



2.13.1. Administrative division and population estimates

Sweida governorate is divided into three administrative districts, namely As-Sweida, Salkhad, and Shahba, which are further divided into a total of 12 sub-districts.^{[1207](#)} Its capital is the city of Sweida.^{[1208](#)} As of April 2026, IOM estimated the governorate's population at around 480 000, including residents, IDPs, and returnees from abroad.^{[1209](#)} Sweida governorate has a significant Druze population.^{[1210](#)}

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