



2009 POPULATION OF SYRIA:

Baseline for a
Survey of Refugees

BACKGROUND

2011

- Government led by religious minority (Alawi Sect, offshoot of Shia Islam)
- Sunni Islam is the majority religion
- Corruption and demands for reform

Since 2011

- over half of Syria's population has been displaced
- official refugees, unofficial refugees, or internally displaced persons (IDPs).
- 5.5 million refugees outside of Syria (UNHCR 2017)
- 6.3 million internally displaced people (UNHCR 2017)



BACKGROUND

Pre-War Estimated Population

- Pre-War Population: 21,906,000 in 2009 (UN Stats, 2010)

Current Estimated Population

- 18,028,549 (UNHCR Statistical Yearbook, 2017)
- 24,743,147 (Central Bureau of Statistics Syria, 2018)



METHODS

2009 Syria Family Health Survey (SFHS)

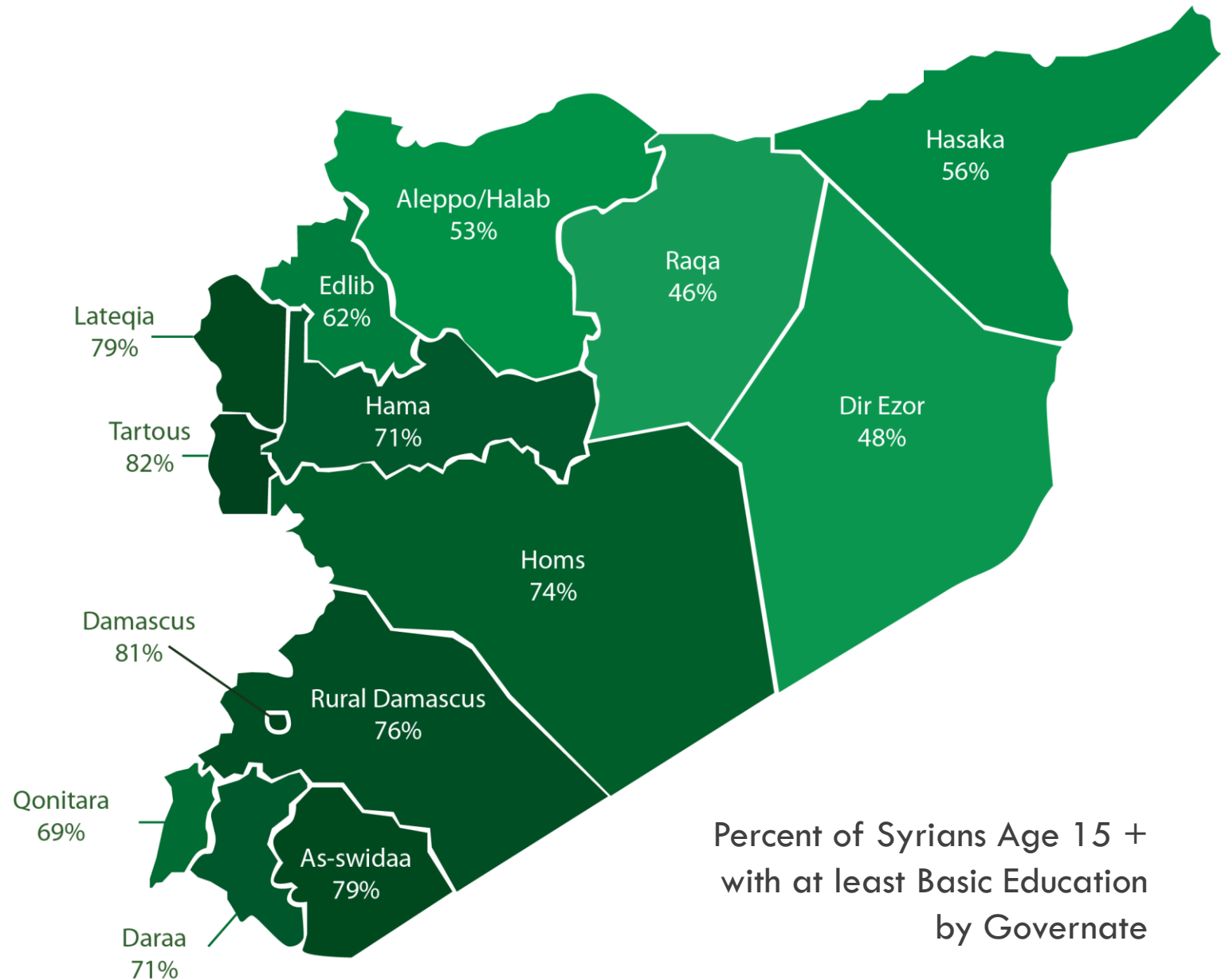
Official tables produced by Syrian officials from (SFHS):

- +/- 1% (maximum difference)
- 79,161 valid cases (age, sex, marital status, and educational attainment)

Force Lab:

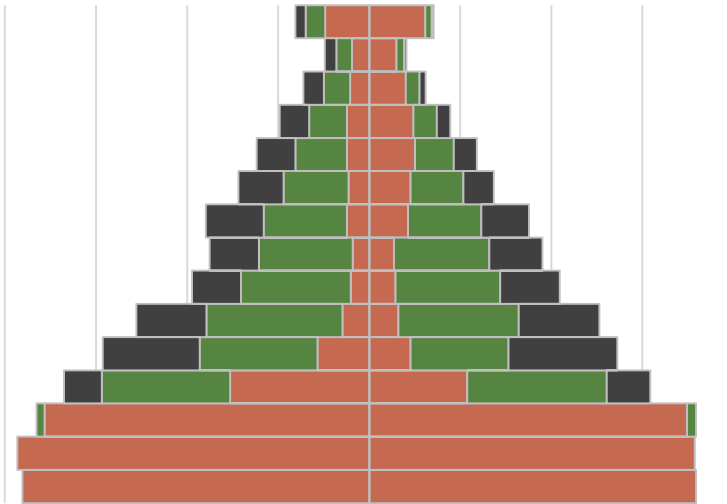
- +/- 4% (maximum difference)
- 5,442,183 valid cases (age, sex, and educational attainment)
- 12,653,649 valid cases (age, sex, and marital status)

EDUCATION BY GOVERNATE



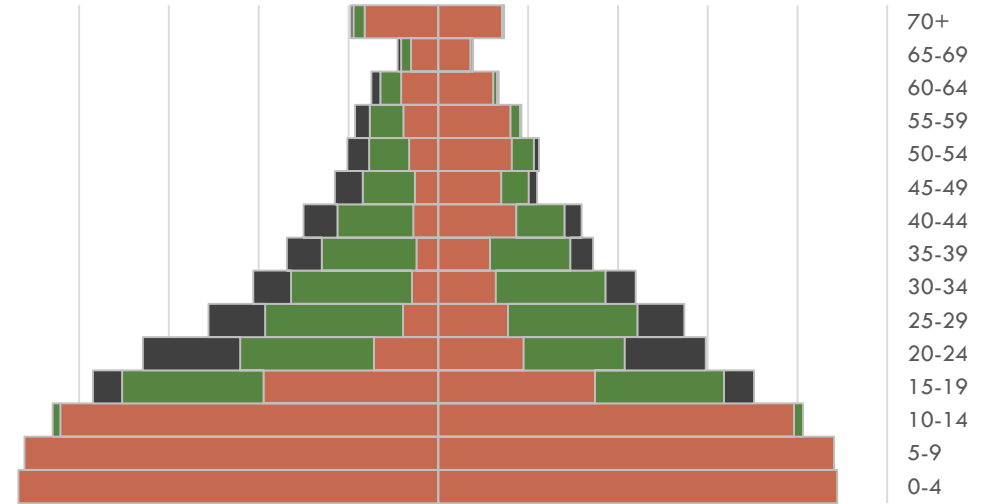
Percent of Syrians Age 15 +
with at least Basic Education
by Governate

Syrian **Urban** Population by Age, Sex, and Education



■ No Educ. ■ Basic Educ. ■ Secondary Educ. +

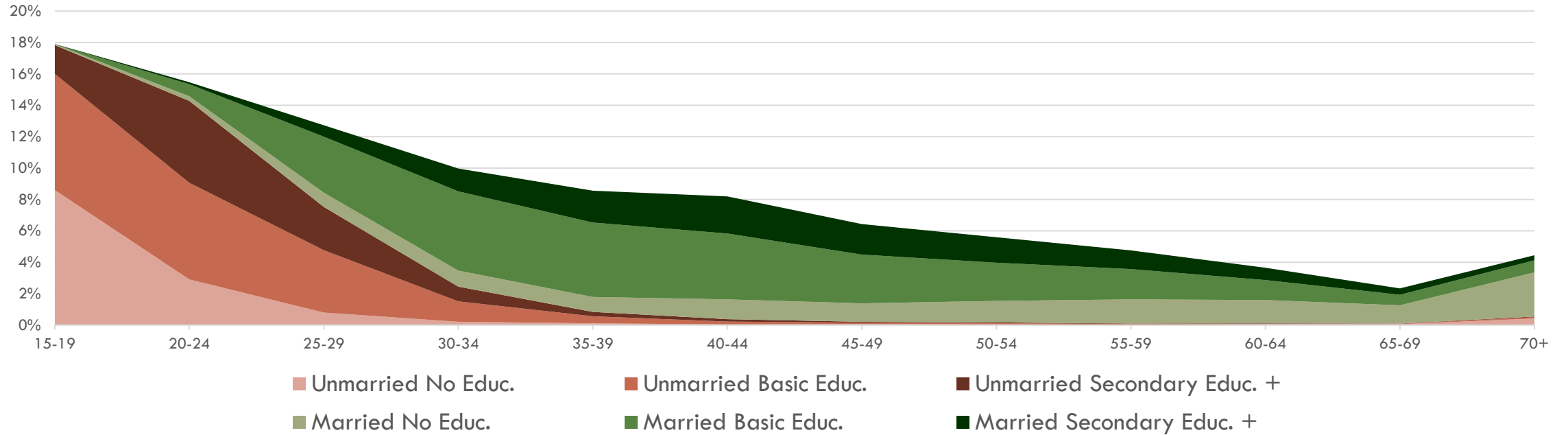
Syrian **Rural** Population by Age, Sex, and Education



■ No Educ. ■ Basic Educ. ■ Secondary Educ. +

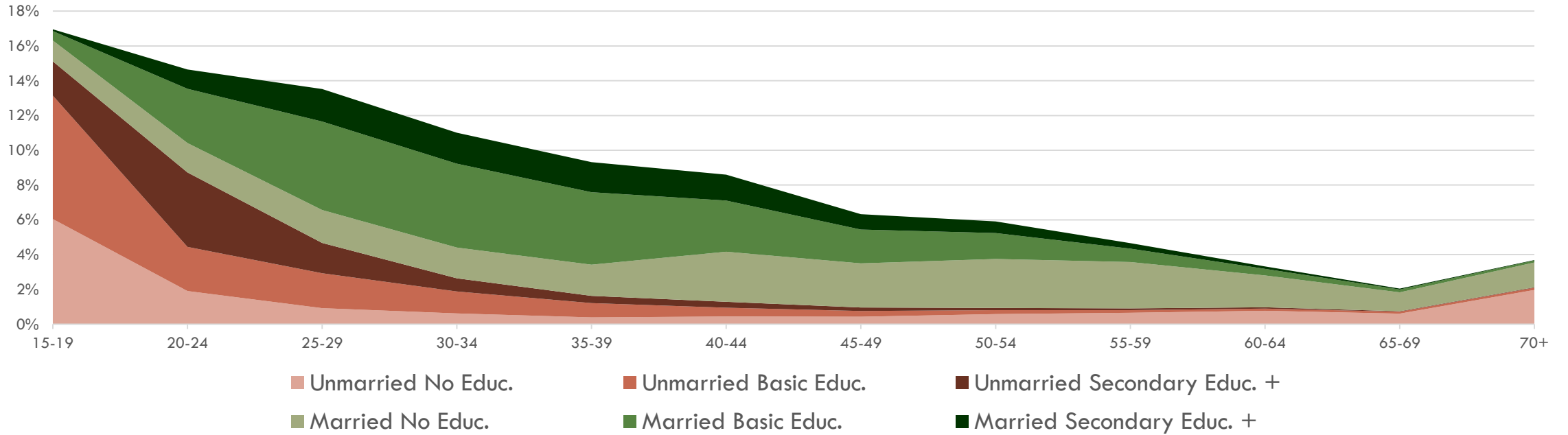
URBAN/RURAL EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Distribution of Educational Attainment and Marital Status Among Syrian Men



MARITAL STATUS & EDUCATION

Distribution of Educational Attainment and Marital Status Among Syrian Women



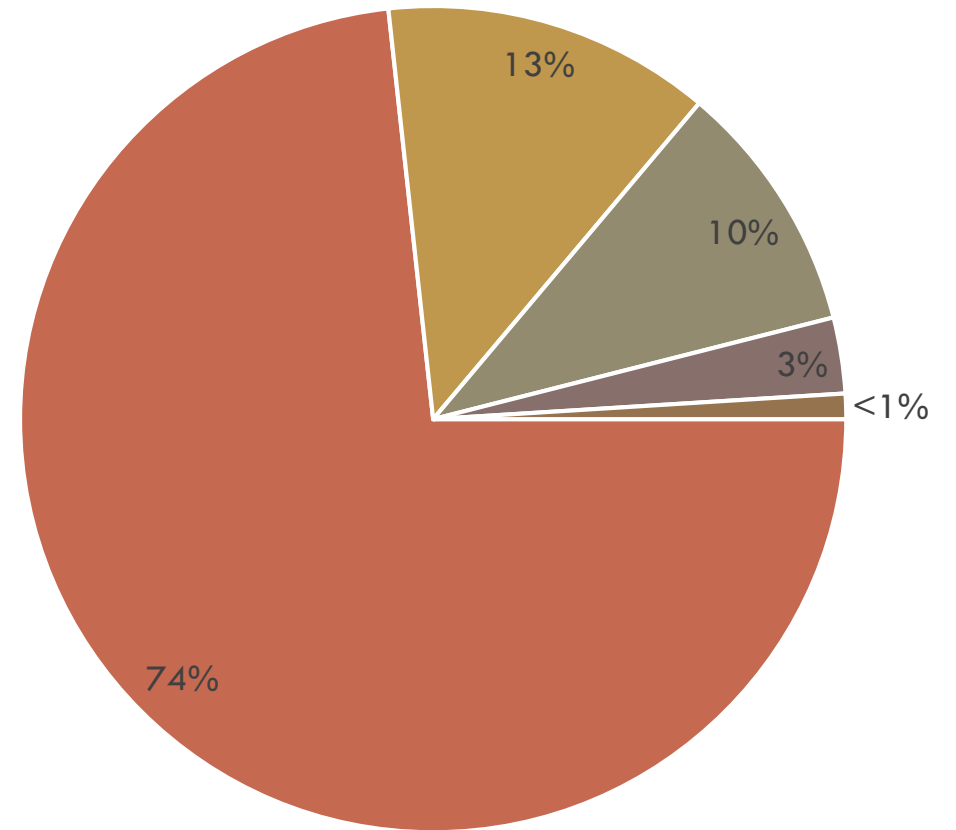
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RELIGIOUS & ETHNIC DIFFERENCES

- Constitutional religious freedom and non-sectarianism
- Humanitarian demographic surveys omit religious and political affiliation questions
- Consistency between estimates

ESTIMATED RELIGIOUS COMPOSITION OF SYRIA

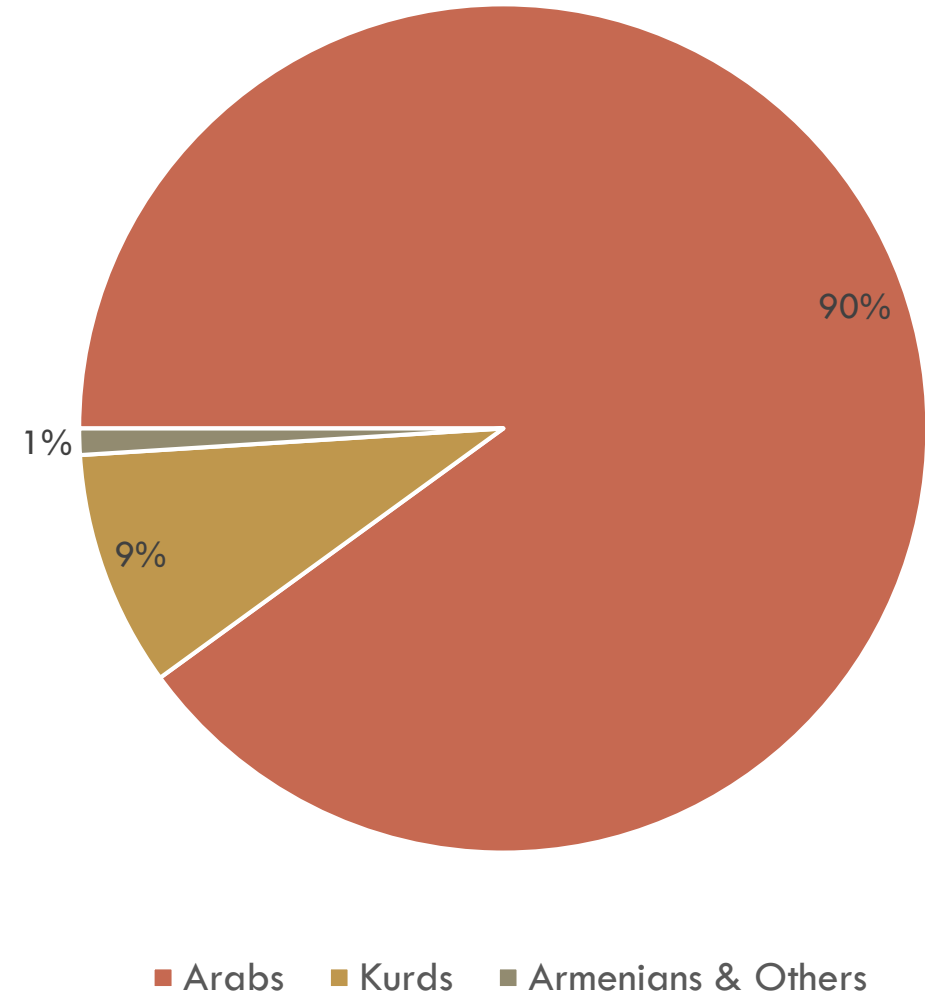
Estimated Religious Composition of Syria



■ Sunnis ■ Shias/Alawis ■ Christians ■ Druzes ■ Other

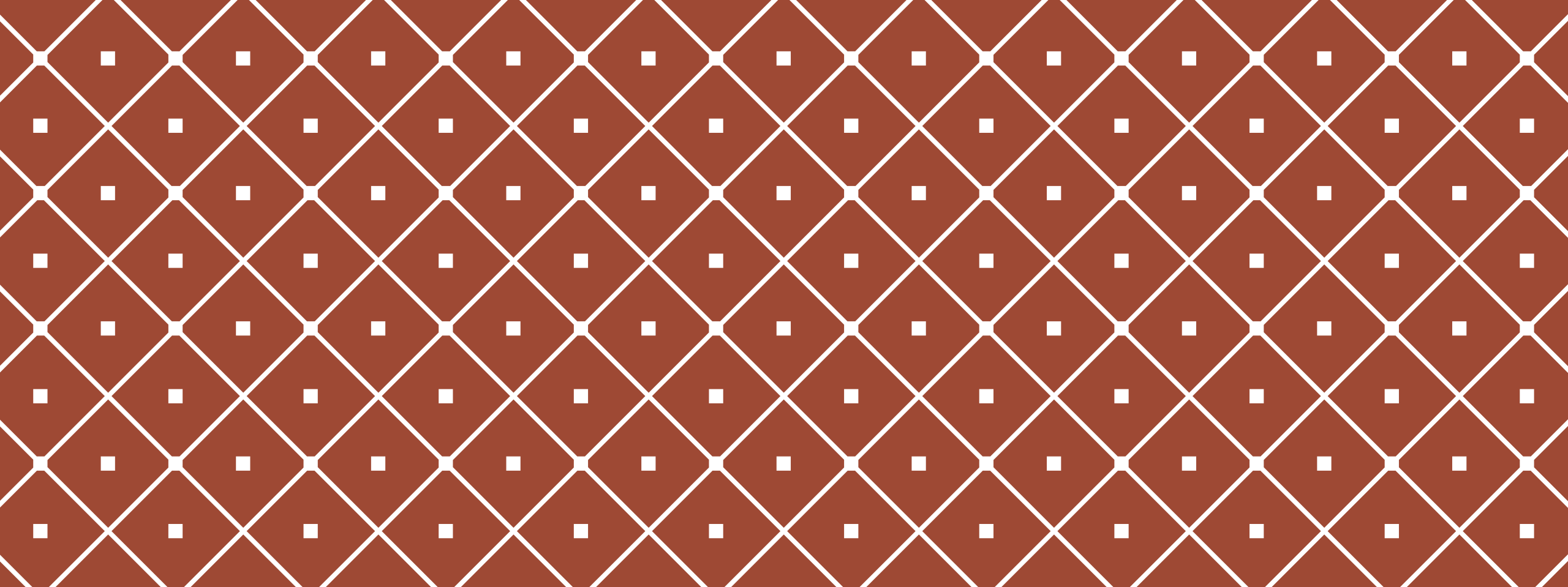
ESTIMATED ETHNIC COMPOSITION OF SYRIA

Estimated Ethnic Composition of Syria



INITIAL ANALYSES AND SUGGESTIONS





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