

Consulates

The governments of Austria, the Czech Republic, Germany, Italy, Russia, South Korea, the United Kingdom and the United States maintain diplomatic missions in the capital of the Kurdistan Region.

To contact any of these consulates please email the Department of Foreign Relations at dfr@krg.org



Chambers of Commerce & Private Sector Bodies Linked to Trade and Investment

[The Kurdistan Board of Investment](http://www.kurdistaninvestment.org)

www.kurdistaninvestment.org

Herish Muharam Muhamad
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Headquarters
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Sulaimania Branch
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Kani Askan District
Tel: +964 53 312 3907 or +964 53 312 3918
Email: suli@kurdistaninvestment.org

Dohuk Branch
Dohuk - 1st Shubat Street
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Email: duhok@kurdistaninvestment.org

[Chambers of Commerce](http://duhokchamber.org/)

Dohuk:
Website: <http://duhokchamber.org/>
Email: duhok_traderoom@yahoo.com

Erbil

Website: www.erbilchamber.org
Email: erbilchamberofcommerce@yahoo.com

Sulaimania

Website: www.sule-chamber.org/
Email: info@sule-chamber.org

[Business Transformation Agency](http://www.defenselink.mil/bta/)

www.defenselink.mil/bta/

[Iraqi American Chamber of Commerce & Industry](http://www.i-acci.org)

www.i-acci.org

[Iraqi British Chamber of Commerce & Industry](http://www.i-bcci.com/)

www.i-bcci.com/

[Iraq Investment and Reconstruction Task Force \(IIRTF\)](http://www.export.gov/iraq)

of the US Department of Commerce
www.export.gov/iraq

[Kurdistan Development Corporation](http://www.kurdistancorporation.com/)

www.kurdistancorporation.com/

[Middle East Association, London](http://www.the-mea.co.uk/)

www.the-mea.co.uk/

For more information please contact dfr@krg.org

Travelling to Kurdistan

KRG Ministry of Tourism

<http://www.tourismkurdistan.com/index.asp>
Email: info@tourismkurdistan.com

Travelling to Kurdistan from Europe

Kurdistan Development Corporation
www.kurdistancorporation.com
To discuss how the KDC can facilitate your trip, please contact:
Tel: +44 (0) 20 7170 4300
Email: info@kurdistancorporation.com

Travelling to Kurdistan from North America

Kurdistan Regional Government – US

To discuss how the KRG-US can facilitate your trip, please contact:
Tel: +1 202 637 2496
Email: us@krg.org

For all other enquiries contact the Department of Foreign Relations: dfr@krg.org

Visa Information for Erbil and Sulaimania

It is advisable that all non-Iraqi passport holders traveling to the Kurdistan Region of Iraq obtain an Iraqi visa prior to departure. The KRG offices abroad can help facilitate, as can the nearest Iraqi Embassy. For more information please contact uk@krg.org if traveling from Europe, and us@krg.org if traveling from North America. For all other inquiries, please contact dfr@krg.org

The Kurdistan Region's Airports

Erbil International Airport (EIA) website: www.erbilairport.net

It is advised that passengers arrive at Erbil International Airport at least 2.5 hours before their departures to allow sufficient time to board the shuttle bus and go through the security check point to the departure terminal.

Sulaimania International Airport (SIA) website: www.sulairport.net

For additional information, visit www.krg.org

Transportation: By air

Please note that airline routes and schedules to Kurdistan are expanding. Please confirm details of flights directly with the operator as they may be subject to change.

Austrian Airlines

Website: www.aua.com
Austrian Airlines sales office in Erbil:
Shaqlawā Street, Brayān Bldg
Tel: +964 66 224 5470 to 5473
Open to the public Sunday to Thursday, 10.00 to 15.00

Allraq Aviation-Travel / Zagros Air

Website: www.irak-reisen.com
Email: info@irak-reisen.com or fly@zagros.eu
Contact Al Iraq Aviation Travel in Germany
Tel: +49 (0) 69 69 59 7370 or +49 (0) 69 68 3073
Fax: +49 (0) 69 68 09 1767 or +49 (0) 69 69 59 737 30

Atrosh Air

Website: www.atroshair.com
Email: info@atroshair.com

Azmar Airline

Website: <http://azmarairline.net/ku/default.aspx>
Email: info@Azmarairline.net

Fly Air

Website: www.flyair.com.tr/sirketimiz_eng.asp
Erbil-Laveen Air, Shaklawā St.
Tel: +964 66 224 21 69-70
Istanbul Ticket Office
Tel: +90 212 274 68 58

Flying Carpet

Website: www.flyingcarpet.com.lb

Ganglere Air

Website: www.ganglereair.net

Iraqi Airways

Website: www.iraqi Airways.co.uk

Kurdistan Airlines

Website: www.kurdistan-airline.gr

Laveen Air

Website: www.laveenair.net/site/flightSearch.asp

Royal Jordanian Airlines

Website: www.rja.com.jo

Zagros Air

Website: www.zagros-group.net/air/main.php
Email: zagros_airfra@yahoo.com

Zozik Air

Website: www.zozik-air.com
Contact Zozik Air in Germany
Tel: +49 (0) 911 96 53 320 or +49 (0) 911 96 53 32 22
Fax: +49 (0) 911 96 53 32 10
To make a booking from Kurdistan:
Tel: +964 730 102 4331 or +964 770 217 7177

Transportation: By land

Taxi

Taxis wait outside the airport to collect passengers; no pre-booking is necessary. Inside Erbil and Sulaimania there are taxis that can be hailed on the street. These taxis will usually take you anywhere in the Region. The main form of public transport between major cities is a shared taxi. Generally, there is one price per car, which is divided by the number of passengers. Usually the taxi will wait until all seats are filled before departing.

Bus

There are bus services from Erbil to all cities in the Region, and into the south as well. There are two main Bus Terminals, East and North, in Erbil. Hotels can give comprehensive timetable information.

International Driver's License

The International Driver's License is not accepted in Kurdistan. If you want to drive you will have to go to the police station, where you can show your current driver's license and be issued a permit. This permit will be good for one month only; it is renewable for additional one-month periods at a time.

Travel Agencies in Kurdistan

Laru Travel Services

Regional Headquarters:
Erbil, tel: +964 (0) 750 455 4411
Cyprus, tel: +357 2581 4084
Amman, tel: +962 6 565 6561 and +962 6 568 9787
Email: lanaqassim@batelco.jo

Baban Tourism

For Royal Jordanian Airlines reservations
Erbil, tel: +964 66 220 0600
Erbil, mobile: +964 (0) 750 491 0973
Email: babantourism@yahoo.com

Accommodation

Erbil

Erbil International Hotel

(30-meter Street, overlooking the Gelgand Park)
www.erbilinhotel.com
Local tel: +964 66 223 4460
Email: infor@erbilinhotel.com
Prices \$ (2007):
Standard Room (Single): \$240
Standard Room (Double): \$290
Junior Suite (Single): \$314
Junior Suite (Double): \$346
Executive Suite (Single): \$362
Executive Suite (Double): \$410
Presidential Suite: \$604

Hawler Plaza

(Kirkuk Main Road / in front of
Martyr Franso Stadium).
Local tel: +964 66 222 8890 or +964 66 251 9740
Email: Hawler_plaza@yahoo.com

Khanzad Hotel & Resort

(Salahadin Highway/
near Khanzad Petrol Station)
www.khanzadresort.com
Local tel: +964 66 224 5273 or +964 66 224 5277
Email: info@khanzadresort.com
Prices \$ (2007):
Single: \$167
Double: \$209
Junior Suite (Single): \$230
Junior Suite (Double): \$272
Presidential Suite: \$356

Chwarchra

(beside Hawraman, near Erbil International Hotel)
Abdul Salam Al-Barzani Street
International tel: +44 7077522836 or +46 856630460
International fax: +44 2086347747 or +46 856630461
Local tel: +964 66 223 1508 or +964 66 223 1509
or +964 66 222 2650
Email: chwarchrahotell@yahoo.com

Sulaimania

Ashti Hotel

Sulaimania Salim Street
Local tel: +964 53 312 0435 or +964 53 312 7999

Abusana Hotel

Sarchnar
Local tel: +964 53 318 3497 or +964 53 318 3498

Sulaimania Palace

Salim Street
Local tel: +964 53 313 4141 or +964 53 313 4147

Dohuk

Jiyan

Local Tel: +964 62 722 6691
or +964 62 722 6692
International tel: +44 7077507750
International fax: +44 7077507751
Email: jiyanhotel@yahoo.com

Lomana

Local tel: +964 62 722 1483

Security Firms

[GardaWorld](#) (Formerly Vance)

www.garda-world.com

31 Old Burlington Street, London W1S 3AS

Iraq (excl. Erbil): +964 7701 58 7939

Iraq (Erbil): +964 750 451 2588

London Office: +44 (0) 20 7734 5361

Managing Director, International

Email: oliver.westmacott@garda-world.com

[Vigilance Security Company](#)

Local tel: +964 750 423 3824

Email: ops@vscsecurity.com

[Ster Group](#)

www.stergroup.com

Local tel: +32 48 445 6378

[Reed Security](#)

Local tel: +964 750 449 8294

[Hart Security](#)

www.hartsecurity.com

Local tel: +44 (0) 20 7751 0771

Email: iraqcountrymanager@hartsecurity.com

[Paratus Worldwide Protection](#)

www.paratusprotection.com

Email: myoung@paratusiraq.com

Translation Services

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Banks / US Dollars / Conversion to Local Currency

While there are several banks, the economy at present is based on a "cash only" basis. Most places accept US dollars, which can be exchanged for local currency. The hotels can assist with the conversion process.

Real Estate

[American Village](#)

<http://americanvillage.info/>

Local tel: +964 750 413 6420/1

Email: sales@americanvillage.info

[Dream City](#)

www.mecri.com/dreamcity.htm

Local tel: +964 66 251 0773 or +964 66 251 0779

Email: relation@mecri.com

[Naz City](#)

Local tel: +964 750 416 9826

Email: villa@nursoy.com.tr

[Italian City](#)

Local tel: +964 66 256 4844 or +32 48 445 1315

Email: hemn_co.group@yahoo.com

[English Village](#)

Local tel: +964 750 445 2102

Email: aazzam960@hotmail.com



Things to See and Do

Erbil

Sights: Erbil Citadel, Sheikh Chooli Minaret, Erbil Civilization Museum, Martyr Sami Abdur-Rahman Park (located on 60-m St., opposite the Kurdish Parliament Bldg.), Jalil Khayat Mosque, Al-Sawwaf Mosque, St. Joseph Church, Khanzad Castle.

Shopping: The Great Bazaar (a.k.a. Qaysari Market), Mudhaffariya Market, Iskan Market, Nishtiman Shopping Mall.

Arts: Media Hall, Culture Hall, and the Palace of Arts.

Around Erbil:

Shaqlawat Resort, 51km from Erbil.

Khanzad Castle, lies on Erbil-Shaqlawat Road.

Galy Ali Beg Resort, 130km from Erbil.

Bekhal Resort, 140km from Erbil.

Jundyan Resort, 147km from Erbil.

Haji Omaran Resort, 180km from Erbil.

Neanderthal & Shanidar Cave, located in the Bradost Mts., about 2km from Shanidar Village.

Bestoon Cave, 39km southwest of Soran.

Rabban (Monk) Beya Monastery, located above a valley of the same name, 1-hour climb from main road.

Sulaimania

Sights: Sulaimania Market, Altun Tourists Compound Altun Tourists Supermarket, Altun Tourists Cafeteria and Restaurant, Sulaimania Museum, Museum Hall. Azadi Park, public garden on Salim St.

Around Sulaimania:

Sarchnar Resort, 5km from Sulaimania.

Dokan Lake, 70km west of Sulaimania.

Ahmadawa Resort, 84km east of Sulaimania.

Darbandikhan Dam, 65km southwest of Sulaimania.

Sarseer Parkland, 26km north of Sulaimania.

Zarzi Cave, located in Chamchamal Valley.

Hazarmerd Cave, 13km west of Sulaimania.

Bali Kwar Cave, 20km northeast of Jermo Castle.

Dohuk

Sights: Dohuk Traditional Museum, The Grand Mosque Saint Ith Ilaha Church, Mazi Supermarket.

Around Dohuk:

Zakhu District, 40km northwest of Dohuk.

Anishka Resort, 9km from Sarsang Resort.

Sulav Resort, 5km from Amedi.

Sarsang Resort, 63km northwest of Dohuk.

Ashawa Resort, 8km from Sarsang Resort.

Swaratooka Resort, 39km east of Dohuk.

Zaweeta Resort, 16km east of Dohuk.

Amedi (Amadiyah) Town, 90km northeast of Dohuk.

Relics of Amedi Citadel/The Eastern Gate (Bab Zebar), located on the eastern side of Amedi.

The Minaret, located in the middle of Amedi.

Lalish Temple, 14km from Ain Sifne.

Charsten Sculpture "The Four Pillars", located at the foot of the White Mountain.

Hilamta Cave Sculptures, located at the foot of the Black Mountain (Shindokha).

Tal Malthaya Sculptures (Gre Mal Tayee), 7km from Dohuk.

Khans Sculptures, located in the Badinan Region.

Universities

Salahaddin University, Erbil

www.salahaddin-ac.com

University of Kurdistan, Hawler/Erbil

(teaches exclusively in English)

www.ukh.ac

American University of Iraq, Sulaimania

(teaches exclusively in English)

www.auiis.org/

University of Dohuk

www.dohukuni.net/index.php?p=front/home

University of Koya

www.koyauniversity.org/

University of Sulaimania

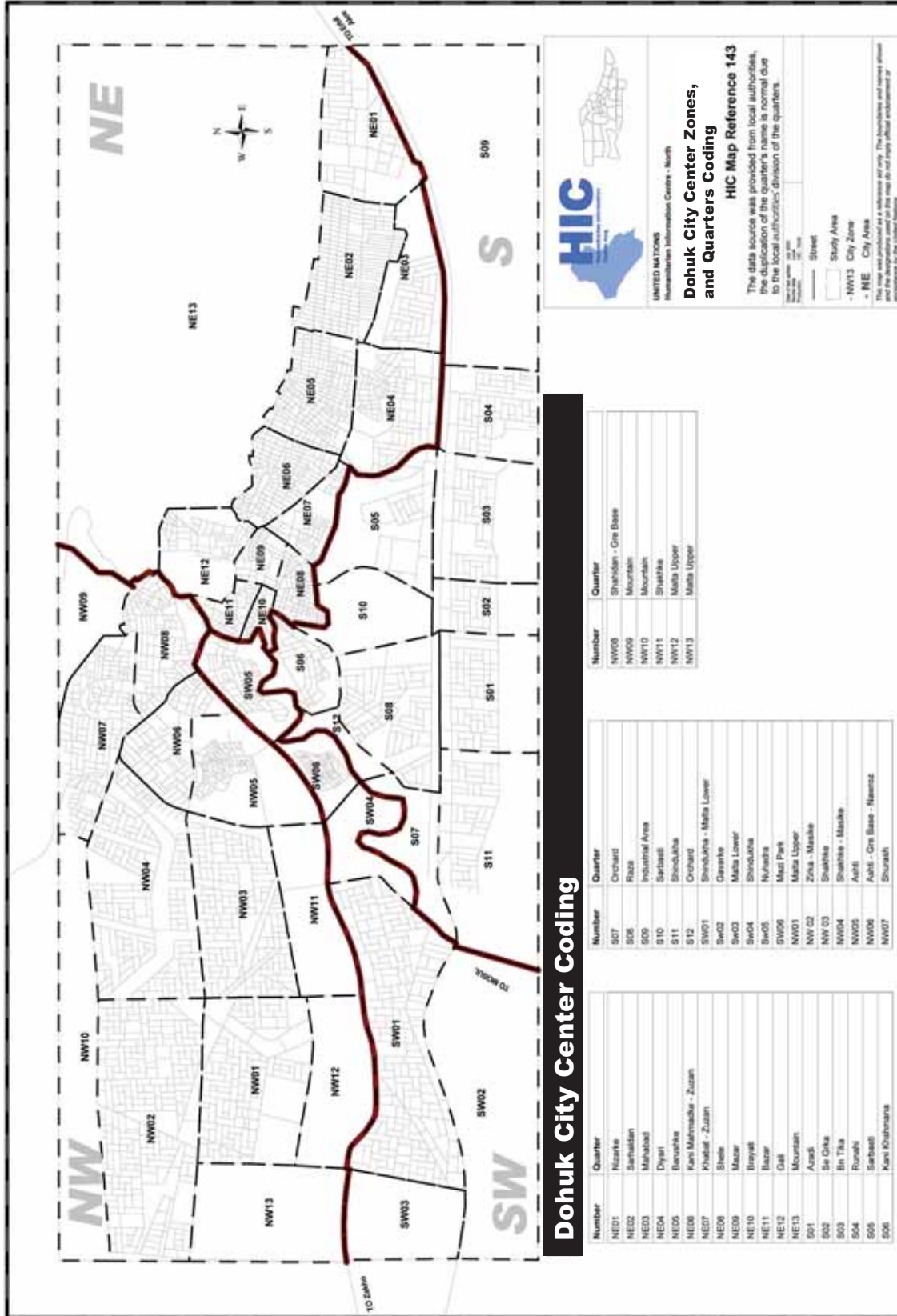
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Hawler Medical University, Erbil

www.hawlermu.org/

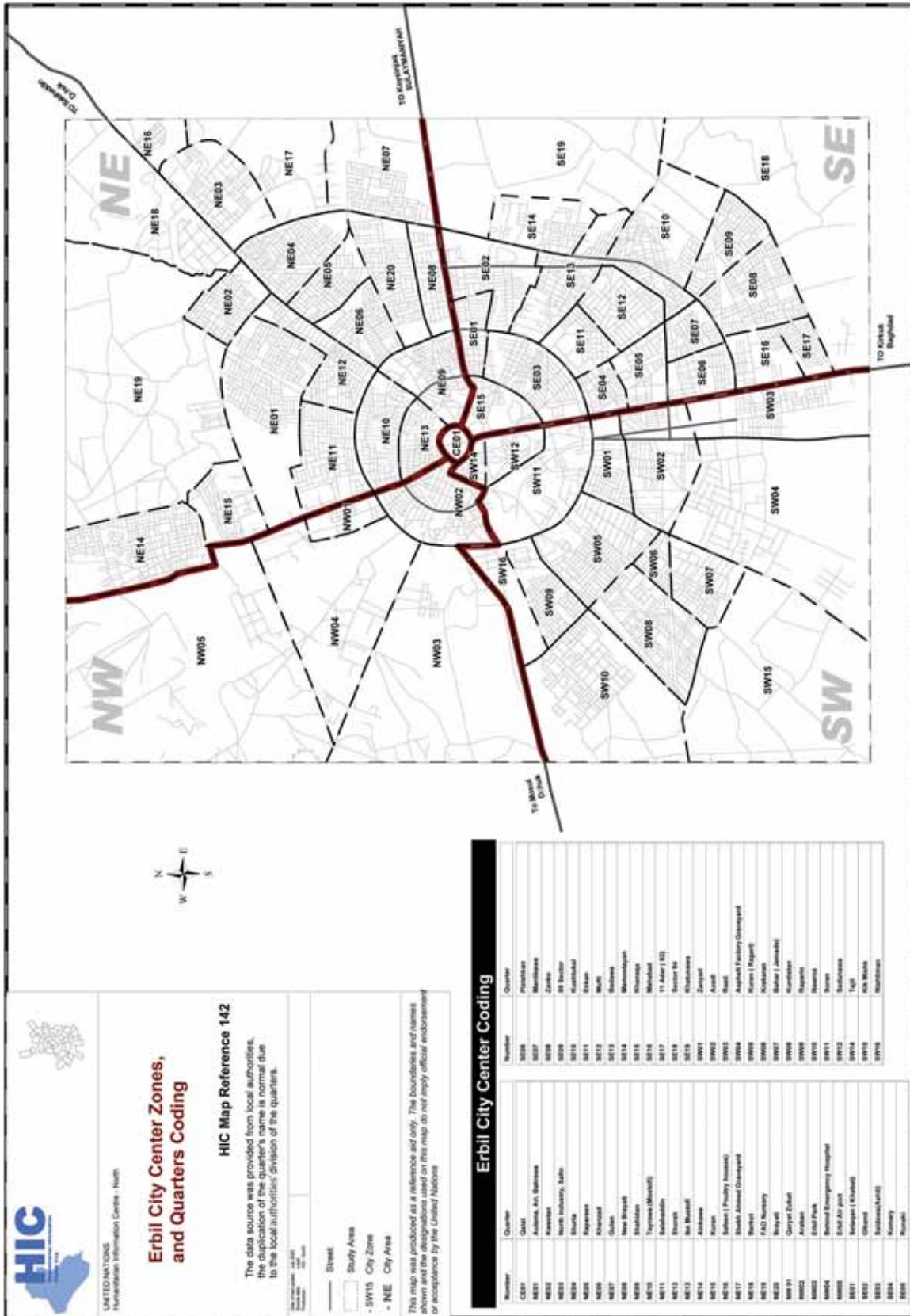


Maps



Dohuk City Center Coding

Number	Quarter	Number	Quarter	Number	Quarter
NE01	Nzarke	S07	Orchard	NW08	Shahidan - Ore Base
NE02	Sernaldan	S08	Raza	NW09	Mountain
NE03	Mihabadi	S09	Industrial Area	NW10	Mountain
NE04	Diyari	S10	Serhadi	NW11	Shahkha
NE05	Beroukha	S11	Shirubaha	NW12	Maha Upper
NE06	Kani Marmashke - Zuzan	S12	Orchard	NW13	Maha Upper
NE07	Khabal - Zuzan	SW01	Shirubaha - Maha Lower		
NE08	Shwe	SW02	Geranke		
NE09	Muzar	SW03	Maha Lower		
NE10	Ilroyali	SW04	Shirubaha		
NE11	Bazar	SW05	Nuhadra		
NE12	Dali	SW06	Muzi Park		
NE13	Mountain	NW01	Maha Upper		
S01	Azadi	NW02	Zaka - Masake		
S02	Be Gha	NW03	Shahkha		
S03	Bin Taha	NW04	Shahkha - Masake		
S04	Rundhi	NW05	Ardi		
S05	Serbadi	NW06	Ardi - Ore Base - Namoz		
S06	Kani Dzhemana	NW07	Shurahi		



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**Erbil City Center Zones,
and Quarters Coding**

HIC Map Reference 142

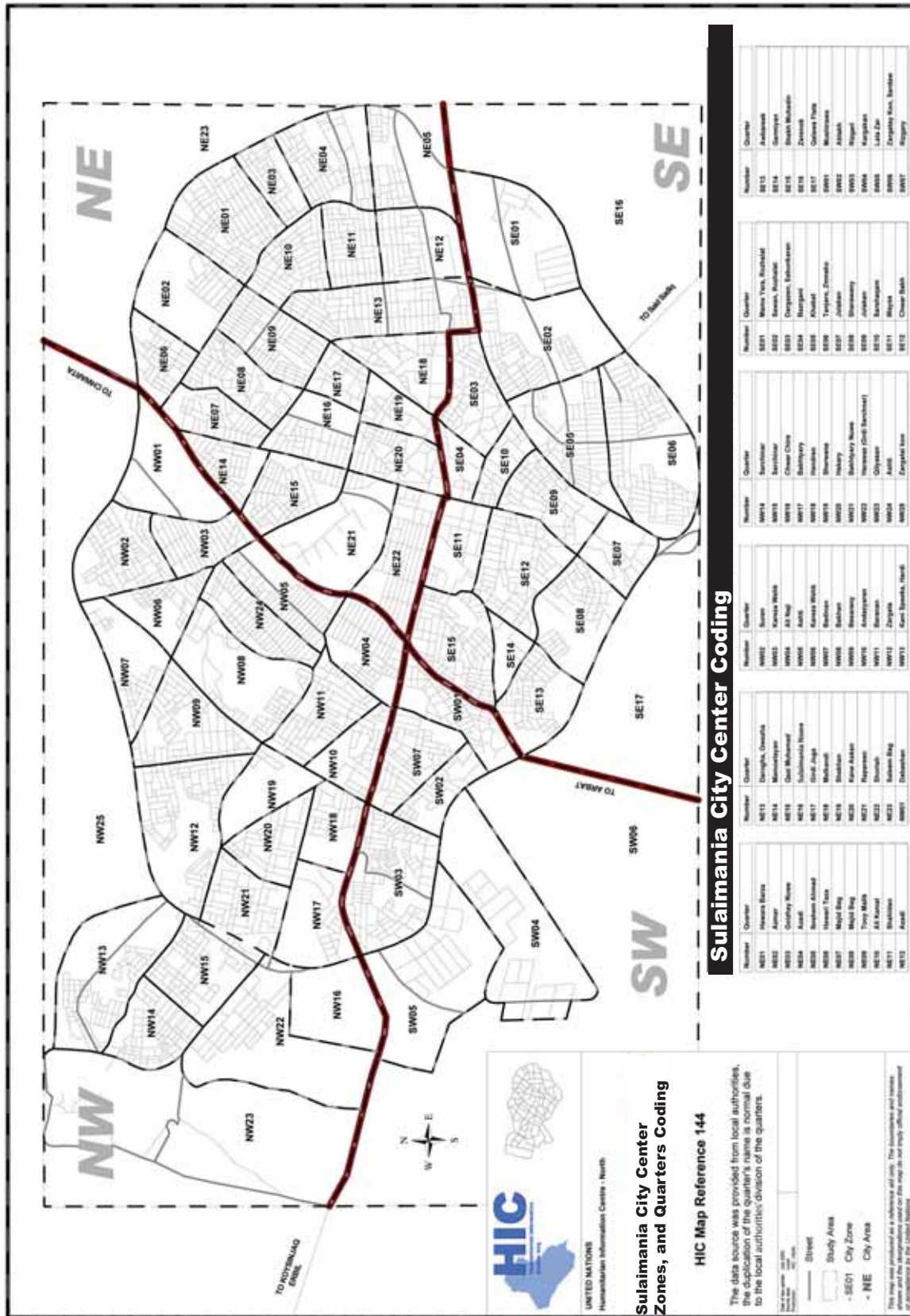
The data source was provided from local authorities. The duplication of the quarter's name is normal due to the local authorities' division of the quarters.

Legend:
 - Street
 - Study Area
 - City Zone
 - City Area

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Erbil City Center Coding

Number	Quarter	Number	Quarter
CE01	City Center	SE01	Phalshara
NE01	Al-Jadid	SE02	Manshara
NE02	Al-Jadid, Al-Sarraf	SE03	Al-Sarraf
NE03	Al-Sarraf	SE04	Al-Sarraf
NE04	North Industry, Lala	SE05	Al-Sarraf
NE05	Shurba	SE06	Al-Sarraf
NE06	Al-Sarraf	SE07	Al-Sarraf
NE07	Al-Sarraf	SE08	Al-Sarraf
NE08	Al-Sarraf	SE09	Al-Sarraf
NE09	Al-Sarraf	SE10	Al-Sarraf
NE10	Al-Sarraf	SE11	Al-Sarraf
NE11	Al-Sarraf	SE12	Al-Sarraf
NE12	Al-Sarraf	SE13	Al-Sarraf
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NE19	Al-Sarraf	SE20	Al-Sarraf
NW01	Al-Sarraf	SW01	Al-Sarraf
NW02	Al-Sarraf	SW02	Al-Sarraf
NW03	Al-Sarraf	SW03	Al-Sarraf
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NW07	Al-Sarraf	SW07	Al-Sarraf
NW08	Al-Sarraf	SW08	Al-Sarraf
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NW12	Al-Sarraf	SW12	Al-Sarraf
NW13	Al-Sarraf	SW13	Al-Sarraf
NW14	Al-Sarraf	SW14	Al-Sarraf
NW15	Al-Sarraf	SW15	Al-Sarraf





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Fundamental Facts and Comments for Prospective Investors

Kurdistan
Iraqi Kurdistan Region
Herêma Kurdistan

Official website: www.krg.org



Capital: Erbil/Arbil/Irbil (also known as Hawler)

Official Languages: Kurdish (Sorani and Kurmanji dialects) and Arabic, as well as Turkman and Assyrian in some areas.

Major Holiday: Newroz (Kurdish New Year), March 21

Government: Parliamentary Democracy

President: Massoud Barzani

Prime Minister: Nechirvan Idris Barzani

Speaker of the Parliament: Adnan Mufti

Land Mass: 80,000 km/30,888 sq. mi., roughly twice the size of the American state of Vermont

Population: 3.8 million (2006)

Population in each of the Region's three provinces:

Erbil: 1,385,227

Sulaimania: 1,538,402

Dohuk: 879,694

Currency: Iraqi Dinar (IQD)



Time Zone: UTC+3
UTC+4 (Summer DST)

Calling Code: +964

Weather/Climate: Winter (December to February) can be very cold and the mountains can become covered with snow. Spring (April to May) brings warmer weather, but still cool enough for a sweater. Aside from the mountains, summer (June to September) is swelteringly hot.

The Economy

The data presented here deliberately draws primarily upon third-party data sources, such as the IMF, UNDP, WFP, and WHO. A Kurdistan Statistical Authority has recently been created within the KRG's Ministry of Planning to provide the public with credible and timely social and economic data. Its data will be used in subsequent official publications.

GDP per capita: (Nominal, in US dollars: \$2,200-\$2,500 (2005 Est.) (World Bank, 2006: 19).

Comments: Because non-oil economic activity has been consistently stronger in the Kurdistan Region than in other Iraqi provinces, it is estimated that median income per capita in Kurdistan is 20-25 percent higher than the rest of Iraq (UNDP 2004; World Bank 2006). In 2007, 36 percent of the Iraqi population rated their economic situation as "very good" or "quite good." By comparison, 66 percent of the Kurdish population rated their economic condition as "very good" or "quite good" (ABC News 2007). The latter figure encompasses a sample that includes Kurds outside of the Kurdistan Region and therefore underestimates the higher subjective well-being of the Kurds of Kurdistan.

Exchange Rate: US dollar 1: 1,232 Iraqi Dinar [Source: www.economist.com/markets, October 30, 2007]

Comments: Since the end of 2003, the Iraqi Dinar has remained pegged to the US dollar. The Central Bank of Iraq (CBI) is committed to maintaining what has become a *de facto* peg to the dollar. The IMF reported in March 2007 that, "to contain inflation and counter dollarization, the CBI has tightened monetary policy and allowed the dinar to appreciate." (IMF 2007).

Taxes and Customs: As stipulated in the KRG's 2006 Investment Law:

- Profits and imports are tax-exempt for ten years.
- Goods and services purchased locally are tax-exempt.
- Reinvested profits and revenues are fully tax-exempt.
- Subsequent investment expansion is tax-exempt.
- Companies that merge are entitled to the same tax exemptions that applied prior to the merger.
- Enterprises can import machinery components and means of transportation, as needed.
- There are no restrictions on exports.
- No export or import licensing is required for trade.

Comments: Almost all (99 percent) of Kurdish firms believe in opening the doors fully to international trade. That compares to 50 percent of Iraqi firms, and 95 percent of Kurdish firms believe that opening Iraq to the international business community will improve their own business (CIPE/Zogby International 2005).

Property Rights: Under the KRG's 2006 Investment Law, there are no limitations on land ownership by foreigners (with the exception of land acquired for real estate purposes). Full repatriation of profits and wage earnings is guaranteed. The Law provides a full guarantee against nationalization and expropriation.

Comments: "The KRG area is already proving more attractive from a legal and security point of view than the rest of the country." (Economic Intelligence Unit 2007). In 2005, 1 percent of Kurdish business owners and managers identified property rights as the most important factor impeding the growth of Iraqi businesses (CIPE/Zogby International 2005).

Labor: Under the KRG's 2006 Investment Law, there are no restrictions on the composition of labor or management.

Comments: In 2007, 20 percent of the Iraqi population reported that jobs were available. By comparison, 57 percent of the Kurdish population reported that jobs were available (ABC News 2007). The latter figures encompasses a sample that includes Kurds outside of the Kurdistan Region and therefore underestimates the higher employment prospects of the Kurds of Kurdistan. In 2005, 94 percent of Kurdish firms expected employment to increase within six months. By comparison, only 38 percent of Iraqi firms expected employment to increase. (CIPE/Zogby International 2005).

Business Regulation: According to a preliminary analysis, it takes approximately 30 days to start a business in Kurdistan. By law, the Investment Board is required to process within 30 days of submission.

Comments: The Chairman of the Investment Board, Herish Muharam, has added that with a detailed, professional proposal, the Board can have a decision within five to ten days. (This statistic has not yet been externally validated by the International Finance Corporation's Doing Business team). Of Kurdish business leaders, 68 percent report that Iraqi commercial laws and regulations are easily available and understandable. By comparison, 39 percent of Iraqi business leaders are favorably inclined towards Iraqi commercial laws and regulations. (CIPE/Zogby International 2005); while 92 percent of Kurdish business owners and managers feel that it is possible for the business community to influence government policy. That compares to an Iraqi average of 62 percent.

Comments on Future Economic Outlook:

In 2005, 99 percent of Kurdish business owners and managers expected positive future economic outcomes; in 2005, 98 percent of Kurdish business owners and managers anticipated sales growth. By comparison, only 54 percent of Iraqi firms anticipated sales growth; in 2005, 92 percent of Kurdish business owners and managers anticipated an increase in profits (CIPE/Zogby International 2005). In 2007, 63 percent of Kurdish households expected their family's economic situation to be "much better" or "somewhat better" within the next year. By comparison, only one out of every three Iraqis expresses economic optimism outside of Kurdistan (ABC News 2007).

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Resources

Kurdistan Regional Government
www.krg.org

Kurdistan Development Corporation
www.kurdistandevlopmentcorporation.org

Kurdistan Board of Investment
www.kurdistaninvestment.org

Kurdistan Democratic Party
www.kdp.se

Patriotic Union of Kurdistan
www.puk.org

Kirkuk Business Centre
www.kbciraq.org

Kurdistan Observer
www.kurdistanobserver.com

Kurdistan Net
www.kurdistan.net

Kurdistan World
www.kurdishdaily.com

Kurdish Satellite Channel, KurdSat
www.kurdsat.tv

KTV (Kurdish Satellite Channel)
www.kdp.pp.se/ktv.html

Iraqi-Kurdistan Dispatch
www.ikurd.info

Soma-Digest (Iraqi Kurdish Digest in English)
<http://soma-digest.com/>

International sites relating to the Region & Iraq-wide

UK Trade & Invest
www.uktradeinvest.gov.uk

UK Department for Trade & Industry
www.dfid.gov.uk

British Council
www.britishcouncil.org/iraq.htm

UK Embassy Iraq
www.iraqembassy.org.uk

US Embassy Iraq
www.usembassy.org.uk/iraq

Iraqi American Chamber of Commerce
www.i-ACCI.org

Iraq Project and Contracting Office
www.rebuilding-iraq.net

Multi-National Force: Iraq
www.mnf-iraq.com

USAID
www.usaid.gov/iraq

Iraq Relief & Recovery - Development Gateway
<http://topics.developmentgateway.org/iraq>

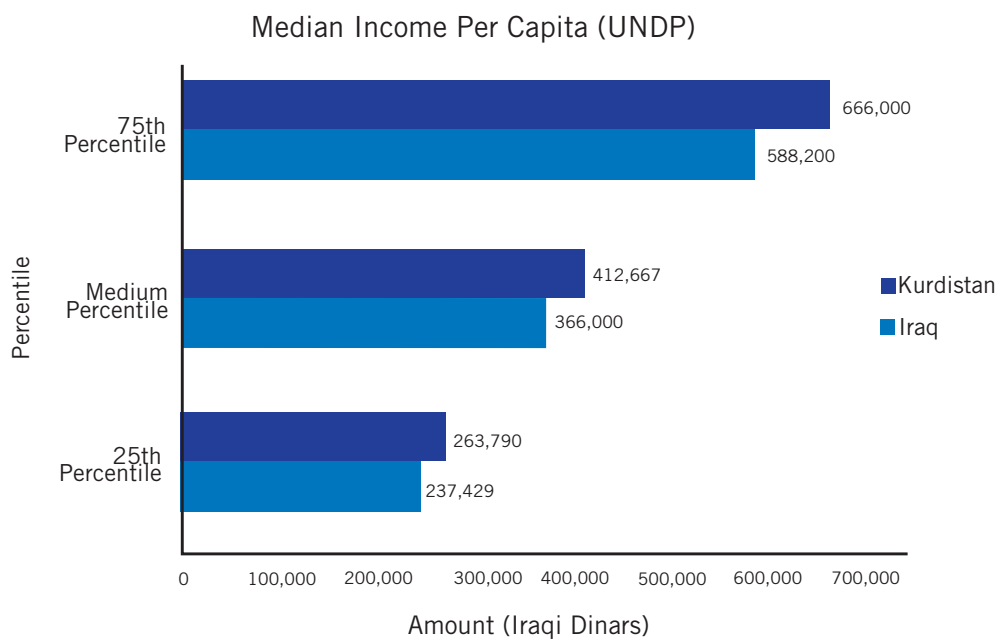
Iraq Investment & Reconstruction Task Force
www.export.gov/iraq/index.html

Center for Reconstruction & Development
www.rec-dev.com

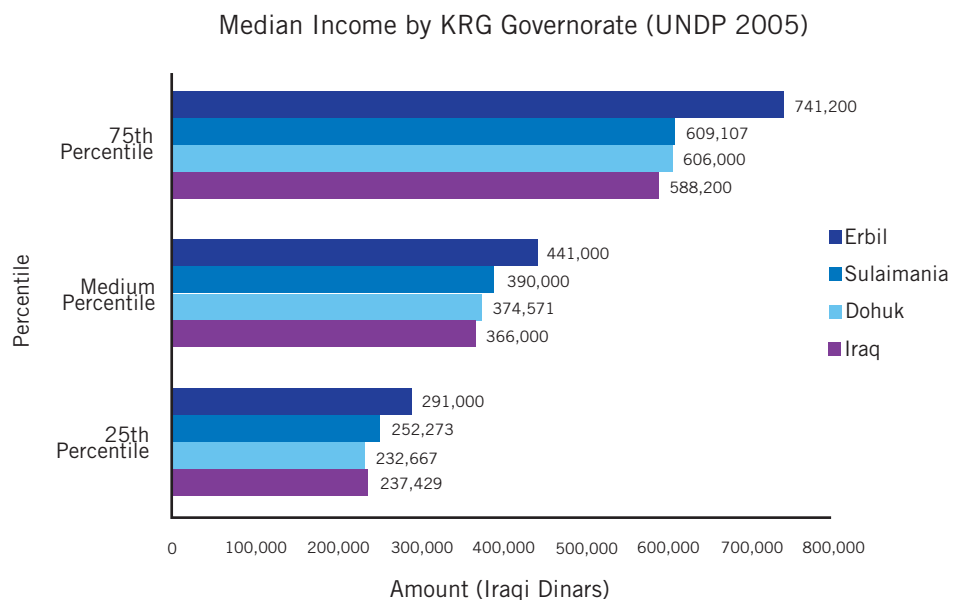
The Washington Kurdish Institute
www.kurd.org

Hinterland Travel
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Median Income Per Capita (UNDP)



Median Income by KRG Governorate (UNDP 2005)



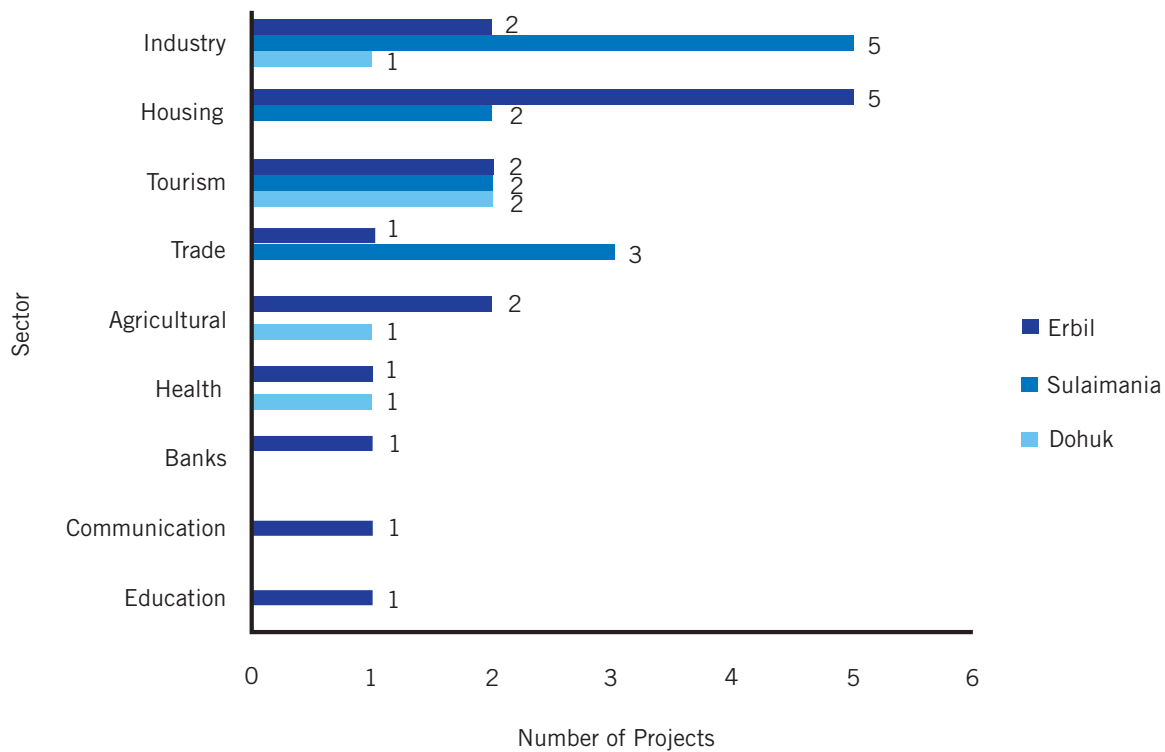
International Investors Already in Kurdistan

The Kurdistan Region currently hosts international investors from countries including, Turkey, Japan, China, USA, Germany, Canada, UK, South Korea, Iran, Lebanon, Norway, United Arab Emirates, Syria, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, and Kuwait.

- The Kurdistan Investment Board has approved over \$5 billion in project proposals to date.
- After a proposal is submitted, the Investment Board is required to accept or reject the proposal in 30 days. For well-organized, comprehensive proposals, the Board will usually respond in fewer than ten working days.
- As of June 2007, 33 licensed projects have been approved (see below):

**KRG-Iraq
Board of Investment
Licensed Projects
As of end of June 2007**

Total of Licensed Projects: 33



The following tables give a more detailed analysis of the fertile land in Kurdistan, units are in hectares. Data provided by the KRG Ministry of Agriculture, November 15, 2006.²

KRG Land Details

Governorate	Rain-fed Land	Irrigated Land	Total Arable Land	Non-Arable Land	Total Land
Erbil	580,645	45,635	626,280	887,840	1,514,120
Dohuk	254,892	46,650	301,542	629,856	931,398
Sulaimania	232,700	59,299	291,999	131,020	423,019
Kirkuk	300,151	15,822	315,973	486,103	802,076
Total	1,368,388	167,406	1,535,794	2,134,819	3,670,613

Expected Cultivating Area of Field Crops for Year 2007 in Hectares

Strategic Crop	Erbil	Dohuk	Sulaimania	Kirkuk	Total
Wheat	135,145	122,652	107,500	123,795	489,092
Barley	242,417	52,207	51,375	102,330	448,329
Corn	182	74	437	n/a	639
Sunflower	1,856	1,608	2,098	920	6,482
Rice	292	1,806	817	190	3,105

Expected Cultivating Area for Main Vegetative Crops for Year 2007 in Hectares

Vegetative Crop	Erbil	Dohuk	Sulaimania	Kirkuk	Total
Tomato	10,452	7,007	6,440	1,022	24,921
Cucumber	4,929	1,035	2,110	625	8,699
Eggplant	2,345	222	375	347	3,289

The Area of Fruit Trees in Hectares

Horticulture	Erbil	Dohuk	Sulaimania	Kirkuk	Total
Grapes	250	1,565	n/a	n/a	1,815
Apples	450	777	n/a	n/a	1,227
Figs	300	115	n/a	n/a	415
Pomegranate	770	154	n/a	n/a	924

² 1 hectare = 2.471 acres

Basic expressions in the Sorani and Kurmanji dialects

English	Sorani Kurdish	Kurmanji Kurdish
Hello	Rozh-bash	Rozh-bash
Good morning	Beyanee-bash	Beyanee-bash
Welcome! (on arrival)	Be kher bi(t)	Be kher hati
Goodbye	Khwa-hafees	Khwa-hafees
Thank you	Supas	Supas/Mamnoon
You're welcome	Ser chaw / Sha-ee neeya	Ser Chaava
How are you?	Chonee?	Chaawayi?
Are you well?	Bashee?	Bashee?
I'm fine, thank you	Bashem, supas	Bashem, supas
What's your name?	Naw-et cheeya?	Nav-ey ta cheeya?
My name is John	Naw-em John-ah	Nav-ey min John-ah
What would you like to drink?	Chee dakhoy?	Chi vadhkui?
Tea (without sugar)	Chai (bey shakir)	Chai (bey shakir)
Please	Zahmat Nabe	Bey Zahmat
Where is the bazaar?	Bazaar le chweya?	Bazaar la kidareya?
Where is the Khanzad Hotel?	Otel Khanzad la chweya?	Otel Khanzad la kidareya?
Yes	Aa / Balay	Aa / Balay
No	Na	Na
OK	Balay	Balay/Arey

Note: The spellings used here are transliterations from English, to make it easy for non-Kurdish speakers to read the pronunciation.