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As of 31 December 2024, the IDP population in Iraq stood at 1 053 038,[1170](#) predominantly residing in the KRI,[1171](#) specifically located in the northern governorates of Ninewa, Dohuk and Erbil.[1172](#) Most IDPs live in private accommodations within urban areas or informal settlements.[1173](#) However, as of 10 April 2025, 107 549 individuals resided in the 20 remaining formal IDP camps across the KRI (all in Dohuk and Erbil Governorates), with approximately 90% of these camp residents being Yazidis.[1174](#) Another 84 552 individuals live in critical shelters and informal sites under precarious conditions,[1175](#) often without access to basic services, thereby increasing tensions in urban centres already struggling with limited water supply, sanitation, and electricity.[1176](#)

Despite the indefinite postponement of the planned July 2024 camp closures,[1177](#) government services have remained in place in IDPs camps. Nonetheless, irregular provision of food, hygiene kits, and fuel, primarily due to funding constraints, has worsened living conditions, especially in camps near east Mosul.[1178](#) Several health centres in IDP camps have closed as part of the ongoing government return policy, causing major healthcare access gaps. For instance, in Dohuk, only 7 of 21 health centres remained operational after aid funding ended, despite the presence of approximately 190 000 IDPs in the governorate. IDPs account for 40 % of hospital patients in the region. The KRG reports over 960 000 IDPs region-wide, with health services costing over 2 million USD daily. Remaining camp clinics face shortages of medicines and qualified personnel.[1179](#)

IDPs faced ongoing challenges in accessing housing,[1180](#) water and medical care.[1181](#) They continued to encounter significant barriers to obtaining civil status documentation,[1182](#) which restricts access to essential public services such as health and education,[1183](#) especially for IDPs with perceived affiliation to ISIL.[1184](#) (See section 2.4 on [Individual with perceived affiliation to ISIL](#) and section 2.7 on [Children with perceived affiliation to ISIL](#)). Overall, many IDPs remained reluctant to return due to persistent insecurity,[1185](#) lack of stability and public services,[1186](#) limited reconstruction, inadequate basic services[1187](#) and lack of livelihood.[1188](#) On the other hand, those who wanted to return often faced issues related to access to housing, land and property rights and general access to documentation and public services.[1189](#) The freezing of US foreign aid[1190](#) endangered many projects on reconstruction, rehabilitation, and support for displaced people in northern, western, and central Iraq.[1191](#)

Amnesty International reported about arbitrary arrests, torture, and enforced disappearances carried out at the Al Amal Center, formerly Al Jeddah center, hosting returnees from Al Hol

detention camp in northeastern Syria.[1192](#) (See section 2.4 on [Individual with perceived affiliation to ISIL](#)). In July 2025, a drone exploded in the Darkar camp housing Yazidi IDPs, in Dohuk governorate, Zakho district, injuring a child.[1193](#)

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