



2.2.1. Administrative division and population estimates

Idlib governorate consists of five districts: Al Ma'ra, Ariha, Harim, Jisr al-Shughur, and Idlib. These districts are further divided into a total of 26 sub-districts.⁵²¹ Estimates of Idlib's population range from 2.66 million⁵²² to 3.19 million. According to UNOCHA, the governorate hosts a large share of the country's displaced people.⁵²³ The capital of Idlib governorate is the city of Idlib,⁵²⁴ with approximately 255 000 inhabitants.⁵²⁵

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UNOCHA, Humanitarian Needs Overview 2024: Syrian Arab Republic, 3 March 2024, [url](#), pp. 108-109; IOM, DTM Syria Dashboard, Population Groups Baseline, n.d., [url](#). Set filters to Idlib governorate.

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IOM, Syrian Arab Republic – Population Mobility and Baseline Assessment – Round 15 – April 2026, 18 May 2026, [url](#), p. 7

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Encyclopaedia Britannica, Idlib, last updated 22 October 2025, [url](#); International Crisis Group, The Eleventh Hour for Idlib, Syria's Last Rebel Bastion, 6 February 2020, [url](#), p. 1

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