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Iraq

Census Results

1947-10-19
1957-10-12 6,339,960
1965-10-14 8,047,415
1977-10-17 12,000,497
1987-10-17 16,335,199
1997-10-16 19,184,543
2010-xx-xx

General Information

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|------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Official name | the Republic of Iraq |
| Official name [native] | «Arabic» [Al Jumhūrīyah al ‘Irāqīyah] جمهورية العراق |
| Capital | Baghdad |
| Capital [native] | «Arabic» [Baghdād] بغداد |
| Region | Western Asia |
| ISO code | IQ |
| Statistical agency | Central Organization for Statistics and Information Technology |

Name in Chinese

Name in Arabic جمهورية العراق

Name in Spanish la República del Iraq

Name in Russian Республика Ирак

Name in French la République d'Iraq

Administrative units

| code | governorate | native name | capital [native name] | area (sq.km.) | population 1997-10-16 census | population 2003-01 estimate |
|-------|--------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 01 | Muhafazat Nineveh | نينوى محافظة | Al-Mosul [الموصل] | 37,323 | 2,042,852 | 2,453,116 |
| 02 | Muhafazat Kirkuk | كركوك محافظة | Kirkuk [كركوك] | 9,679 | 753,171 | 848,007 |
| 03 | Muhafazat Diala | ديالى محافظة | Baquba [بعقوبة] | 17,685 | 1,135,223 | 1,224,358 |
| 04 | Muhafazat al-Anbar | الانبار محافظة | Al-Ramadi [الرمادي] | 138,288 | 1,023,736 | 1,230,140 |
| 05 | Muhafazat Baghdad | بغداد محافظة | Baghdad [بغداد] | 4,555 | 5,423,964 | 6,024,299 |
| 06 | Muhafazat Babylon | بابل محافظة | Al-Hilla [الحلة] | 5,119 | 1,181,751 | 1,385,782 |
| 07 | Muhafazat Kerbela | كربلاء محافظة | Kerbela [كربلاء] | 5,034 | 594,235 | 723,840 |
| 08 | Muhafazat Wasit | واسط محافظة | Al-Kut [الكوت] | 17,153 | 783,614 | 913,386 |
| 09 | Muhafazat Salah al-Deen | صلاح محافظة الدين | Samarra [سامراء] | 24,075 | 904,432 | 942,314 |
| 10 | Muhafazat al-Najaf | النجف محافظة | Al-Najaf [النجف] | 28,824 | 775,042 | 929,995 |
| 11 | Muhafazat al-Qadisiya | القادسية محافظة | Al-Diwaniya [الديوانية] | 8,153 | 751,331 | 886,594 |
| 12 | Muhafazat al-Muthanna | المتنى محافظة | Al-Samawa [السماوة] | 51,740 | 436,825 | 537,658 |
| 13 | Muhafazat Thi Qar | ذي قار محافظة | Al-Nasiriya [الناصرية] | 12,900 | 1,184,796 | 1,472,098 |
| 14 | Muhafazat Maysan | ميسان محافظة | Al-Amara [العمارة] | 16,072 | 637,126 | 803,225 |
| 15 | Muhafazat Basrah | البصرة محافظة | Al-Basrah [البصرة] | 19,070 | 1,556,445 | 1,880,176 |
| 16 | Muhafazat Duhouk | دهوك محافظة | Duhouk [دهوك] | 6,553 | 402,970 | 782,489 |
| 17 | Muhafazat Erbil | أربيل محافظة | Erbil [اربيل] | 15,074 | 1,095,992 | 1,313,719 |
| 18 | Muhafazat al-Sulaimaniya | محافظه السليمانية | Al-Sulaimaniya [السليمانية] | 17,023 | 1,362,739 | 1,546,653 |
| total | | | | 435,052 | 22,046,244 | 25,897,848 |

source: COSIT (except for 2003).

source: 2003 - [NGO Coordination Committee in Iraq](#).

note: total area includes 924 sq.km. of inland water.

note: the Kurdish Autonomous Region consists of Duhouk, Erbil and As Sulaimaniya governorates. their 1997 population is an estimate based on the 1987 census.

Expanded administrative units

| code | governorate | native name | capital [native name] | area (sq.km.) | population 1997-10-16 census | population 2003-01 estimate |
|------|--------------------|----------------|-----------------------|---------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 01 | Muhafazat Nineveh | نينوى محافظة | Al-Mosul [الموصل] | 37,323 | 2,042,852 | 2,453,116 |
| | Al-Mosul | الموصل | | 4,471 | | 1,432,230 |
| | Al-Hamdaniya | الحمدينة | | 1,155 | | 125,665 |
| | Tilkaif | تلكيف | | 1,244 | | 167,647 |
| | Sinjar | سنجار | | 2,928 | | 166,466 |
| | Telafar | تلعفر | | 4,453 | | 300,878 |
| | Al-Shikhan | الشيخان | | 1,333 | | 58,132 |
| | Al-Hatre | الحضر | | 9,738 | | 37,655 |
| | Al-Baaj | البعاج | | 9,172 | | 88,401 |
| | Makhmour | مخمور | | 2,759 | | 76,042 |
| 02 | Muhafazat Kirkuk | كركوك محافظة | Kirkuk [كركوك] | 9,679 | 753,171 | 848,007 |
| | Kirkuk | كركوك | | 3,713 | | 622,249 |
| | Al-Hawiga | الحويجة | | 2,947 | | 151,267 |
| | Daquq | داقوق | | 2,430 | | 40,237 |
| | Dibis | الدبس | | 1,115 | | 34,254 |
| 03 | Muhafazat Diala | ديالى محافظة | Baquba [بعقوبة] | 17,685 | 1,135,223 | 1,224,358 |
| | Baquba | بعقوبة | | 1,630 | | 467,895 |
| | Al-Muqdadiya | المقدادية | | 1,033 | | 198,583 |
| | Al-Khalis | الخالص | | 2,994 | | 255,889 |
| | Khanaqin | خانقين | | 3,512 | | 160,379 |
| | Baldrooz | بلدروز | | 6,280 | | 99,601 |
| | Kifri | كفري | | 1,139 | | 42,010 |
| 04 | Muhafazat al-Anbar | الانبار محافظة | Al-Ramadi [الرمادي] | 138,288 | 1,023,736 | 1,230,140 |
| | Al-Ramadi | الرمادي | | 8,543 | | 444,582 |
| | Heet | هيت | | 8,353 | | 105,825 |
| | Al-Fallujah | الفلوجة | | 4,205 | | 425,744 |
| | Ana | عنه | | 5,597 | | 37,211 |
| | Haditha | حديثة | | 3,644 | | 75,835 |
| | Al-Rutba | الرطبة | | 93,445 | | 24,813 |
| | Al-Kaim | القائم | | 8,825 | | 116,129 |
| | Rawa | راوة | | 5,676 | | |
| 05 | Muhafazat Baghdad | بغداد محافظة | Baghdad [بغداد] | 4,555 | 5,423,964 | 6,024,299 |
| | Al-Risafa | الرصافة | | 160 | | 1,302,001 |
| | Al-Adhamiya | الأعظمية | | 257 | | 808,514 |

source: COSIT (except for 2003).

source: 2003 - [NGO Coordination Committee in Iraq](#).

note: total area includes 924 sq.km. of inland water.

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| code | governorate | native name | capital [native name] | area (sq.km.) | population 1997-10-16 census | population 2003-01 estimate |
|------|-------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|---------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | Al-Sader 2 | قضاء الصدر/2 | | 75 | | |
| | Al-Sader 1 | قضاء الصدر/1 | | | | |
| | Al-Karkh | الكرخ | | 201 | | 1,541,463 |
| | Al-Kadhimiya | الكاظمية | | 1,102 | | 778,541 |
| | Mahmudiya | المحمودية | | 1,349 | | 250,060 |
| | Abu-Ghraib | ابو غريب | | 693 | | 189,425 |
| | Al-Tarmiya | الطارمية | | 288 | | 1,036,791 |
| | Al-Mada'in | المدائن | | 1,253 | | 117,505 |
| 06 | Muhafazat Babylon | بابل محافظة | Al-Hilla [الحلة] | 5,119 | 1,181,751 | 1,385,782 |
| | Al-Hilla | الحلة | | 878 | | 617,763 |
| | Al-Mahawil | المحاويل | | 1,667 | | 212,812 |
| | Al-Hashimiya | الهاشمية | | 2,266 | | 275,269 |
| | Al-Mussyab | المسيب | | 928 | | 279,939 |
| 07 | Muhafazat Kerbela | كربلاء محافظة | Kerbela [كربلاء] | 5,034 | 594,235 | 723,840 |
| | Kerbela | كربلاء | | 2,731 | | 541,758 |
| | Ain Al-Tamur | عين التمر | | 1,956 | | 20,397 |
| | Al-Hindiya | الهندية | | 347 | | 161,685 |
| 08 | Muhafazat Wasit | واسط محافظة | Al-Kut [الكوت] | 17,153 | 783,614 | 913,386 |
| | Al-Kut | الكوت | | 5,144 | | 374,457 |
| | Al-Noamaniya | النعمانية | | 2,116 | | 107,618 |
| | Al-Hai | الحي | | 1,999 | | 136,208 |
| | Badra | بدره | | 3,650 | | 20,601 |
| | Al-Suwair | الصويرة | | 1,777 | | 161,602 |
| | Al-Aziziya | العزبية | | 2,467 | | 112,900 |
| 09 | Muhafazat Salah al-Deen | صلاح محافظة الدين | Samarra [سامراء] | 24,075 | 904,432 | 942,314 |
| | Tikrit | تكريت | | 2,408 | | 130,318 |
| | Tooze Khurmato | طوز خور ماتو | | 2,316 | | 153,391 |
| | Samarra | سامراء | | 4,504 | | 188,735 |
| | Balad | بلد | | 2,469 | | 167,590 |
| | Beygee | بيجي | | 6,741 | | 134,006 |
| | Al-Daur | الدور | | 2,836 | | 46,730 |
| | Al-Shirqat | الشرقاط | | 1,515 | | 121,544 |
| | Al-Dijail | الدجيل | | 1,286 | | |
| 10 | Muhafazat al-Najaf | النجف محافظة | Al-Najaf [النجف] | 28,824 | 775,042 | 929,995 |
| | Al-Najaf | النجف | | 27,761 | | 521,993 |

source: COSIT (except for 2003).

source: 2003 - [NGO Coordination Committee in Iraq](#).

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|------|-----------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | Al-Kufa | الكوفة | | 437 | | 275,370 |
| | Al-Manathera | المناذرة | | 626 | | 132,632 |
| 11 | Muhafazat al-Qadisiya | القادسية محافظة | Al-Diwaniya [الديوانية] | 8,153 | 751,331 | 886,594 |
| | Al-Diwaniya | الديوانية | | 1,212 | | |
| | Afaq | عفك | | 3,669 | | |
| | Al-Shamiya | الشامية | | 948 | | |
| | Al-Hamza | الحمزة | | 2,324 | | |
| 12 | Muhafazat al-Muthanna | المثنى محافظة | Al-Samawa [الساووة] | 51,740 | 436,825 | 537,658 |
| | Al-Samawa | الساووة | | 941 | | 250,268 |
| | Al-Rumaitha | الرميثة | | 2,204 | | 212,893 |
| | Al-Salman | السلمان | | 46,928 | | 6,357 |
| | Al-Khidhir | الخصر | | 1,667 | | 68,140 |
| 13 | Muhafazat Thi Qar | ذي قار محافظة | Al-Nasiriya [الناصرية] | 12,900 | 1,184,796 | 1,472,098 |
| | Al-Nasiriya | الناصرية | | 4,149 | | 578,585 |
| | Al-Rifaa | الرفاعي | | 3,300 | | 279,784 |
| | Suq Al-Shoyokh | سوق الشيوخ | | 1,374 | | 229,789 |
| | Al-Chibayish | الجبايش | | 2,333 | | 68,895 |
| | Al-Shatra | الشطرة | | 1,744 | | 315,044 |
| 14 | Muhafazat Maysan | ميسان محافظة | Al-Amara [العمارة] | 16,072 | 637,126 | 803,225 |
| | Al-Amara | العمارة | | 4,557 | | 454,708 |
| | Ali Al-Gharbi | علي الغربي | | 3,577 | | 39,242 |
| | Al-Maimouna | الميمونة | | 2,765 | | 84,579 |
| | Qalat Saleh | قلعة صالح | | 1,411 | | 82,978 |
| | Al-Mejar Al-Kabir | المجر الكبير | | 1,045 | | 118,324 |
| | Al-Kahla | الكحلاء | | 2,717 | | 23,394 |
| 15 | Muhafazat Basrah | البصرة محافظة | Al-Basrah [البصرة] | 19,070 | 1,556,445 | 1,880,176 |
| | Al-Basrah | البصرة | | 1,085 | | 1,052,187 |
| | Abu Al-Khaseeb | أبو الخصيب | | 1,152 | | 126,811 |
| | Al-Zubair | الزبير | | 11,618 | | 277,227 |
| | Al-Qurna | القرنة | | 2,073 | | 137,396 |
| | Al-Faw | الفاو | | 98 | | 21,678 |
| | Shat Al-Arab | شط العرب | | 2,055 | | 106,029 |
| | Al-Midaina | المدينة | | 989 | | 158,850 |
| 16 | Muhafazat Duhok | دهوك محافظة | Duhok [دهوك] | 6,553 | 402,970 | 782,489 |
| | Duhok | دهوك | | 1,045 | | 183,348 |

source: COSIT (except for 2003).

source: 2003 - [NGO Coordination Committee in Iraq](#).

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|------|--------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | Sumail | سميل | | 1,414 | | 226,674 |
| | Zakho | زاخو | | 1,378 | | 257,743 |
| | Al-Amadiya | العمادية | | 2,716 | | 114,725 |
| | Al-Sheqan | الشيخان | | | | |
| | Aqra | عقرة | | | | |
| | Buradrash | بردرش | | | | |
| 17 | Muhafazat Erbil | أربيل محافظة | Erbil [اربيل] | 15,074 | 1,095,992 | 1,313,719 |
| | Erbil | اربيل | | 2,790 | | |
| | Dashti Hawlere | دهشتي هةولير / | | | | |
| | Benselawa | بنصلاوة | | | | |
| | Sowran | سوران | | | | |
| | Shaqlaw | شقلاوة | | 1,787 | | |
| | Chouman | جومان | | | | |
| | Koisanjaq | كويسنجق | | 1,994 | | |
| | Merka Sour | ميركة سور | | | | |
| | Kabat | خبات | | | | |
| | Rawandooz | راوندوز | | 487 | | |
| 18 | Muhafazat al-Sulaimaniya | محافظة السليمانية | Al-Sulaimaniya [السليمانية] | 17,023 | 1,362,739 | 1,546,653 |
| | Al-Sulaimaniya | السليمانية | | 4,067 | | 775,002 |
| | Kara Daq | قرة داغ | | | | |
| | Shara Zour | شارة زور | | 1,801 | | |
| | Sead Sadiq | سيد صادق | | 4,731 | | |
| | Halabcha | حلبجة | | 878 | | 105,644 |
| | Panjwin | بنجوين | | 471 | | 27,138 |
| | Sharbazeere | شاربارزير | | | | 39,256 |
| | Maut | ماوت | | | | |
| | Beshdar | بشدر | | 664 | | 59,329 |
| | Rania | رانية | | 861 | | 51,868 |
| | Dokan | دوكان | | 1,567 | | 54,351 |
| | Derbendikhan | دريندخان | | 532 | | 30,160 |
| | Kalar | كلار | | 2,201 | | 180,391 |
| | Kifri | كفري | | 1,097 | | |
| | Chamchamal | جمجمال | | 3,733 | | 223,513 |
| | Khanakeen | خانقين | | | | |
| | total | | | 435,052 | 22,046,244 | 25,897,848 |

source: COSIT (except for 2003).

source: 2003 - [NGO Coordination Committee in Iraq](#).

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Main cities

| name | native name | population 1987-10-17 census | population 2003-07 estimate | latitude / longitude |
|---------------------|-------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Baghdad (1995 est.) | بغداد | 4,478,000 | 5,750,000 | 33.37/44.37 |
| Al Mawsil (Mosul) | | 664,221 | 1,800,000 | |
| Erbil | | 485,968 | 850,000 | |
| Kirkuk | | 418,624 | 750,000 | |
| Al Basrah | | 406,296 | 1,400,000 | |
| As Sulaymaniyah | | 364,096 | .. | |
| An Najaf | | 309,010 | .. | |
| Kerbela | | 296,705 | .. | |
| Al Hillah | | 268,834 | .. | |
| An Nasiriyah | | 265,937 | .. | |
| Al Amarah | | 208,797 | .. | |
| Diwaniyah | | 196,519 | .. | |
| Ar Ramadi | | 192,556 | .. | |
| Al Kut | | 183,183 | .. | |
| Ba'qubah | | 114,516 | .. | |

source: Book of the Year 1997 and 2004, Encyclopedia Britannica.

note: 1987 population for Baghdad and Ba'qubah are actually estimates for 1995.