IMPACT SURVEY

PERCEPTIONS OF SECURITY AND TRUST IN POLICE IN IRAQ
Baradiyah, Basra

ABOUT THE PROJECT
IOM Iraq has partnered with Yale Law School’s Center for Global Legal Challenges to study the effects of IOM’s Community Policing Program, aimed at improving safety and security by building trust and cooperation between Iraqi civilians and law enforcement institutions. This study includes two waves of a door-to-door household survey conducted before and after the implementation of the Community Policing Program in three communities: Baradiyah (Basra governorate), Hamdaniyah (Nineawa), and Jubeil (Anbar). The baseline survey of 911 respondents was conducted in July 2019 and the endline survey of 903 respondents was conducted in December 2019.

BARADIYAH KEY FINDINGS
This infographic is based on data from the baseline survey of 303 randomly selected respondents conducted in Baradiyah in July 2019 before the implementation of IOM’s Community Policing Program. Public opinion toward the police in Baradiyah was quite negative in July 2019 and many respondents expressed concerns with high levels of crime, potential for future instability, unemployment, and the quality of governance—particularly corruption, public health, and access to services.

PERCEPTIONS OF SECURITY

7% perceived the community as very safe
2% said their family’s security situation had improved over the last year
53% expected the level of violence in the community to increase in the next year

Top Community Concerns*

- Corruption: 52%
- Unemployment: 47%
- Access to Services: 40%
- Drug Abuse: 39%
- Public Health: 38%
- Bribery: 25%

* % who were “very concerned”

Most Common Types of Violence and Crime*

- Theft or Seizure of Property: 28%
- Bribery: 19%
- Intimidation or Harassment: 14%
- Sexual Harassment: 5%
- Armed Assault: 5%

* Experienced by respondent’s household since 2014

TRUST AND COOPERATION WITH POLICE

19% trust the police
30% are likely to report a crime to the police
24% said that the police are respectful toward them
21% said that the police are effective at fighting crime

Prefered Ways of Approaching the Police to Report Problems

- 45% Would Not Report the Incident
- 40% Ask an intermediary to talk to the police on my behalf
- 35% Anonymously Contact the Police
- 16% Approach a Police Officer I Personally Know
- 13% Go to a Police Department in Person

GENDER AND POLICE

- 8% of respondents would allow a female family member to report a problem to the police on her own
- 91% would not allow a female family member to report a problem to the police on her own
- 9% of women would feel comfortable reporting it to the police on her own
- 77% would ask a male relative to report a problem to the police on their behalf
- 65% of women who would not feel comfortable reporting a problem to a male police officer would feel comfortable reporting to a female police officer

DEMOGRAPHICS OF SURVEY SAMPLE

- Total Respondents: 303
- Female: 68%
- Male: 32%
- Average Age: 41
- Shia Arab: 97%
- Sunni Arab: 3%
- Unemployment Rate: 15%
- Average Age: 18