Katchaznuni ⁶⁷	1,000,000 (after emigration)
1920	Kevork Aslan	1,800,000 ⁶⁸
1921	Near East Relief Report	1,000,000 ⁶⁹

Conclusion

According to the above 45 reports, findings and estimates of researches, historians, diplomats, institutions and clergy, the minimum Armenian population seems was 743,000 and the maximum 2,380,000.

Based on the mean value of the above findings;
Between years 1878 and 1914, around 1,475,565 and years 1878 and 1921, around 1,398,020 Armenians were living in the area.

When the population of Armenians estimated by Christian researches or clergies are compared with the Ottoman Empire's Statistical Department's records for the period between 1892 to 1914, it seems they are remarkably close to each other.

A mathematical study shows that for the period between 1878 to 1914, the minimum average Armenian population lived within the Empires boundaries was around 1,596,417 and the maximum was 1,667,228.

The alleged death of 1,500,000 Armenians during relocation in the year 1915 do not match with the population figures lived in the area pre 1915 and post 1916.

Physically it is almost impossible to kill 1,500,000 lives within 5 months in the year 1915 conditions in Eastern Anatolia, where four fifth of the alleged victims were adults. Lack of ammunition and shortage of military troops do not make the accusation sensible or logical, when taking into consideration a total of 10,000 persons were executed every day.

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⁶⁵ <http://armenians-1915.blogspot.com/2008/07/2719-armenian-authorities-on-issue-of.html>

Armenian Genocide Resource Center.

⁶⁶ Akaby Nassibian, Britain and the Armenian Question, p.253

⁶⁷ Ohannes Katchaznuni, Dashnagtzoution Has Nothing T Do Anymore, Istanbul, 2006, Kaynak Press

⁶⁸ Annex 2-AJR-2, p.2

⁶⁹ US Senate, 67th Congress 2nd Edition, Near East Relief Report 1921

Using a pickaxe and a shovel, to dig a mass grave big enough to hold 10,000 bodies of a volume 2,160 cubic meters, would need 5000 hrs of work and 5,000 workers per day, subject no rain and good food and rest place for a nonstop 150 days, with no week end resting.

Even after 30 years with a better and an advanced technology and machinery the Germany's Nazi leader Adolf Hitler, in his death camps couldn't executed and disposed 10,000 bodies per day.

Even if such an execution were carried on for 150 days on run, where were these bodies disposed or buried. Till today not even a single mass graveyard was discovered or detected.

It is obvious from the above figures that the Armenian allegations of 1,500,000 loss of lives during relocation in the year 1915 is just a hoax.

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