



Overview

Situated on the border with Turkey, Dahuk, is Iraq's most northern governorate. Along with Erbil and Sulaymaniyah, Dahuk makes up the area administrated by the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG). Much of Dahuk's landscape is dominated by mountains. There are some outstanding issues between Ninewa and Dahuk regarding the administrative status of Al-Shikhan, Telafar, Tilkaif, Akre and Sinjar districts. In spite of this, Dahuk continues to be one of the most peaceful governorates in Iraq.

A high proportion (52%) of jobs in Dahuk is provided by the government or public sector. Few women (11%) are economically active, and of those 40% are unemployed. Two years of drought have caused severe problems for irrigation-fed agriculture over the past two years, but there have been reports of increased yields of rain-fed crops in 2009 compared to the previous year. Some farmers have been forced to sell livestock due to drinking water shortages. Despite the drought conditions, flash floods and landslides hit southern areas of Dahuk in November 2009, damaging houses, schools and roads. Approximately 340 families were affected.

Dahuk performs poorly according to most humanitarian and development indicators. Education levels are below average in all districts. Over 90% of households in all districts apart from Al-Shikhan and Aqre have unreliable or no access to the electricity network. In Dahuk city, the water network is aging and requires maintenance. 40% of the water supply is lost due to dilapidated piping. Poorly maintained water and sanitation systems mean that potable water risks being contaminated with human wastewater.

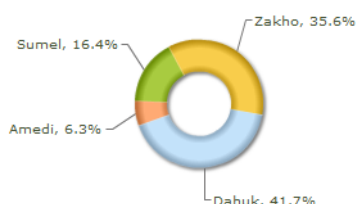
Over a quarter of the population aged 10 years and over is illiterate, with a large gap between men and women (over a third of women aged 10 and over is illiterate). Just 22% of the population aged 10 years and over has an intermediate education or above, compared to a 31% national average.

IDPs displaced during the wave of violence in 2006 and 2007 constitute 21% of Dahuk's population, a higher proportion than in any other governorate. Almost all originate from Ninewa or Dahuk (in the north and centre of Iraq). Nearly all post-2006 IDP families (95%) cited access to employment opportunities as a priority need, while shelter was cited by over half (54%). A quarter (24%) of Dahuk's IDP families lives in collective settlements and 64% has no waged income. In spite of Dahuk's poor infrastructure, an unusually high proportion (54%) of Dahuk's IDPs intend to remain in the governorate.

Amadeyah and Aqre have been selected as priority districts for the UN's Iraq Humanitarian Action Plan 2010.

Demographics

- Governorate Capital:** Dahuk
- Area:** 6,553 sq km (1.5% of Iraq)
- Population:** 505,491 (2% of total)
Source: Gol COSIT (est. for 2007)
- Gender Distribution:** Male: 50% Female: 50%
- Geo Distribution:** Rural: 27% Urban: 73%
Source: Gol COSIT (est. for 2007)



Iraq Millennium Development Goals

Indicator	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
Proportion of population below National Poverty Line (\$2.2 per day) (%)	22.9	9.3							
Poverty gap ratio at National Poverty Line (%)	4.5	2.0							
Prop. of pop. below min. level of dietary energy consumption (%)	7.1	n/a							
Net enrollment ratio in primary education (%)		84.8	89.8						
Net enrollment ratio in secondary education (%)		36.7	12.0						
Enrollment ratio of females to males in primary education (%)			84.8	96.8					
Share of women in wage emp. in non-agricultural sector (%)			7.4	5.0					
Proportion of seats held by women in national parliament (%)			27.3	37.5					
Under-five mortality rate (for every 1,000 live births)				41.0	45.0				
Proportion of 1 year-old children immunised against measles (%)				81.0	92.2				
Proportion of births attended by skilled health personnel (%)					88.5	84.0			
Proportion of TB incidence for every 100,000 of the population						12.4	0.0		
Proportion of detected TB cases cured under direct observation treatment (%)						86.0	92.0		
Proportion of population using an improved drinking water source (%)							79.0	98.6	
Proportion of population using an improved sanitation facility (%)							83.9	98.2	
Cellular subscribers per 100 population (%)								78.0	93.1
Proportion of families owning a personal computer (%)								11.8	17.5

■ Current National [Total]
 ■ Current Sub-National [Dahuk]

