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### **Repeated names of inhabited settlements in Jordan**

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**Summary\*\*\***

Jordan is divided into 12 governorates, each one including many districts and subdistricts, 48 districts and 38 subdistricts.

Definition of “inhabited settlement”: any permanent inhabited settlement regardless of size or lifestyle.

Definition of “repeated name”: mention of the same name more than once within a geographical unit (administrative division, State, continent, world, etc.).

In the context of the present paper, a repeated name is one that appears more than once in the names of inhabited settlements in Jordan (repetition has occurred in the full name, in a syllable or in a compound name). In this field, compound names starting with “Um”, “Abu”, “Ain”, “Bayt”, “Dair” and “Kherbet” have not been mentioned.

Repeated names can be divided according to the following scheme:

- (a) Syllable(s) of the name: one syllable, two syllables, or more;
- (b) Nature of repetition: partial repetition, full repetition;
- (c) Geographical area or administrative division: continent, State, district, subdistrict, etc.

Sixty-two names were repeated in 165 names of inhabited settlements according to accredited official administrative divisions.

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