



### Overview

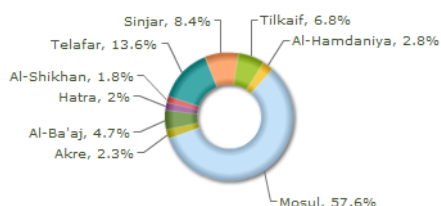
Located in northern Iraq and bordering with Syria, Ninewa is Iraq's third largest and second most populated governorate. The capital, Mosul, is Iraq's third largest city. The province is home to the Mosque of the Prophet Yunus (known as Jonah in the Bible), the Grand Mosque dating back to 568 AD, and the ancient Martuma church. Sinjar, Telafar, Tilkaif, Al-Shikhan and Akre districts all have disputed boundaries with Dahuk governorate, while Al-Hamdaniya district has a disputed boundary with Erbil governorate.

While security in the governorate has improved since the peak of the violence in mid-2007, the situation remains tense, particularly in Mosul city. A quarter of all security incidents (518 of 2016) in Iraq during the final quarter of 2009 occurred in Ninewa.

Agriculture is a key component of Ninewa's economy, particularly cereal production. The governorate produces sugar cane, sunflower, vegetables and herbs. The Provincial Government plans to improve farming methods, infrastructure, inputs and investment to stimulate the sector. However, Ninewa has been severely affected by successive years of drought, with 47% of all cropland impacted in the last two years. Some farmers are unable to afford seed to replant for the 2009-2010 crop. Industrial activity consists mainly of cement, sugar, textiles, and beverage factories.

### Demographics

- Governorate Capital:** Mosul
- Area:** 37,323 sq km (8.6% of Iraq)
- Population:** 2,811,091 (9% of total)  
*Source: Gol COSIT (est. for 2007)*
- Gender Distribution:** Male: 50% Female: 50%
- Geo Distribution:** Rural: 39% Urban: 61%  
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Ninewa performs poorly according to many development and humanitarian indicators. Telafar, Sinjar, Al-Ba'aj and Hatra districts have among the worst rates of connection to the general water network in Iraq. All districts apart from Hatra have prolonged power cuts or are not connected to the general electricity network. Education levels are of concern. The proportion of women without a primary education is above average in all districts, reaching 90% in Hatra. Rural intermediate school enrolment rates are among the worst in Iraq, with 17% of boys and just 4% of girls aged 12-14 enrolled.

Most displacement from and within Mosul occurred during 2006 and 2007. A further 12,000 Christians were displaced following renewed violence in 2008, but most of these have since returned home. A further 5,000 families have been displaced from the western part of the governorate to the cities of Mosul, Tikrit and Kirkuk due to the drought. Between 20-27 February 2010, 698 Christian families were displaced following attacks by unidentified armed groups that left 12 dead. 90% of post-2006 IDPs require access to job opportunities, while 84% require legal help.

Hatra, Sinjar, Telafar and Al-Ba'aj have been selected as priority districts for the UN's Iraq Humanitarian Action Plan 2010.

### 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	23.0							
Poverty gap ratio at National Poverty Line (%)	4.5	4.0							
Prop. of pop. below min. level of dietary energy consumption (%)	7.1	n/a							
Net enrollment ratio in primary education (%)		84.8	81.7						
Net enrollment ratio in secondary education (%)		36.7	13.5						
Enrollment ratio of females to males in primary education (%)			84.8	93.4					
Share of women in wage emp. in non-agricultural sector (%)			7.4	4.0					
Proportion of seats held by women in national parliament (%)			27.3	25.0					
Under-five mortality rate (for every 1,000 live births)				41.0	43.0				
Proportion of 1 year-old children immunised against measles (%)				81.0	69.5				
Proportion of births attended by skilled health personnel (%)					88.5	74.1			
Proportion of TB incidence for every 100,000 of the population						12.4	18.0		
Proportion of detected TB cases cured under direct observation treatment (%)						86.0	97.0		
Proportion of population using an improved drinking water source (%)							79.0	83.7	
Proportion of population using an improved sanitation facility (%)							83.9	92.4	
Cellular subscribers per 100 population (%)								78.0	80.5
Proportion of families owning a personal computer (%)								11.8	5.2

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

