



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.)

Literacy

79.7% (2015 est.)

