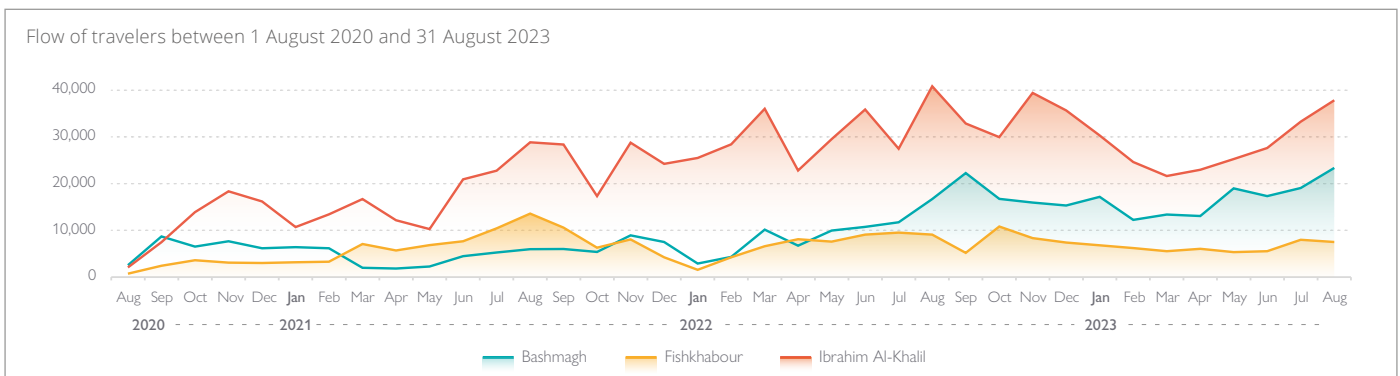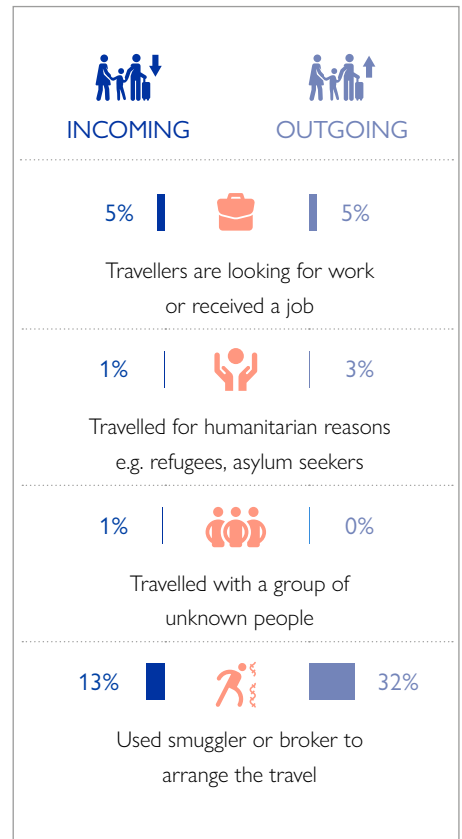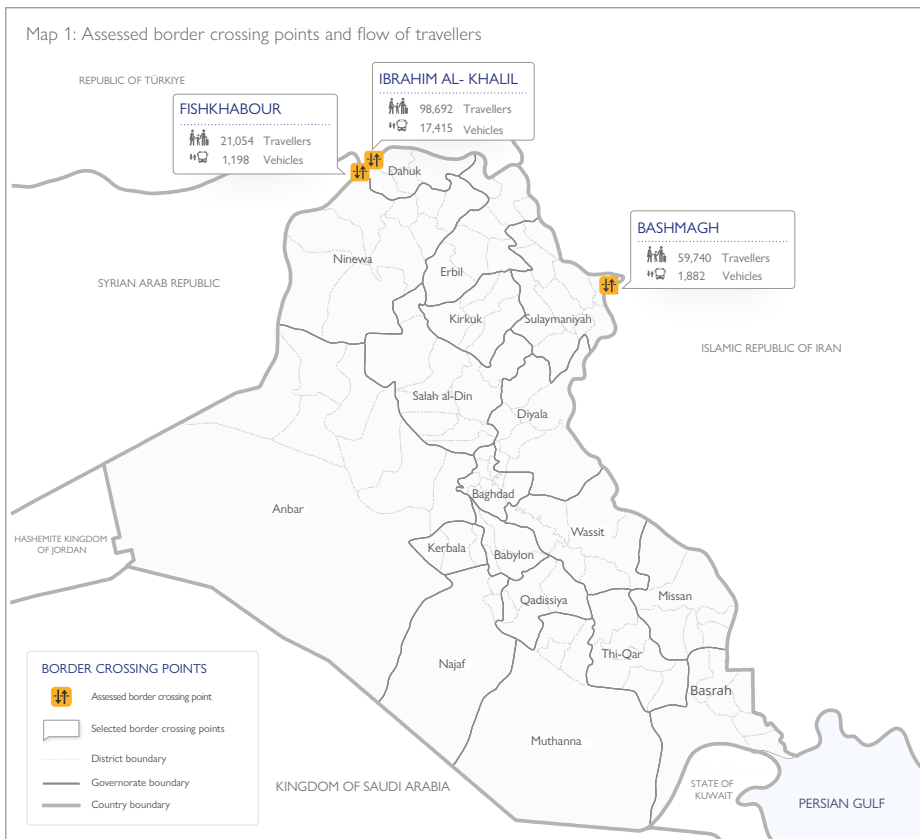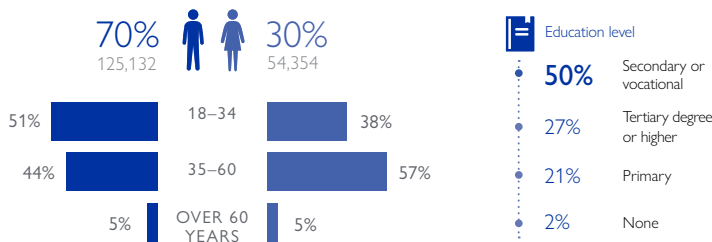DTM Iraq collects data at border crossing points with neighbouring countries – the Islamic Republic of Iran (Iran), the Syrian Arab Republic (Syria) and the Republic of Türkiye (Türkiye) – to better understand migration movements in the Middle East. Cross-border monitoring is designed to capture and describe migration flows.[1] Data displayed in this report were collected employing two approaches: a headcount of all travellers entering or leaving Iraq and a survey of randomly selected travellers. Data collection took place between 1 June and 31 August 2023. Fishkhabour border crossing point was closed for travellers and commercial exchange between 1 and 4 June 2023. Further details on the survey methodology, selection of respond-ents and border crossing points are available in the Methodological Overview on the DTM website.

Between June and August 2023, Ibrahim al Khalil saw the most traffic with a total of 98,692 travellers and 17,415 vehicles passing through the border crossing point, whilst Fishkhabour saw the least traffic with 21,054 travellers and 1,198 vehicles passing through the border. Two thirds of travellers were males, mostly young - adults (18-34 years old) and one third were females, most were middle-aged (35-60 years old). Half of travellers had a secondary or vocational education background. The main employee statuses were self-employment, working on daily wages or employed in the private sector. A small proportion of travellers were looking for work or had received a job offer (5% of incoming travellers and 5% of outgoing travel-lers). Regarding protection risks, one per cent of travellers entered Iraq and three per cent of travellers exited Iraq for humanitarian reasons. Among those who received help migrating, thirteen per cent of incoming travellers and thirty two per cent of outgoing travellers relied on the services of brokers or smugglers to arrange their travel.
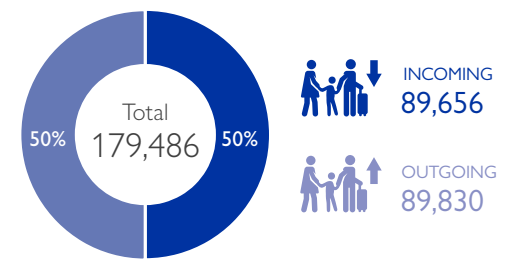
179,486 Total number of travellers

2,849 Average number of travellers per day

20,495 Total number of vehicles

325 Average number of vehicles per day

Map 1: Assessed border crossing points and flow of travellers

REPUBLIC OF TÜRKIYE

FISHKHABOUR
21,054 Travellers
1,198 Vehicles

IBRAHIM AL- KHALIL
98,692 Travellers
17,415 Vehicles

BASHMAGH
59,740 Travellers
1,882 Vehicles

Dahuk
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Wassit
Kerbala
Babylon
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Basrah
Muthanna

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ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN
HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN
KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA
STATE OF KUWAIT
PERSIAN GULF

BORDER CROSSING POINTS
Assessed border crossing point
Selected border crossing points
District boundary
Governorate boundary
Country boundary

INCOMING   OUTGOING

5% | Travellers are looking for work or received a job | 5%

1% | Travelled for humanitarian reasons e.g. refugees, asylum seekers | 3%

1% | Travelled with a group of unknown people | 0%

13% | Used smuggler or broker to arrange the travel | 32%

Flow of travelers between 1 August 2020 and 31 August 2023

Legend: Bashmagh, Fishkhabour, Ibrahim Al-Khalil

1   An interactive dashboard presenting data on the volume of travellers, their socio-demographic characteristics, reasons for travel, and protection risks can be found on the Iraq DTM portal at https://iraqdtm.iom.int/BorderMonitoring#CrossBorder
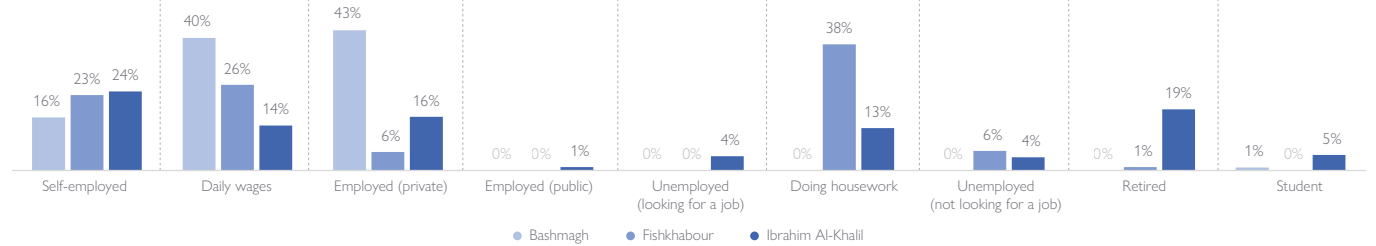
Socio-demographic characteristics of travellers

70% 125,132   30% 54,354

51%	18–34	38%
44%	35–60	57%
5%	OVER 60 YEARS	5%

Education level

- 50% Secondary or vocational
- 27% Tertiary degree or higher
- 21% Primary
- 2% None

Number and percentage of travellers by type of flow

Total **179,486** — 50% / 50%

INCOMING **89,656**

OUTGOING **89,830**

Employment status, excluding temporary travellers

	Bashmagh	Fishkhabour	Ibrahim Al-Khalil
Self-employed	16%	23%	24%
Daily wages	40%	26%	14%
Employed (private)	43%	6%	16%
Employed (public)	0%	0%	1%
Unemployed (looking for a job)	0%	0%	4%
Doing housework	0%	38%	13%
Unemployed (not looking for a job)	0%	6%	4%
Retired	0%	1%	19%
Student	1%	0%	5%

Main countries of origin, all travellers

	Incoming travellers	Outgoing travellers
Iraq	41%	56%
Türkiye	33%	19%
Iran	13%	11%
Syria	10%	12%
Germany	1%	1%
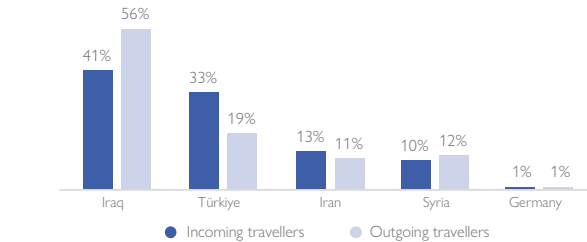
Main countries of destination, excluding temporary travellers

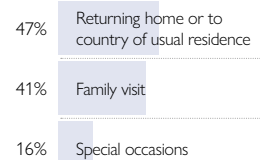|	Incoming travellers	Outgoing travellers
Iraq	100%	
Türkiye		30%
Iran		22%
Germany		16%
Syria		13%
United Kingdom		6%
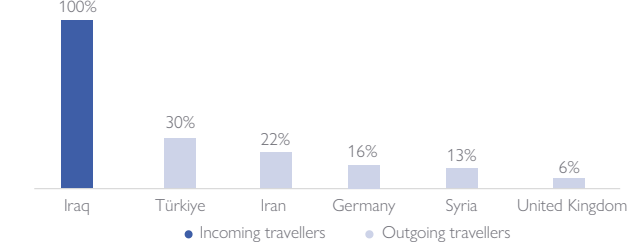
Top three reasons for travel, by border crossing point

Bashmagh
- 27% Returning home or to country of usual residence
- 21% Job offer in Iraq or country of destination
- 20% Holiday/tourism

Fishkhabour
- 47% Returning home or to country of usual residence
- 41% Family visit
- 16% Special occasions

Ibrahim Al-Khalil
- 33% Shopping
- 31% Returning home or to country of usual residence
- 18% Holiday/tourism

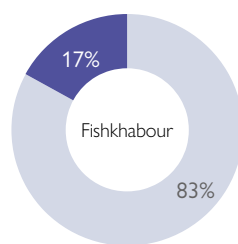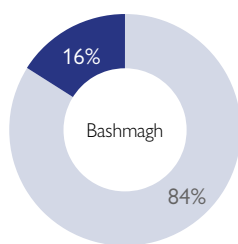## Types of traveller

Bashmagh — 16% / 84%

Fishkhabour — 17% / 83%

Ibrahim Khalil — 2% 1% / 11% / 86%
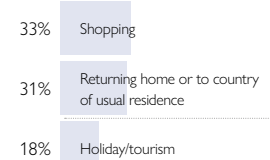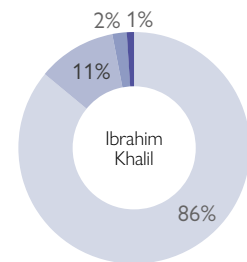
Temporary travellers – individuals crossing an international border for up to three months.

Emigrants – Iraqi nationals who reside in another country.

Potential emigrants – Iraqi nationals travelling to another country for at least three months, or returning after at least three months abroad.

Immigrants – foreign nationals who reside in Iraq.

Potential immigrants – foreign nationals in Iraq planning to stay longer than three months, or departing after staying at least three months.