



2.11.1. Administrative division and population estimates

Rural Damascus governorate (or Rif Dimashq)[1070](#) is divided into the 9 districts of Al-Nabk, Al-Qutayfa, Al-Tall, Al-Zabdani, Darayya, Duma (Douma), Rural Damascus (Markaz Rif Dimashq), Qatana, Yabroud, which are further divided into a total of 36 sub-districts.[1071](#) It shares borders with Lebanon and Jordan, and adjoins to Sweida, Dar'a, Quneitra and Homs governorates as well as Damascus governorate, which it encircles.[1072](#)

According to IOM, the total population of Rural Damascus governorate as of April 2026 was 5 744 566 including residents, IDPs, and returnees from abroad.[1073](#)

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