

# IRAQ - COUNTRY REPORT \*

\* The data of the report are selections from The World Factbook - 2020

## PROFILE



**Population**  
38,872,655  
(July 2020 est.)



**Ethnic groups**  
Arab, Kurdish, and other minorities  
(Turkoman, Yezidis, Armenians, Assyrians).



**Religious groups**  
%64-69 Shia Muslims,  
%29-34 Sunni Muslims, %1  
Christian (2015 est.)



**Capital**  
Baghdad



**Official languages**  
Arabic and Kurdish

## SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT

### • Government type: Federal Republic:

- The parliament selects the prime minister.
- The parliament also elects the president by a two-third majority to serve a four-year term and eligible for re-election once. He holds a ceremonial position with the predominance given to the parliament and the prime minister.
- The Council of Ministers is proposed by the prime minister, approved by Council of Representatives and serves four-year terms.
- There is an informal consociationalism at work after the US invasion whereby the president is Kurdish, the prime minister is Shia and the speaker of parliament is Sunni.

### • Legislative: Unicameralism

- According to the constitution of 2005, the legislative power is vested in the Council of Representatives.
- Members are elected according to proportional representation vote for four-year term and seats are reserved for women and minorities.

## LEGAL SYSTEM



### • Mixture of:

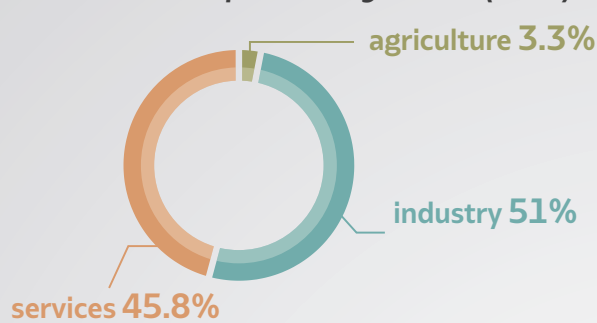
- Civil law
- Islamic law

## ECONOMY

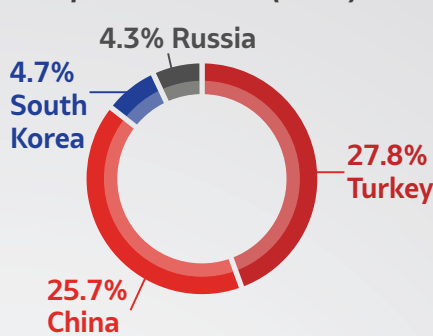
### • Type of economy:

state-run economy is dominated by the oil sector, which provides roughly 85% of government revenue and 80% of foreign exchange earnings

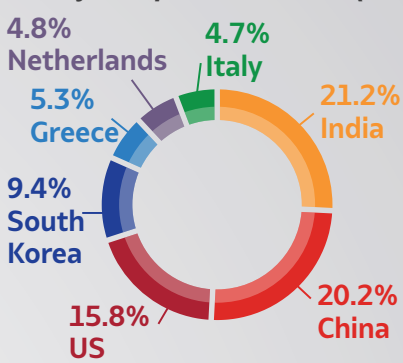
### • GDP - GDP composition by sector: (2017)



### • Major Import Partners: (2017)



### • Major Export Partners: (2017)



**Commodities:** crude oil, crude materials, excluding fuels, food and live animals

## DEBT

• Internal debt: \$134 billion

External debt: \$73.02 billion. (31 December 2017 est.)

