

IDP Households in Formal Camps - July 2022

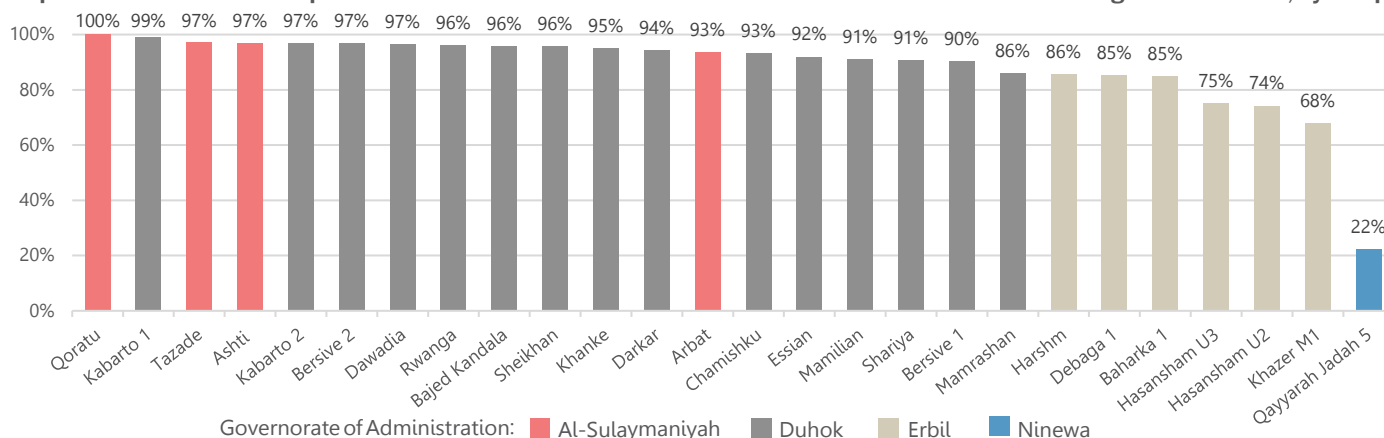
Key Findings

- **97%** of in-camp Internally Displaced Person (IDP) households (HHs) reported no intention to return to their Area of Origin (AoO) within twelve months following data collection. The most reported reasons not to return are related to safety and security concerns about their AoO, a lack of livelihood options in their AoO, and damaged/destroyed housing in their AoO.
- **3%** of HHs reported an intention to return. The camps with the highest proportion of intended returns were camps administrated by Ninewa and Erbil, especially Qayyarah Jadah 5 (**25%** of HHs), Khazer M1 (**20%** of HHs) and Hasansham U2 (**18%** of HHs).
- **5%** of IDP HHs reportedly attempted but failed to return. The most reported reasons for failed returns are related to safety and security concerns about AoOs, a lack of livelihood options in AoOs, and damaged/destroyed housing in AoOs.
- **83%** of IDP HHs reported having sufficient access to information about their AoO to reach a return decision. Those who reported information needs most required information about the security situation and availability of basic services in AoO.
- Overall, **92%** of HHs reported security concerns about their AoO. **80%** of HHs report damaged/destroyed property in their AoO.

1. Reported movement intentions twelve months after data collection

97% of IDP HHs in formal camps reported **no intention to return** to their AoOs within 12 months following data collection. Only 2% of HHs from Diyala reportedly intended to return within twelve months, followed by 3% of HHs from Ninewa, 6% of HHs from Salah Al-Din, and 7% of HHs from Erbil Governorate.

Proportion of IDP HHs who reported the intention to remain in their location in the twelve months following data collection, by camp



2. Barriers to Return

Households that reported **no intention to return**

97% of in-camp IDP HHs reportedly did not **intend to return** to their AoO within twelve months of data collection.

Most reported reasons not to return, by Gov. of Origin:^{1*}

Ninewa

Lack of security forces in AoO	36%
Unsafe/insecure for women/girls in AoO	17%
Fear/trauma associated with AoO	14%

Salah Al-Din

Damaged/destroyed housing in AoO	20%
Fear/trauma associated with AoO	12%
Lack of financial resources	12%
Lack of livelihood options in AoO	12%
Fear of discrimination/rejection	11%
Lack of security forces in AoO	11%

Erbil

Lack of financial resources	28%
Fear/trauma associated with AoO	13%
Lack of livelihood options in AoO	12%

Diyala

Need security clearance	26%
Damaged/destroyed housing in AoO	25%
Lack of security forces in AoO	18%
Fear of discrimination/rejection	13%

Households that reported the intention to return

3% of in-camp IDP HHs reported **intending to return** within twelve months of data collection.

While 25% of in-camp IDP HHs who currently live in Ninewa reported intending to return, 9% of IDP HHs in Erbil, 3% in Al-Sulaymaniyah, and less than 1% in Duhok do.

Top reasons to return reported by IDP HHs intending to return within twelve months of data collection:^{*}

Improved security situation in AoO	37%
Emotional desire to return	32%
Livelihood opp. available in AoO	26%
Basic services available in AoO	25%
Limited livelihood opp. in Gov. of Displacement	16%

Expected challenges to return reported by HHs intending to return within twelve months of data collection:^{*}

No housing in AoO	48%
Lack of financial means to return	29%
Unstable security situation in AoO	22%
Basic services unavailable in AoO	18%
Being prevented from returning	12%
Lack of livelihood opportunities in AoO	12%

* Respondent could select multiple answer options.

1 Reasons with frequencies below 10% not reported.

Failed Returns

5% of in-camp IDP HHs reportedly **attempted to return** to their AoO but displaced again.

9% of IDP HHs from Erbil Governorate tried to return, 5% of HHs from Ninewa and Salah Al-Din, and 2% of HHs from Diyala.

Proportion of HHs who previously attempted to return, by camp (showing camps with highest proportions):

Qayyara Jadah 5	16%	<div></div>
Harshm	16%	<div></div>
Baharka	11%	<div></div>
Hasansham U2	11%	<div></div>
Debaga 1	9%	<div></div>
Hasanham U3	9%	<div></div>
Khazer M1	9%	<div></div>
Shariya	7%	<div></div>

Reported reasons for failed returns among HHs who reported a failed return:*

Lack of security forces	32%	<div></div>
Lack of livelihood options	32%	<div></div>
Damaged/destroyed housing	29%	<div></div>
Community tensions	25%	<div></div>
Insecure/unsafe for women/girls	25%	<div></div>
Fear/trauma associated with AoO	24%	<div></div>
Lack of financial means	17%	<div></div>
Lack of basic services	17%	<div></div>
Militias restrict movement	16%	<div></div>
Fear of discrimination/rejection	13%	<div></div>

3. Information & Return Decisions

Access to information

97% of IDP HHs in formal camps reported **having access to information** about their AoO. 4% of IDP HHs from Diyala and Erbil report not having access to information about their AoO, as well as 3% of HHs from Salah Al-Din and Ninewa.

Among all respondents, reported sources of information about their AoO were:*

Family/friends living in/returned to location	64%	<div></div>
Personal visits to location	44%	<div></div>
Social media	34%	<div></div>
Family/friends not living at location	21%	<div></div>
Mukhtars/local leaders	2%	<div></div>
Governmental parties	1%	<div></div>

82% of IDP HHs reported having **sufficient information to reach a return decision**.

21% of IDP HHs from Diyala and Erbil report requiring more information to reach a return decision, as well as 20% of HHs from Salah Al-Din. From Ninewa, 15% of HHs report information needs.

Those IDP HHs who reported information needs regarding their AoO required information on:*

Availability of basic services	74%	<div></div>
Security situation (armed groups, IEDs ¹ , etc.)	60%	<div></div>
Safety of the area (UXOs ² , mines, etc.)	45%	<div></div>
Livelihoods/job opportunities	41%	<div></div>
Housing (damage, occupied, etc.)	28%	<div></div>
Humanitarian assistance	6%	<div></div>

4. IDPs' perception of the situation in their AoOs

By Governorate of Origin, proportion of IDP households reporting:	Ninewa	Erbil	Salah Al-Din	Diyala
1. Security concerns about their AoO	91%	76%	89%	94%
2. Destroyed/uninhabitable housing in their AoO	78%	48%	80%	74%
3. No available basic services in their AoO	45%	43%	52%	65%
4. No available livelihood options in their AoO	56%	66%	69%	66%
5. No available assistance for returnees in their AoO	45%	67%	78%	81%
6. Insufficient information about their AoO to reach a return decision	15%	21%	20%	21%

Methodology

In June and July 2022, REACH conducted a Movement Intentions assessment with Internally Displaced Persons in all 26 formal IDP camps in Federal Iraq and the Kurdistan Region of Iraq. A total of 2,342 households were randomly sampled.

Results reported at camp level are representative with a confidence interval of 95% and a margin of error of 10%. Results reported for Areas of Origin, including Governorates and Districts of Origin are indicative due to non-random sampling. More information on methodology can be found in the [Terms of Reference](#).

* Respondent could select multiple answer options.
1 Improvised explosive devices

2 Unexploded ordnances