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Breakdown Overview

Refugee Population Geographical Distribution

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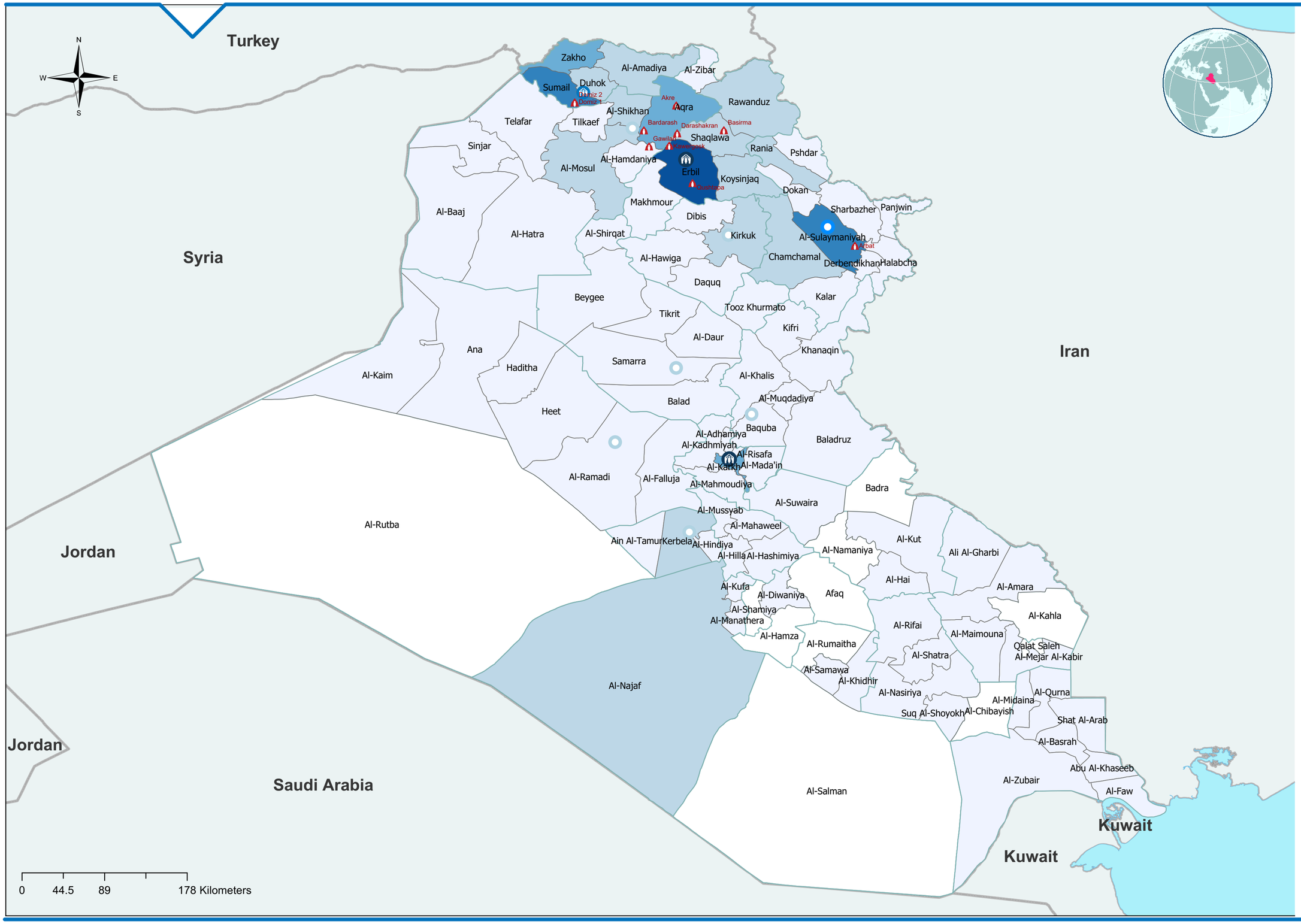

Total Refugee Population

301,606

Cases

97,418

Legend

- Syrian Refugee Camps
- UNHCR Sub-Office
- UNHCR Field Unit
- UNHCR Field Office
- UNHCR Country Office
- Governorate Borders

Individuals

- 1 - 890
- 891 - 4450
- 4451 - 14780
- 14781 - 57270
- 57271 - 133300
- District Borders
- Waterways
- Water Body
- Country Borders

The distribution of refugees in Iraq is mainly concentrated in northern Iraq and the Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KRI). The largest concentration of refugees can be found in the Erbil district, accounting for 45% of the total, followed by the Sulaymaniyah district at 19%, and Sulaymaniyah at 11%. The majority of these refugees, specifically 91%, are of Syrian origin, with the remaining 9% comprising Turkish (3%), Iranian (3%), and other nationalities (3%).

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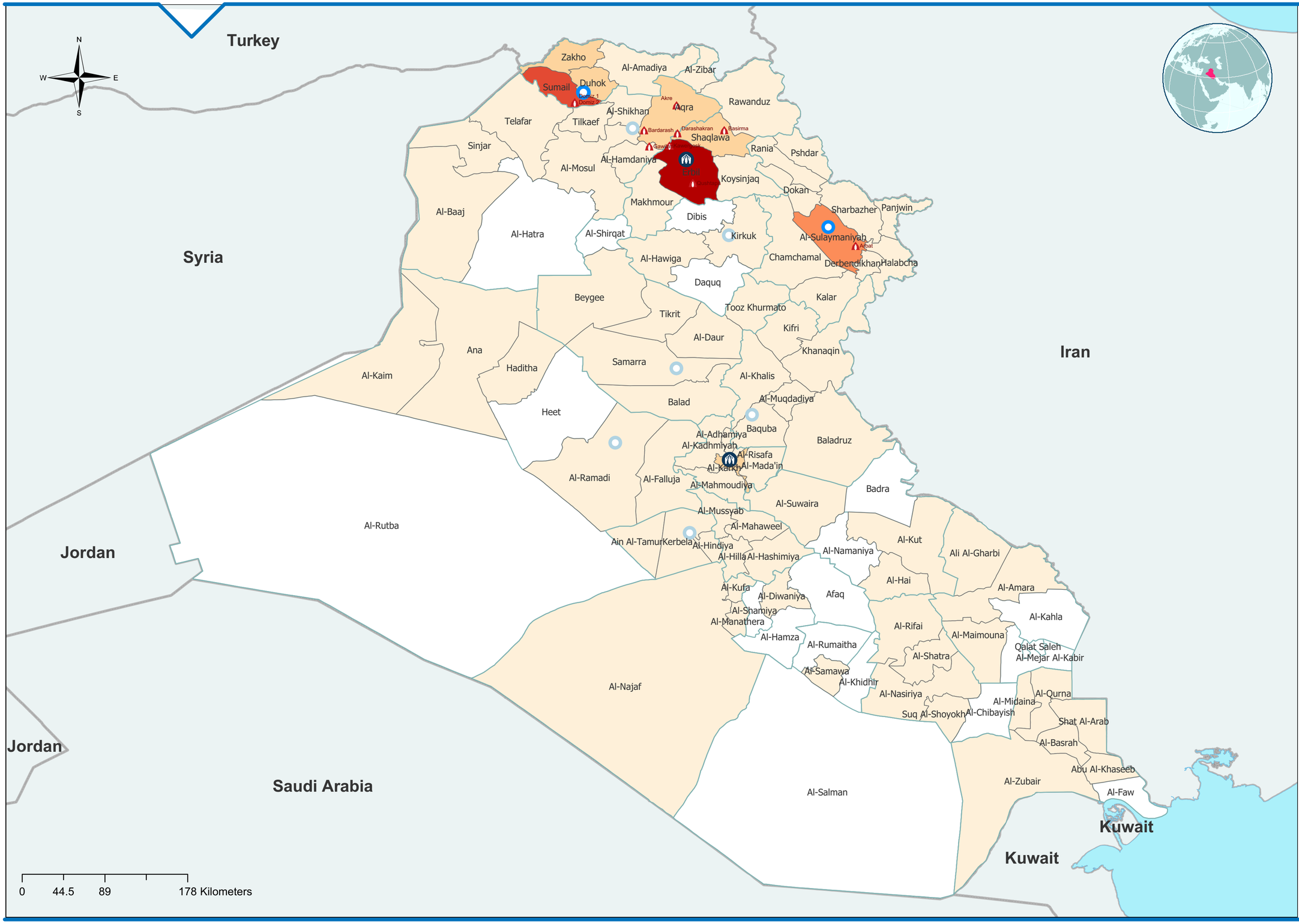

Total Syrian Population

273,258

Cases

85,834

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- UNHCR Country Office
- Governorate Border

Individuals

- 1 - 1870
- 1871 - 14050
- 14051 - 29370
- 29371 - 54580
- 54581 - 128250
- Districts Border
- Waterways
- Water Body
- Country Borders

Most of the Syrian Refugees are situated in KRI region as all the Refugee Camps currently exist in KRI region. **47%** of the Syrian refugee population are situated in Erbil district as highest number among other districts, then comes Sumel with **20%** and Sulaymaniya with **11%** of the total Syrian refugee population.

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Refugees of Other Nationalities Population Geographical Distribution

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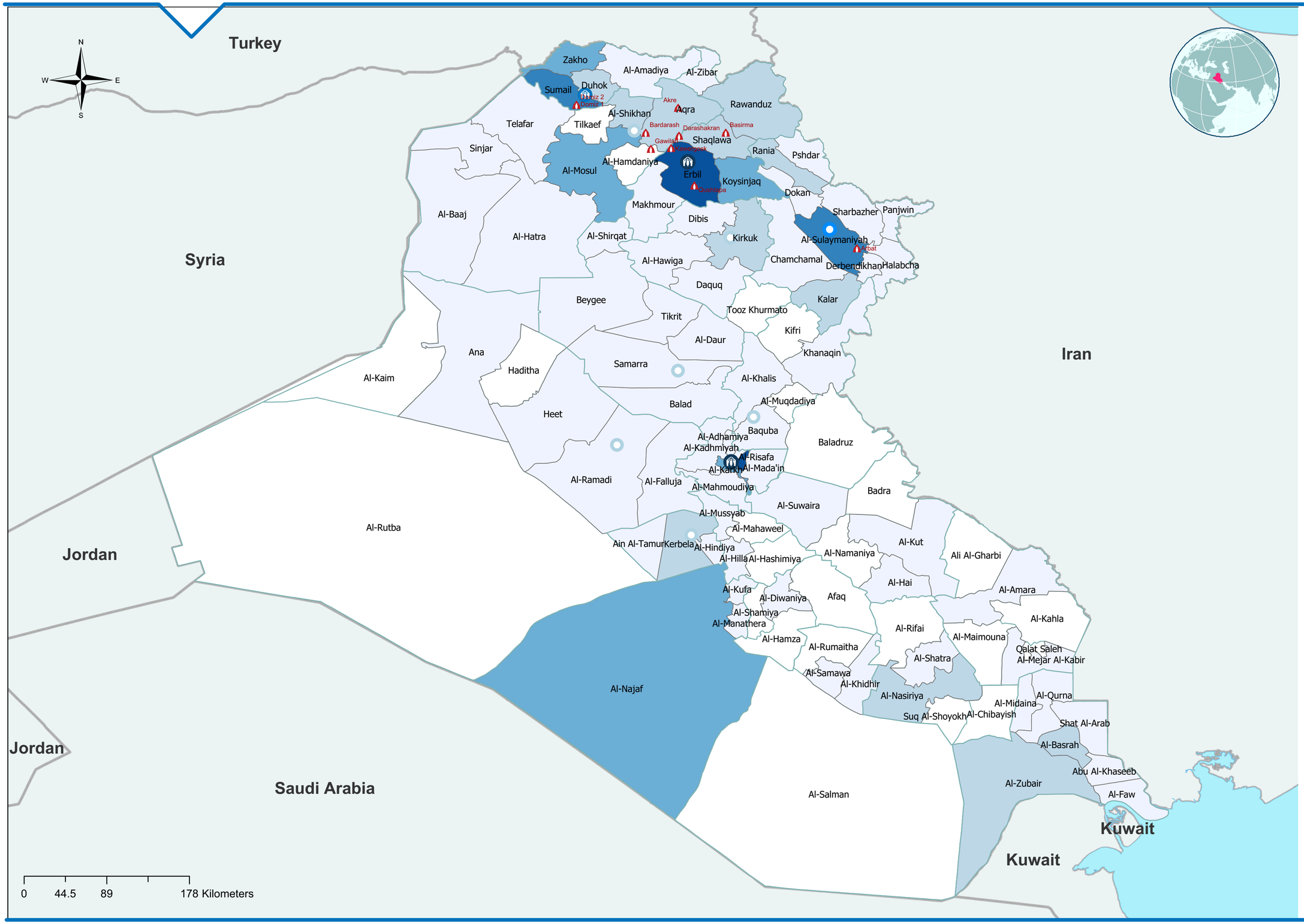

Other Nationality Refugees Population

28,348

Cases

11,584

Legend

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- UNHCR Field Office
- UNHCR Country Office
- Governorate Borders

individuals

- 1.0 - 165
- 166 - 760
- 761 - 1720
- 1721 - 2865
- 2866 - 5250
- District Borders
- Waterways
- Water Body
- Country Borders

Refugees of Other nationalities in Iraq include refugees from Iran, Sudan, Palestine, Turkey and others. The highest ratio of other nationality refugees are situated in Erbil district with **19%**, then followed by Al-Risafa district **16%** and Al-Sulaymaniyah district with ratio of **10%** that are mostly Iranian refugees.

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Syrian Refugees in Host Communities
Population Geographical Distribution - Erbil

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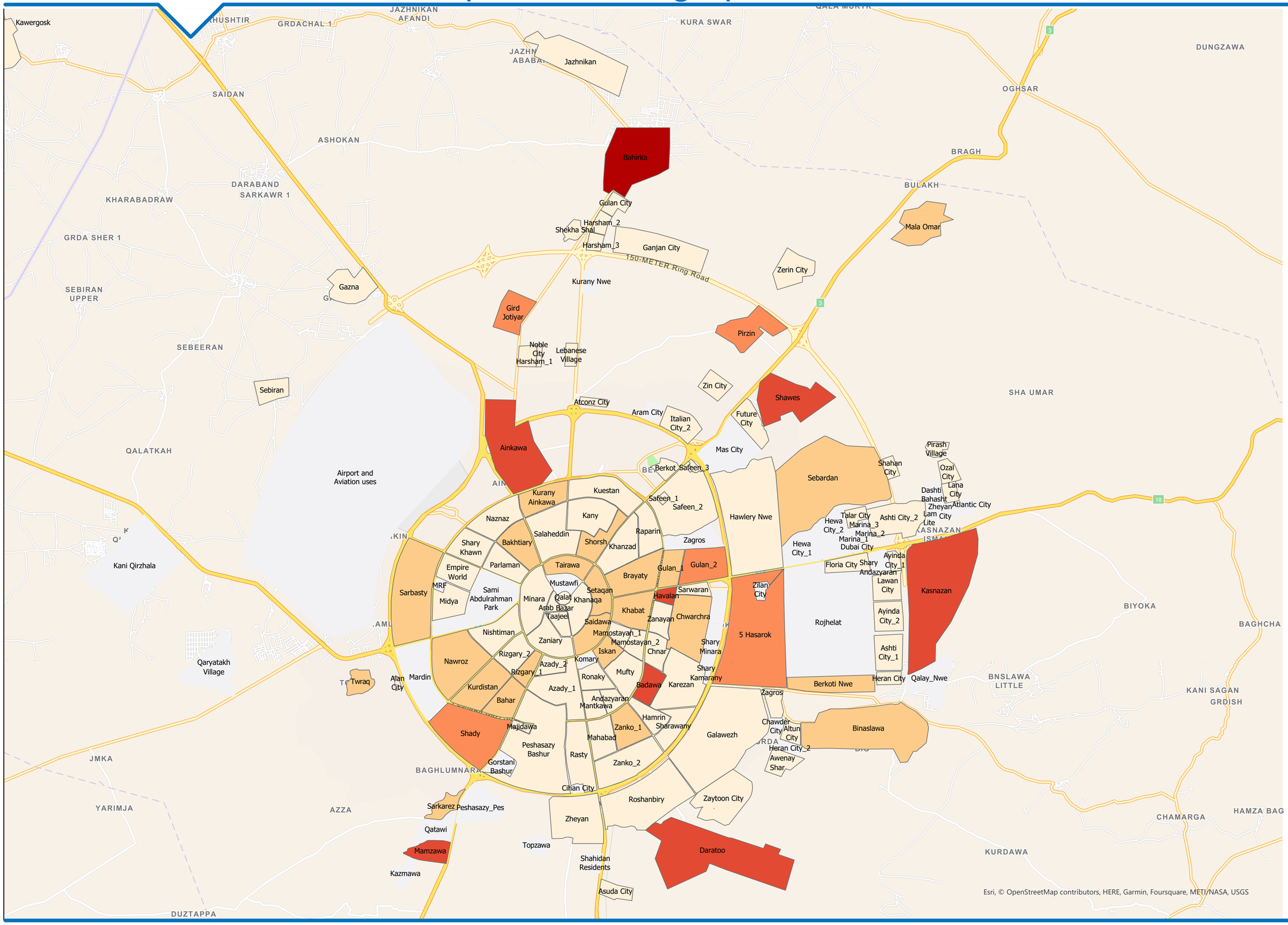
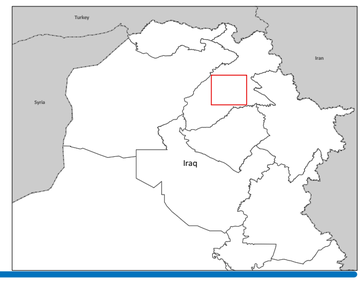


Legend

Individuals

- 1 - 460
- 461 - 1520
- 1521 - 3330
- 3331 - 7050
- 7051 - 13170

Erbil District Center is home to approximately **110,000** Syrian refugees, who reside alongside the local urban community. The largest concentration of refugees can be found in the **Bahirka** neighborhood, accounting for **13%** of the total population, followed by **Ainkawa** with **7%**, **Mamzawa** with **7%**, and **Kasnazan** with **6%**. It's worth noting that most of these neighborhoods are primarily characterized by their affordable housing options and living conditions.



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