



2.3.1. Administrative division and population estimates

Hama governorate consists of five districts: As-Salamiyeh, As-Suqaylabiyah, Hama, Masyaf and Muhradah. These districts are further divided into a total of 22 sub-districts.⁵⁸⁸ As of April 2026, IOM estimated the population of Hama governorate at about 2 million, including residents, IDPs and returnees from abroad.⁵⁸⁹ The capital of the governorate is the city of Hama,⁵⁹⁰ located on the banks of the river Orontes,⁵⁹¹ with approximately 656 000 inhabitants.⁵⁹²

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UNOCHA, Humanitarian Needs Overview 2024: Syrian Arab Republic, 3 March 2024, [url](#), pp. 108-109; IOM, DTM Syria Dashboard, Population Groups Baseline, n.d., [url](#), set filters to Hama governorate.

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IOM, Syrian Arab Republic – Population Mobility and Baseline Assessment – Round 15 – April 2026, 18 May 2026, [url](#), p. 7

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UN Geospatial, Syrian Arab Republic, Map No. 4204 Rev. 4, August 2022, [url](#)

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Encyclopaedia Britannica, Hama, last updated 25 January 2026, [url](#)

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IOM, DTM Syria Dashboard, Population Groups Baseline, n.d., [url](#). Set filters to Hama sub-district.