

Iraq / Census

Historical Introduction on population Census In Iraq

- **Prior to 1969 the Ministry of Interior Affairs/ Nationality Civil Identification, conducted the First Population Registration in 1927, Its aim was to provide population records & to make a list for military service.**
- **The Second; Third; Fourth & Fifth Censuses were conducted in 1934, 1947 , 1957 & 1965.**
- **The Sixth & Seventh Censuses were conducted in 1977 & 1987, by the Ministry of Planning/ Central Statistical Organization.**
- **The last Population & Housing census was conducted in 1997, covering 15 governorates (except Kurdistan Region) for one day enumeration period by adopting the De Facto & De Jure Systems.**

Population Census In 2009

In 2008 the parliament legalized the census law for implementing the Census in 2009, The following activities have been implement :

- All Technical and Administrative Preparations.**
- Pre-Test & Pilot Census completed and analyzed.**
- Enumeration of Buildings and Economic Establishments completed.**
- The Listing of all Households, Establishments and Agricultural Holders completed.**
- Information and Data about the number of Individuals, Households, Buildings and Establishments is available now at the level of the Smaller Statistical Unit (Block).**

For Political Reasons & Security Situation, the Census has been Postponed more than once. Some of these problems are:

- **The difference in the belongings to some areas.**
- **Political debates on Ethnicity.**

Preparations

- **All Work Plans, Documents and Questionnaires are completed.**
- **All Publications have been completed and distributed to the Administrative Units, including Questionnaires & Manuals.**
- **All Committees of Organizing the Census Tasks in the Centre, the Regions and the Governorates Carried out their Responsibilities at the level of Administrative Units.**
- **234 Thousands of Enumerations all of Iraq had been trained .**
- **The Infrastructure for Processing and Data Entry Centre & GIS Centre had been prepared.**

International Technical Advisory Board for Iraq Census (ITAB-IC)

ITAB-IC is an Independent Forum Established by the Government of Iraq and the United Nations, facilitated and convened by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).

The mandate of the ITAB-IC is to Assist the Iraqi Government to conduct a High Quality, Well-Prepared Population and Housing Census through the Assessment of all Preparatory Activities and the Provision of Technical Advice where appropriate.

ITAB-IC is Co-Chaired by the Minister of Planning of the Government of Iraq and the Director of United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD). It is comprised of Senior Representatives from the UNFPA, UN Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UN-ESCWA), Statistical Office of the European Union (EUROSTAT), League of Arab States (LAS), Arab Institute for Training and Research in Statistics (AITRS), and Senior Census Experts from Australia, Brazil, Egypt, India, Jordan, Morocco and Palestine.

The Board Held a Series of Meetings over a period of 18 months. The Conclusion of its Last Meeting is the Board Believes that there is sound technical basis for the Iraqi Government to Launch the Census According to the Intended Schedule.

Thank You