

DTM Iraq collects data at border crossing points with neighbouring countries – the Islamic Republic of Iran (Iran), the Syrian Arab Republic (Syria) and the Republic of Türkiye (Türkiye) – to better understand migration movements in the Middle East. Cross-border monitoring is designed to capture and describe migration flows. Data displayed in this report were collected employing two approaches: a headcount of all travellers entering or leaving Iraq and a survey of randomly selected travellers. Data collection took place between 1 September 2022 and 30 November 2022. Further details on the survey methodology, selection of respondents and border crossing points are available in the [Methodological Overview](#) on the DTM website.

From September to November 2022, Ibrahim al Khalil saw the most traffic with a total of 102,226 travellers and 17,421 vehicles passing through the border crossing point, whilst Al-Shalamcha saw the least traffic with 23,906 travellers and 74 vehicles. Travellers are most commonly male, between the ages of 35 – 60 and crossing an international border for a journey lasting less than three months. Most travellers have a secondary-level education or higher, with self-employment, daily wage work and private sector employment being the main employment statuses. A small proportion of travellers were not working (7%), however more than half of them were actively looking for a job. Regarding vulnerable travellers, one per cent of travellers were travel for humanitarian reasons, a further less than 1 per cent used a smuggler or broker to arrange the travel and less than 1 per cent of travellers were with a group of unknown people. During this period, the number of Iranian travellers arrived in Iraq were the highest among other nationalities and reach almost four times higher than previous reporting period. This trend is highly associated to the celebration of Ashura festival in Iraq.



261,825

Total number of travellers



3,491

Average number of travellers per day



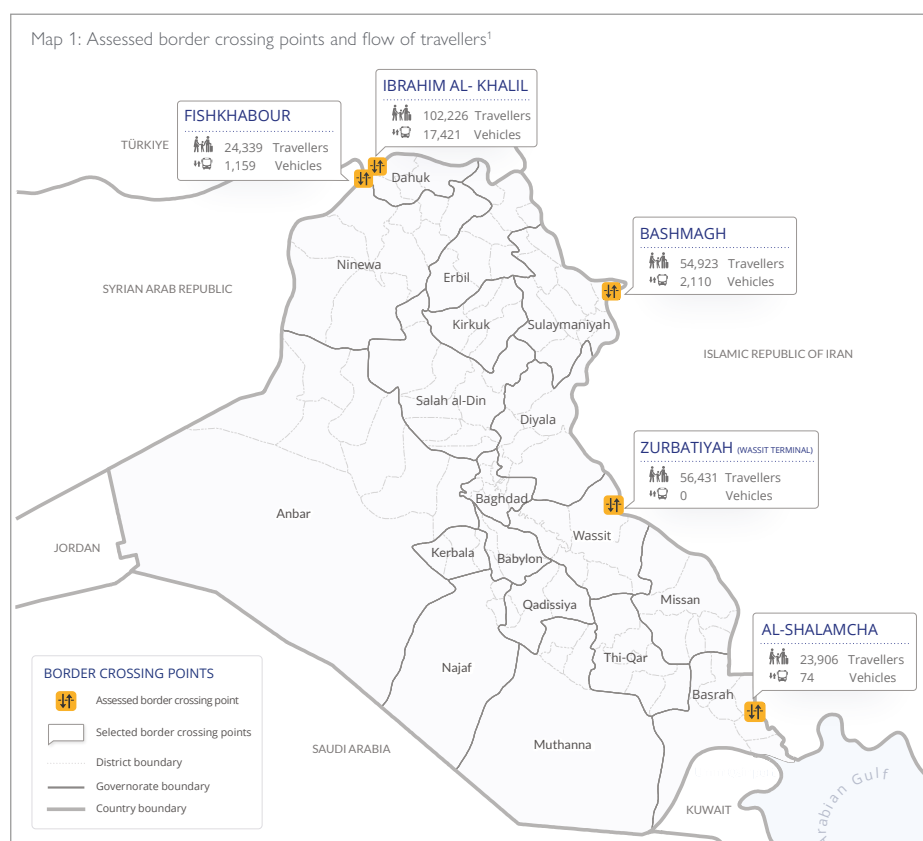
20,764

Total number of vehicles



277

Average number of vehicles per day



INCOMING



OUTGOING

3%



4%

Travellers are looking for work or received a job

0%



2%

Travelled for humanitarian reasons e.g. refugees, asylum seekers

2%



1%

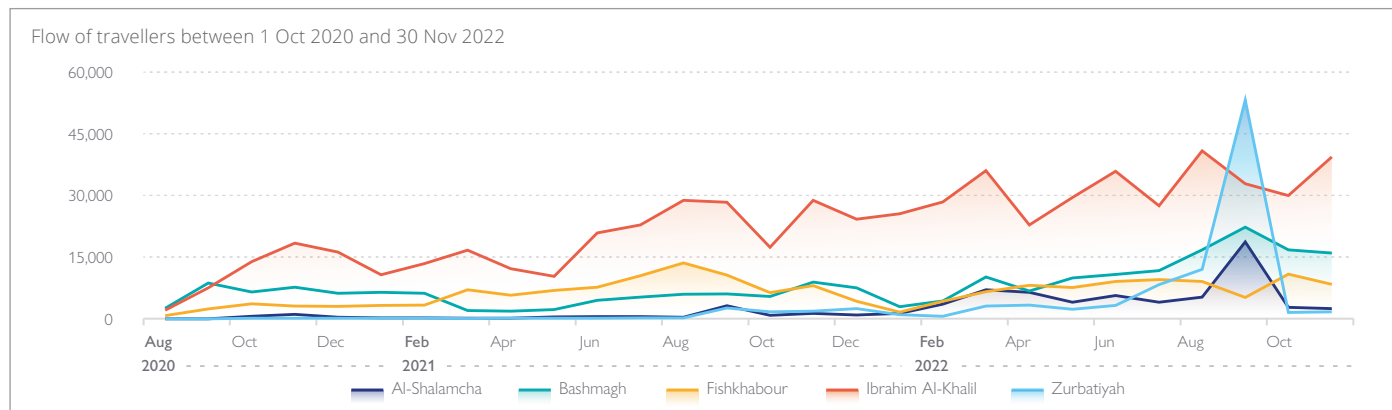
Travelled with a group of unknown people

5%



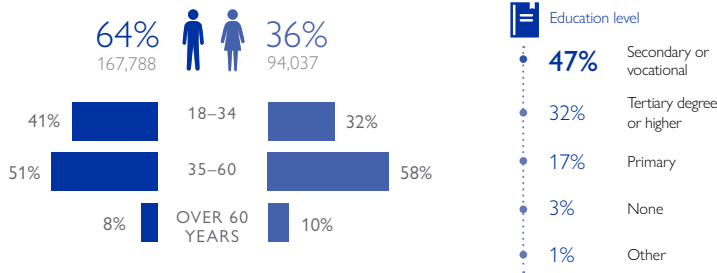
0%

Used smuggler or broker to arrange the travel

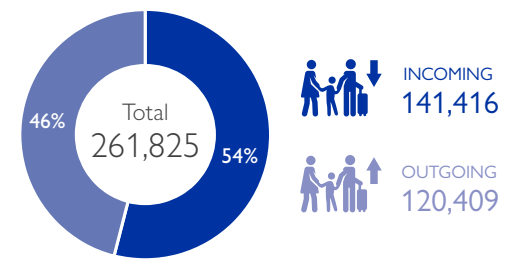


1 An interactive dashboard presenting data on the volume of travellers, their socio-demographic characteristics, reasons for travel, awareness of COVID-19 symptoms and prevention measures, labour migration and at-risk populations can be found on the Iraq DTM portal at <https://iraqdtm.iom.int/BorderMonitoring#CrossBorder>

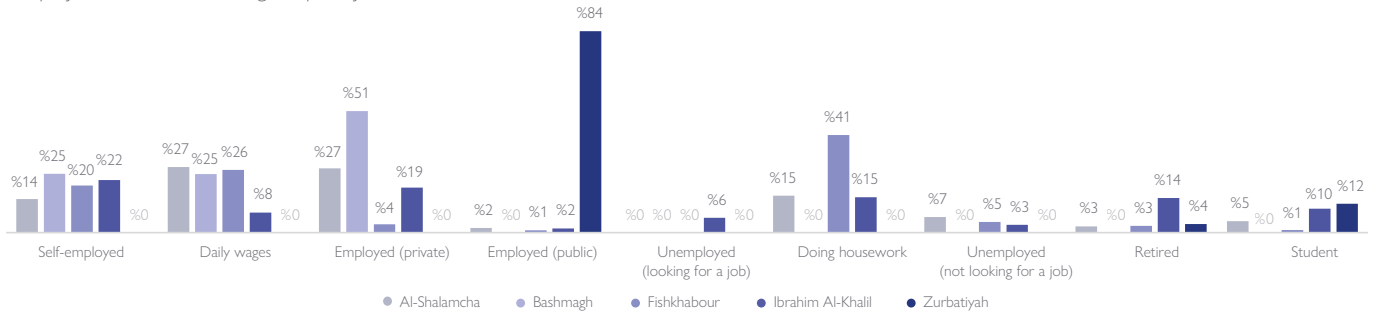
### Socio-demographic characteristics of travellers



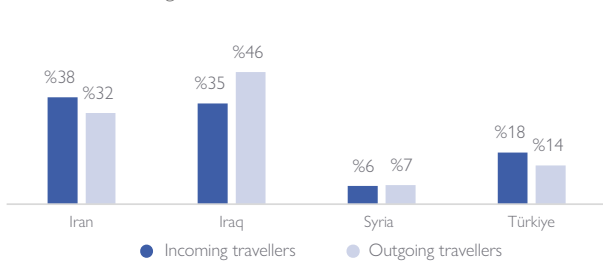
### Number and percentage of travellers by type of flow



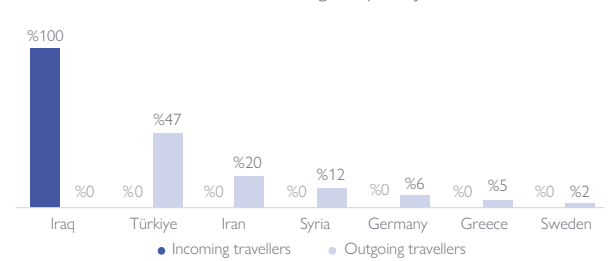
### Employment status, excluding temporary travellers



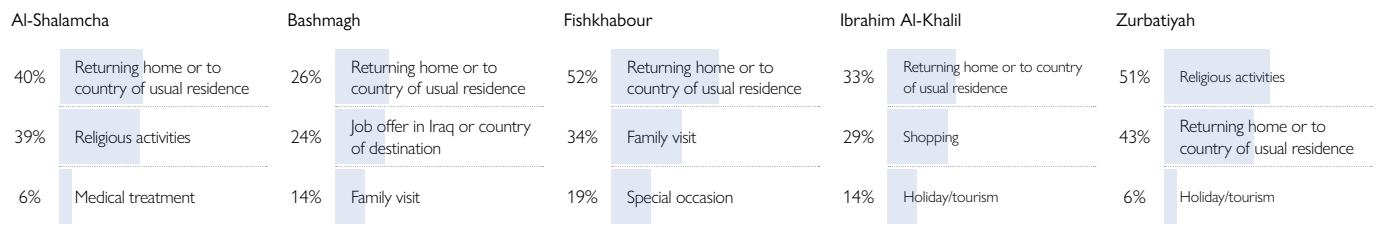
### Main countries of origin, all travellers



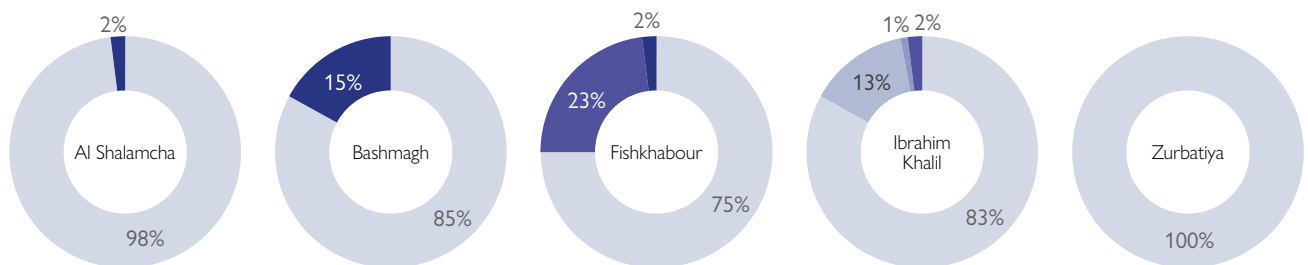
### Main countries of destination, excluding temporary travellers



### Top three reasons for travel, by border crossing point



### Types of traveller



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|  | <b>Temporary travellers</b> – individuals crossing an international border for up to three months.                                                     |  | <b>Immigrants</b> – foreign nationals who reside in Iraq.                                                                                            |
|  | <b>Emigrants</b> – Iraqi nationals who reside in another country.                                                                                      |  | <b>Potential immigrants</b> – foreign nationals in Iraq planning to stay longer than three months, or departing after staying at least three months. |
|  | <b>Potential emigrants</b> – Iraqi nationals travelling to another country for at least three months, or returning after at least three months abroad. |  |                                                                                                                                                      |