

Iraq's 2003 Official Census by Ministries of Trade and Planning for the Food Coupon Distribution for the UN Oil-for-Food Program

Province	Total Count	Sunni %	Sunni Count	Shia %	Shia Count
Baghdad	6,386,067	61%	3,895,501	35%	2,235,123
Nineveh	2,473,727	91%	2,251,092	1%	24,737
Sulaymania	2,159,803	98%	2,116,607	1%	21,598
Arbeel	1,845,166	98%	1,808,263	1%	18,452
Basra	1,760,984	35%	616,344	61%	1,074,200
Babylon	1,444,372	25%	361,093	75%	1,083,279
DheeQar	1,427,220	5%	71,361	94%	1,341,587
Deyala	1,373,862	65%	893,010	35%	480,852
Anbar	1,280,011	99%	1,267,211	1%	12,800
Salahadeen	1,077,785	99%	1,067,007	1%	10,778
Najaf	946,251	1%	9,463	99%	936,788
Karbala	755,994	5%	37,800	95%	718,194
Wasit	941,827	15%	141,274	84%	791,135
Qadisiya	866,695	1%	8,667	99%	858,028
Tameem	839,121	90%	755,209	10%	83,912
Maysan	743,409	1%	7,434	98%	728,541
Dahouk	616,609	98%	604,277	1%	6,166
Muthanna	536,264	2%	10,725	97%	520,176
Total	27,475,167	58%	15,922,337	40%	10,946,347

Note: Census Counts also includes 334,488 Christians, 281,984 Yazidis, and 194 Jews throughout Iraq receiving food coupons.

Census counts for the 15 central and southern provinces were provided by the Ministries of Trade and Planning while the 3 northern provinces were provided by the Kurdish Authority. Above census count are accurate and used by the United Nations to distribute the Oil-for-Food Coupon Ration System for 2003. The food coupon is also used as an identification document (ID card) in Iraq.

See also Iraqi magazine, Al-Nur, Issue 11, 26 Aug 2003.