

# Najaf Governorate Profile

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## Overview

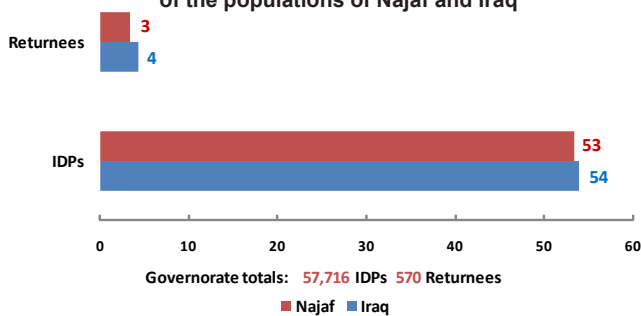
Najaf is situated between Anbar and Muthanna governorates on Iraq's southern border with Saudi Arabia. Its landscape is dominated by desert. Both the governorate capital, also called Najaf, and the city of Al-Kufah are holy sites for Shi'a Muslims.

Najaf's IDP population is of average size compared to other governorates. Around 85% of Najaf's IDPs are originally from Baghdad, and almost all are Shi'a. However, 95% wish to return to their homes. The security situation in Najaf remains calm.

Najaf district (which contains the governorate capital) performs well according to many humanitarian and development indicators. However, the areas outside Najaf perform relatively poorly. Access to electricity supplies are relatively reliable in Najaf, and average elsewhere. Relatively few households outside Najaf have access to a secondary source of electricity for times when the normal network fails. Sanitation and access to safe water are poor in Al-Koufa and Al-Manathara. However, levels of chronic malnutrition are low across the governorate. Also, labour force participation is high among men in all districts, and among women outside Najaf.

## IDPs & Returnees

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

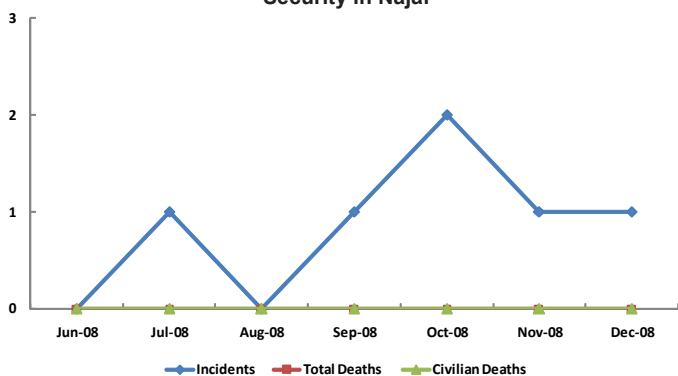


Source: IOM as of September 2008

\* IDPs and Returnees are not included in the overall governorate population

## Security

Security in Najaf



Source: UNAMI/SSI

## Demographics

**Governorate Capital:** Najaf  
**Area:** 28,824 sq km (6.6% of Iraq)  
**Population:** 614,997 (4% of total)  
*Source: GoI COSIT (est. for 2007)*

**Gender Distribution:** Male: 50% Female: 50%

**Geographical Distribution:** Rural: 31.4% Urban: 68.4%  
*Source: GoI COSIT (est. for 2007)*

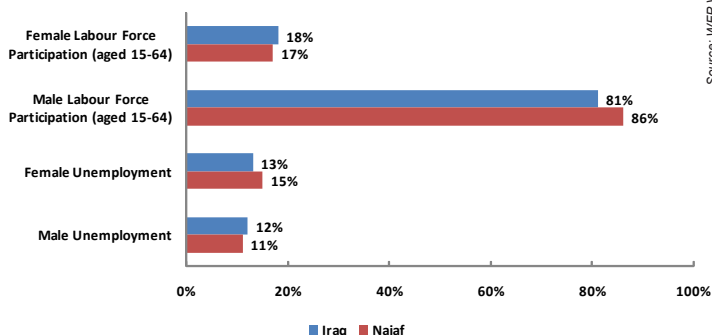
**Population by district:**

Najaf	567,340	Kufa	288,255
Al-Manathara	225,608		

*Source: WFP VAM (2007)\**

## Employment

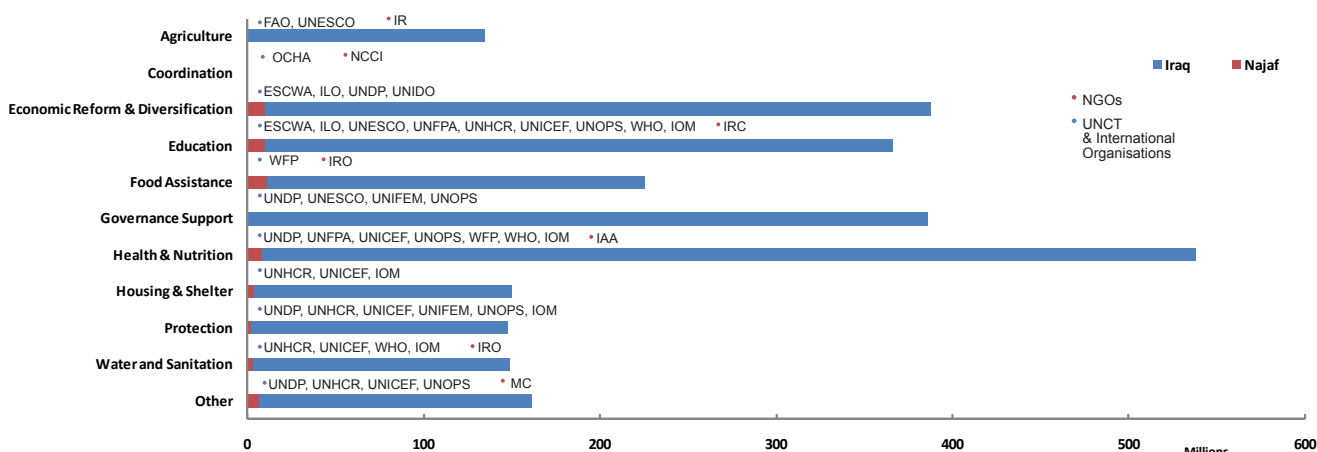
Employment in Najaf



Source: WFP VAM (2007)

## UN & NGO Presence & Response

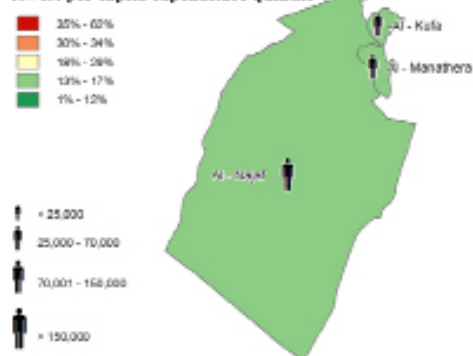
Funding in Najaf



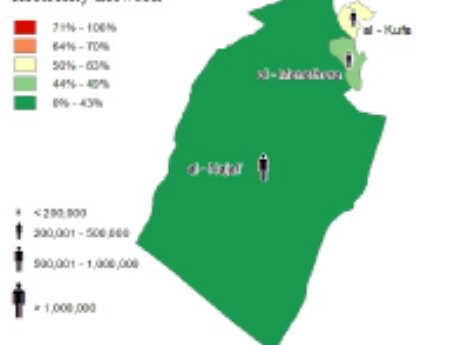
Source: 3iW Database

## Selected Indicators

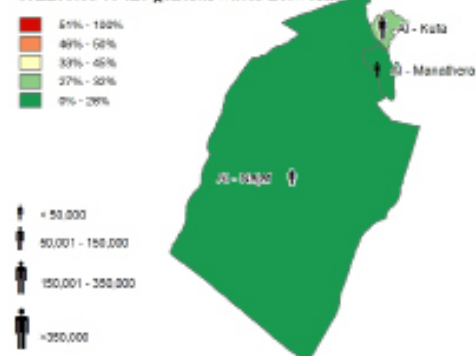
**Poverty:** Percentage of households per district in the lowest per capita expenditure quintile



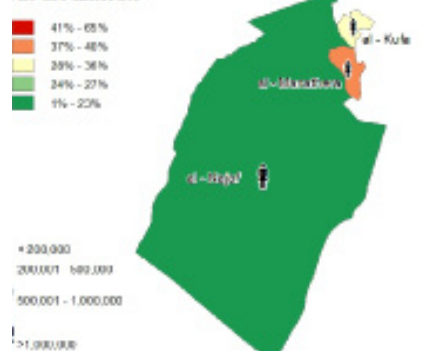
**Electricity:** Percentage of households per district with more than 11 hours of power cuts or not connected to the electricity network



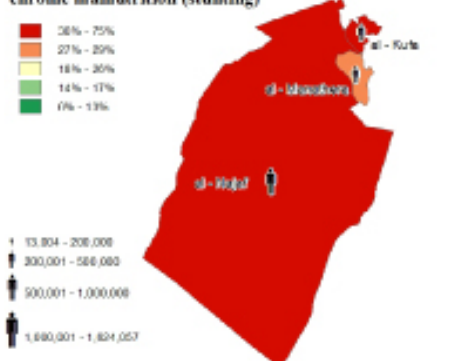
**Watsan:** Percentage of households per district not connected to the general water network



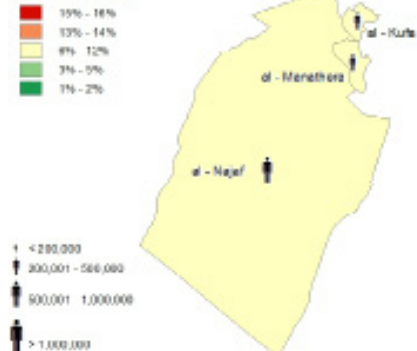
**Education:** Percentage of women aged 10+ per district who are illiterate



**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	Najaf	Najaf	al- Kufa	al- Manatherra
		%	%	%	%	%
Education	Illiterate Women (10+)	24	28	21	35	37
	Illiterate Men (10+)	11	14	13	13	16
	Women with less than Primary Education (10+)	47	54	46	59	66
	Men with less than Primary Education (10+)	31	37	37	38	37
Employment	Female Labor Force Participation (15-64)	18	17	13	22	19
	Male Labor Force Participation (15-64)	81	86	87	86	84
	Female Unemployment (15-64)	13	15	24	10	6
	Male Unemployment (15-64)	12	11	11	13	7
Health	Fever in the past 2 weeks	8	5	3	10	5
	Diarrhea problems in the past 2 weeks	3	3	3	4	4
	Chronic disease	9	9	9	10	9
Electricity	More than 11 hours power cut per week or no network	55	39	28	59	44
	No alternative electricity source	21	18	8	27	31
Poverty	Lowest per capita Income Quintile	22	17	17	19	14
	Lowest per capita Expenditure Quintile	20	15	16	16	14
WATSAN	Sanitation: Hole/None	8	21	7	28	48
	No access to safe drinking water	8	9	0	17	21
	Not connected to general network	26	16	7	31	21
Food	Stunting: Chronic Malnutrition (children 0-5 years)	22	13	9	15	15
	Wasting: Acute Malnutrition (children 0-5 years)	5	6	5	6	7

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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