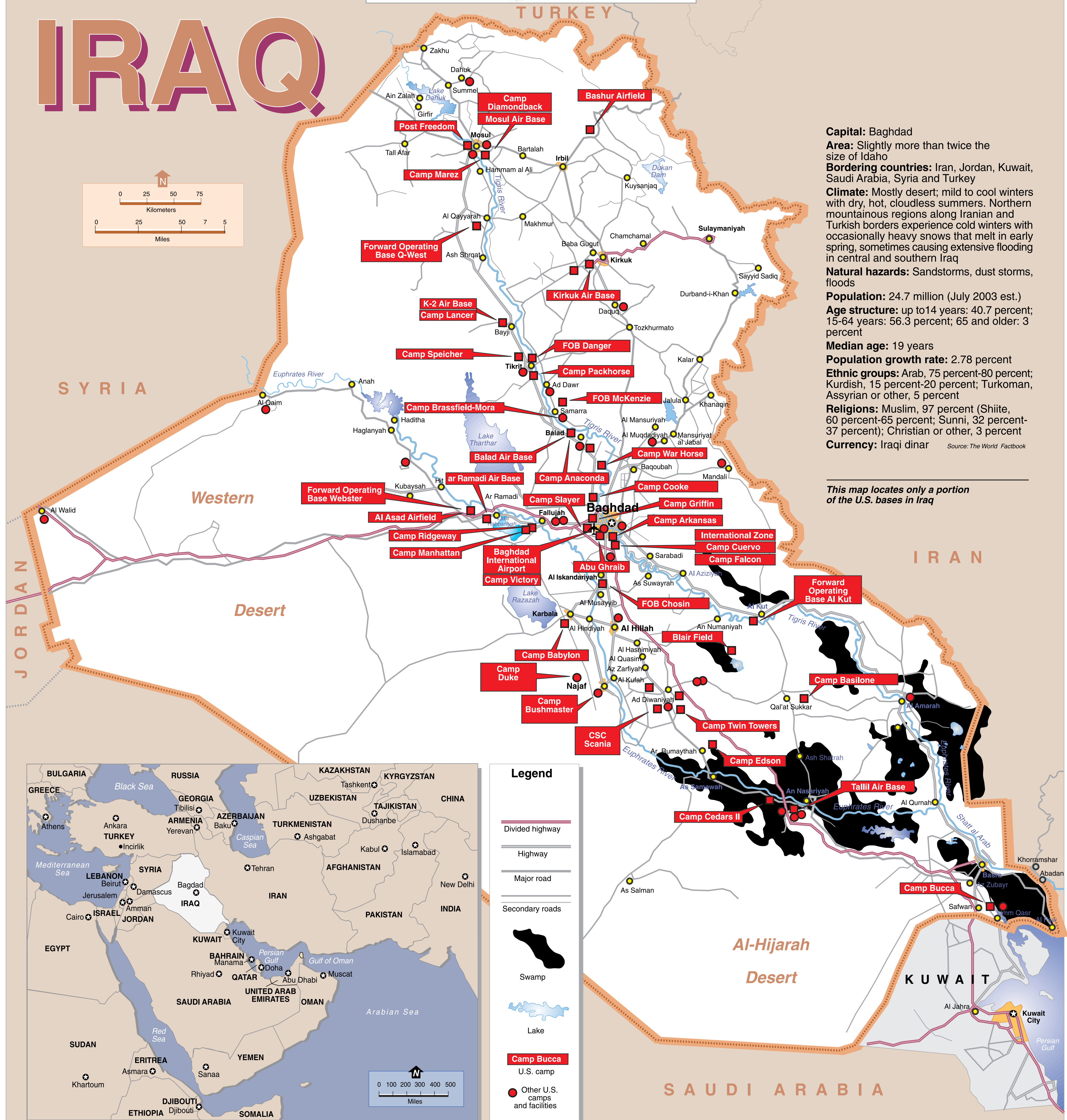
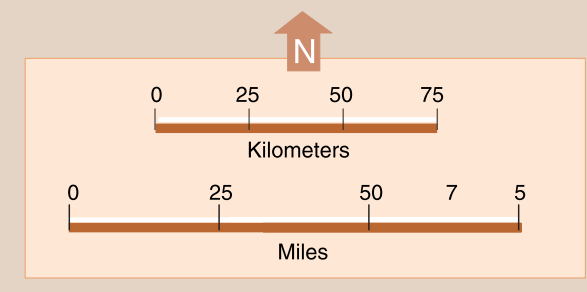


# IRAQ



**Capital:** Baghdad  
**Area:** Slightly more than twice the size of Idaho  
**Bordering countries:** Iran, Jordan, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Syria and Turkey  
**Climate:** Mostly desert; mild to cool winters with dry, hot, cloudless summers. Northern mountainous regions along Iranian and Turkish borders experience cold winters with occasionally heavy snows that melt in early spring, sometimes causing extensive flooding in central and southern Iraq  
**Natural hazards:** Sandstorms, dust storms, floods  
**Population:** 24.7 million (July 2003 est.)  
**Age structure:** up to 14 years: 40.7 percent; 15-64 years: 56.3 percent; 65 and older: 3 percent  
**Median age:** 19 years  
**Population growth rate:** 2.78 percent  
**Ethnic groups:** Arab, 75 percent-80 percent; Kurdish, 15 percent-20 percent; Turkoman, Assyrian or other, 5 percent  
**Religions:** Muslim, 97 percent (Shiite, 60 percent-65 percent; Sunni, 32 percent-37 percent); Christian or other, 3 percent  
**Currency:** Iraqi dinar Source: The World Factbook

*This map locates only a portion of the U.S. bases in Iraq*



**Legend**

- Divided highway
- Highway
- Major road
- Secondary roads
- Swamp
- Lake
- Camp Bucca**  
U.S. camp
- Other U.S. camps and facilities

