

## Iraqis of Memphis

### Migration History

Many Iraqis came to United States as refugees due to the recent major military campaigns in their country.

### People Group Profile

The Iraqis are trying to adjust living in the Memphis culture while maintaining their own cultural distinction and religious beliefs. They currently represent the largest number of immigrants coming into Memphis.



### Ministry Obstacles

The most significant issue is their Islamic beliefs. Islam is an integral part of their religious life and culture. There could also be some apprehension against the American culture and Christians who they may perceive as having an agenda in trying to convert them.

### How Can you Help

Build relationships with the people by visiting where they live, work and shop. Cultivate the relationship while being sensitive to their probable apprehension toward Americans and Christians. Provide help in meeting practical needs especially as they try to adapt to living in Memphis. Pray for God to move on their hearts and that they will be sensitive to the Gospel.

Country of Origin:	Iraq
People Name:	Iraqis
Memphis Population (est):	1,800
World Population:	31M
Language:	Arabic, Mesopotamian
Primary Religion:	Islam
%Evangelical Christians:	5%
Evangelical Churches	0

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## Prayer Points:

- Pray that God will remove any hindrances or strongholds that prevent them from hearing and responding to the Gospel.
- Pray that God will raise up and call out laborers to reach them and minister the Gospel to them.
- Pray that God will provide help that the Iraqis need (jobs, ESL, support) to function in the Memphis culture.
- Pray that Bible studies will be started and indigenous churches planted among this people group.
- Pray for divine appointments with the current Iraqi believers who will help in reaching their people.
- Pray about how God can use you to help in reaching this people group.

## Primary areas of dwelling in Greater Memphis.

