

# Israel Population Figures

On Independence Day, May 7, 2003, Israel's population stood at 6.7 million according to Israel's Central Bureau of Statistics.

The Jewish population is approximately 5.4 million (counting for 38% of the world's Jews); the non-Jewish population is approximately 1.3 million (82% of these are Muslims, 9% are Christians and 9% are Druze).

Israel's population has grown more than eight-fold over the 15.5.48 population of 806,000.

Since last Independence Day, the population of the state of Israel has grown by 131,000, an annual growth rate of 2%.

Three million people have immigrated to Israel since 1948, with more than one million coming since 1990. 31,000 have immigrated in the past year.

140,000 babies were born in Israel during the past year.

Jerusalem has 680,000 residents; its population grew by 1.7% during the past year.

In 1948, 36% of the country's population lived in the Tel Aviv area; 18% does so today.

In 1948, 2.5% of the country's population lived in the southern district; 14% does so today.

Israel is reported to be one of the world's most densely populated countries, with an average 294 people per square kilometer. The biggest chunk of this population lives in the Tel Aviv region.

The life expectancy of Israeli men is 76.7 years; for Israeli women it is 80.9 years.

**Population figures by groups (absolute figures)**

	1995 (census)	2005 (projected)	2020 (projected)
<b>Total</b>	5,612,300	6,998,700	8,994,300
<b>Israeli Jews</b>	4,522,300	5,357,900	6,520,800
<b>Israeli Arabs</b>	1,004,500	1,362,500	2,091,900
<i>Muslim Arabs</i>	811,200	1,128,700	1,788,100
<i>Christian Arabs</i>	101,000	116,900	141,800
<i>Druze</i>	92,300	116,900	162,000
<b>Others</b>	85,600	278,300	381,600
<i>Non-Arab Christians*</i>	19,600	27,400	32,400
<i>Unclassified**</i>	66,000	250,900	349,200

**Population figures by group and age (absolute figures / percent of total population)**

	0-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	65+
<b>Israeli Jews</b>	1,216,300 21.7%	767,800 13.7%	1,204,900 21.5%	813,700 14.5%	519,700 9.3%
<b>Israeli Arabs</b>	410,000 7.2%	211,200 3.8%	257,400 4.5%	95,300 1.8%	30,300 0.56%
<i>Muslim Arabs</i>	345,000 6.1%	171,700 3.1%	203,500 3.6%	70,200 1.3%	20,800 0.4%
<i>Christian Arabs</i>	30,400 0.5%	19,000 0.3%	29,400 0.5%	16,200 0.3%	6,000 0.1%
<i>Druze</i>	34,900 0.6%	20,500 0.4%	24,500 0.4%	8,900 0.2%	3,500 0.06%
<b>Others</b>	21,700 0.37%	14,400 0.25%	31,800 0.5%	13,200 0.24%	4,500 0.08%
<i>Non-Arab Christians*</i>	4,200 0.07%	2,800 0.05%	6,700 0.1%	3,900 0.07%	2,000 0.04%
<i>Unclassified**</i>	17,500 0.3%	11,600 0.2%	25,100 0.4%	9,300 0.17%	2,500 0.04%

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