

# **IRAQ**









## **GOVERNMENT**

#### **Chief of State**

President Barham SALIH

#### **Head of Government**

Prime Minister Adil ABD AL-MAHDI

## **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)

## **Ambassador to US**

Ambassador Farid YASIN

#### **US Ambassador**

Ambassador Douglas A. SILLIMAN

#### **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

## **ECONOMY**

#### **Economic Overview**

Iraq's 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)

## **PEOPLE & SOCIETY**

#### **Population**

40.2 million (July 2018 est.)

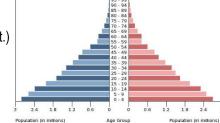
#### **Population Growth**

2.5% (2018 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, with many fleeing to Syria, Jordan, and Lebanon

#### Urbanization

urban population: 70.5% of total population (2018)

rate of urbanization: 3.06% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

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79.7% (2015 est.)