

Egypt – Administrative Divisions

Egypt is divided into 27¹ first-order administrative divisions, known as governorates (*Muḥāfazah* or *Muḥāfazat* in Arabic). The names of the Governorates and their administrative centres are listed below. The names are shown in Romanised Arabic with the conventional names, where one exists, in brackets.

	Governorate	Administrative Centre	Location of Centre
1	Ad Daqaḥlīyah	Al Maṣṣūrah	31° 02' 11" N 031° 22' 50" E
2	Al Baḥr al Aḥmar (Red Sea) ²	Al Ghardaqaḥ (Hurgada)	27° 15' 10" N 033° 49' 05" E
3	Al Buḥayrah	Damanhūr	31° 02' 21" N 030° 28' 09" E
4	Al Fayyūm	Al Fayyūm	29° 18' 36" N 030° 50' 30" E
5	Al Gharbīyah	Ṭanṭā	30° 47' 18" N 031° 00' 07" E
6	Al Iskandarīyah (Alexandria)	Al Iskandarīyah (Alexandria)	31° 12' 00" N 029° 54' 00" E
7	Al Ismā'īlīyah	Al Ismā'īlīyah	30° 36' 15" N 032° 16' 20" E
8	Al Jīzah (Giza)	Al Jīzah (Giza)	30° 00' 29" N 031° 12' 39" E
9	Al Minūfīyah	Shibīn al Kawm	30° 33' 09" N 031° 00' 33" E
10	Al Minyā	Al Minyā	28° 06' 36" N 030° 45' 01" E
11	Al Qāhirah (Cairo)	Al Qāhirah (Cairo)	30° 01' 30" N 31° 14' 15" E
12	Al Qalyūbīyah	Banhā	30° 28' 00" N 031° 11' 00" E
13	Al Uqṣur (Luxor) ³	Al Uqṣur (Luxor)	25° 41' 47" N 032° 38' 45" E
14	Al Wādī al Jadīd (New Valley)	Al Khārijah	25° 27' 05" N 030° 32' 47" E
15	Ash Sharqīyah	Az Zaqaḏīq (Zagazig)	30° 35' 16" N 031° 30' 07" E

¹ On 14/04/2011 the Egyptian Prime Minister issued a decision that the provinces of Ḥalwān and As Sādis min Uktūbar (6 October), which were created in 2008, be abolished and absorbed back into the governorates of Cairo and Giza.

² Egypt possesses a number of islands in the Red Sea, which are administered by Al Baḥr al Aḥmar (Red Sea) governorate.

³ Al Uqṣur was declared a Madīnah ("City") at first-order administrative level by presidential decree in 1989, its administrative extent comprising little more than the urban area. In 2009 a further presidential decree was issued converting Madīnat al Uqṣur into Muḥafazat al Uqṣur.

16	As Suways (Suez)	As Suways (Suez)	29° 58' 25" N 032° 31' 35" E
17	Aswān	Aswān	24° 05' 36" N 032° 54' 25" E
18	Asyūṭ	Asyūṭ	27° 10' 51" N 031° 11' 01" E
19	Banī Suwayf (Beni Soueif)	Banī Suwayf (Beni Soueif)	29° 04' 28" N 031° 05' 52" E
20	Būr Sa'īd (Port Said)	Būr Sa'īd (Port Said)	31° 15' 24" N 032° 17' 03" E
21	Dumyāṭ (Damietta)	Dumyāṭ (Damietta)	31° 25' 00" N 031° 49' 00" E
22	Janūb Sīnā' (South Sinai)	Aṭ Ṭūr (El Tor)	28° 14' 11" N 033° 37' 31" E
23	Kafr ash Shaykh	Kafr ash Shaykh	31° 06' 51" N 030° 56' 24" E
24	Maṭrūḥ	Marsá Maṭrūḥ	31° 21' 09" N 027° 14' 43" E
25	Qinā	Qinā	26° 09' 51" N 032° 43' 36" E
26	Shamāl Sīnā' (North Sinai)	Al 'Arīsh	31° 07' 54" N 033° 47' 54" E
27	Sūhāj (Sohag)	Sūhāj (Sohag)	26° 33' 25" N 031° 41' 41" E

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