

Iraq



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| Population: | 14,000,000 (1982 est.) | Government: | Ruling Council. |
| Age Distribution: | 0 — 14 years : 48,3% | Head of State: | President Saddam Hussein, in office 16 July 1979. |
| | 15 — 49 years : 46,5% | Local Divisions: | 18 provinces. |
| | 60 ± : 5,3% | Industries: | Textiles, petrochemicals, oil refining, cement. |
| Ethnic Groups: | Arabs: 75% | Chief Crops: | Grains, rice, dates, cotton, tobacco. |
| | Kurds: 15% | Minerals: | Oil, gas. |
| | Turks: 10% | Other Resources: | Wool, hides. |
| Languages: | Arabic (official), Kurdish. | Labor Force: | 50% in agriculture. |
| Religions: | Moslems 95% (Shiites 55%, Sunnis 40%, Christians 5%). | Currency: | Dinar. |
| Geography: | 168, 928 sq.miles. | Health: | Life Expectancy at birth: 56.1 yrs. (1982) |
| Location: | In the Middle East, occupying most of historic Mesopotamia. | | Births: 47 per 1.000 pp (1978) |
| Neighbours: | Jordan, Syria, Turkey, Iran, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia. | | Deaths: 13 per 1.000 pp (1978) |
| Topography: | Mostly an alluvial plain, including the Tigris and Euphrates rivers, descending from the mountains in the North to the desert in South West. The Arabian Gulf Region is marshland. | Education: | Infant Mortality: 25 per 1.000 live births (1982). |
| Capital: | Baghdad. | Literacy: | compulsory through age 10. 30% (1978). |
| | | Reference: | The World Almanac and Book of Facts, 1984, p.508. |

Correction

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