

Displacement and Returns Update

Returns Working Group, 25 January 2022

Latest displacement data (OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2021)





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1,186,556 Individuals



203,730 Households



18 Governorates

105 Districts



2,817
Locations

-3,025 IDPs since last round



76% Private settings 902,448



15% CAMPS 179,120



9%CRITICAL SHELTERS 104,226



<1% UNKOWN 762





4,952,232 Individuals



825,372 Households



8Governorates

38
Districts



2,179
Locations

+13,158 returnees since last round



96%
HABITUAL RESIDENCE
4,744,578



4%CRITICAL SHELTERS
193,494



<1% CAMPS 14,160

Return Index

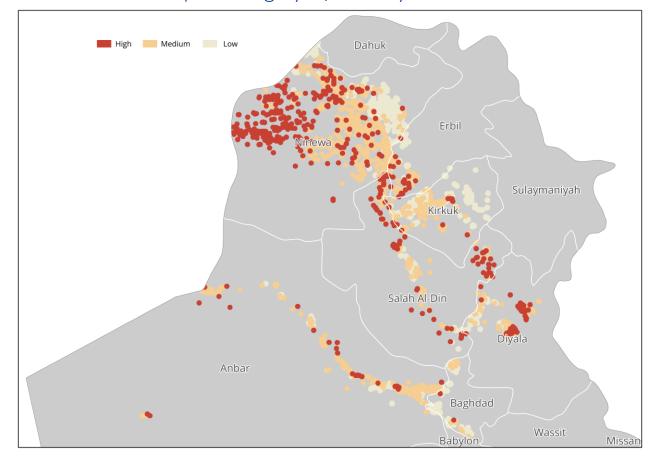
Return Index Round 14





- The data for Round 14 of the Return Index was collected during the months of October, November and and December 2021
- An additional 8 locations were assessed compared to the last round in August to September 2021, mainly in Ninewa.

Return locations per category of severity



Overall severity



High Severity	Medium Severity	Low Severity
12%	39%	49%
601,914 returnees	1,914,936 returnees	2,431,254 returnees

- Out of the 2,165 return locations assessed, 459 present severe conditions hosting 12 per cent of the returnee population, or 601,914 individuals.
- This is an increase of 8,982 returnees living in severe conditions since the last round (August-September 2021 592,932 individuals or 12%)
- The largest increases were recorded in Salah al-Din (4,794) and Ninewa (3,270).

	HIGH SEVERITY	
Governorate	No. of returnees	No. of locations
Anbar	84,684	24
Baghdad	744	2
Dahuk	-	-
Diyala	43,080	43
Erbil	4,398	16
Kirkuk	1,824	7
Ninewa	260,070	283
Salah al-Din	207,114	84
Total	601,914	459

Hotspots per governorate



Thirty hotspots were identified across four governorates in this round.

SALAH AL-DIN	NINEWA	ANBAR	DIYALA
Al-Amerli Al-Eshaqi Al-Moatassem Al-Siniya Markaz Al-Balad Markaz Al-Daur Markaz Al-Shirqat Markaz Baiji Markaz Samarra Markaz Tuz Khurmatu Suleiman Beg Yathreb	Al-Qahtaniya Al-Shamal Ayadiya Hamam al Aleel Markaz Al-Ba'aj Markaz Sinjar Markaz Telafar Qaeyrrawan Zummar	Al-Amirya Al-Forat Al-Garma Husaibah Al-Sharqiah Markaz Al-Ka'im Markaz Heet	Jalula Markaz Al-Muqdadiya Qara Tabe

Erbil RaniaPsho Kirkuk Salah al-Din Anbar Al-Azezia Al-Suwaira Wassit Al-Rutha Ali Al-Gharbi Al-Manathela Qadissiya Missan Najaf Shatt Al-Ara Sug Al Shøyokh Basrah Muthanna Abu Al-Khaseeb Al-Salman

Subdistricts are classified as 'hotspots' if they score highly in terms of severity on at least one of the two scales (either livelihoods and basic services, or safety and social cohesion) or if they score medium in terms of severity but also host relatively large numbers of returnees. In this round, the criteria for selecting hotspots was revised and set to at least 60,000 returnees for a subdistrict in medium category to be considered highly populated and to be included to the list of hotspots.

Conditions of Return 2021



December 2020

High Severity	Medium Severity	Low Severity
10%	41%	49%
484,548 returnees	1,953,102 returnees	2,367,954 returnees

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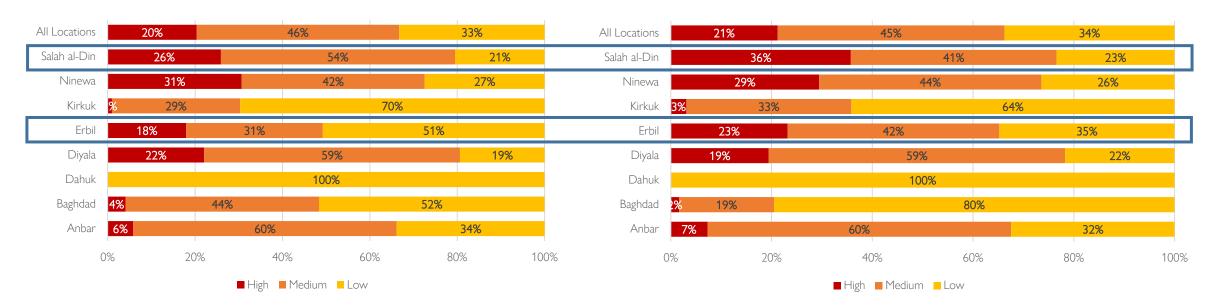
- Between December 2020 and December 2021, the returnee population grew by 120,666 equivalent to roughly 20,111 households.
- The rate of change, that is, the percentage change in the returnee population between rounds of data collection, slowed significantly in 2021 (2.5%) compared with 2020 (5%) and 2019 (10%).
- Between December 2020 and December 2021, the proportion of returnees in locations of high severity rose from 10 to 12 per cent, an increase of around 117,000 individuals.

Severity of Locations



December 2020

December 2021



- In Salah al-Din, increases in locations with high severity were recorded in Al-Shirqat driven by an increase in the number of security actors and in Baiji, by returns to locations with extensive residential destruction, illegal occupation of private residences.
- In Erbil, the increases were driven by concerns of ISIL attacks and unexploded ordnance in Makhmur district, in addition to returns to locations with extensive residential destruction.