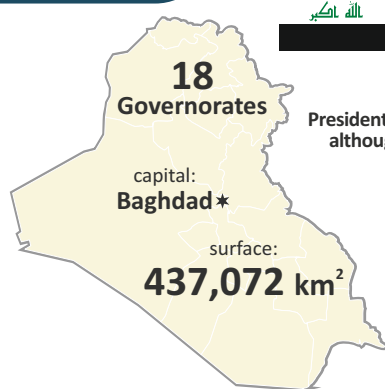


CHRISTIANS OF IRAQ

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IRAQ



Flag: It reads the phrase *Allahu Akbar (God is greatest)*, added in green Arabic script.

according to Iraqi Constitution Islam is official religion

President of State must not be necessarily Muslim, although all of them have been Arab Muslims

population (2018)

37 million

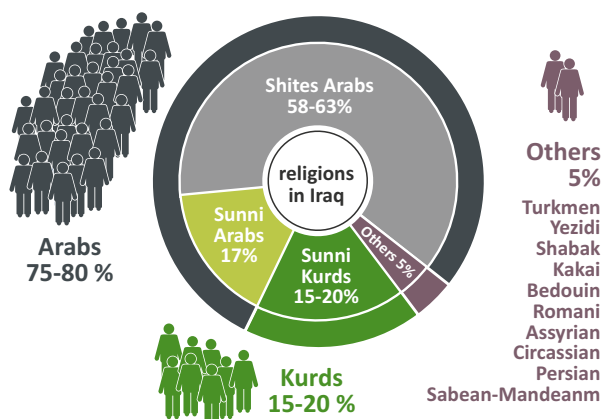
pre-crisis population (2013)

34 million

languages: Arabic (official), Kurdish (official), Turkem (a Turkish dialect), Syriac, Neo-Aramaic, Armenian

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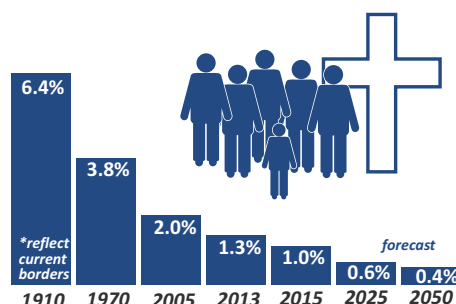
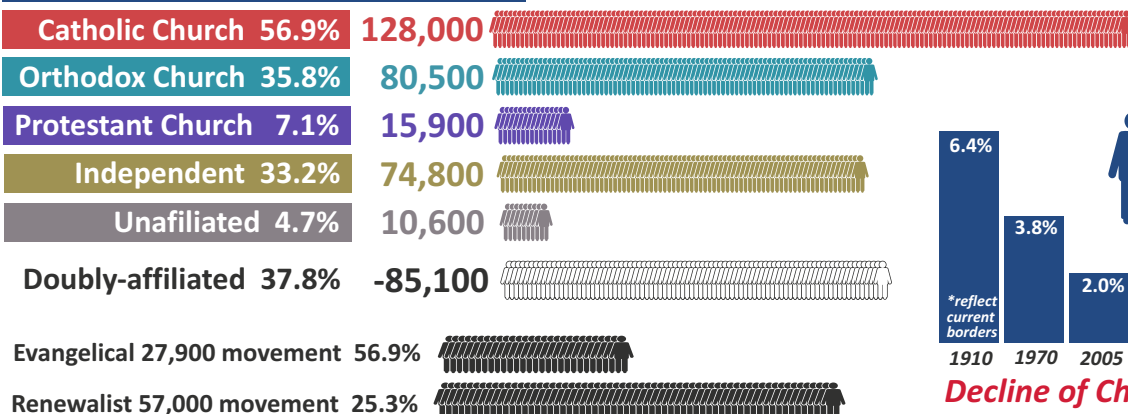
Ethno-religious landscape



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Christians total 227,700

Christians distributions by Churches in Iraq



Decline of Christians population

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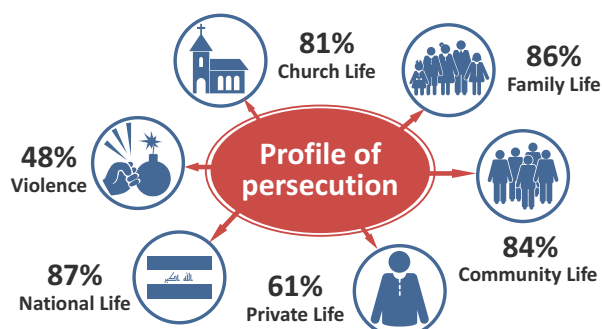
Christians victims of war

Christian Martyrs 2003-2014

1,107 Christians killed

15 priests killed

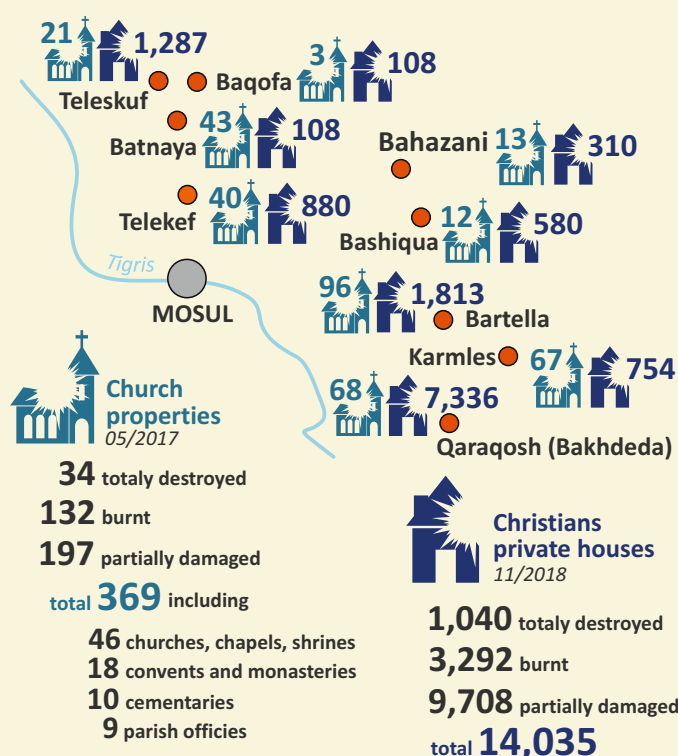
53 died in the Saiedat Al-Najat church in Baghdad in 2011.



Attacks on Christians in 11/2016 -10/2018



Destruction in the Nineveh Plains (without Mosul)



Catholic Churches in Iraq

Distribution of Catholics by Church Rites (dioceses)

Chaldean Church



95 parishes
1 patriarchate (Babylon)
4 archeparchy (Mosul, Basra, Kirkuk, Erbil)
1 archdiocese (Baghdad)
3 dioceses (Alqosh, Akra, Amadiyah & Zaku)



71 priests



1 monastic order



2 female congregations

Greek-Melkite Catholic Church



1 parish
1 patriarchal exarchate (Iraq as one)

Armenian Catholic Church



2 parishes
1 archeparchy (Baghdad)
1 administrator

Latin Church



3 parishes
1 archdiocese (Baghdad)



11 priests



2 monastic orders



6 male congregations
9 female congregations

Catholic Church total



117 parishes
1 patriarchate
1 patriarchal exarchate
7 archeparchies
2 archdioceses
3 dioceses
134 priests
6 male congregations
4 monastic orders
15 religious men
12 female congregations
139 religious women

Syriac Catholic Church



16 parishes
2 archeparchy (Mosul, Baghdad)



52 priests

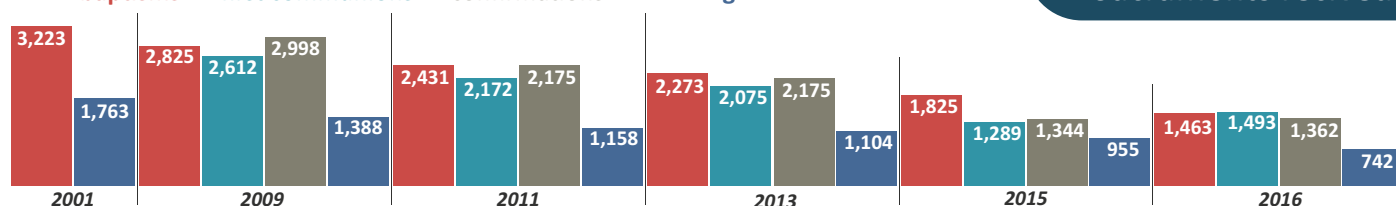


1 monastic order



1 female congregation

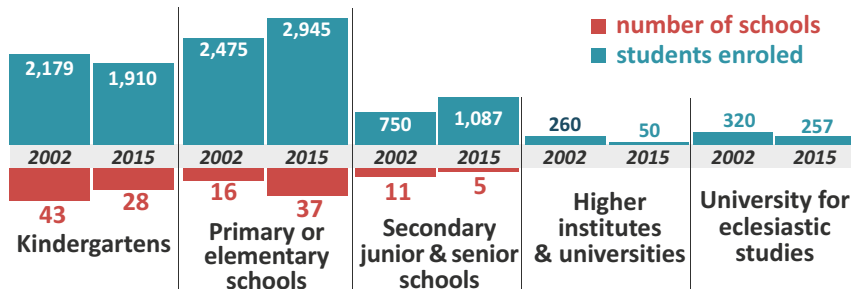
Sacraments received



Catholic education network

Centres for diocesan clergy
Philosophy and theology:
2 seminaries and 2 residences

Centres for religious clergy
Secondary schools:
1 seminars and 4 residences
Philosophy and theology:
1 seminars



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