

# Erbil Governorate Profile

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## Overview

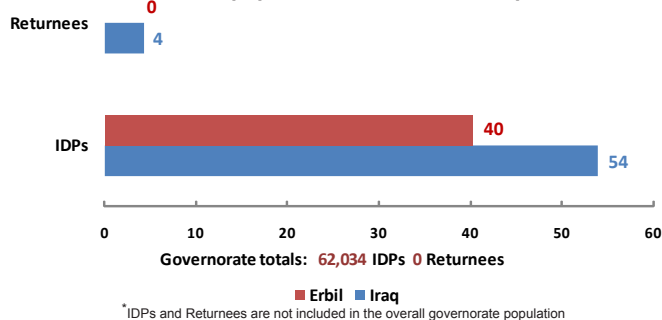
Situated in the north of Iraq, Erbil borders Turkey to the north and Iran to the east. Erbil combines with Dahuk and Sulaymaniyah to form the area administrated by the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG). The city of Erbil is the capital of both Erbil governorate and the KRG. Mountains dominate the landscape towards the north east of the governorate. UNESCO has financed a project to renovate and revitalise the Citadel in Erbil city, one of the world's oldest inhabited settlements, aged between 3000 and 6000 years old.

In spite of a brief outbreak of violence in August 2008, the security situation remains calm. Erbil hosts a considerable number of IDPs, most of whom come from Baghdad and Ninewa.

Few of Erbil's residents are among Iraq's poorest, but the governorate performs less well according to many other humanitarian and developmental indicators. Illiteracy rates in the governorate are generally above average. Female labour force participation is also low. Infrastructure is poor across the governorate: the vast majority of households in all districts except Koisnjaq suffer from prolonged power cuts, with few able to access an alternative electricity source. Sanitation is poor in some districts. Most households in Shaqlawa, Juman and Mergasur are not connected to the water network.

## IDPs & Returnees

Number of post-2006 IDPs and Returnees per 1000 of the populations of Erbil and Iraq

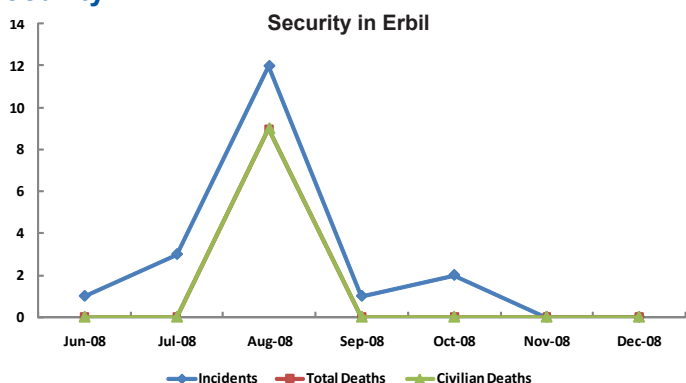


Source: IOM as of September 2008

## Demographics

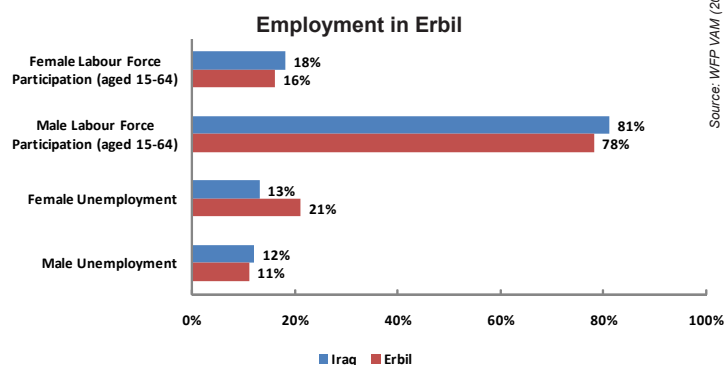
<b>Governorate Capital:</b>	Erbil	
<b>Area:</b>	15,074sq km (3.5% of Iraq)	
<b>Population:</b>	1,542,421 (5% of total)	
	Source: GoI COSIT (est. for 2007)	
<b>Gender Distribution:</b>	Male: 50% Female: 50%	
<b>Geographical Distribution:</b>	Rural: 24% Urban: 76%	
	Source: GoI COSIT (est. for 2007)	
<b>Population by district:</b>		
Erbil	808,600	Dushty Howleer 216,759
Shaqlawa	150,659	Soran 181,883
Juman	37,074	Kwesinjak 81,199
Makhmour	50,927	Merkeh Soor 50,316
Khabat	90,531	Source: WFP VAM (2007)*

## Security



Source: UNAMI SSI

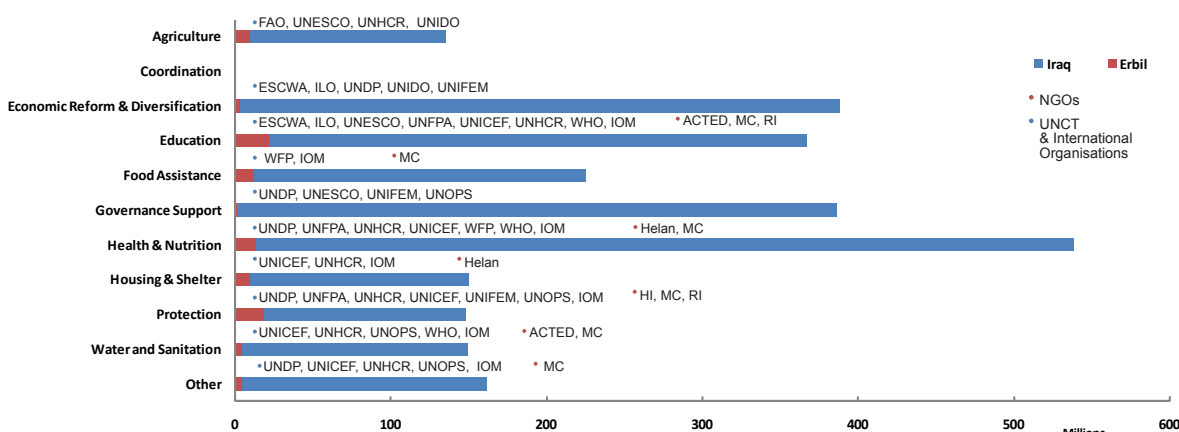
## Employment



Source: WFP VAM (2007)

## UN & NGO Presence & Response

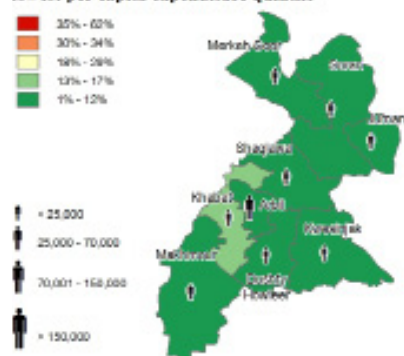
### Funding in Erbil



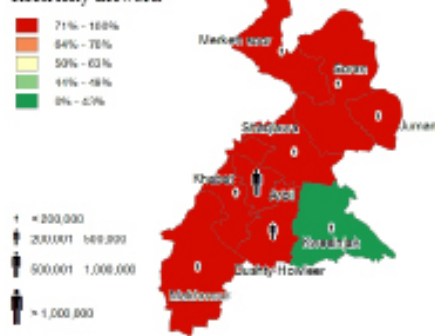
Source: 3iW Database

## Selected Indicators

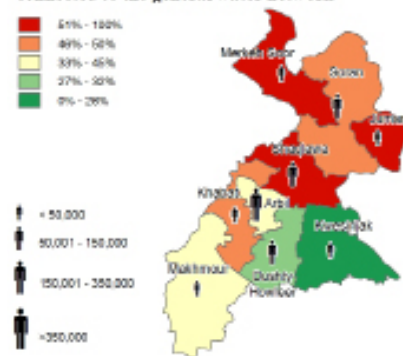
**Poverty:** Percentage of households per district in the lowest per capita expenditure quintile



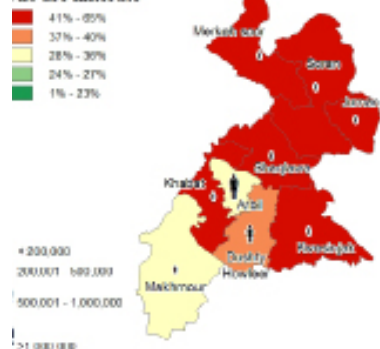
**Electricity:** Percentage of households per district with more than 11 hours of power cuts or not connected to the electricity network



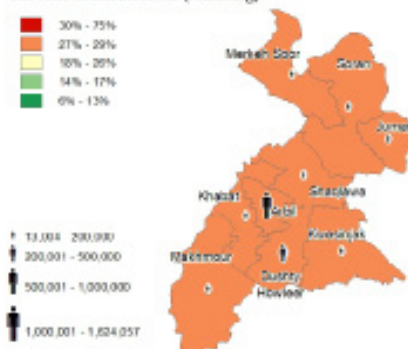
**Watsan:** Percentage of households per district not connected to the general water network



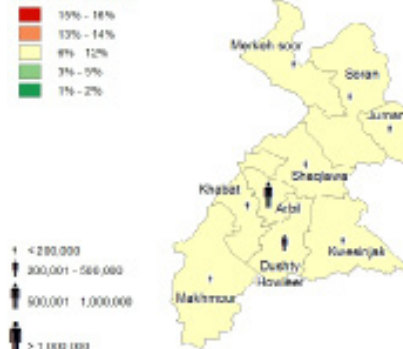
**Education:** Percentage of women aged 10+ per district who are illiterate




**Food:** Percentage of children aged 0-5 per district with chronic malnutrition (stunting)



**Health:** Percentage of individuals per district with chronic disease



The size of the symbol  indicates the total number of individuals affected per district

Indicator		All Iraq	Erbil	Erbil	Dushy Howleer	Shaqlawla	Soran	Juman	Kwesinjak	Makhmour	Merkeh Soor	Khabat
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Education	Illiterate Women (10+)	24	36	27	39	45	49	59	44	36	50	51
	Illiterate Men (10+)	11	15	12	15	21	18	26	22	12	20	24
	Women with less than Primary Education (10+)	47	52	39	62	62	72	75	61	66	68	72
	Men with less than Primary Education (10+)	31	34	24	38	41	44	47	41	42	52	50
Employment	Female Labor Force Participation (15-64)	18	16	21	9	12	11	12	18	11	13	8
	Male Labor Force Participation (15-64)	81	78	79	78	80	76	75	75	79	76	82
	Female Unemployment (15-64)	13	20	24	20	15	8	19	5	9	17	27
	Male Unemployment (15-64)	12	11	12	9	14	6	10	3	4	15	10
Health	Fever in the past 2 weeks	8	4	3	6	6	7	8	0	4	11	6
	Diarrhea problems in the past 2 weeks	3	4	3	4	5	5	4	1	4	5	5
	Chronic disease	9	10	9	11	11	10	12	11	8	11	11
Electricity	More than 11 hours power cut per week or no network	55	90	96	91	89	93	96	16	87	96	97
	No alternative electricity source	21	7	4	7	11	12	22	0	9	9	15
Poverty	Lowest per capita Income Quintile	22	13	11	10	21	15	18	22	4	14	20
	Lowest per capita Expenditure Quintile	20	7	5	8	11	8	4	9	7	7	13
WATSAN	Sanitation: Hole/None	8	20	10	25	32	41	59	0	1	44	37
	No access to safe drinking water	8	2	0	0	2	16	4	0	0	13	0
	Not connected to general network	26	42	38	27	63	48	68	26	37	82	48
Food	Stunting: Chronic Malnutrition (children 0-5 years)	22	25	27	19	30	22	24	19	15	25	25
	Wasting: Acute Malnutrition (children 0-5 years)	5	8	5	15	5	9	8	4	26	14	6

Source: WFP VAM (2007)\*

\* The WFP VAM 2007 survey used a distribution of Iraqi districts which differs from that used by UN HIC. The district names and areas used for the reference map, indicator maps and demographics do not imply the expression of any opinion whatsoever on behalf of the Secretariat of the United Nations concerning the legal status or frontier delimitation of any district or other area shown.

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