

# MOVEMENT OF CAMP IDPs

DATA COLLECTION PERIOD: 1 APRIL – 29 AUGUST 2024

SEPTEMBER 2024

## CONTEXT

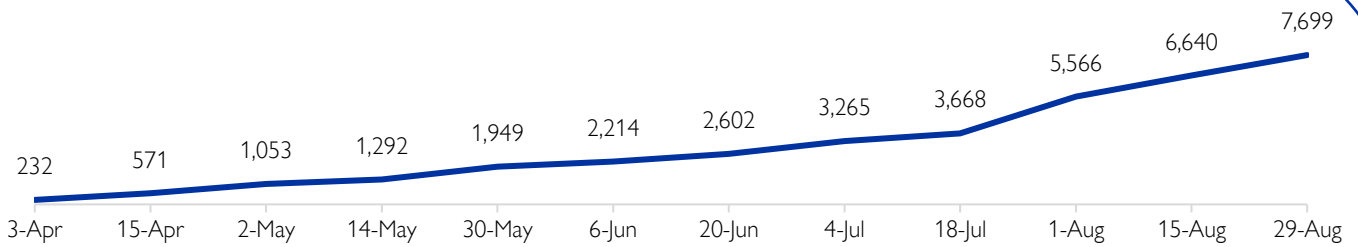
In January 2024, the Iraqi Council of Ministers announced the closure of the remaining 23 IDPs camps in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq by the end of July 2024. The International Organization for Migration's (IOM) Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) in Iraq launched a tracking tool in April 2024 to track the number of families leaving the camps and their main characteristics.<sup>1</sup>



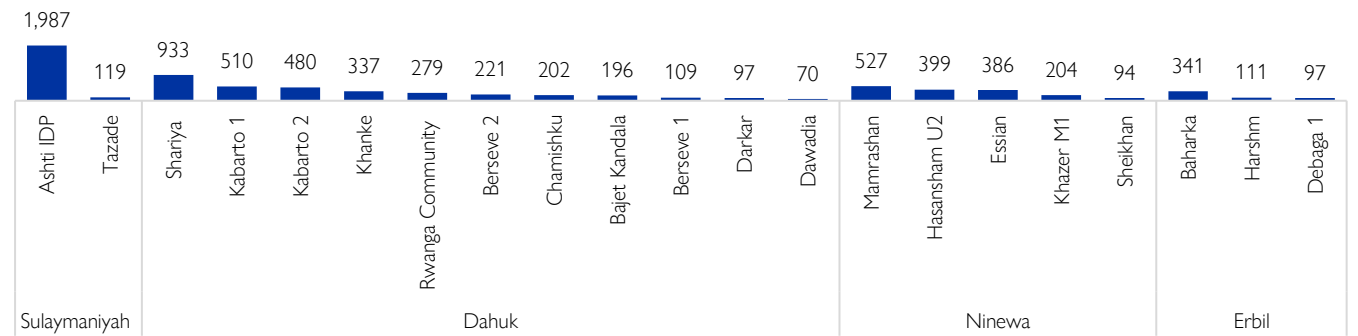
**DEPARTURES:**  
7,699 Households

As of 29 August 2024, DTM recorded the departure of 7,699 families from camps with an increase of 1,059 families since last round on 15 August 2024. Some families left camps and arrived in their new location in March 2024, before the start of data collection in April 2024.

DEPARTURES FROM CAMPS RECORDED AS OF 29 AUGUST 2024

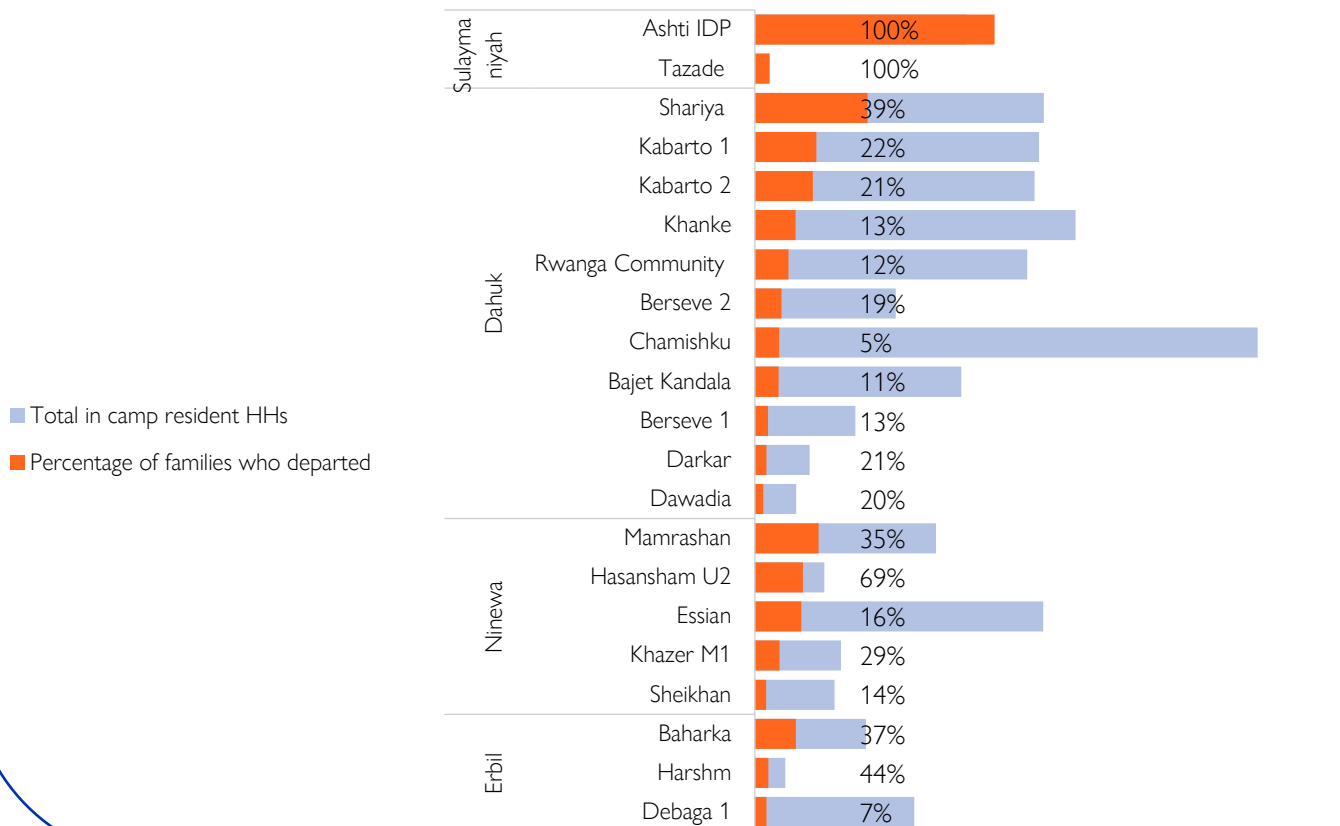


NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS PER CAMP OF DEPARTURE



The largest number of departures was recorded from Dahuk Governorate with 3,434 departed households, mostly from Shariya camp (933 departed households) and a lesser extent from 10 other camps in the governorate. In Sulaymaniyah Governorate, both Tazade and Ashti IDP camps were formally closed by the Government of Iraq on 19 March and 11 July 2024, respectively, with 2,106 families departed. Departures have also been recorded from camp settings in Nineva (1,610 departed households) and Erbil governorates (549 households).

PERCENTAGE OF DEPARTURE

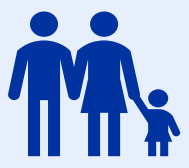


<sup>1</sup> This tool tracks the departures facilitated by the Ministry of Migration and Displacement (MoMD), spontaneous departures and the departures facilitated by the Facilitated Voluntary Movement programme of IOM.

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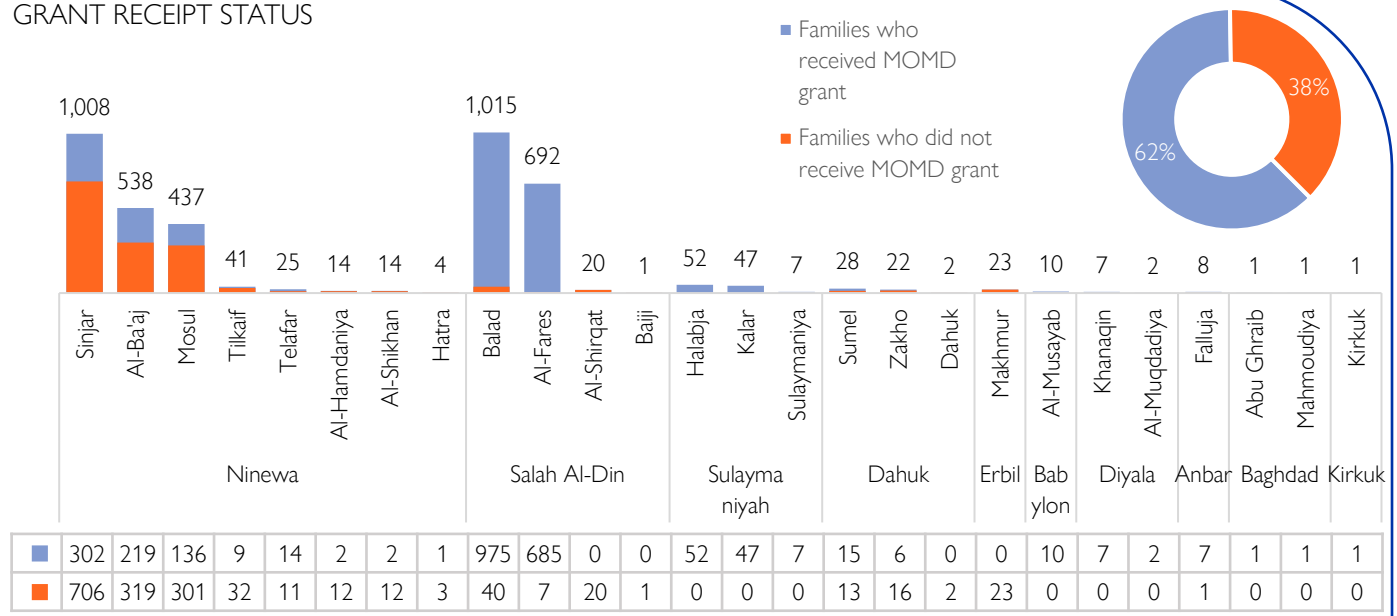
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## ARRIVALS: 4,020 Households

As of 29 August 2024, DTM recorded the arrival of 4,020 families out of the total 7,699 who departed from camps (52%). Most families arrived to Ninewa (52%) and Salah al-Din (43%) governorates.

### GRANT RECEIPT STATUS



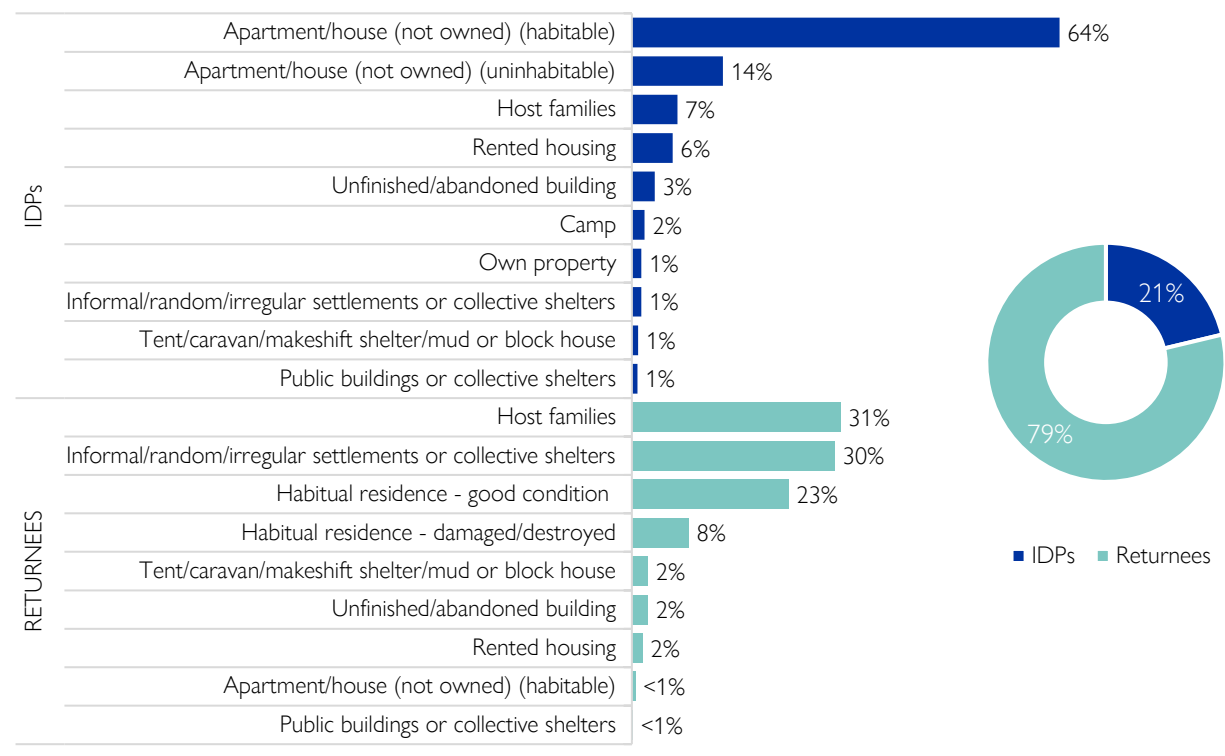
Out of the 4,020 arrived households, key informants reported that 38 per cent did not receive the MoMD grant, while the rest received a return, local integration or relocation grant. The increase of the families who did not receive the grant was due to the large number of departures from Dahuk camps to Ninewa Governorate, particularly to Sinjar, Al-Ba'aj and Mosul districts, which has caused a backlog in the registration process at the Dahuk MoMD. As a result, MoMD is prioritizing those who returned earlier, causing a delays in grant distribution. Additionally, since 12 July 2024, MoMD in Dahuk has halted the approval of return facilitation letters, except for IDPs returning through the IOM-FVM program.

Most households (79%) returned to the place where they used to reside before the 2014-2017 crisis forced them to flee (returnees). However, 21 per cent did not return to their location of origin and are considered secondarily displaced IDPs.

Most of the arriving IDP households (64%) moved to apartments or houses in good condition and 14 per cent of moved to apartments or houses that are damaged or in poor condition. In addition, 7 per cent (58 IDP households) who moved are being hosted by other families and another 6 per cent (52 IDP households) are staying in rented houses.

Most returnee households are either being hosted by other families (31%) or stayed in informal settlements (30%). Around a quarter of the returnees (23%) have returned to their usual residence in good condition.

### SHELTER TYPE BY POPULATION GROUP



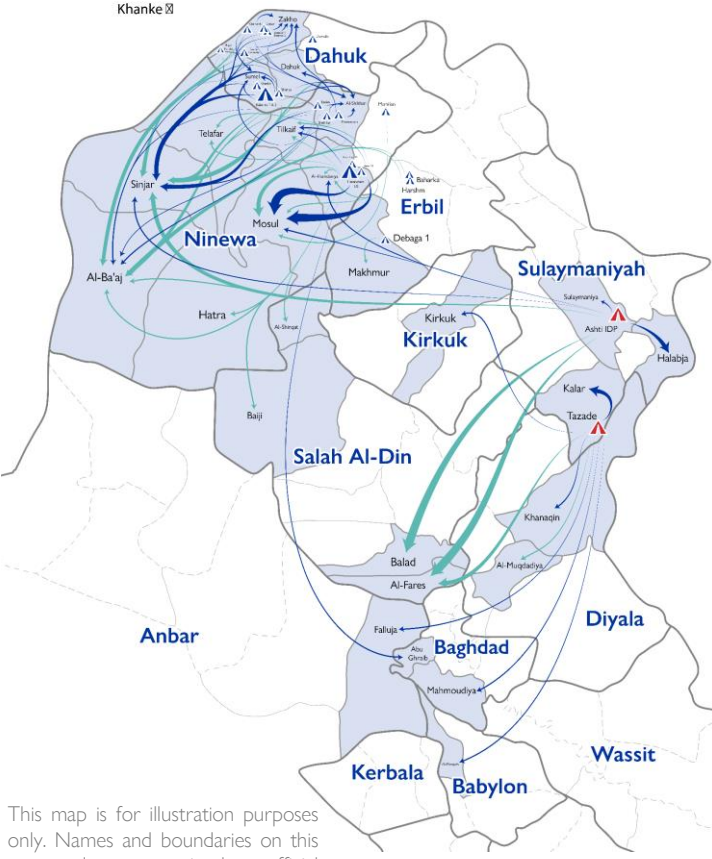
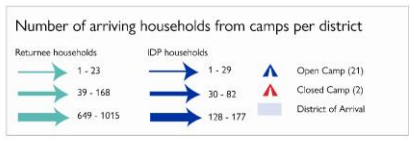
## FLows FROM CAMPS TO DISTRICTS OF ARRIVAL BY POPULATION GROUP

The largest return movements were recorded from **Ashti IDP camp** in Sulaymaniya to southern districts in Salah al-Din: **Balad District** (1,015 returnee families) and **Al-Fares District** (649 returnee families). Additionally, 74 families left Tazade camp in Sulaymaniyah Governorate for locations other than their areas of origin. Of this group, roughly two thirds went to Kalar District in Sulaymaniyah Governorate.<sup>2</sup>

In Dahuk Governorate, the largest movements were recorded from Shariya camp (437 families), most of whom (74%) returned to their area of origin in Sinjar and Al-Ba'aj districts in Ninewa Governorate. The remaining share did not return to their location of origin (26%) and are now considered to be secondarily displaced.

In Ninewa Governorate, the largest movements were recorded from Hasansham U2 Camp. Most households who left Hasansham U2 Camp did not return to their location of origin (56%) and are now considered to be secondarily displaced, mostly in Mosul District. The remaining share have returned to their area of origin, mostly in Ninewa Governorate.

DTM recorded 14 families who voluntarily moved from camps in Dahuk Governorate to other camps, including 9 families moved to Berseve 1, Kabarto 1, Kabarto 2 or Chamishku within the same governorate and 5 families moved to Mamrashan, Essian or Sheikhan camps in Ninewa Governorate. Additionally, 2 families moved from Mamrashan camp in Ninewa governorate to Chamishku camp in Dahuk Governorate.



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## TOP FIVE DISTRICTS OF ARRIVAL BY CATEGORY OF SEVERITY BASED ON RETURN INDEX ROUND 21

Some arriving households have severe living conditions as indicated by **Return Index** data. Al-Fares and Balad districts in Salah al-Din Governorate, alongside Sinjar and Al-Ba'aj districts in Ninewa Governorate, continue to suffer from residential destruction and poor access to basic services, as well as the limited capacity and resources of local authorities to respond to the needs of this new arrivals.

District	Governorate	Category of severity	Number of returnee households in district	Number of returnee households from camps to district
Balad	Salah al-Din	High <span style="color:red">●</span>	12,033	1,015
Sinjar	Ninewa	High <span style="color:red">●</span>	21,620	718
Al-Fares	Salah al-Din	High <span style="color:red">●</span>	3,001	692
Al-Ba'aj	Ninewa	High <span style="color:red">●</span>	10,316	518
Mosul	Ninewa	Low <span style="color:yellow">●</span>	179,748	131

## METHODOLOGY

IOM DTM in Iraq launched a tracking tool in April 2024 to track the number of people leaving camps and their main characteristics. Data are collected by IOM's Rapid Assessment and Response Teams (RARTs) through field visits, phone interviews with households and close coordination with partners that include local police, MoMD, Barzani Charity Foundation (BCF), Directorate of Migration and Crisis Response in Duhok (DMCR), UNHCR and IOM's Durable Solution Programme. Data are gathered continuously and reported every two weeks.

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<sup>2</sup> In total, 47 families relocated to Kalar District from Tazade camp and some of them have received approval from Asayish to settle there.