From May 2018 to December 2023, 52,910 Iraqi returnees from abroad were identified in 18 Governorates, 74 Districts and 734 locations. During this reporting period, IOM Iraq achieved full country coverage.

Most of the returnees from abroad were recorded in the governorates of Thi-Qar (56%), Nineveh (34%) and Anbar (4%). Of those returnees recorded in Thi-Qar, 89 per cent were recorded in the district of Nassiriya, while 7 per cent were recorded in Suq Al-Shoyokh. In Nineveh, 62 per cent were recorded in the district of Telafar, while 21 per cent were recorded in Sinjar. Finally, in Anbar, 42 per cent returned to the district of Ana while 39 per cent were in Al-Ka’im. The majority of returnees (47%) were identified as having come from two countries: Turkey (29%) and the Syrian Arab Republic (18%).

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.