

# DISPLACEMENT TRACKING MATRIX IRAQI RETURNEES FROM ABROAD - DASHBOARD



October 2020

**25,261**  
Iraqi returnees  
from abroad

**17**  
Governorates

**65**  
Districts

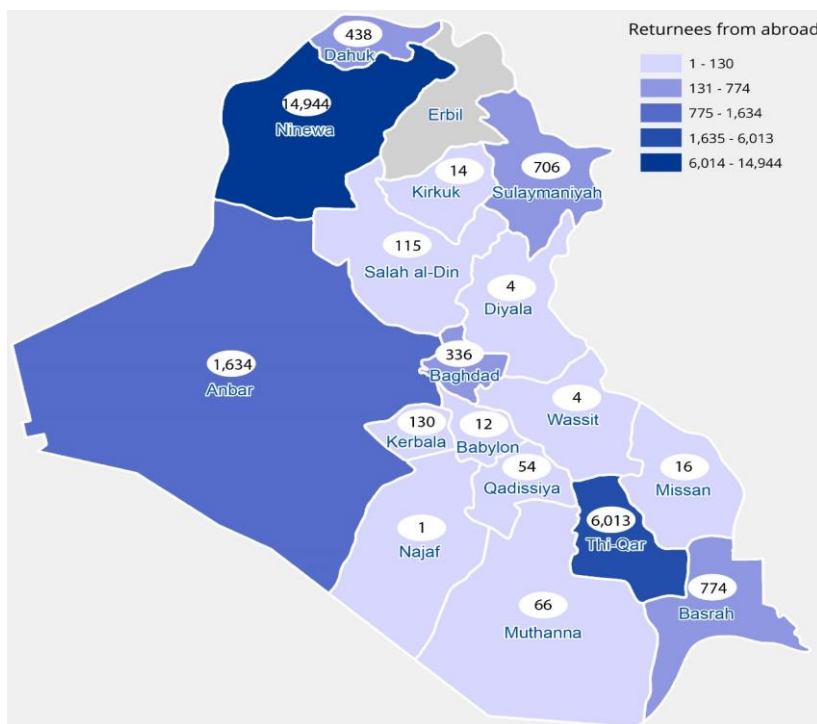
**538**  
Locations

From May 2018 to October 2020, 25,261 Iraqi returnees from abroad were identified in 17 Governorates, 65 Districts and 538 locations. During this reporting period, IOM Iraq achieved full country coverage.

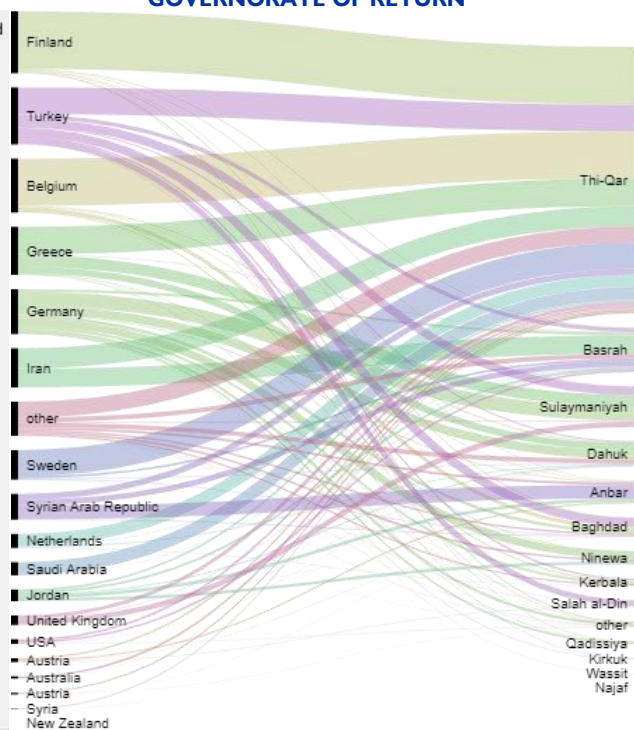
Most of the returnees from abroad were recorded in the governorates of Ninewa (59%), Thi-Qar (24%) and Anbar (6%). Of those returnees recorded in Ninewa, 65 per cent were recorded in the district of Telafar, while 26 per cent were recorded in Sinjar. In Thi-Qar, 83 per cent were recorded in the district of Nassriya, while 10 per cent were recorded in Al-Rifa'i. Finally, in Anbar, 53 per cent returned to the district of Ana while 24 per cent were in Al-Ka'im. The majority of returnees (69%) were identified as having come from two countries: Turkey (42%) and the Syrian Arab Republic (27%).

**Definition:** The term "Iraqi returnees from abroad", also referred to as "returnees" in this document, refers to former Iraqi migrants (including former refugees and asylum seekers) who returned to Iraq from a foreign country during the reporting period. This group does not include individuals that had previously been identified as internally displaced persons (IDPs) within Iraq.

## RETURNEES BY GOVERNORATE OF RETURN



## RETURNEES BY COUNTRY OF DEPARTURE AND GOVERNORATE OF RETURN



## METHODOLOGY

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