



BALĶ V. MODERN PROVINCE

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BalĶ is a province (*welāyat*) of northern Afghanistan which covers 11,833 km². In 1363 Š./1984 it was divided into seven districts (*woloswālī*) and four subdistricts (*alāqadārī*). The main town and provincial capital is Mazār-e Šarīf (q.v.) and three more localities within the province have urban status (BalĶ, Dawlatābād and Šōlgara or Boynaqara).

BalĶ province was created in 1343 Š./1964 out of the former and much larger province of Mazār-e Šarīf.

See [Table 16](#) and [Table 17](#) for compilation of main available data about population and land use in the province, districts, and subdistricts.