



Fact sheet



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Elections for Iraq's Council of Representatives, October 2021

FACT SHEET #9

Participation of Internally Displaced Persons

Who is an internally displaced person?

The law defines an internally displaced person (IDP) as an individual who was forcibly displaced to another place inside Iraq after 9 April 2003 and is registered in the Ministry of Migration and Displacement.

Is an internally displaced person eligible to vote in the October elections?

An internally displaced person who is an Iraqi national and who was registered by the Independent High Electoral Commission (IHEC) for the first time, or whose voter registration status was updated between 2 January and 15 April 2021, and who has a biometric voter card, is eligible to vote in the Council of Representatives elections.

How many IDPs are eligible to vote in this year's Council of Representatives elections?

At the conclusion of the voter registration exercise, a total of 120,126 IDPs had registered with IHEC and were subsequently issued with biometric voter cards.

When will IDPs cast their votes?

Internally displaced persons will vote on 8 October, which is 48 hours ahead of general voting day. IDPs will vote in their current place of residence for candidates contesting in constituencies from which they were displaced.

How will IDPs identify themselves at the polling centers?

To be considered an IDP a person must produce a certificate issued by the Ministry of Migration and Displacement and Ministry of Trade recognizing that person as an IDP. Those ministries share

the list of persons with IHEC. In addition, an IDP can only be allowed to vote if he/she presents a biometric voter card at the polling station.

IDP Registration and Polling Centre (PC) / Polling Station (PS) breakdown

Governorate Code	Governorate Name	IDP voters #	IDP PCs #	IDP PSs #
4	Dahuk	69439	31	163
5	Erbil	25199	20	62
6	Sulaymaniyah	11115	9	26
14	Kirkuk	6451	4	15
22	Anbar	3807	2	9
28	Najaf	1403	3	3
12	Ninewa	714	1	2
25	Karbala	443	1	1
23	Baghdad Karkh	393	1	1
31	Qadissiya	216	2	2
21	Diyala	200	2	2
26	Wassit	198	1	1
35	Basrah	196	3	3
24	Babylon	193	1	1
33	Thi-Qar	104	2	2
34	Missan	40	2	2
32	Muthana	15	1	1
1	Baghdad Rusafa	0	0	0
27	Salah Al-Din	0	0	0
Total		120,126	86	296

Where are IDP polling centers located?

IHEC identified 86 polling centers i.e. 309 polling stations for IDP voting. The IDP camps are Outside of Dahuk, Erbil and Sulaymaniyah, and one camp each in Ninewa and Anbar. With the exception of Dahuk, where out of 31 IDP polling centers 22 are located inside the camp, all other IDP polling centers are outside the camps. There are no IDPs registered to vote in Rusafa and Salah Al Din.

Do IDPs have adequate information on voting arrangements?

IHEC and its electoral partners including the United Nations have produced and disseminated information materials including brochures, leaflets, and informational videos, in addition to numerous public outreach activities to IDP camps, in order to raise awareness and educate IDP voters on various stages of the electoral process. Useful information for IDP voters has also been disseminated through social media platforms and Iraqi national television. Public outreach efforts to Iraqi voters will continue in the runup to the elections.