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Apostolic Journey of His Holiness Francis in Iraq (5-8 March 2021) - Statistics

Statistics of the Catholic Church in Iraq as of 31 December 2019 (from the Central Office for Church Statistics)

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Table 1 – Population and ecclesiastical structure

Area (km ²)	438,317
Population (in thousands)	38,836
Density (inhabitants/km ²)	89
Catholics (in thousands)	590
Catholics per 100 inhabitants	1.5
Ecclesiastical circumscriptions	17
Parishes	122

Other pastoral centres	12	2
Catholics per pastoral centre	4,406	

Table 2 – People engaged in activities of the apostolate

Bishops ¹	19
Diocesan priests	113
Religious priests	40
Total priests	153
Permanent deacons	20
Men religious (other than priests)	8
Professed women religious	365
Members of secular Institutes	-
Lay missionaries	4
Catechists	632

[1] Situation on 31.12.2020

Table 3 – Indicators of pastoral workload

Catholics per priest	3,856
Catholics per pastoral worker	491
Priests per pastoral centre	1.14
Priests per 100 people engaged in activities of the apostolate	14.3

Table 4 – Priestly vocations

Minor seminarians	11
Major seminarians	32
Major seminarians per 100,000 inhabitants	0.08
Major seminarians per 100,000 Catholics	5.4
Major seminarians per 100 priests	20.9

Table 5 – Educational centres owned / managed by ecclesiastics or religious

Schools:

Pre-school and primary	55
Lower middle and secondary	4
Higher and university	9

Students in:

Pre-school and primary schools	5,464
Lower middle and secondary schools	770
Higher and university institutes	378

Table 6 – Charitable and social centres owned / managed by ecclesiastics or religious

Hospitals	7
Clinics	6
Leper colonies	-
Homes for the elderly and disabled	5
Orphanages and nurseries	10
Family consultation centres	1
Special centres of social education or rehabilitation	1
Other institutions	5
