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| Name of location (English) | Alexandria |
| Name of location (Fuṣḥā, transcription) | al-ʔIskandariyya |
| Name of location (Fuṣḥā, Arabic) | **الإسكندرية** |
| Name in local variety (in transcription) | Iskandariyya |
| Geo location | 31.19, 29.89 |
| Typology (Local) | East (Mashreq) › Egypt-Sudan › Egypt › Delta › Western delta |
| Typology (General) | Urban dialect |
| General | Alexandria is Egypt’s second largest city and a major economic centre. Beginning in the late 18th century, Alexandria grew into a major shipping entrepôt and one of the most important trading centres worldwide. Until the 1950s it was a multi-ethnic town in which Italian, Greek, and other languages were spoken as well as Arabic. The original dialect was of the Biḥēra type and may be still heard today from elderly fishermen in the Anfūši district – the area in which the population of Alexandria had been concentrated in the early 19th century. The dialect of the great majority of today’s speakers is, however, very much influenced by Cairene Arabic. |
| Research history | Considering the importance of Alexandria, surprisingly little research has been done on its dialect. Behnstedt 1980 deals with the original port dialect as spoken in Anfūši and Rās it-Tīn: the article describes the port dialect's most salient phonological, morphological, and lexical features and compares these with the most common contemporary dialect of Alexandria. The atlas by Behnstedt/Woidich 1985 also includes data on Alexandria. Behnstedt/Woidich 1987 includes five texts with German translation and linguistic notes. Wahba 1996 deals with linguistic variation in the dialect of Alexandria, analyzing the phonetic variation of emphasis as a function of factors like education, sex, and age. |
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