

Press release

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## The number of tourism establishments decreases by 18.8% in Kurdistan region

The number of tourism establishments (hotel, motel, apartments, and tourism complex) decreased from 711 in 2013 to 577 in 2016 accounting for 18.8%.

This happened due to economic condition in Kurdistan region and Iraq in general that caused decrease in the number of tourists by 56.8%, the number of workers by 17.2% and income by 37.6% in tourism sector in Kurdistan region.

The number of tourism establishment in Kurdistan region by governorates in 2013 and 2016

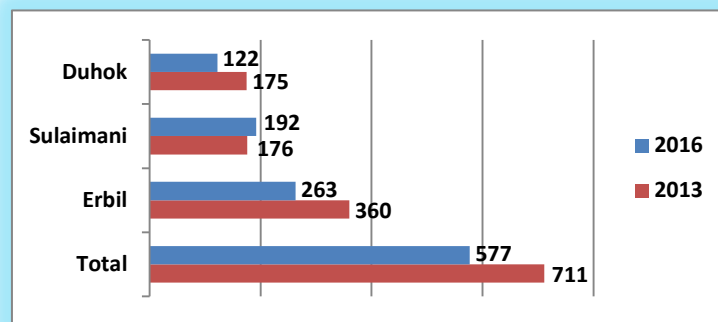


table 1: the number of tourism establishments in Kurdistan region by governorates and years

Governorate	2016	2013	2012	2009
Duhok	122	175	209	116
Sulaimani	192	176	154	106
Erbil	263	360	251	93
Total in Kurdistan region	577	711	614	315

**Number of workers:** the number of workers in tourism establishment in Kurdistan region was 4,823 in 2016, where it shows a decrease by 17.2% comparing to 5,831 workers in 2013.

**Number of guests:** Kurdistan region's tourism establishments recorded 1,238,438 guests in 2016 with a decrease of 56.8% comparing to 2,872,681 guests recorded in 2013.

**The number of night stays:** the total night stays was 3,739,022 in tourism establishments in 2016, where, it shows a decrease by 43% comparing to 6,607,132 nights in 2013.

**Income:** the total income from tourism establishments was 204.6 billion dinars and in 2016 comparing to 328.1 billion dinars in 2013 it decreased by 37.6%.

**Expenditure:** the expenditure (workers' wages, benefits, other necessary expenses) reached 116.4 billion dinars in 2016 and comparing to 168.1 billion dinars in 2013 it fell by 30.7%.

Table 2: the number of closed establishments and the reason of closing in 2016, new opened establishments in 2017 and those that refused interviewing

Establishments status	Erbil	Sulaimani	Duhok	Garmyan	Total
Changing activity	49	0	34	0	83
License expired	37	0	0	0	37
information not achieved due to shift in administration	53	0	0	0	53
Closed in 2016	159	110	69	1	339
Opened in 2017	14	0	0	0	14
refusing	5	0	0	1	6
renovation	1	0	0	0	1
Changing to dormitory	0	0	18	0	18
total	318	110	121	2	551

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