

# Iraq



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## Government

**Chief of State:** President Barham SALIH

**Head of Government:** Prime Minister Mustafa al-KADHIMI

**Government Type:** Federal Parliamentary Republic

**Capital:** Baghdad

**Legislature:** Unicameral Council of Representatives or Majlis an-Nuwwab al-Iraqiyy (329 seats)

**Judiciary:** Federal Supreme Court or FSC (consists of 9 judges); Court of Cassation (consists of a court president, 5 vice-presidents, and at least 24 judges)

## Geography

### Area

**Total:** 438,317 sq km

**Land:** 437,367 sq km

**Water:** 950 sq km

**Climate:** Mostly desert; mild to cool winters with dry, hot, cloudless summers; northern mountainous

regions along Iranian and Turkish borders experience cold winters with occasionally heavy snows that melt in early spring, sometimes causing extensive flooding in central and southern Iraq  
**Natural Resources:** Petroleum, natural gas, phosphates, sulfur

## Population

**Population:** 38.9 million (July 2021 est.)

**Population Growth:** 2.16% (2021 est.)

**Ethnicity:** Arab 75-80%, Kurdish 15-20%, other 5% note: most recent available data is a 1987 Iraqi government estimate

**Language:** Arabic (official), Kurdish (official), Turkmen (a Turkish dialect), Syriac (Neo-Aramaic), and Armenian official in areas where native speakers of these languages constitute a majority of the population.

**Religion:** Muslim (official) 95-98% (Shia 64-69%, Sunni 29-34%), Christian 1%, other 1-4% (2015 est.) note: the Christian population may have dropped by as much as 50% since the fall of the SADDAM Husayn regime in 2003

### Urbanization:

**Urban Population:** 70.9% of total population (2020)

**Rate of Urbanization:** 3.06% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

**Literacy:** 50.1% (2018)

**Italian presence:** 98

## Economy

**Economic Overview:** Growth slowed in 2017 compared to the previous two years as domestic consumption and investment fell because of civil violence, corruption, and a sluggish oil market

**GDP (Purchasing Power Parity):**

\$649.3 billion (2017 est.)

**GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity):**

\$16,700 (2017 est.)

### Exports

\$61.4 billion (2017 est.)

**Partners:** India 21.2%, China 20.2%, US 15.8%, South Korea 9.4%, Greece 5.3%, Netherlands 4.8%, Italy 4.7% (2017)

### Imports

\$39.47 billion (2017 est.)

**Partners:** Turkey 27.8%, China 25.7%, South Korea 4.7%, Russia 4.3% (2017)

