



## 2.13.1. Administrative division and population estimates

Sweida governorate is divided into three administrative districts, namely As-Sweida, Salkhad, and Shahba, which are further divided into a total of 12 sub-districts.<sup>[1207](#)</sup> Its capital is the city of Sweida.<sup>[1208](#)</sup> As of April 2026, IOM estimated the governorate's population at around 480 000, including residents, IDPs, and returnees from abroad.<sup>[1209](#)</sup> Sweida governorate has a significant Druze population.<sup>[1210](#)</sup>

- <sup>[1207](#)</sup>

UNOCHA, Humanitarian Needs Overview 2024: Syrian Arab Republic, 3 March 2024, [url](#), p. 107

- <sup>[1208](#)</sup>

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

- <sup>[1209](#)</sup>

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

- <sup>[1210](#)</sup>

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