



2.10.1. Administrative division and population estimates

Damascus governorate or Damascus (City Governorate)[1011](#) includes Syria's capital and is located in the south-western part of the country,[1012](#) surrounded by Rural Damascus governorate[1013](#) (Rif Dimashq).[1014](#) Damascus is Syria's only governorate-level city[1015](#) and is further divided into the 16 sub-districts of Al-Qadam, Al-Qanawat, Al-Shaghour, Barzeh (Burza), Dummar, Jowbar (Jobar), Kafr Sousa (Kafar Soussa), Mezzeh (Al-Mazzeh), Midan (Al-Meydan), Muhajerin, the Old City, Qaboun, Rukn Al-Din (Rukn Eddine), Salhiyeh (Salhiya), Saroujah, and Yarmouk.[1016](#) The Palestinian refugee camp of Yarmouk[1017](#) is still served by UNRWA.[1018](#)

According to IOM, the total population of Damascus governorate as of April 2026 was 1 900 254, including residents, IDPs, and returnees from abroad.[1019](#)

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