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Syrian Arab Republic

Census Results

1960-09-20 4,565,121
1970-09-23 6,304,685
1981-09-08 9,046,144
1994-09-03 13,782,315
2004-09-22 17,920,844

General Information

Official name	Syrian Arab Republic
Official name [native]	Al Jumhūrīyah al ‘Arabīyah as[الجمهورية العربية السورية Sūriyah] «Arabic»
Capital	Damascus
Capital [native]	«Arabic» [Dimashq] دمشق
Region	Western Asia
ISO code	SY
Statistical agency	Central Bureau of Statistics

Name in Chinese

Name in Arabic الجمهورية العربية السورية

Name in Spanish la República Árabe Siria

Name in Russian Сирийская Арабская Республика

Name in French la République arabe syrienne

Administrative units

muhafazah (governorate)	native name	capital [native name]	area (sq.km.)	population 2004-09-22 census	population 2010-12-31 estimate
Muhafazah al Hasakah	الحسكة	Al Hasakah	23,334	1,275,118	1,477,000
Muhafazah al Ladhiqiyah	اللاذقية	Al Ladhiqiyah	2,297	879,551	991,000
Muhafazah al Qunaytirah	القنيطرة	Al Qunaytirah	1,861	66,627	87,000
Muhafazah ar Raqqah	الرقه	Ar Raqqah	19,616	793,514	921,000
Muhafazah as Suwayda'	السويداء	As Suwayda'	5,550	313,231	364,000
Muhafazah Dar`a	درعا	Dar`a	3,730	843,478	998,000
Muhafazah Dayr az Zawr	دير الزور	Dayr az Zawr	33,060	1,004,747	1,202,000
Madinah Dimashq	مدينة دمشق	-	105	1,552,161	1,733,000
Muhafazah Halab	حلب	Halab	18,500	4,045,166	4,744,000
Muhafazah Hamah	حماة	Hamah	8,883	1,384,953	1,593,000
Muhafazah Hims	حمص	Hims	42,223	1,529,402	1,763,000
Muhafazah Idlib	ادلب	Idlib	6,097	1,258,427	1,464,000
Muhafazah Rif Dimashq	ريف دمشق	Dimashq	18,032	2,273,074	2,744,000
Muhafazah Tartus	طرطوس	Tartus	1,892	701,395	785,000
total			185,180	17,920,844	20,866,000

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Expanded administrative units

muhafazah (governorate) mintaqah (area) baladiyah	native name	capital [native name]	area (sq.km.)	population 2004-09-22 census	population 2010-12-31 estimate
Muhafazah al Hasakah	الحسكة	Al Hasakah	23,334	1,275,118	1,477,000
Mintaqah al Hasakah	مركز الحسكة			484,966	
Al Hasakah	مرآز الحسكة			254,622	
Tel Tamer	تل تمر			50,718	
Shaddadeh	شداة			58,916	
Margadeh	مرآة			34,745	
Bir al Helou ...	بئر الحلو الوردية			40,522	
Al Arisheh	العريشة			30,544	
Al Hou1	الهول			14,899	
Mintaqah al Qamishl	القامشلي			423,368	
Al Qamishl	مرآز القامشلي			232,258	
	تل حميس			69,419	
	عامودا			56,006	
	قحطانية			65,685	
Mintaqah al Malikiyah	المالكية			189,634	
Al Malikiyah	مرآز المالكية			110,327	
	جوادية			40,352	
	يعربية			38,955	
Mintaqah Ra's al `Ayn	رأس العين			177,150	
Ra's al `Ayn	مرآز رأس العين			121,708	
	درباسية			55,442	
Muhafazah al Ladhiqiyah	اللاذقية	Al Ladhiqiyah	2,297	879,551	991,000
Mintaqah al Ladhiqiyah	مركز اللاذقية			526,888	
Al Ladhiqiyah	مرآز اللاذقية			424,392	
	البهلولة			17,532	

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	ربيعة			8,214	
	عين البيضة			31,166	
	قسطل			16,577	
	معاف			1,927	
	آسب			27,080	
Mintaqah Jablah	هنادي			196,171	
Jablah	جبله			107,064	
	مرآز جبله			16,800	
	عين			32,582	
	الشرقية			16,031	
	القطيلية			13,608	
	عين شقاق			10,086	
	دالية			81,848	
Mintaqah al Haffah	بيت ياشوط			23,347	
Al Haffah	الحفة			19,518	
	مرآز الحفة			6,825	
	صلنفة			18,250	
	عين التينة			13,908	
	آنسبا			74,644	
Mintaqah al Qardahah	مزيرعة			44,510	
Al Qardahah	القرداحة			6,669	
	مرآز			17,722	
	القرداحة			5,743	
	حرف				
	المسيترة				
	الفاخورة				
	جوبة برغال				
Muhafazah al Qunaytirah	القنيطرة	Al Qunaytirah	1,861	66,627	87,000
Mintaqah al Qunaytirah	مركز			64,680	
Al Qunaytirah	القنيطرة			4,318	
	مرآز			42,980	
	القنيطرة			17,382	
	خان أرنبه				
	الخشنية				
Mintaqah Fiq	فيق زوية			1,947	

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Fiq	مرآز فيق زوية			1,947	
Muhafazah ar Raqqah	الرقعة	Ar Raqqah	19,616	793,514	921,000
Mintaqah ar Raqqah	مركز الرقعة			506,306	
Ar Raqqah	مرآز الرقعة			343,870	
	السيخة			48,106	
	الكرامة			71,678	
	معدان			42,652	
Mintaqah Tall Abyad	تل ابيض			127,270	
Tall Abyad	مرآز تل ابيض			44,671	
	سلوك			44,131	
	عين عيسى			38,468	
Mintaqah al Thawra	الثورة			159,938	
Al Thawra	مرآز الثورة			69,425	
	المنصورة			58,727	
	الجرنية			31,786	
Muhafazah as Suwayda'	السويداء	As Suwayda'	5,550	313,231	364,000
Mintaqah as Suwayda'	مركز السويداء			180,907	
As Suwayda'	مرآز السويداء			147,146	
	المزرعة (السجن)			16,627	
	المشنف			17,134	
Mintaqah Salkhad	صلخد			60,375	
Salkhad	مرآز صلخد			24,045	
	القريا			9,892	
	الغاربة			5,923	
	ذيبين			6,900	
	ملح			13,615	
Mintaqah Shahba'	شها			71,949	
Shahba'	مرآز شها			31,657	
	شقا			15,849	
	العريقة			11,723	
				12,720	

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Muhafazah Dar`a	الصورة الصغيرة				
Mintaqah Dar`a	درعا	Dar`a	3,730	843,478	998,000
Dar`a	مركز درعا			428,681	
	مرآز درعا			146,481	
	بصري			33,839	
	الشام				
	خربة غزالة			44,266	
	الشجرة			34,206	
	داعل			43,691	
	مزيريب			72,625	
	الجيزة			21,100	
	المسيفرة			32,473	
Mintaqah as Sanamayn	الصنمين			167,993	
As Sanamayn	مرآز			113,427	
	الصنمين				
	المسمية			8,773	
	غباغب			45,793	
Mintaqah Izra`	ازرع			246,804	
Izra`	مرآز ازرع			56,649	
	جاسم			39,624	
	الحراك			40,979	
	نوى			57,404	
	الشيخ			34,370	
	مسكين				
	تسيل			17,778	
Muhafazah Dayr az Zawr	دير الزور	Dayr az Zawr	33,060	1,004,747	1,202,000
Mintaqah Dayr az Zawr	مركز دير الزور			492,434	
Deir ez-Zor	مرآز دير الزور			239,196	
	أسرة			63,226	
	بصيرة			40,236	
	موحسن			35,113	
	التبني			48,393	
	خشام			28,718	

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Mintaqah Abu Kamal	صور البوكمال			37,552 265,142	
Abu Kamal	مرآز البوآمال			92,031	
	هجين			97,870	
	الجلاء			29,255	
	سوسة			45,986	
Mintaqah al Mayadin	الميادين			247,171	
Al Mayadin	مرآز الميادين			86,091	
	ذبيان			65,079	
	عشارة			96,001	
Madinah Dimashq	مدينة دمشق	-	105	1,552,161	1,733,000
Mintaqah Dimashq	دمشق			1,552,161	
Dimashq	دمشق			1,552,161	
Muhafazah Halab	حلب	Halab	18,500	4,045,166	4,744,000
Mintaqah Jabal Sim'an	جبل سمعان			2,490,751	
Jabal Sim'an	مرآز جبل سمعان			2,181,061	
	أتارب			76,873	
	تل ضمان			48,108	
	حريتان			67,745	
	دائرة عزة			38,766	
	الزربة			58,816	
	الحاضر			19,382	
Mintaqah al Bab	الباب			292,713	
Al Bab	مرآز الباب			112,384	
	تادف			41,786	
	دير حافر			34,366	
	الراعي			15,378	
	أويرس			26,729	
	شرقي				
	رسم حرمل			30,029	
	الامام				
	عريمة			32,041	

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Mintaqah `Afrin	عفرين			172,095	
`Afrin	مرآز عفرين			64,758	
	بلبل			12,573	
	جنديرس			32,947	
	راجو			21,955	
	شران			13,632	
	شيخ الحديد			13,871	
	معبطلي			12,359	
Mintaqah A`zaz	اعزاز			251,769	
A`zaz	مرآز اعزاز			47,570	
	اخترين			39,132	
	تل رفعت			43,781	
	مارع			39,306	
	نبل			51,948	
	صوران			30,032	
Mintaqah Manbij	منبج			408,143	
Manbij	مرآز منبج			204,766	
	أبو قلقل			46,178	
	خفصة			92,368	
	مسكنة			64,831	
Mintaqah `Ayn al `Arab	عين العرب			192,513	
`Ayn al `Arab	مرآز عين العرب			78,130	
	شيوخ تحتاني			43,861	
	صرين			70,522	
Mintaqah As Safirah	السفيرة			178,293	
As Safirah	مرآز السفيرة			132,658	
	خناصر			18,034	
	بنان			17,193	
	الحاجب			10,408	
Mintaqah Jarabulus	جرابلس			58,889	
Jarabulus	مرآز جرابلس			41,575	
	غندورة			17,314	

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Muhafazah Hamah	حماة	Hamah	8,883	1,384,953	1,593,000
Mintaqah Hamah	مركز حماة			644,445	
Hamah	مرآز حماة			467,807	
	صوران			91,471	
	حربنفسه			52,563	
	الحمراء			32,604	
Mintaqah Suqaylabiyah	السقيلية			240,091	
Suqaylabiyah	مرآز السقيلية			49,686	
	تلسلح			41,480	
	الزيارة			38,872	
	شطحة			25,273	
	قلعة			84,780	
Mintaqah Salamiyah	المضيق السلمية			187,123	
Salamiyah	مرآز السلمية			116,086	
	بري شرقي			13,767	
	السعن			14,366	
	صبورة			21,900	
	عقيربات			21,004	
Mintaqah Masyaf	مصياف			169,341	
Masyaf	مرآز مصياف			67,908	
	جب رملة			41,843	
	عوج			30,137	
	عين حلاقيم			16,502	
	وادي العيون			12,951	
Mintaqah Mhardeh	محرده			143,953	
Mhardeh	مرآز محرده			80,165	
	آفر زيتا			38,749	
	آرنار			25,039	
Muhafazah Hims	حمص	Hims	42,223	1,529,402	1,763,000
Mintaqah Hims	مركز حمص			1,035,055	
Hims	مرآز حمص			750,501	
	تلدو			71,503	

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	خربة تين نور			52,496	
	عين النسر			30,267	
	الفرقلس			13,506	
	الرقاما			20,602	
	القريتين			16,795	
	مهين			13,511	
	حسياء			15,195	
	صدد			4,092	
	القبو			18,636	
	شين			27,951	
Mintaqah al Qusayr	القصير			108,102	
Al Qusayr	مرآز القصير			108,102	
Mintaqah Tall Kalakh	تللكخ			129,429	
Tall Kalakh	مرآز تللكخ			62,069	
	حديدة			25,998	
	الناصره			16,678	
	الحواش			24,684	
Mintaqah ar Rastan	الرستن			127,806	
Ar Rastan	مرآز الرستن			64,022	
	تلبيسة			63,784	
Mintaqah Palmyra	تدمر			76,942	
Palmyra	مرآز تدمر			55,062	
	السحنة			21,880	
Mintaqah al Mukharraz	المخرم			52,068	
Al Mukharraz	مرآز المخرم			32,447	
	جب الجراح			19,621	
Muhafazah Idlib	ادلب	Idlib	6,097	1,258,427	1,464,000
Mintaqah Idlib	مركز إدلب			382,928	
Idlib	مرآز ادلب			126,284	
	أبو الظهور			38,869	
	بنش			35,166	
	سراقب			86,075	
	تفتاز			24,145	

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	معرتمصرين			57,859	
	سرمين			14,530	
Mintaqah Ma'arrat an Nu'man	معرة النعمان			372,960	
Ma'arrat an Nu'man	مرآز معرة النعمان			150,965	
	خان شيخون			50,469	
	سنجار			33,721	
	آفرنبل			67,460	
	التمانعة			29,114	
	حيش			41,231	
Mintaqah Harim	حارم			175,482	
Harim	مرآز حارم			12,894	
	دانا			60,058	
	سلقين			47,939	
	آفرتخاريم			13,174	
	قورقينا			12,552	
	أرمناز			28,865	
Mintaqah Jisr ash Shughur	جسر الشغور			150,052	
Jisr ash Shughur	مرآز جسر الشغور			90,348	
	بداما			18,501	
	درآوش			21,561	
	الجانودية			19,642	
Mintaqah Ariha	أريحا			177,005	
Ariha	مرآز اريحا			83,487	
	احسم			65,253	
	محمبل			28,265	
Muhafazah Rif Dimashq	ريف دمشق	Dimashq	18,032	2,273,074	2,744,000
Mintaqah Markaz Rif Dimashq	مركز ريف دمشق			902,216	
Al-Kiswah	الكسوة			112,095	
Bouapla	ببلا			341,625	
Jaramanah	جرمانا			114,363	
	المليحة			56,652	

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	آفر بطنا			123,474	
	عربين			89,595	
	قدسيا			64,412	
Mintaqah Duma	دوما			433,719	
Duma	مرآز دوما			181,934	
	حريستا			88,816	
	السبع بيار			395	
	الضمير			26,192	
	النشائية			76,814	
	الغزلانية			36,715	
	حران			22,853	
Mintaqah al Qutayfah	القטיפه			119,283	
Al Qutayfah	مرآز القטיפه			44,820	
	جيروود			31,821	
	معلولا			12,192	
	الرحية			30,450	
Mintaqah at Tall	التل			115,937	
At Tall	مرآز التل			85,933	
	صيدنايا			18,846	
	رنكوس			11,158	
Mintaqah Yabrud	يبرود			48,370	
Yabrud	مرآز يبرود			39,604	
	عسال الورد			8,766	
Mintaqah an Nabk	النبك			80,001	
An Nabk	النبك			50,747	
	دير عطية			29,254	
Mintaqah az Zabadan	الزبداني			105,342	
Az Zabadan	مرآز الزبداني			40,613	
	الديماس			21,978	
	عين الفيحة			19,584	
	مضايا			13,692	
	سرغايا			9,475	
Mintaqah Qatana	قطنا			207,245	

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Qatana	مرآز قطنا			146,344	
	بيت جن			15,668	
	سعسع			45,233	
Mintaqah Darayya	داريا			260,961	
Darayya	مرآز داريا			131,501	
	صحنايا			44,512	
	الحجر الأسود			84,948	
Muhafazah Tartus	طرطوس	Tartus	1,892	701,395	785,000
Mintaqah Tartus	مركز طرطوس			281,453	
Tartus	مرآز طرطوس			160,862	
	أرواد			4,403	
	الحميدية			20,309	
	خربة المعزة			22,897	
	سودا خوابي			32,295	
	آريمة			17,271	
	صفصافة			23,416	
Mintaqah Baniyas	بانياس			176,351	
Baniyas	مرآز بانياس			96,550	
	الروضة			12,088	
	العنزة			18,446	
	القدموس			22,370	
	حمام واصل			8,522	
	الطواحين			10,024	
	تالين			8,351	
Mintaqah Safita	صافيتا			129,632	
Safita	مرآز صافيتا			60,172	
	مشتى الحلو			12,577	
	البارقية			7,336	
	سبة			7,614	
	السيمنية			22,018	
	رأس الخشوفة			19,915	
Mintaqah Duraykish	دريكيش			60,978	
Duraykish				28,749	

source: 2004 and 2008 - [Central Bureau of Statistics](#), Syria. Estimates for 2008 refer to people actually living in Syria as opposed to what the civil record says there should be living.

note: includes territory in the Golan Heights internationally recognized as part of Syria.

note: There are multiple Latin variations of Syrian place names, it is impossible to tell which the correct one is.

muhafazah (governorate) mintaqah (area) baladiyah	native name	capital [native name]	area (sq.km.)	population 2004-09-22 census	population 2010-12-31 estimate
	مرآز الدريكيش جنينة رسلان حمين دوير رسلان			9,846 8,679 13,704	
Mintaqah ash Shaykh Badr	الشيخ بدر			52,981	
Ash Shaykh Badr	مرآز الشيخ بدر برمانة المنشاخ قمصية			25,324 13,562 14,095	
total			185,180	17,920,844	20,866,000

source: 2004 and 2008 - [Central Bureau of Statistics](#), Syria. Estimates for 2008 refer to people actually living in Syria as opposed to what the civil record says there should be living.

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Main cities

name	native name	population 1994-09-03 census	population 2004-09-22 census
Halab	حلب	1,582,930	2,181,061
Dimashq	مدينة دمشق	1,394,322	1,552,161
Hims	حمص	540,133	750,501
Hamah	حماة	264,348	467,807
Al Ladhiqiyah	اللاذقية	311,784	424,392
Ar Raqqa	الرقعة	165,195	343,870
Bouapla	ببلا	..	341,625
Al Hasakah	الحسكة	119,798	254,622
Dayr az Zawr	دير الزور	140,459	239,196
Al Qamishl	القامشلي	144,286	232,258
Manbij	منبج	..	204,766
Duma	دوما	..	181,934
Tartus	طرطوس	..	160,862
Ma`arrat an Nu`man	معرة النعمان	..	150,965
As Suwayda'	السويداء	..	147,146
Dar`a	مركز درعا	..	146,481

source: 1994 - [United Nations Statistics Division](#).

source: 2004 - [Central Bureau of Statistics](#), Syria.

name	native name	population	population
		1994-09-03 census	2004-09-22 census
Qatana	قطنا	..	146,344
As Safirah	السفيرة	..	132,658
Darayya	داريا	..	131,501
Idlib	ادلب	..	126,284
??	آفر بطنا	..	123,474
Ra's al `Ayn	رأس العين	..	121,708
Salamiyah	السلمية	..	116,086
Jaramanah	جرمانا	..	114,363
As Sanamayn	الصنمين	..	113,427
Al Bab	الباب	..	112,384
Al Kiswah	الكسوة	..	112,095
Al Malikiyah	المالكية	..	110,327
Al Qusayr	القصير	..	108,102
Jablah	جبله	..	107,064

source: 1994 - [United Nations Statistics Division](#).

source: 2004 - [Central Bureau of Statistics](#), Syria.