



EMN Ad-Hoc Query on NO NCP Ad-Hoc Query on Iraqi Kurdish population in Europe

Requested by Norway on 29th January 2016

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Note, however, that the information provided does not necessarily represent the official policy of an EMN NCPs' Member State.

Background information:

This ad hoc query is connected to the research project Possibilities and Realities of Return Migration (<https://www.prio.org/Projects/Project/?x=1483>), led by the Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO) and funded by The Research Council of Norway. The information requested is part of an effort to map the Iraqi Kurdish population in Europe today, to understand the historical dynamic of this migration, and to enable us to better predict the number of future migrants from Iraqi Kurdistan and where they will go in Europe.

Summary

The attached file includes a summary with the compilation of replies, which all are open.

Questions



1. There are typically no precise estimates for the population of immigrants in Europe with a country background from Iraqi Kurdistan, as this group is often separately identified from other 'Iraqis'. Could the MS provide an approximate estimate, or alternatively, upper and lower range estimates, for the number of immigrants from Iraqi Kurdistan with permanent resident permits in EMN member states as indicated in the table attached? - **Please fill the table in the attached word AHQ.**


If you cannot identify Iraqis *with* Kurdish background from other Iraqis, provide information for *all* Iraqis. Please indicate if the figures are statistics based on reliable databases, or estimates



2. Please provide a brief description of the source for the statistics provided in your reply to question 1.
3. Have there been any significant changes in the asylum or return policies specifically concerning Iraqi Kurds, since 1990? YES/NO


If yes, could you briefly describe and date the most important changes?

Responses

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|  | Austria | Yes | <p>1. This query cannot be answered, because the ethnical composition of Iraqis holding a residence title is statistically not covered. Source: Federal Ministry of the Interior.</p> <p>2. N/A.</p> <p>3. N/A.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|  | Belgium | Yes | <p>1. There are no statistics available in Belgium for Iraqi Kurds, only for Iraqis.</p> <p>In the table below, we have indicated two figures for 1990, 2000, 2010 and 2014:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Country of nationality: All people with Iraqi nationality, not taking into account the type of residence permit (and not including asylum seekers) - Country of first nationality: All people born with an Iraqi nationality, irrespective of their current nationality, not taking into account the type of residence permit (and not including asylum seekers). <table border="1" data-bbox="728 917 2049 1364"> <thead> <tr> <th>As of Dec. 31st</th> <th>Number of <i>Iraqi Kurds</i> with permanent residence permits</th> <th>Alternatively: Number of <i>ALL Iraqis</i> with permanent residence permits</th> <th>Give the source for the statistics or estimates. If <i>estimate</i> give upper and lower ranges if possible</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1970</td> <td>Not available</td> <td>Not available</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>1980-1981</td> <td>Not available</td> <td>Country of nationality: 159</td> <td>Directorate General for Statistics – Statistics Belgium, on the basis of the Population Census of 1981</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1990</td> <td>Not available</td> <td>Country of nationality: 204 Country of first nationality: 244</td> <td>Directorate General for Statistics – Statistics Belgium, on the basis of the National Register</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2000</td> <td>Not available</td> <td>Country of nationality: 411</td> <td>Directorate General for Statistics – Statistics Belgium, on the basis of</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | As of Dec. 31 st | Number of <i>Iraqi Kurds</i> with permanent residence permits | Alternatively: Number of <i>ALL Iraqis</i> with permanent residence permits | Give the source for the statistics or estimates. If <i>estimate</i> give upper and lower ranges if possible | 1970 | Not available | Not available | | 1980-1981 | Not available | Country of nationality: 159 | Directorate General for Statistics – Statistics Belgium, on the basis of the Population Census of 1981 | 1990 | Not available | Country of nationality: 204 Country of first nationality: 244 | Directorate General for Statistics – Statistics Belgium, on the basis of the National Register | 2000 | Not available | Country of nationality: 411 | Directorate General for Statistics – Statistics Belgium, on the basis of |
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|  | Croatia | Yes | <p>1. Unfortunately we cannot provide a migration statistics for Iraqis with Kurdish background by the year. The number of permanent residences issued for Iraqi immigrants in Croatia as of February 2016 is 4 and number of temporary residences is 11.</p> <p>2. Sources are collected by the general national Registration System of Foreigners done by the Ministry of the Interior.</p> <p>3. No</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | | | <p>2. The data is drawn from the Alien Information System - CIS. CIS is a national register which is administered by the Police of the Czech Republic and which contains information about foreigners – its primary objective is their evidence and information about their residence permits/visas status.</p> <p>3. No. There have been no significant changes monitored since 1990s. Generally, the number of these Iraqis is very negligible. No special return programs apply to them.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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Finland

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1. Again it is not possible to say if there have been any significant changes in the asylum or return policies specifically concerning Iraqi Kurds as statistics relate to ALL Iraqis. Concerning the latter, French authorities carry out forced returns only towards Iraq (Bagdad) but not towards Iraqi Kurdistan (Erbil), even if in 2010 the French ministry for Immigration carried out a few removals towards this city. In view of the country's political situation, forced returns to Iraq are suspended since March 2015, as Iraqi citizens are considered to be in need of international protection.

France does not have a peculiar policy concerning asylum seekers from Iraqi Kurdistan: the granting of the refugee status or of the subsidiary protection pursuant to Art. 15 (c) of the Qualification Directive depends on the applicant's profile. However, this may change in the future in view of the current political situation.

2. Ethnic Kurds are in the same statistics as other Iraqis. As a rule of thumb, you might say that most Iraqi asylum seekers arriving to Finland were Kurds up until 2013. During 2014-2016 Arabs have become the major ethnic group among Iraqi asylum seekers in Finland.

(Source: Peter Sandelin, Researcher at the Finnish Immigration Service)

As asylum seekers Iraqi Kurds began arriving to Finland in more substantial numbers in February 1993, when 108 persons came to Finland on the same day, and 1997, when 150 Kurds, who were mostly Iraqis, arrived to Finland. Kurds also began arriving to Finland as quota refugees from 1993 onwards. (Source: Leitzinger, Antero 1999. Kurdistan. Directorate of Immigration Publications 1).

An independent researcher (Östen Wahlbeck, University of Helsinki) has estimated the number of Iraqi Kurds in the mid 1990:s as 550 – 800 persons.

3. In guidelines of the Finnish Immigration Service, there have not been any significant changes regarding Iraqi Kurds. Iraqi Kurdistan has been considered to be fairly safe and more stable, than the rest of Iraq. (2007, 2009 and 2011).

The latest security situation assessment states the following:

Finnish Immigration Service 20th October 2015: Security situation in many regions of Iraq has eased:

“Individual situation is decisive for Iraqi asylum claims, not the area of origin

The Finnish Immigration Service has updated its guidelines concerning Iraq. On the basis of the assessment, the security situation in many areas in Iraq has eased, which influences the decision-making in asylum matters at the Finnish Immigration Service.

The situation in Iraq is still difficult and the harsh living conditions pose an additional challenge in large parts of the country. Compared with the Finnish Immigration Service's previous assessment, the security situation has eased especially in the Babylon Province and the City of Kirkuk. The security situation in Baghdad is still problematic, but all people who come from Baghdad cannot be considered to run a personal risk of falling victim to violence.

The applications for international protection are examined individually and decided on the basis of the person's statement concerning personal persecution after considering the facts obtained about the security situation in different regions of Iraq and the available information.

The new assessment of the security situation in Iraq means that the applications are examined and decided individually having regard to the reasons cited by the applicants at their asylum interview and how they justify their need for asylum.

A person cannot be granted asylum only because he or she comes from a particular area.”




15th September 2015:


“Administrative Court confirmed: Asylum seekers from southern Iraq and Kurdistan are not granted protection

The Finnish Immigration Service does not grant residence permits to asylum seekers from Iraqi Kurdistan or the provinces in southern Iraq (Karbala, Wasit, Najaf, Qadisiya, Maysan, Muthana, Dhi Qar and Basra) solely on the basis of the security situation in the region.

The Administrative Court of Helsinki confirmed the guideline by rejecting appeals against negative decisions issued by the Finnish Immigration Service. Already in April and May, the Supreme Administrative Court supported the Finnish Immigration Service's assessment of the security situation in Kurdistan and southern Iraq.

On the basis of up-to-date country information, the Finnish Immigration Service and the Administrative Court consider these regions to be still safe for their residents on the whole.

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| | | | <p>If asylum seekers do not have reliable documents on their domicile, they must be able to prove their knowledge of the home region when they are heard by the police and the Finnish Immigration Service. If there are considerable gaps in the knowledge of the region and the language analysis supports this impression, the asylum seeker is not issued with a residence permit on the basis of an allegedly unsafe domicile.”</p> | | | | |
|  | France | Yes | <p>1. There are no statistics readily available for Iraqi Kurds in France as their number has been combined with co-nationals. See attached statistics on the number of ALL Iraqis with residence permits (10 years or permanent residence permits), provided by the Department of Statistics, Studies and Documentation of the Directorate-General for Foreign Nationals in France of the ministry of the Interior.</p> <p>2. See question 1.</p> <p>3. Again it is not possible to say if there have been any significant changes in the asylum or return policies specifically concerning Iraqi Kurds as statistics relate to ALL Iraqis. Concerning the latter, French authorities carry out forced returns only towards Iraq (Bagdad) but not towards Iraqi Kurdistan (Erbil), even if in 2010 the French ministry for Immigration carried out a few removals towards this city. In view of the country’s political situation, forced returns to Iraq are suspended since March 2015, as Iraqi citizens are considered to be in need of international protection.</p> <p>France does not have a peculiar policy concerning asylum seekers from Iraqi Kurdistan: the granting of the refugee status or of the subsidiary protection pursuant to Art. 15 (c) of the Qualification Directive depends on the applicant’s profile. However, this may change in the future in view of the current political situation.</p> | | | | |
|  | Germany | Yes | <p>1. In 2014 we had 33.085 Iraqis with permanent residence Permit.</p> <p>2. Source: Central Register of Foreigners (AZR). No evaluation before 2011 possible.</p> <p>3. See supporting document.</p> | | | | |
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2. These statistics are from the Census of Population and indicate the number of Iraqis resident in Ireland. They are not immigration statistics, indicating immigration status. Prior to 2002, there was no nationality question in the Census.



3. In Ireland, comprehensive legislation relating to asylum was introduced via the Refugee Act 1996. Comprehensive statistics on asylum applications are available since 2001. See here:


<http://www.orac.ie/website/orac/oracwebsite.nsf/page/orac-stats-en>


In 2006, Iraq first appeared in the top 5 nationalities making asylum applications. See here:



http://www.orac.ie/website/orac/oracwebsite.nsf/page/orac-stats_06-en




Iraq was also in the top 5 nationalities in 2007 http://www.orac.ie/website/orac/oracwebsite.nsf/page/orac-stats_07-en and 2008 http://www.orac.ie/website/orac/oracwebsite.nsf/page/orac-stats_08-en

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| | | | <p>2. The Register of Aliens is the state register.</p> <p>3. No.</p> |
|  | <p>Luxembourg</p> | <p>Yes</p> | <p>1. As of Dec. 31st Number of Iraqi Kurds with permanent residence permits Alternatively:</p> <p>Number of ALL Iraqis with permanent residence permits</p> <p>Give the source for the statistics or estimates. If estimate give upper and lower ranges if possible</p> <p>1970 n.i.a. n.i.a.</p> <p>1981 n.i.a. 4 Statec, Census 1981</p> <p>1991 n.i.a. 6 Statec, Census 1991</p> <p>2001 n.i.a. 14 Statec, Census 2001</p> <p>2011 n.i.a. 194 Statec, Census 2011</p> <p>2012 n.i.a. 210 Statec, 2013</p> <p>2013 n.i.a. 225 Statec, 2014</p> <p>2014 n.i.a. 248 Statec, 2015</p> <p>2015 n.i.a. 261 Statec, 2016</p> <p>2. The numbers provided above were provided by the National Institute of statistics and economic studies of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg (STATEC) on all Iraqi nationals residing in Luxembourg based on the census of the population and on the 31 December of each year mentioned, based on the annual migration flows (declarations of arrival and declarations of departure in the municipality) and the annual natural balance. The data does however not provide information on the type of residence permit.</p> |

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| | | | 3. NO. |
|  | Netherlands | Yes | <p>1. Please see the attached document. This table provides all people with Iraqi nationality living in the Netherlands, not taking into account the type of residence permit. We cannot provide any information on the ethnic background of the Iraqi nationals.</p> <p>2. Please see the attached document.</p> <p>3. The Netherlands does not have specific guidelines concerning the return of Iraqi Kurds. Specific guidelines regarding (postponement of) return of ex asylum seekers to Central and Southern Iraq were issued in 2002 and 2007. Current guidelines are that Iraqis from certain provinces (Bagdad, Anbar, Ninewa, Salaheddin, Ta'mim, Diyala en Babil) who applied for asylum will not be returned to Iraq. Return to the Iraqi region under control of the Kurdish Regional Government is possible for Iraqis originating from that region.</p> |
|  | Poland | Yes | <p>1. See: file attached</p> <p>2. Data presented above are aggregated and generated by the Office for Foreigners (source: Pobyt system administered by the Office). They are available online: http://udsc.gov.pl/en/statystyki/raporty-okresowe/zestawienia-roczne/.</p> <p>3. In general, between the beginnings of 1990 until 2014, Iraqi Kurdistan was considered to be safe region. Consequently persons who had a permanent place of residence in that area were refused to be granted an international protection. Currently, in the view of security situation and increased probability of violation of human rights in the whole country, Kurds can be granted international protection in Poland. As for the return policy, Polish experience in this respect is rather limited. Also, no detailed information on Iraqis with Kurdish background is available. In general, due to the internal situation in Iraq , Poland in 2014 (29th April) suspended forced returns to this country. In 2013, 8 Iraqi citizens were subject to forced returns, one Iraqi returned under the Assisted Voluntary Return Programme. In 2014, 6 Iraqis decided to voluntarily return to Iraq and in 2015 - 4.</p> |
| | Slovak Republic | Yes | <p>1. It is not possible to provide these estimates. Please see the attached table with the number of all Iraqis.</p> <p>2. The statistical data provided in the table are collected based on the information system "Register of foreigners"</p> |

| | | | <p>with valid residence permits in the territory of the Slovak Republic” (IS ECU). IS ECU represents a common administrative source for the preparation of European, national and other statistical data. IS ECU collects, keeps and provides information about foreigners who were granted residence permit in the territory of the Slovak Republic or their residence permit was renewed or extended, information about the procedure for granting residence permit to foreigners and their personal data.</p> <p>3. No.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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|  | Slovenia | Yes | <p>1. Q.1. We do not have statistics available for Iraqis with Kurdish background only. We can provide: a.) number of residents issued for Iraqi immigrants; b.) number of recognized international protection status for Iraqi;</p> <p>2. Sources are collected by the general national Registration System of Foreigners done by the Ministry of the Interior.</p> <p>3. N/A</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|  | Sweden | Yes | <p>1. 1970 n/a n/a 1980 n/a n/a 1990 n/a n/a 2000 n/a n/a 2010 n/a 50200 National statistics 2014 n/a 19100 National statistics</p> <p>2. Those within the population registration as present.</p> <p>3. We have no sources for ethnicity.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | | | 2001) |
| 2010 | Not available | 37,000 (+/- 8,000) | Annual Population Survey (January 2010 to December 2010) |
| 2014 | Not available | 40,000 (+/- 9,000) | Annual Population Survey (January 2014 to December 2014) |

2. The Labour Force Survey (LFS) is a household survey of people in the UK. It includes those deemed resident at private addresses, so covers students in halls of residence with parents resident in the UK. However, it does not cover most communal establishments. Its purpose is to provide information on the UK labour market but it includes data on a variety of other variables such as country of birth and nationality.

The Annual Population Survey (APS) combines results from the LFS and the English, Welsh and Scottish Labour Force Survey boosts. These boosts increase the size of the sample. During 2004 and 2005 the APS also comprised of an additional boost for England.

Each quarter's LFS sample of 40,000 households is made up from five "waves", each of approximately 8,000 households. Each wave is interviewed in five successive quarters, such that in any one quarter, one wave will be receiving their first interview, one wave their second and so on, with one wave receiving their fifth and final interview. Thus there is an 80 per cent overlap in the samples for each successive quarter and the sample is completely different after six quarters.

In some areas of the UK the boost makes up the bulk of the APS dataset, with a smaller contribution from the main LFS. The boost has a four year wave structure instead of the five quarter wave structure in the main LFS; after the initial interview, sampled households are interviewed three more times on an annual basis. Therefore the boost for these areas may be slower to react to a change in migration patterns than the main LFS and the speed with which the APS sample responds to changes in the household population may vary across the UK.

More robust estimates are available by using the APS than from the main LFS. APS datasets are produced quarterly with each dataset containing 12 months of data. There are approximately 320,000 persons per dataset.

3. No.



Norway

Yes

1. Numbers

There are no statistics readily available for Iraqi Kurds in Norway. As with Kurds from Turkey, Syria and Iran, their number has been combined with co-nationals. In general, Norway does not have statistics on ethnic identity.

The number of resident Iraqi immigrants 1970 -2014 is given here:

As of Dec. 31st Number of Iraqi Kurd immigrants resident Alternatively:

Number of ALL Iraqi immigrants resident Give the source for the statistics or estimates. If estimate give upper and lower ranges if possible

1970 Not available 24 Statistics Norway from Central Population register

1980 na 38 idem

1990 na 738 idem

2000 na 6941 idem

2010 na 20604 idem

2014 na 22149 idem

Not included are asylum seekers waiting for a decision and former asylum with a negative decision who have not yet left

2. All persons residing legally in Norway for 6 months or more are to be registered with the Central Population Register (CPR). All those leaving the country for 6 months or more should report this to the CPR, which also may de-register persons who are discovered to have failed to report their absence. (There are certain exceptions to this de-registration rule, mainly linked to continued tax obligations and because of family relationships.) Statistics Norway base their statistics on the resident population according to citizenship, country of birth and demographic variables on the CPR registrations.

3. Policy shifts

- Registration of fingerprints, 1999 and check against Eurodac
- Restrictions in asylum policy, 1999 as response to a significant increase in the number of asylum seekers from Iraq.

The new policy was to offer one year residence and work permits with no right to seek family reunification (MUF). However, many stayed for an extended period. Many received first a series of temporary residence permits, until they got final residence permits in 2006.

- Fast-tracking of asylum applications, 2008

A fast-track processing of Iraqi asylum seekers was operative from October 2008 until June 2009.

- Assisted Return, 2008

A country-specific return and reintegration programme, IRRINI, was established in 2008 for Iraqi. The overwhelming majority of those who returned through IRRINI until the programme was ended in 2015 were rejected asylum seekers with an Iraqi Kurdish background.

- Readmission agreement, 2009

Authorising Norway to forcibly return Iraqis with a negative decision on their asylum application. During the period 2002-2013, 300 were returned to Iraq forcibly or with assistance.