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How Many People Are Killed on Israel's Roads? 439 in 2024

The Central Bureau of Statistics recorded 439 people killed in road accidents in Israel in 2024, its final data for the year.

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439 people were killed in road accidents in Israel in 2024, the Central Bureau of Statistics recorded in its final data for the

year, published on 24 July 2025. The Bureau states that this is the highest number of road accident fatalities in the last 17 years. The same release counts 8,315 road accidents with casualties reported to the Israel Police, 14,450 people injured in them, and a rate of 4.5 fatalities per 100,000 residents.

Figure	What it counts	Period
439	People killed in road accidents, final data	2024
8,315	Road accidents with casualties reported to the Israel Police, classified by the Bureau as “extended” accidents	2024
14,450	People injured in those accidents	2024
4.5 per 100,000 residents	Fatality rate the Bureau publishes for the year	2024
33,434	People killed in road accidents cumulatively since the founding of the State	1948 to end of 2024
14.7% and 62.2%	Increases in fatalities among Jews and among Arabs, each against that group’s own 2023 count	2023 to 2024

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics, media release 230/2025, Road Accidents with Casualties, 2024, Final Data, 24 July 2025.

Road Accidents with Casualties, 2024, Final Data carries the count

The Central Bureau of Statistics published the 439 figure as final data for calendar year 2024, not as a preliminary estimate, in media release 230/2025 of 24 July 2025. The Bureau reports it alongside a cumulative total of 33,434 people killed in road accidents from the founding of the State to the end of 2024. Both figures sit in the table above with the periods they cover.

Which deaths does the Bureau count as road accident fatalities?

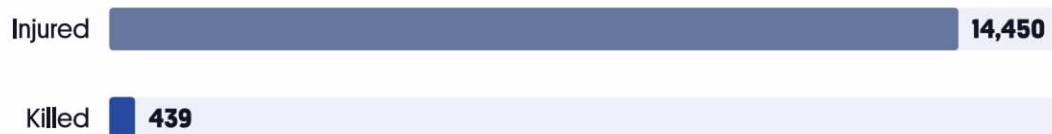
The Central Bureau of Statistics builds this file from administrative records it receives monthly from the Israel Police, covering accidents reported to the Police for which an accident file was opened. The count is therefore a count of reported accidents and their casualties, which is the Police's own recording of what came to it, rather than a count of every collision on the road.

- The universe is accidents with casualties, meaning accidents in which at least one person was killed or injured.
- The 8,315 accidents carry the Bureau's own classification as "extended" accidents, and that label travels with the figure.
- The 439 killed and the 14,450 injured are the two casualty outcomes the Bureau reports for those accidents.
- The data are final for 2024, which is the status the Bureau attaches to this release.

How does the Bureau break the toll down within the release?

The Central Bureau of Statistics reports the 2024 fatalities against the previous year by population group, recording an increase of 14.7% in fatalities among Jews and 62.2% among Arabs. Each percentage is a change in that group's own count against its 2023 count, not a rate and not a share of the 439. The Bureau also publishes the year's fatality rate as 4.5 per 100,000 residents.

Casualties in road accidents in Israel, 2024FINAL DATA FOR ACCIDENTS REPORTED TO THE ISRAEL POLICE



Source: Central Bureau of Statistics, Road Accidents with Casualties, 2024, Final Data. The two figures are separate casualty outcomes and are not summed here.

The Bureau's final data for 2024 carries no 2025 toll

The reference year of this release is 2024, and the Central Bureau of Statistics publishes no figure for 2025 in it. The Bureau issued the final 2024 data on 24 July 2025, after the year it covers had closed. Counts for 2025 circulating before the Bureau closes that year come from bodies other than the Bureau and from records other than this release, and this page records that absence rather than filling it.

Which figures on this page may not be added together?

The Central Bureau of Statistics counts accidents reported to the Israel Police and recorded in a Police file, so the 8,315 accidents are a count of reported accidents rather than of all collisions. The 33,434 is cumulative from 1948 to the end of 2024 and is never an annual figure. The 439 killed and the 14,450 injured are separate casualty outcomes reported for the same accidents and are not summed into a death toll. The 14.7% and the 62.2% are increases

in counts within each population group against its own 2023 base, so they may not be compared with each other or read as shares of the 439. The 4.5 per 100,000 is the Bureau's own published rate for 2024, and it should not be recomputed against the Bureau's [population estimates](#), which are published for different reference dates: 9.900 million on the eve of the 76th Independence Day in May 2024 and 10.094 million, preliminary, on the eve of the 77th in 2025.

Questions readers ask

How many people were killed on Israel's roads in 2024?

The Central Bureau of Statistics recorded 439 people killed in road accidents in Israel in 2024, in its final data published on 24 July 2025.

Is that the highest figure in recent years?

The Central Bureau of Statistics states that the 439 fatalities in 2024 are the highest number of road accident deaths in the last 17 years.

How many people were injured?

The Central Bureau of Statistics counted 14,450 people injured in road accidents with casualties in 2024.

How many accidents were there?

The Central Bureau of Statistics recorded 8,315 road accidents with casualties in 2024, classified in the release as “extended” accidents.

What is the fatality rate per head of population?

The Central Bureau of Statistics published a rate of 4.5 road accident fatalities per 100,000 residents for 2024.

How many people have been killed on Israel’s roads since 1948?

The Central Bureau of Statistics counted 33,434 people killed in road accidents from the founding of the State to the end of 2024.

Where do these data come from?

The Central Bureau of Statistics states that it receives the records monthly from the Israel Police, covering accidents reported to the Police for which an accident file was opened, which is the Police’s own administrative record of reported accidents.

Are the 2024 figures final or preliminary?

The Central Bureau of Statistics published the 2024 figures as final data, in media release 230/2025 of 24 July 2025.

Does the release give a figure for 2025?

The Central Bureau of Statistics publishes no 2025 figure in this release, whose reference year is 2024.

Did fatalities rise among both Jews and Arabs?

The Central Bureau of Statistics reported an increase of 14.7% in fatalities among Jews and 62.2% among Arabs in 2024, each measured against that group's own 2023 count.

Can the killed and the injured figures be added together?

They are reported by the Central Bureau of Statistics as two separate casualty outcomes of the same accidents, so the 439 and the 14,450 are not summed into one total on this page.

Does the count include collisions that were never reported?

The Central Bureau of Statistics builds the file from accidents reported to the Israel Police for which a file was opened, so the 8,315 accidents are the reported ones.

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How Long Do Israelis Live? 80.7 Years for Men, 84.8 for Women

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How Many Moslems Live in Israel?

Israel's Central Bureau of Statistics counted 1.707 million Moslems at the end of 2021, 18.1% of all residents, with growth, fertility and Jerusalem figures.

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1.707 million Moslems lived in Israel at the end of 2021, 18.1% of all residents, a figure the Central Bureau of Statistics published in its Eid al-Adha media release of 6 July 2022 and

marked as preliminary population data. The Bureau writes the group as Moslems, and that is how it is kept here. The 18.1% is a share of Israel's resident population at the end of 2021, not of any later total. Later releases from the Bureau add fertility, age structure and higher-education figures for the same group, each carrying its own year.

Figure	What it counts	Period
1.707 million	Moslem residents of Israel, preliminary population data	End of 2021
18.1%	Moslems as a share of all residents of Israel	End of 2021
2.1%	Annual growth rate of the Moslem population	2021
362,000	Moslem residents of the city of Jerusalem, 37.5% of the city's residents	End of 2021
39,703	Infants born to Moslem women, 21.5% of all infants born that year	2021
32.3%	Share of the Moslem population aged 0 to 14	End of 2022
71.0%	Women as a share of Moslem students in higher education	2024/25 academic year

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics, the Eid al-Adha 2022 release for the 2021 figures, the Nabi Shu'ayb 2024 release for the age structure, and the Christmas 2025 release for the higher-education share. Each row is the Bureau's own compiled count on its own definitions.

The Bureau's Eid al-Adha release counts Israel's Moslem population

The Eid al-Adha media release is where the Central Bureau of Statistics compiles its Moslem-population series in one place, and it covers 2021 with some series reported for 2020 or the 2020/21

school year. The Bureau states that its population data in that release are preliminary. Alongside the population total, it published these counts for the same group:

- 39.3% labour force participation among Moslems aged 15 and over (2021).
- 75.8 years life expectancy for men and 80.7 years for women (2021).
- 395,348 Moslem students in primary and secondary education, in the system supervised by the Ministry of Education (2020/21 school year).
- 747,492 Moslems licenced to drive, 15.7% of all drivers (2021).
- 277,000 Moslems registered at the Ministry of Welfare and Social Affairs, an approximate figure drawn by the Bureau from that ministry's registration files (2021).

The Bureau reports Moslem growth and fertility separately from other groups

The Central Bureau of Statistics recorded 2.1% annual growth in the Moslem population in 2021, and counted 39,703 infants born to Moslem women that year, 21.5% of all infants born in Israel. On the Bureau's total fertility rate series by population group, published in Israel in Figures 2024, the Jewish and Moslem rates have converged to within about a tenth of a child, while the Christian and Druze rates are below replacement. A total fertility rate is a period rate for the year stated, not a completed family size.

Figure	What it counts	Period
2.1%	Annual growth of the Moslem population	2021
39,703	Infants born to Moslem women	2021
4.35 persons	Average size of a household headed by a Moslem	End of 2024
3.02 persons	Average size of a household headed by a Jew	End of 2024
2.89 persons	Average size of a household headed by a Christian	End of 2024

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics, the Eid al-Adha 2022 release for 2021 and the Christmas 2025 release for the household sizes. The fertility series covers Israel's resident population only.

The Eid al-Adha release gives Jerusalem's Moslem count and age structure

The Central Bureau of Statistics counted 362,000 Moslem residents of the city of Jerusalem at the end of 2021, 21.2% of all Moslems in Israel and 37.5% of the city's residents. On age, the Bureau reported in its 2024 Nabi Shu'ayb release that 32.3% of the Moslem population was aged 0 to 14 at the end of 2022, the highest share of the four groups it set side by side there.

- Moslems aged 0 to 14: 32.3% (end of 2022).
- Jews aged 0 to 14: 27.5% (end of 2022).
- Druze aged 0 to 14: 23.8% (end of 2022).
- Arab Christians aged 0 to 14: 20.6% (end of 2022).

Women are 71.0% of Moslem students in higher education

The Central Bureau of Statistics published a share of 71.0% women among Moslem students in higher education for the 2024/25 academic year, the highest of the four population groups it reported in its Christmas 2025 release. That figure is a share of Moslem students, not a count of them, and the Bureau publishes no absolute number of Moslem students in higher education in that release. For schools, the Bureau counted 395,348 Moslem students in primary and secondary education in 2020/21, noting a lack of available data for many educational institutions in East Jerusalem.

Share of women among students in higher education

BY POPULATION GROUP, 2024/25 ACADEMIC YEAR



Source: Central Bureau of Statistics, Christmas 2025 media release.

The Bureau publishes no breakdown of Moslems by denomination

In the releases used here, the Central Bureau of Statistics reports Moslems as one population group and breaks that group down by

locality, age, fertility, education, employment and welfare registration. None of these publications carries a Sunni, Shia or Ahmadiyya breakdown, and none reports Circassians separately within the group. Where the Bureau publishes no such division, the group total stands on its own and no share of it is derived here.

Which figures here belong to different years?

Every figure on this page is the Central Bureau of Statistics' own compiled count, and the periods differ between releases, so they are not one series. The 1.707 million and the 18.1% are end-2021 and preliminary; the age shares are end-2022; the household sizes are end-2024; the higher-education share is the 2024/25 academic year. The 18.1% belongs to Israel's resident population at the end of 2021 and may not be applied to the 10.148 million total the Bureau published for September 2025. The Bureau counts East Jerusalem residents and West Bank settlers inside Israel's total, a scope choice that differs from the international convention. The road-accident and welfare counts come from administrative files processed by the Bureau, and the welfare figure is stated as approximate.

Questions readers ask

What is the most recent Moslem population figure the Bureau publishes?

The Central Bureau of Statistics published 1.707 million Moslem residents for the end of 2021 in its Eid al-Adha media release of 6 July 2022, and marked the population data preliminary.

What share of Israel's residents are Moslems?

The Central Bureau of Statistics reported 18.1% of all residents at the end of 2021.

How fast is the Moslem population growing?

The Central Bureau of Statistics recorded 2.1% growth over 2021.

How many Moslems live in Jerusalem?

The Central Bureau of Statistics counted 362,000 Moslem residents of the city at the end of 2021, 37.5% of the city's residents.

How many babies are born to Moslem women in Israel each year?

The Central Bureau of Statistics counted 39,703 infants born to Moslem women in 2021, 21.5% of all infants born in Israel that year.

Does the Bureau publish a Moslem total fertility rate?

The Central Bureau of Statistics publishes total fertility rate by population group in Israel in Figures 2024, where it states that the Jewish and Moslem rates have converged to within about a tenth of a child.

How large is a Moslem household in Israel?

The Central Bureau of Statistics reported an average of 4.35 persons in a household headed by a Moslem at the end of 2024, against 3.02 for a Jew and 2.89 for a Christian.

How many Moslem children are in school?

The Central Bureau of Statistics counted 395,348 Moslem students in primary and secondary education in the 2020/21 school year, in the system supervised by the Ministry of Education.

Who publishes the figure for women among Moslem students in higher education?

The Central Bureau of Statistics published 71.0% for the 2024/25 academic year in its Christmas 2025 release.

Does the Bureau count Moslems by denomination?

The releases used here report Moslems as a single population group, and the Central Bureau of Statistics publishes no Sunni, Shia or Ahmadiyya division in them.

How many Moslems are in the labour force?

The Central Bureau of Statistics reported 39.3% labour force participation among Moslems aged 15 and over in 2021.

What is life expectancy among Moslems in Israel?

The Central Bureau of Statistics recorded 75.8 years for men and 80.7 years for women in 2021.

Which figures should not be added together?

The Central Bureau of Statistics reports criminal, traffic, welfare and population figures from different files and different years, so the counts are not additive and the 2021 shares do not apply to later totals.

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More than 1 million people lived in Jerusalem at the end of 2023, on the count the Central Bureau of Statistics published in its Jerusalem Day media release on 3 June 2024. The same release records 60.5% of the city's residents as Jews and others and 39.5% as Arabs, and puts the growth during 2023 at 13,400

people. The figure covers the municipal population within the city's boundary, which includes the East Jerusalem neighbourhoods annexed after 1967.

Figure	What it counts	Period
Over 1,000,000	Residents of the city of Jerusalem, municipal boundary	End of 2023
60.5%	Share of city residents classified as Jews and others	End of 2023
39.5%	Share of city residents classified as Arabs	End of 2023
13,400	Increase in the city's residents over the year	During 2023
362,000	Moslem residents of the city of Jerusalem	End of 2021
37.5%	Moslem share of the city's residents	End of 2021

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics, Jerusalem Day media release 165/2024 [3 June 2024] and the Moslem population media release 217/2022 [6 July 2022]. The 2021 figures are the Bureau's own count and the 2022 release states that its population data are preliminary.

The Bureau's Jerusalem Day release counts about one million residents

The Central Bureau of Statistics recorded the city's residents surpassing one million at the end of 2023, and issued that figure in Jerusalem on 3 June 2024 as media release 165/2024. It is a municipal count of residents on the Bureau's own register, not a metropolitan or district figure.

- Residents of Jerusalem passed 1,000,000 at the end of 2023.
- The population grew by 13,400 people during 2023.
- The Central Bureau of Statistics published the figures on 3 June 2024, as selected data for Jerusalem Day.

The Bureau splits Jerusalem into Jews and others and Arabs

The Central Bureau of Statistics counts the city in two national categories, 60.5% Jews and others and 39.5% Arabs at the end of 2023, and the two shares are of the city's residents and sum to the whole. "Jews and others" is the Bureau's own category and is wider than Jews: at national level the Bureau states that its published group shares rest on a base of 9.888 million rather than on the 10.148 million total it recorded in September 2025, because roughly 260,000 foreign residents sit inside that total and outside both named groups.

Jerusalem residents by population group

MUNICIPAL POPULATION, END OF 2023, SHARES OF CITY RESIDENTS



■ Jews and others ■ Arabs

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics, Jerusalem Day media release 165/2024.

The Eid al-Adha release counts Jerusalem's Moslem population separately

The Central Bureau of Statistics counted 362,000 Moslem residents in the city of Jerusalem at the end of 2021, in its media release of 6 July 2022 on the Moslem population of Israel. That is a count by religion on a different reference date from the Jerusalem Day release, so it does not sit on the same year as the 39.5% Arab share, which is a national-category count.

Figure	What it counts	Period
362,000	Moslem residents of the city of Jerusalem	End of 2021
21.2%	Share of all Moslems in Israel who live in Jerusalem	End of 2021
37.5%	Moslem share of the city's residents	End of 2021

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics, media release 217/2022. The release states that its population data are preliminary.

The Jerusalem Day count includes East Jerusalem residents

The Central Bureau of Statistics counts Jerusalem, including the neighbourhoods annexed after 1967, as one municipal population, so the 39.5% Arab share sits inside the city total and inside Israel's national total. The same scope choice runs through the Bureau's national series, where East Jerusalem residents and West Bank settlers are counted within [Israel's population total](#).

- The count is of residents within the municipal boundary as the Bureau applies it.
- It includes the East Jerusalem neighbourhoods annexed after 1967.
- A figure drawn on a pre-1967 municipal boundary is a different quantity, and the Bureau publishes the city total on the boundary above.

The Bureau publishes no Jerusalem breakdown by residency status

Neither release carries a figure for Jerusalem residents by legal status. The Central Bureau of Statistics reports the city total and its population-group shares, and publishes no separation of residents holding Israeli citizenship from residents holding permanent-residency status in either the Jerusalem Day release or the Moslem population release.

- No count of Jerusalem residents who are Israeli citizens appears in media release 165/2024.
- No count of Jerusalem residents holding permanent residency appears in media release 165/2024 or 217/2022.
- The releases classify residents by population group and by religion, and the record stops there.

Which Jerusalem figures may not be compared?

- The 39.5% Arab share is for the end of 2023 and the 37.5% Moslem share is for the end of 2021. They are different reference dates and different classifications, one a national-category count and one a count by religion, and they are not two readings of one series.
- The 13,400 is the increase during 2023, not an average of several years.
- The Jerusalem shares are of the city's residents. The national shares the Central Bureau of Statistics publishes rest on a base of 9.888 million, not on the 10.148 million national total it recorded in September 2025.

- The Central Bureau of Statistics states that the population data in its 2022 Moslem population release are preliminary.

Questions readers ask about Jerusalem's population

How many people live in Jerusalem?

The Central Bureau of Statistics recorded the city's residents passing 1 million at the end of 2023.

When did Jerusalem pass one million residents?

The Central Bureau of Statistics records the milestone at the end of 2023 and published it on 3 June 2024.

How fast is Jerusalem growing?

The Central Bureau of Statistics put the increase at 13,400 residents during 2023.

What share of Jerusalem residents are Arabs?

The Central Bureau of Statistics recorded 39.5% of the city's residents as Arabs at the end of 2023.

What does "Jews and others" mean in the Jerusalem figures?

It is the Central Bureau of Statistics' own population category, wider than Jews alone, and it accounted for 60.5% of the city's residents at the end of 2023.

How many Moslems live in Jerusalem?

The Central Bureau of Statistics counted 362,000 Moslem residents of the city at the end of 2021.

What share of Israel's Moslems live in Jerusalem?

The Central Bureau of Statistics reported that 21.2% of all Moslems in Israel lived in Jerusalem at the end of 2021.

Does the count include East Jerusalem?

The Central Bureau of Statistics counts Jerusalem, including the neighbourhoods annexed after 1967, as a single municipal population.

Can the 39.5% and the 37.5% be read together?

No. The Central Bureau of Statistics published them for different years, end of 2023 and end of 2021, and on different classifications, national group and religion.

How many Jerusalem residents are Israeli citizens?

The Central Bureau of Statistics publishes no breakdown of Jerusalem residents by citizenship or residency status in either release.

Which release carries the city total?

The Central Bureau of Statistics published it as media release 165/2024, selected data on the occasion of Jerusalem Day, 2024.

Are these figures final?

The Central Bureau of Statistics states that the population data in its 2022 Moslem population release are preliminary.

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The Central Bureau of Statistics counted 51,643 couples married in Israel in 2022, with the group breakdown and what it excludes.

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51,643 couples married in Israel in 2022, on the Central Bureau of Statistics count published in its Tu B'Av release of 15 August

2024. The Bureau draws the figure from the Population Register and counts marriages conducted in Israel by authorised religious institutions where at least one spouse is registered. It publishes the total with a breakdown into four population groups. The count is of marriages conducted in Israel.

Figure	What it counts	Period
51,643	Couples married in Israel, from the Population Register	2022
37,135	Jewish couples, 71.9% of the 51,643	2022
12,756	Muslim couples, 24.7% of the 51,643	2022
959	Druze couples, 1.9% of the 51,643	2022
762	Christian couples	2022
51,612	The four group counts summed, 31 below the published total	2022
10.148 million	Total resident population of Israel	September 2025

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics, Marriages in Israel, Tu B'Av release of 15 August 2024, and Population of Israel on the Eve of Rosh Hashana 5786, September 2025.

The Bureau's Tu B'Av release counts couples married in Israel

The Central Bureau of Statistics published the 2022 marriage total in a media release from its Demography and Census Division dated 15 August 2024. The universe is stated by the Bureau in the release itself: marriages conducted in Israel by authorised religious institutions, where at least one spouse appears in the

Population Register. Every share the Bureau publishes in the release divides against the 51,643 total.

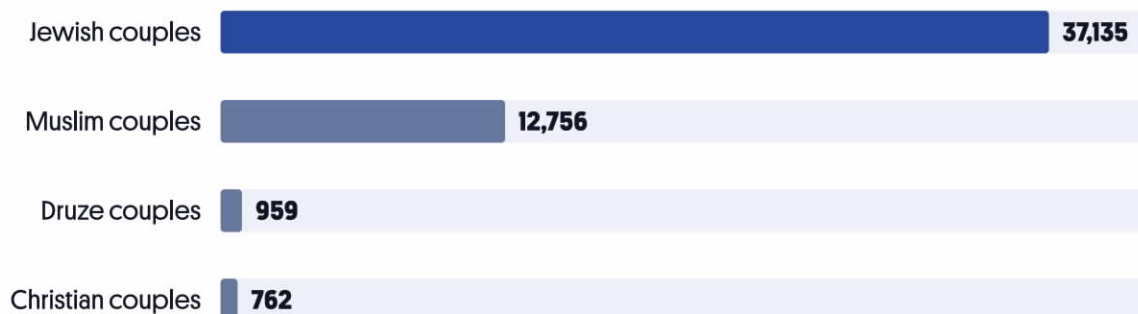
- 37,135 Jewish couples in 2022, which the Central Bureau of Statistics records as an increase of 1.3% on 2021.
- 71.9% of the 2022 total, which the Bureau also writes as about 72%.

How does the Bureau break the marriage count down by group?

The Central Bureau of Statistics reports the 2022 marriages in four groups, using its own group labels, with Jewish couples the largest and Christian couples the smallest. The four counts are ranked below rather than presented as a partition, because they do not exhaust the published total.

Couples married in Israel by group, 2022

BUREAU GROUP LABELS. THE FOUR COUNTS DO NOT SUM TO THE PUBLISHED TOTAL.



Source: Central Bureau of Statistics, Marriages in Israel, Tu B'Av release, 15 August 2024. The four counts sum to 51,612, which is 31 below the published total of 51,643.

The Bureau publishes age at marriage, not one national average

The Central Bureau of Statistics reports marriage separately by population group rather than as a single national figure, and no national average age at marriage appears among the figures carried on this page. An age figure belongs to the Bureau's own table, by sex and by group, and cannot be derived from the group counts above. The release reports along these dimensions:

- Counts of couples married in Israel, by population group, for 2022.
- Marriages conducted in Israel by authorised religious institutions, where at least one spouse is in the Population Register.
- Registrations of marriages conducted abroad, which the Bureau reports apart from the in-Israel count.

A marriage rate needs the Bureau's population base for the same year

The Central Bureau of Statistics counted a [resident population](#) of about 10.148 million in September 2025, in its Rosh Hashana 5786 release, and growth of about 1.0% over the preceding year. That population figure and the marriage count belong to different reference dates, so dividing one by the other does not produce a marriage rate for either year. A rate per 1,000 residents requires the Bureau's population for the same year as the marriage count.

Figure	Reference date	Release
51,643 couples married in Israel	Calendar year 2022	Marriages in Israel, Tu B'Av, 15 August 2024
10.148 million residents	September 2025	Population on the Eve of Rosh Hashana 5786
Population growth of about 1.0%	Year to September 2025	Population on the Eve of Rosh Hashana 5786

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics.

No release used here counts marriages performed abroad

The 51,643 is a count of marriages conducted in Israel. The Central Bureau of Statistics reports registrations of marriages conducted abroad and later recorded in the Population Register as a separate matter, and this page carries no figure for them.

- Marriages conducted in Israel by authorised religious institutions: counted in the 51,643.
- Marriages conducted abroad and later recorded in the Population Register: reported by the Bureau separately, and not carried here.
- The 51,643 may not have marriages conducted abroad added to it, because the two are counted in different universes.

Which figures on this page may not be added together?

The Central Bureau of Statistics publishes 51,643 as the 2022 total, and the four group counts sum to 51,612, which is 31 short of it. Cite the total, or cite the components, and where both appear say that the components do not exhaust the total. The population figure of 10.148 million dates from September 2025 and is not the denominator for a 2022 marriage count. The Ethiopian-origin divorce figures below are rates per 1,000 married couples for 2021 and are not comparable to a count of marriages.

Questions readers ask

How many couples married in Israel in 2022?

The Central Bureau of Statistics counted 51,643 couples married in Israel in 2022, in its Tu B'Av release of 15 August 2024.

Which group accounted for the most marriages?

The Central Bureau of Statistics recorded 37,135 Jewish couples in 2022, 71.9% of the 51,643 total.

Do the four group counts add up to the published total?

No. The four counts the Central Bureau of Statistics published for 2022 sum to 51,612, which is 31 below its published total of 51,643.

Where does the Bureau get the marriage data?

The Central Bureau of Statistics states that the figures come from the Population Register and cover marriages conducted by

authorised religious institutions in Israel.

Does the total include marriages performed abroad?

The 51,643 the Central Bureau of Statistics published counts marriages conducted in Israel. The Bureau reports registrations of marriages conducted abroad separately.

Can I work out a marriage rate per 1,000 people from these figures?

Not from the two figures here. The Central Bureau of Statistics published the marriage count for 2022 and the population estimate of 10.148 million for September 2025, and the two carry different reference dates.

What population does the Bureau publish for Israel?

The Central Bureau of Statistics recorded about 10.148 million residents in September 2025, roughly 7.758 million Jews and others and 2.130 million Arabs, with about 260,000 foreign residents counted in the total and outside both groups.

Did the number of Jewish couples rise or fall?

The Central Bureau of Statistics recorded 37,135 Jewish couples in 2022, an increase of 1.3% on 2021.

How many Muslim, Druze and Christian couples married?

The Central Bureau of Statistics counted 12,756 Muslim couples, 959 Druze couples and 762 Christian couples in Israel in 2022.

What does the Bureau publish about divorce?

The Central Bureau of Statistics recorded divorce among persons of [Ethiopian origin](#) at about 17.0 per 1,000 married couples in 2021, against 9.3 per 1,000 married couples in the overall Jewish population, with 385 men and 420 women of Ethiopian origin divorcing that year.

Is 2022 the most recent year on this page?

Yes. The Central Bureau of Statistics figure carried here is for 2022, published on 15 August 2024, and no later annual total appears on this page.

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How Many Students Are in Israel's Schools?

The Central Bureau of Statistics counted 1.910 million students in Israel's education system in 2021/22, with group counts published separately.

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1.910 million students were in Israel's education system in the 2021/22 school year, on the Central Bureau of Statistics' count

published in Israel in Figures 2023. The Central Bureau of Statistics reported 795,900 of them in secondary education in the same school year. Counts for individual population groups sit in separate releases, each carrying its own school year.

Figure	What it counts	Period
1,910,000	Students in the education system	School year 2021/22
395,348	Moslem students in primary and secondary education, in the system supervised by the Ministry of Education	School year 2020/21
26,240	Christian students in primary and secondary schools, 1.3% of all students	School year 2024/25
32,702	Students of Ethiopian origin in the education system	School year 2021/22
6,700	Christian students in higher education, 2.2% of all students, plus about 500 at the Open University	Academic year 2024/25

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics, in Israel in Figures 2023 [2024], The Moslem Population in Israel [2022], Christmas 2025 [2025] and The Population of Ethiopian Origin in Israel [2023].

Israel in Figures 2023 counts 1.910 million students in 2021/22

The 1.910 million comes from Israel in Figures 2023, a selected-data booklet the Central Bureau of Statistics drew from the Statistical Abstract of Israel 2023 and published in 2024. It is one system-wide total for a school year, with no breakdown by population group in that release. Three further figures from the same booklet sit around it:

- The Central Bureau of Statistics recorded a [national expenditure on education](#) of NIS 132.0 billion, 7.5% of GDP, in 2022.
- The Central Bureau of Statistics counted a [population of 9,662,000](#) at the end of 2022, the year in which most of the booklet's other data sit.
- 181,193 live newborns were recorded for 2022, at a total fertility rate of 2.89 children per woman.

Which students does the Bureau's 1.910 million include?

The figure is the Central Bureau of Statistics' count of students in the education system, reported for a school year rather than a calendar year, and it is not a headcount of resident children of school age. The booklet reports it as a single total, with secondary education broken out.

What the Bureau reports	As published
Unit counted	Students in the education system
Period	School year 2021/22
Secondary education within the total	795,900 students
Release and year of publication	Israel in Figures 2023, published 2024
Population figure in the same release	9,662,000, end of 2022

Higher education is a separate Bureau count, reported by group

The Central Bureau of Statistics counts higher education apart from the school system. Its Christmas 2025 release records 6,700 [Christian students](#) in institutions of higher education in the 2024/25 academic year, 2.2% of all students, with about 500 more at the Open University, and reports the share of women among students in each population group for the same year. Its Nabi Shu'ayb release of 2024 counts 5,859 Druze students across all institutions of higher education in 2022/23, a rise of 0.2% on the previous year. Neither release publishes a national total for higher education.

Women as a share of higher education students

BY POPULATION GROUP, 2024/25 ACADEMIC YEAR.



Source: Central Bureau of Statistics, Christmas 2025 media release. Shares within each group, not shares of one total.

No release used here gives school enrolment by population group

No release used on this page divides the 1.910 million into population groups. The Central Bureau of Statistics publishes

group counts in separate occasion releases, each for its own school year and its own group, so the rows below are not slices of one total.

Group	School figure	Period	Release
Moslems	395,348 students in primary and secondary education	2020/21	The Moslem Population in Israel, 2022
Christians	26,240 students in primary and secondary schools, 1.3% of all students	2024/25	Christmas 2025, 2025
Persons of Ethiopian origin	32,702 students in the education system	2021/22	The Population of Ethiopian Origin in Israel, 2023
Druze	No school enrolment count in the release; 3,741 Druze employed as teaching staff	2023/24	The Druze Population of Israel, 2024

Which figures on this page may not be added together?

Every figure here is the Central Bureau of Statistics' own compiled count, published across five releases with different periods.

- The 1.910 million belongs to school year 2021/22. It is not a current-year figure and none of the group counts is dated to the same year.
- The group school counts, 395,348 for 2020/21, 26,240 for 2024/25 and 32,702 for 2021/22, cover different groups in different years and do not sum to a national total.
- The 395,348 covers the education system supervised by the Ministry of Education, and the release states that data are

lacking for many educational institutions in East Jerusalem.

- The school figures and the higher-education figures are separate counts. Adding them produces a total no release publishes.
- The percentages in the chart are shares of women within each group's own higher-education students, not shares of one national student body.

Questions readers ask about Israel's student numbers

How many students are in Israel's education system?

The Central Bureau of Statistics counted 1,910,000 students in the education system in the 2021/22 school year, in Israel in Figures 2023.

How many students are in secondary education?

The Central Bureau of Statistics reported 795,900 students in secondary education in the 2021/22 school year.

Which year does the 1.910 million cover?

The Central Bureau of Statistics reports it for school year 2021/22, in a booklet published in 2024 whose population and health data are for calendar 2022.

How many Moslem students are in Israel's schools?

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How many Christian students are in Israel's schools?

The Central Bureau of Statistics recorded 26,240 Christian students in primary and secondary schools in 2024/25, 1.3% of all students.

How many Christian students are in higher education?

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How many Druze students are in higher education?

The Central Bureau of Statistics counted 5,859 Druze students across all institutions of higher education in 2022/23, a rise of 0.2% on the previous year.

How many students of Ethiopian origin are in the education system?

The Central Bureau of Statistics counted 32,702 students of Ethiopian origin in the education system in the 2021/22 school year.

Which group has the highest share of women in higher education?

The Central Bureau of Statistics reported 71.0% among Moslem students in 2024/25, against 63.3% among Druze, 61.1% among Christians and 58.3% among Jews and Others.

How many Druze work as teachers?

The Central Bureau of Statistics recorded 3,741 Druze employed as teaching staff in the education system in the 2023/24 school year, against 3,633 the previous year.

What share of Christian 12th-graders were eligible for matriculation?

The Central Bureau of Statistics reported 87.7% of Christian 12th-grade students eligible for a matriculation certificate in the 2024/25 school year.

What does Israel spend on education?

The Central Bureau of Statistics recorded a national expenditure on education of NIS 132.6 billion on health and NIS 132.0 billion on education in 2022, the education figure being 7.5% of GDP.

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How Do Israeli Settlers Acquire Palestinian Land?

Israel's own record: 26 of 105 outposts on State land, a Custodian under Military Order 59, and what the State Comptroller audited.

LAND AND PLANNING West Bank State Land Outposts Land Registration State Comptroller



26 of 105 unauthorized outposts stood on State land, the Prime Minister's Office of Israel published in its March 2005

summary of the Sason opinion, with 15 on registered private Palestinian property, 7 on survey lands and 39 on mixed lands. The route that opinion sets out for lawful Israeli building runs through the state rather than through a sale, and it turns on a 1979 government resolution, taken after the High Court of Justice ruled in the Elon Moreh case, that settlements be established only on State land. Under Military Order 59, signed by the Commander of IDF Forces in the West Bank Area on 31 July 1967, property belonging to the Jordanian government on 7 June 1967 passes to a Custodian who takes possession of it and administers it. These are the Israeli government's own counts of its own bodies, drawn from Civil Administration data, and the opinion states that the 105 "probably does not reflect the true number of outposts in the area."

Figure	What it counts	Who published it	Period
105	Unauthorized outposts known to the author, stated as not the true number	Prime Minister's Office of Israel	March 2005
26	Of those outposts, the number on State land	Prime Minister's Office of Israel	March 2005
15	Of those outposts, the number on private Palestinian property	Prime Minister's Office of Israel	March 2005
NIS 71,870,000	Outlay on unauthorized outposts, the figure stated by the Ministry of Construction and Housing	Prime Minister's Office of Israel	2000 to 2004
About 450,000 dunams	Area C land allocated by the Custodian to the Settlement Division of the World Zionist Organization under permit agreements	State Comptroller of Israel	Audit to December 2015

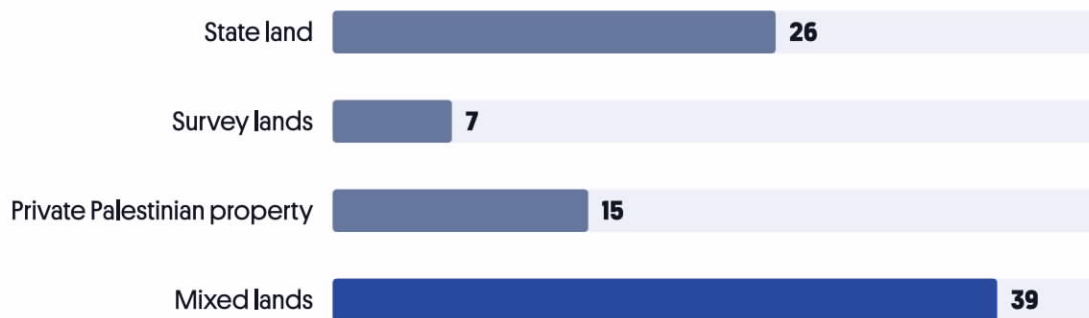
Figure	What it counts	Who published it	Period
120	Israeli localities in Area C, 87 of them established by the Settlement Division, holding about 100,000 residents	State Comptroller of Israel	Audit to December 2015
About 125 dunams	Petitioners' registered plots inside Order of Possession 16/79, on which the order was held invalid	Supreme Court of Israel	22 October 1979
115	Families evacuated from four Israeli settlement points after High Court rulings	State Comptroller of Israel	2012 to 2022

The 2005 opinion records allocation of State land, not purchase

The Prime Minister's Office of Israel published the opinion's four land categories for the outposts it examined, and it counts an outpost as unauthorized where there was no government decision to establish it and no authorized political echelon approved it. The opinion's definition also excludes construction adjoining a recognised settlement, counting only a point at least a few hundred metres distant from one, so the 105 is a floor on unauthorized building rather than a total. What an allottee holds under Military Order 59 is a right granted by the Custodian, who under Article 2 "may take possession of government property and take any step he considers necessary for that purpose."

Land status of unauthorized outposts examined

105 OUTPOSTS EXAMINED; THESE FOUR CATEGORIES COVER 87 OF THEM.



Source: Prime Minister's Office of Israel, summary of the Sason opinion, March 2005. The remaining outposts are recorded as land whose nature was not resolved; the four categories may not be totalled as the whole.

The Levy Report recommended enabling registration of Israeli purchases

The Commission to Examine the Status of Building in Judea and Samaria, appointed by the Prime Minister in February 2012, published its report on 21 June 2012 and stated as its own legal position that “the establishment of settlements cannot in and of itself be considered to be illegal.” On settlements built without a government decision the report states that “the status of these settlements can be legalized without requiring a further decision by the government or any of its ministers,” a sentence that sits in the report body in the English text published by Regavim; the Conclusions section, which the same document states is from the original Israeli government translation, reaches the result procedurally without it. Order 59 already provided, in Article 5, that a transaction made in good faith between the Custodian and another person stands even if the property is later shown not to have been government property, a clause carried in this site’s record on [uncultivated farmland](#).

The commission’s recommended mechanism, in its own words:

- Determine each settlement's municipal jurisdiction by order, "taking into due consideration future natural growth"
- Remove "the administrative barriers imposed on the planning and zoning authorities ... without any further need for additional approval by the political level"
- Pending completion, "the state is advised to refrain from carrying out demolition orders"

The report closes by stating that "Should the government decide to adopt our recommendations, it will be necessary to implement those principles in detail."

Which Israeli body checks that allocated land is State land?

The State Comptroller of Israel audited the Civil Administration twice on this machinery, in Annual Report 66b of 2016 and Annual Report 70C covering an audit of September 2018 to June 2019, and reported on the staff officers, the Supervision Unit and the land registers. Its findings on the registers are the state's own account of its own record-keeping.

Finding	What it counts	Period
25 staff officers	Professional representatives of the ministries in the Civil Administration	Audit to June 2019
314 employees	Civil Administration staff, 202 Israeli civil servants and 112 Palestinian employees	2019
60%	Share of scanned real-estate transaction files scanned without the certification of transfer of rights	Audit to June 2019

Finding	What it counts	Period
About 4 years	Time spent computerising the land registers, not completed; registration is by hard-copy register	Audit to June 2019
8 years	Period the Civil Administration internal auditor position stood unfilled	Audit to June 2019
57 employees, about NIS 17.5 million	Central Supervision Unit staffing and budget	2014

Source: State Comptroller of Israel, Annual Report 70C and Annual Report 66b.

No Israeli body publishes a dunam total allocated to settlements

The State Comptroller of Israel published one area figure in Annual Report 66b, about 450,000 dunams in Area C allocated by the Custodian to the Settlement Division of the World Zionist Organization under permit agreements. That is land allocated under permit, and it is neither land declared [State land](#) nor land built on. No cumulative area transferred to settlers, and no count of purchases by Israelis registered in the area, appears in the Israeli publications used here. What these bodies publish instead are counts of outposts, enforcement cases, spending and evacuations.

Figure published	What it counts	Body
13,481 and 6,605 cases	Illegal construction located by the Central Supervision Unit in the Palestinian sector and the Israeli sector, 1997 to 2013, the unit's own count of its own detections	State Comptroller of Israel
3,813 [28%] and 1,807 [27%]	Of those located cases, the ones demolished, each share of its own sector total	State Comptroller of Israel

Figure published	What it counts	Body
118 fuel stations	Stations in Area C, of which 17 lawfully regulated, 25 in regularisation proceedings and 76 carrying illegal-construction files	State Comptroller of Israel
115 families	Evacuated from Migron, Amona, Ofra and Netiv HaAvot after High Court rulings	State Comptroller of Israel

Which figures on this page may not be added together?

The Supreme Court of Israel held Order of Possession 16/79 invalid on 22 October 1979 as to the petitioners' registered plots, about 125 dunams inside an order covering about 700 dunams; it is one requisition, not a cumulative area. The State Comptroller of Israel counts families and sites in its 2023 evacuation audit, 50 from Migron and 42 from Amona among them, and those per-locality counts total 107 rather than the 115 it reports, so the balance may not be derived by subtraction. The Supervision Unit's 13,481 and 6,605 are detections in two sectors of different size, each with its own denominator, and are never one series. The 0.6% of Area C recorded as covered by Palestinian master plans, about 20,845 dunams, is printed as an approximation and may not be divided out to produce an Area C total. Land taken inside Israel under the 1950 [Absentee Property Law](#) covers a different territory and period and does not join these figures.

Questions readers ask

Who holds government property in the West Bank?

The Commander of IDF Forces in the West Bank Area issued Military Order 59 on 31 July 1967, effective 7 July 1967, placing property that belonged to the Jordanian government on 7 June 1967 under a Custodian appointed by the military commander.

How many unauthorized outposts did Israel's 2005 review count?

The Prime Minister's Office of Israel published 105 outposts known to the author in March 2005.

Did that review call 105 a total?

The Prime Minister's Office of Israel published the count with the author's statement that it "probably does not reflect the true number of outposts in the area."

How many outposts stood on private Palestinian land?

The Prime Minister's Office of Israel recorded 15 on private Palestinian property, plus 39 on mixed lands that are part State, part survey and part Palestinian-owned.

What did the Ministry of Construction and Housing spend on outposts?

The Prime Minister's Office of Israel published NIS 71,870,000 for 2000 to 2004, expressly as the figure stated by that ministry, which is the spending body's own count.

How much Area C land went to the Settlement Division?

The State Comptroller of Israel reported about 450,000 dunams allocated under permit agreements, and 120 Israeli localities in Area C, 87 of them established by the Settlement Division, holding about 100,000 residents.

Are West Bank land registers computerised?

The State Comptroller of Israel reported that real estate in the area is registered in hard-copy registers with no computerised system, after about four years of computerisation that was not completed.

Who staffs the Civil Administration?

The State Comptroller of Israel recorded 314 employees in 2019, of whom 202 were Israeli civil servants and 112 Palestinian employees, alongside 25 staff officers representing the ministries.

How many families were moved after court rulings?

The State Comptroller of Israel counted 115 families evacuated from four settlement points between 2012 and 2022, including 50 from Migron and 42 from Amona.

What did the Supreme Court decide about requisition for a settlement?

The Supreme Court of Israel held on 22 October 1979 that the order of possession was invalid as to the petitioners' registered lands, and stated that requisition for a civilian settlement is

potentially justified where military needs in practice brought about the decision.

Does Israel publish a count of land bought from Palestinians?

No count of purchases by Israelis registered in the area appears in these publications. The Commission to Examine the Status of Building in Judea and Samaria addressed transactions and settlement-of-title proceedings as matters it recommended changing.

How many illegal-construction cases did the Civil Administration locate?

The State Comptroller of Israel published the Supervision Unit's own counts of 13,481 cases located in the Palestinian sector and 6,605 in the Israeli sector between 1997 and 2013, of which 3,813 and 1,807 were demolished.

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Who Goes to University in Israel?

Women were 58.3% to 71.0% of students in higher education in every population group the Central Bureau of Statistics counted for 2024/25.

EDUCATION Higher Education Central Bureau Of Statistics Population Groups Students Israel



58.3% to 71.0% of students in higher education were women in every population group the Central Bureau of Statistics counted for the 2024/25 academic year. The Central Bureau of Statistics publishes its student counts by population group and by origin,

in occasion releases: Christians at Christmas, Moslems at Eid al-Adha, Druze at the Nabi Shu'ayb festival, and residents of Ethiopian origin at Sigd. Each release is the Bureau's own compilation, each carries its own reference year, and each counts a different population.

Figure	What it counts	Period
71.0%	Share of women among Moslem students in higher education	2024/25 academic year
63.3%	Share of women among Druze students in higher education	2024/25 academic year
61.1%	Share of women among Christian students in higher education	2024/25 academic year
58.3%	Share of women among students of Jews and Others in higher education	2024/25 academic year
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5,859	Druze students attending all institutions of higher education	2022/23 academic year
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32,702	Students of Ethiopian origin in the education system	2021/22 school year

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics, occasion media releases for Christmas 2025, the Nabi Shu'ayb festival 2024, the Sigd festival 2023 and Eid al-Adha 2022. The rows are the Bureau's own counts, on different reference years.

Women are 58.3% to 71.0% of students in every group counted

The Central Bureau of Statistics published the share of women among students in higher education for four population groups in its Christmas 2025 media release, covering the 2024/25 academic year. Each share is the Bureau's own count of women among that group's own students, not a share of all students in Israel. The four groups are separate populations rather than parts of one whole.

Share of women among students in higher education

BY POPULATION GROUP, 2024/25 ACADEMIC YEAR



Source: Central Bureau of Statistics, Christmas 2025 media release. Shares are within each group, not of all students.

The Bureau counts Moslem students in its Eid al-Adha release

The Central Bureau of Statistics counted 395,348 Moslem students in primary and secondary education in the 2020/21 school year, in its Eid al-Adha media release of 6 July 2022. That count is the Bureau's own compilation, and it covers only the education system supervised by the Ministry of Education, with the release stating that data were lacking for many educational institutions in East Jerusalem. That release publishes no count of Moslem students in higher education.

Figure	What it counts	Period
395,348	Moslem students in primary and secondary education, Ministry of Education supervised system	2020/21 school year
1.707 million	Moslem population of Israel, 18.1% of all residents	End of 2021
2.1%	Annual growth rate of the Moslem population	2021

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics, Eid al-Adha media release 217/2022. The release states that its population data are preliminary.

The Nabi Shu'ayb 2024 release carries the Druze student figure

The Central Bureau of Statistics counted 5,859 Druze students attending all institutions of higher education in the 2022/23 academic year, a rise of 0.2% on the previous year, in its Nabi Shu'ayb festival media release of 2024. The figure is the Bureau's own count across all higher education institutions rather than at any one university. Set against 1,600 Druze students in higher education in 1999/00, the release records an increase by a factor of 3.5.

Figure	What it counts	Period
5,859	Druze students at all institutions of higher education	2022/23 academic year
1,600	Druze students in higher education, the comparison year the release uses	1999/00 academic year
185	Druze academic teaching staff at institutions of higher education, up 1.0% from 183	2022/23 academic year
3,741	Druze employed as teaching staff in the education system, against 3,633 the previous year	2023/24 school year

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics, Nabi Shu'ayb festival media release, 2024.

The Sigd 2023 release counts students of Ethiopian origin

The Central Bureau of Statistics counted 32,702 students of Ethiopian origin in the education system in the 2021/22 school year, in its Sigd festival media release of 2023. The count is the Bureau's own, and the group is defined in that release as residents born in Ethiopia together with residents born in Israel whose fathers were born in Ethiopia, so a further 6,144 Israeli-born residents whose mothers were born in Ethiopia sit outside it.

- 94.4% of 12th grade students of Ethiopian origin took matriculation exams in the 2021/22 school year, against 96.2% of the overall Hebrew education sector.
- 168,800 residents of Ethiopian origin lived in Israel at the end of 2022, of whom about 92,100 were born in Ethiopia and about 76,800 were born in Israel to an Ethiopian-born father.
- 26.5% of the population of Ethiopian origin were aged 0 to 14 at the end of 2022, of whom about 92.6% were born in Israel.

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics, Sigd festival media release, 2023.

No release here counts students by institution or by yeshiva background

None of the four Central Bureau of Statistics releases used on this page names a university or a college. None of them carries a count of Haredi students, of international students, or of students who

served in the military before enrolling. What the Central Bureau of Statistics publishes in these releases, on its own compilation, is students by population group and by origin, with one reference year attached to each release.

The one continuation rate published here is for a named group and a named school system: the Central Bureau of Statistics recorded that 55.1% of Arab Christians continued their studies toward a first degree within eight years of graduating high school, against 34.6% of all graduates of the Arab school system and 48.1% in Hebrew education, in its [Christmas 2023 release on Christians in Israel](#).

Which figures on this page may not be added together?

The higher education figures sit on three different reference years: 2024/25 for the shares of women and the Christian student count, 2022/23 for the Druze student count, and 2021/22 for the count of students of Ethiopian origin. They are not one series and may not be summed into a student body total.

The Moslem figure of 395,348 and the figure of 32,702 for students of Ethiopian origin count school students in the education system, not students in higher education, so neither may be placed beside 6,700 or 5,859. Ethiopian origin is an origin group, not a population group, and it overlaps the group the Central Bureau of Statistics calls Jews and Others rather than standing beside it. Each share of women is a share of that group's own students, so the four percentages have four different denominators.

Questions readers ask

Which body publishes student counts in Israel by population group?

The Central Bureau of Statistics publishes them, in media releases tied to festivals and holidays, on its own compilation of the education and higher education records.

How many Christian students are in higher education in Israel?

The Central Bureau of Statistics counted 6,700 Christian students in higher education in the 2024/25 academic year, 2.2% of all students, with about 500 more at the Open University.

How many Druze students are in higher education?

The Central Bureau of Statistics counted 5,859 Druze students at all institutions of higher education in the 2022/23 academic year, a rise of 0.2% on the previous year.

In which group is the share of women among students highest?

The Central Bureau of Statistics recorded the highest share among Moslem students, at 71.0% in the 2024/25 academic year.

Does the Central Bureau of Statistics publish student numbers by university?

The four releases used here publish no figures by institution. They count students by population group and by origin.

Does the Central Bureau of Statistics count Haredi students in these releases?

These four releases carry no count of Haredi students in higher education.

Does the Central Bureau of Statistics count international students in these releases?

These four releases carry no count of students who came to Israel from abroad to study.

How many Moslem students are in school in Israel?

The Central Bureau of Statistics counted 395,348 Moslem students in primary and secondary education in the 2020/21 school year, in the system supervised by the Ministry of Education.

What did that Moslem school count leave out?

The Central Bureau of Statistics stated in the same release that data were lacking for many educational institutions in East Jerusalem.

How many students of Ethiopian origin are in the education system?

The Central Bureau of Statistics counted 32,702 in the 2021/22 school year, using a definition of Ethiopian origin that covers

Ethiopian-born residents and Israeli-born residents with an Ethiopian-born father.

How many Christian students are in Israel's schools?

The Central Bureau of Statistics counted 26,240 Christian students in primary and secondary schools in the 2024/25 school year, 1.3% of all students.

What share of Christian 12th graders were eligible for a matriculation certificate?

The Central Bureau of Statistics reported 87.7% eligibility among Christian 12th grade students in the 2024/25 school year.

How many Druze teach in Israel's education system?

The Central Bureau of Statistics counted 3,741 Druze employed as teaching staff in the education system in the 2023/24 school year, against 3,633 the previous year.

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How Many Ethiopian Israelis Are There?

The Central Bureau of Statistics counted 168,800 residents of Ethiopian origin at the end of 2022, and defines who is in that count.

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168,800 residents of Ethiopian origin lived in Israel at the end of 2022, in the count the Central Bureau of Statistics published for the Sigd festival in 2023. The Central Bureau of Statistics defines that population as people born in Ethiopia together with people born in Israel whose father was born in Ethiopia, so the total is a birthplace-and-descent count rather than a count of immigrants. Figures in the release carry mixed reference periods, and each one below carries its own.

Figure	What it counts	Period
168,800	Residents of Ethiopian origin: born in Ethiopia, or born in Israel to a father born in Ethiopia	End of 2022
Approximately 92,100 [55%]	Of that total, those born in Ethiopia	End of 2022
76,800 (approximately 45%)	Of that total, those born in Israel to a father born in Ethiopia	End of 2022
6,144	Israeli-born residents whose mother was born in Ethiopia, counted outside the 168,800	End of 2022
1,680	Immigrants arriving in Israel from Ethiopia during the year	2022
62,400 [36.9% of the 168,800]	Residents of Ethiopian origin living in the Central District	End of 2022
42,700	Households of persons of Ethiopian origin, 1.5% of all Israeli households	2020 to 2022 average

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics, The Population of Ethiopian Origin in Israel, selected data published on the occasion of the Sigd festival, 2023.

The Bureau counts about 168,800 residents of Ethiopian origin

The Central Bureau of Statistics recorded 168,800 residents of Ethiopian origin at the end of 2022, on its own definition of the group, and published the count as a Sigd festival release rather than as a standing series. The same release reports the age structure of that population, against the Jews and Others population as the Bureau defines it.

- 26.5% of the 168,800 were aged 0 to 14, and approximately 92.6% of that age group were born in Israel.
- 6.5% of the 168,800 were aged 65 and over.
- 14.3% of the Jews and Others population were aged 65 and over, on the same end-of-2022 reference date.

92,100 were born in Ethiopia and 76,800 in Israel

The Central Bureau of Statistics put approximately 92,100 of the total, or 55%, as people born in Ethiopia, and 76,800, or approximately 45%, as people born in Israel whose father was born in Ethiopia. The second component is a descent criterion rather than a birthplace one, and it is the reason roughly half the published total was born in Israel. The Central Bureau of Statistics counts a further 6,144 Israeli-born residents whose mother was born in Ethiopia outside the 168,800.

Ethiopian-origin population by birthplace

END OF 2022. COMPONENTS AS PUBLISHED, ROUNDED.



Source: Central Bureau of Statistics, Sigd 2023 release. The two rounded components do not sum exactly to the published total of 168,800.

What share of Israel's population is of Ethiopian origin?

The Central Bureau of Statistics published a household share in the Sigd 2023 release and no share of the total resident population: it counted 42,700 households of persons of Ethiopian origin, approximately 1.5% of all Israeli households and approximately 1.8% of the households of Jews and Others, as a 2020 to 2022 average. Those two percentages have different denominators, all Israeli households in the first case and the households of Jews and Others in the second, and they are not interchangeable. The [total resident population](#) is published by the Central Bureau of Statistics in separate releases with their own reference dates, and dividing across releases produces a share the Bureau did not publish.

Where the Bureau records the Ethiopian-origin population living?

The Central Bureau of Statistics recorded 62,400 residents of Ethiopian origin in the Central District at the end of 2022, 36.9% of the 168,800, and approximately 11,000, or 6.4%, in the Tel Aviv District.

Place	Figure	What it counts	Period
Central District	62,400 [36.9%]	Residents of Ethiopian origin, as a share of the 168,800	End of 2022
Tel Aviv District	Approximately 11,000 [6.4%]	Residents of Ethiopian origin, as a share of the 168,800	End of 2022
Netanya	12,200	Highest number in any urban locality	End of 2022
Qiryat Mal'akhi	15.1%	Highest share of any locality's residents	End of 2022

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics, Sigd 2023 release. The locality table covers only localities with 2,000 or more residents of Ethiopian origin, and district figures for the Judea and Samaria Areas relate to Israeli localities only.

The Bureau publishes no count of the third generation

The Central Bureau of Statistics defines the population of Ethiopian origin as people born in Ethiopia plus people born in Israel to a father born in Ethiopia, which places Israeli-born people whose Ethiopian-born grandparents immigrated outside the published total. The Sigd 2023 release carries no figure for that third generation, and the Central Bureau of Statistics states no alternative definition covering it in the release. Arrival volumes across the whole period of [immigration to Israel](#) are published separately.

Which figures here may not be added together?

Every figure on this page comes from one release, and its periods differ by table: population stock and geography are end of 2022, immigration and births are annual, marriage and divorce are 2021, education is the 2021/22 school year, and households are a 2020 to 2022 average.

The 92,100 and the 76,800 are rounded components and do not sum exactly to the published total of 168,800. The 6,144 Israeli-born residents whose mother was born in Ethiopia sit outside that total and may not be added to it. The 1.5% household share and the 1.8% share of Jews and Others households rest on different denominators. Marriage and divorce figures in the release come from the Population Register.

Questions readers ask

How many people of Ethiopian origin live in Israel?

The Central Bureau of Statistics recorded 168,800 at the end of 2022.

Who does the Central Bureau of Statistics count in that figure?

The Central Bureau of Statistics counts people born in Ethiopia and people born in Israel whose father was born in Ethiopia.

Are Israeli-born people inside the total?

Yes. The Central Bureau of Statistics counted 76,800 Israeli-born people with an Ethiopian-born father, approximately 45% of the

total, at the end of 2022.

Are people whose mother was born in Ethiopia counted?

The Central Bureau of Statistics counted 6,144 Israeli-born residents whose mother was born in Ethiopia separately, outside the 168,800.

How many immigrants arrived from Ethiopia recently?

The Central Bureau of Statistics reported 1,680 arrivals in 2022, 1,755 in 2021 and 1,080 in 2020.

Which city has the most residents of Ethiopian origin?

The Central Bureau of Statistics recorded 12,200 in Netanya, the highest number of any urban locality, at the end of 2022.

Which locality has the highest share?

The Central Bureau of Statistics recorded 15.1% in Qiryat Mal'akhi at the end of 2022, the highest share of any locality in the release.

How many babies were born to women of Ethiopian origin?

The Central Bureau of Statistics counted 3,959 infants born to women of Ethiopian origin in 2022.

What fertility rate does the release give?

The Central Bureau of Statistics reported 2.68 children per woman of Ethiopian origin in 2022, against 2.90 in the Jews and Others population.

Does the Central Bureau of Statistics publish fertility by population group?

The Central Bureau of Statistics reports total fertility rate by population group, Jewish, Muslim, Christian, Druze and no religion, in its vital statistics series and in Israel in Figures 2024. Origin within the Jewish population is not one of those groups.

How many students of Ethiopian origin are in the education system?

The Central Bureau of Statistics counted 32,702 in the 2021/22 school year, and reported that 94.4% of 12th grade students of Ethiopian origin took matriculation exams, against 96.2% in the overall Hebrew education sector.

What divorce figure does the release give?

The Central Bureau of Statistics recorded approximately 17.0 divorces per 1,000 married couples among persons of Ethiopian origin in 2021, against 9.3 per 1,000 married couples in the overall Jewish population, with 385 men and 420 women divorcing.

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What Did Israel's Supreme Court Rule on the Barrier Route?

Israel's Supreme Court annulled barrier seizure orders over access harm in 2004. What the judgments, Oslo II and the State Comptroller publish.

LAND AND PLANNING West Bank Freedom Of Movement Separation Barrier Oslo II
Supreme Court Of Israel



40 kilometres of separation obstacle route northwest of Jerusalem were before the Supreme Court of Israel in HCJ 2056/04 Beit Sourik Village Council v. Government of Israel, decided 30 June 2004, and several of the seizure orders covering that route were annulled. The Israeli Supreme Court held that the military commander had authority to build the obstacle for security reasons, and that the route as ordered was disproportionate to the injury it caused to residents of the villages and their access to their land.

Figure	What it counts	Who published it	Period
40 kilometres	Length of obstacle route covered by the seizure orders before the Court	Israeli Supreme Court, HCJ 2056/04	Judgment of 30 June 2004
35,000	Local inhabitants whose lives the Court found the route injures	Israeli Supreme Court, HCJ 2056/04	Judgment of 30 June 2004
4,000 dunams	Land of local inhabitants taken up by the route of the fence itself	Israeli Supreme Court, HCJ 2056/04	Judgment of 30 June 2004
1,500 dunams	Cultivated land left on the far side of the fence	Israeli Supreme Court, HCJ 2056/04	Judgment of 30 June 2004
NIS 20,000	Costs awarded against the respondents	Israeli Supreme Court, HCJ 2056/04	Judgment of 30 June 2004
3 areas	Division of the West Bank into Areas A, B and C, with powers allocated by area	Israel and the PLO, Oslo II	Signed 28 September 1995
99,500	Permits to employ Palestinian workers in Israel, the quota approved by the government	State Comptroller of Israel, Annual Report 70C	2018

Beit Sourik annulled barrier segments over harm to access

The Israeli Supreme Court found that the route of the obstacle takes up 4,000 dunams of local inhabitants land, leaves 1,500 dunams of cultivated land on the far side, and injures the lives of 35,000 local inhabitants. In its own words, the fence “cuts the residents of the villages off from their lands, and makes their access to it, access upon which the livelihood of many depends, difficult.” These are the Court’s own findings in a case brought against the Israeli government, and they cover the roughly 40 kilometre segment before it, not the obstacle as a whole.

The judgment has two halves, and they travel together:

- The commander has authority to build the obstacle for security reasons, and the claim that the route served a political rather than a security purpose was rejected.
- Several of the seizure orders were voided as disproportionate, and the commander was required to reconsider the route.
- Costs of NIS 20,000 were awarded against the respondents.

The Court examined the gates and permits, not only the route

The proportionality of the route, and not its length alone, decided the case. The Israeli Supreme Court applied a three part test: a rational connection between the means and the security objective, the least injurious means, and narrow proportionality, the injury

standing in proper proportion to the gain. On that test the injury to access, to cultivation and to livelihood on the far side of the route was weighed against the security benefit the State put forward on its own assessment.

The judgment records figures from both sides, and they are not the same figures. The Court's findings and the petitioners pleaded claims must be attributed to their separate speakers.

Figure	What it counts	Who stated it
4,000 dunams	Land taken up by the route of the fence itself	The Court, as its finding
1,500 dunams	Cultivated land left beyond the fence	The Court, as its finding
4,850 dunams	Land the obstacle passes over	The petitioners, as pleaded
Over 37,000 dunams	Land the petitioners said would be separated from them	The petitioners, as pleaded
26,500 dunams	Agricultural land within that separated area	The petitioners, as pleaded

Source: Israeli Supreme Court, HCJ 2056/04 Beit Sourik Village Council v. Government of Israel, judgment of 30 June 2004. No count of gates, crossing points or opening hours is reproduced among the figures published here.

Who controls movement in Area C under Oslo II?

The Israeli-Palestinian Interim Agreement of 28 September 1995 divides the West Bank into three areas and allocates powers by area. Area A and Area B are defined as populated areas delineated by a red line and shaded on the attached map, and Area C is defined residually, as areas of the West Bank outside Areas A and

B. The powers described are Israel's own, set out in an agreement Israel signed and applied by [Israel's own military and civilian legal tracks](#).

Provision	What the Agreement assigns
Article XI[2]	All civil powers in Areas A and B, including planning and zoning, transferred to the Council; in Area C, only civil powers not relating to territory
Article XIII	Internal security and public order in Area A to the Council; in Area B, public order for Palestinians to the Council, with Israel holding the overriding responsibility for security
Article XVII[2]	Territorial jurisdiction of the Council covers West Bank territory except for Area C; personal jurisdiction applies to all persons except Israelis
Article XVII[4][a]	Israel, through its military government, retains authority over areas outside the Council's territorial jurisdiction, powers not transferred, and Israelis

Source: Israel and the PLO, Oslo II, signed 28 September 1995, in the text published by the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The Agreement prints no percentage for the area of Area C. On the authority exercising those powers, the Israeli Supreme Court held in HCI 390/79 Dweikat v. Government of Israel, decided 22 October 1979, that the military commander governs the area and that the Hague Regulations bind the military administration there, a holding the Court reached in [the Elon Moreh case](#).

No Israeli body here publishes an obstacle or permit-denial count

The State Comptroller of Israel audited the staff officers of the Civil Administration between September 2018 and June 2019 and published counts of the administering machinery: 25 staff officers serving as the government ministries professional representatives, and 314 employees, of whom 202 are Israeli civil servants and 112 are Palestinian employees. The same audit records 99,500 permits to employ Palestinian workers in Israel in 2018, which is the quota the Israeli government approved on its own decision, not a count of permits issued, used or refused. None of the Israeli publications

used on this page carries a count of checkpoints, road gates, earthmounds, roadblocks, closures or permit refusals.

Civil Administration staffing as audited

314 EMPLOYEES IN TOTAL, SEPTEMBER 2018 TO JUNE 2019 AUDIT



■ Israeli civil servants ■ Palestinian employees

Source: State Comptroller of Israel, Annual Report 70C, Staff Officers in the Civil Administration in the Judea and Samaria Region.

The figure of 793 movement obstacles that circulates on this question is the count of the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, published by a United Nations office rather than by an Israeli body.

Which figures here may not be added together?

The 4,000 dunams and the 1,500 dunams are the Court's findings on one roughly 40 kilometre segment of route, and neither

describes the obstacle as a whole. The petitioners pleaded figures recorded in the same judgment are claims of a party, not findings, and the two sets must never be merged or summed. The 99,500 is an approved employment quota for 2018 and may not be restated as permits issued or as people who crossed. The State Comptroller's 202 and 112 sum exactly to the audited total of 314. Oslo II prints three aquifer totals, area definitions and clause allocations, and no share of West Bank territory, so any percentage for Area C belongs to whoever measured it.

Questions readers ask about this record

Which court decided the Beit Sourik case?

The Supreme Court of Israel, sitting as the High Court of Justice, decided HCJ 2056/04 on 30 June 2004, with President A. Barak writing and Vice President E. Mazza and Justice M. Cheshin concurring.

Did the Court rule the separation obstacle unlawful?

No. The Israeli Supreme Court held that the military commander has authority to build the obstacle for security reasons, and voided particular seizure orders because the route was disproportionate.

How much land did the Court say the route takes up?

The Israeli Supreme Court found that the route takes up 4,000 dunams of local inhabitants land and leaves 1,500 dunams of cultivated land beyond the fence.

How many people did the Court say the route injures?

The Israeli Supreme Court stated that the route injures the lives of 35,000 local inhabitants in the villages northwest of Jerusalem.

What test did the Court apply?

The Israeli Supreme Court applied a three part proportionality test: rational connection, least injurious means, and injury standing in proper proportion to the gain.

Who has authority over movement in Area C?

The Interim Agreement of 28 September 1995 records that Israel, through its military government, retains authority over areas outside the Council's territorial jurisdiction, which includes Area C.

Does Oslo II say what share of the West Bank is Area C?

No. The Interim Agreement defines Areas A and B by a red line and shading on the attached map and defines Area C residually, and prints no territorial percentage anywhere.

Which body governs the West Bank in Israeli law?

The Israeli Supreme Court held in HCJ 390/79, decided 22 October 1979, that the military commander governs the area and is bound by the Hague Regulations as customary international law.

Does the State Comptroller count checkpoints?

The State Comptroller's Annual Report 70C audits the staff officers and the administering bodies and publishes no count of checkpoints, gates or closures.

Whose count is the figure of 793 movement obstacles?

That count is published by the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, and it is that office's own count rather than an Israeli one.

What does the 99,500 permit figure cover?

The State Comptroller reported 99,500 permits to employ Palestinian workers in Israel for 2018, the quota approved by the Israeli government, which is a quota rather than permits issued or used.

How many people work in the Civil Administration?

The State Comptroller recorded 314 employees in the Civil Administration in 2019, of whom 202 are Israeli civil servants and 112 are Palestinian employees.

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How Long Do Israelis Live? 80.7 Years for Men, 84.8 for Women

Israel's Central Bureau of Statistics published life expectancy of 80.7 years for men and 84.8 for women in 2022, and no single combined figure.

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80.7 years for men and 84.8 years for women: those are the life expectancy figures the Central Bureau of Statistics published for calendar year 2022, in Israel in Figures 2023, its selected-data booklet drawn from the Statistical Abstract of Israel 2023 and issued in 2024. The Bureau prints the two figures separately and prints no single combined national figure beside them. For the same year the Bureau recorded a population of 9,662,000 at year end and national expenditure on health of NIS 132.6 billion, 7.6% of GDP.

Figure	What it counts	Period
80.7 years	Life expectancy at birth, men, whole population of Israel	2022
84.8 years	Life expectancy at birth, women, whole population of Israel	2022
75.8 years	Life expectancy, Moslem men in Israel	2021
80.7 years	Life expectancy, Moslem women in Israel	2021
9,662,000	Population of Israel at end of year	2022
NIS 132.6 billion, 7.6% of GDP	National expenditure on health	2022

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics, Israel in Figures 2023 [published 2024] for the 2022 figures, and the Bureau's media release on the Moslem population of Israel, issued 6 July 2022, for the 2021 figures.

Israel in Figures records 80.7 years for men and 84.8 for women

The Central Bureau of Statistics published both figures in Israel in Figures 2023, its own compilation of national indicators for calendar year 2022. The booklet reports life expectancy at birth for the whole population of Israel, separately for men and for women,

alongside 181,193 live newborns and a total fertility rate of 2.89 children per woman for the same year.

Life expectancy at birth in Israel

WHOLE POPULATION OF ISRAEL, CALENDAR YEAR 2022



Source: Central Bureau of Statistics, Israel in Figures 2023. The two figures are published separately and are not averaged in the release.

The Bureau publishes life expectancy by sex, not as one number

Israel in Figures 2023 carries the two sex-specific figures and no combined national figure for either 2022 or any other year in the booklet. A reader quoting the Israeli release therefore quotes two numbers, 80.7 and 84.8, each with its own population base. The Central Bureau of Statistics states no weighting between them, so the two cannot be averaged into a single national figure from what the release publishes.

Which year does the Bureau's life expectancy figure cover?

The figures cover calendar year 2022, and the booklet carrying them was published in 2024. The Central Bureau of Statistics names the release Israel in Figures 2023 after the Statistical Abstract of Israel 2023 from which it draws, so the release name,

the publication year and the reference year are three different dates.

Date	What it is
2022	Reference year of the life expectancy, population and health figures
2023	The Statistical Abstract edition the booklet draws on, and the release name
2024	Year the booklet was published
2021/22 school year	Reference period of the education figures in the same booklet

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics, Israel in Figures 2023.

No OECD ranking appears in the Bureau releases used here

Neither release this page rests on ranks Israel against other countries on life expectancy. The Central Bureau of Statistics publishes the Israeli figures in Israel in Figures 2023 and, in Israel in Figures 2024, publishes total fertility rate by population group, with no comparative country table on longevity in either. Where the Bureau publishes no ranking, this page carries none.

Moslem life expectancy in 2021 was 75.8 years for men

The Central Bureau of Statistics reported life expectancy of 75.8 years for Moslem men and 80.7 years for Moslem women in its media release of 6 July 2022, issued for Eid al-Adha, on the Bureau's own compiled figures for 2021. The Bureau's Christmas

2025 release on Christians in Israel and its 2024 release on the Druze population carry other indicators for those groups and no life expectancy figure.

Release	Period	What it carries on this subject
Moslem population of Israel, Eid al-Adha 2022	2021	Life expectancy, 75.8 years for men and 80.7 for women
Christmas 2025, Christians in Israel	End 2024	Fertility of 1.61 children per Christian woman, no life expectancy figure
Druze population, Nabi Shu'ayb 2024	End 2022	Fertility of 1.85 children per woman, no life expectancy figure

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics, the three media releases named in the table.

Which figures on this page may not be added together?

The 80.7 and the 84.8 are separate figures for men and women, and averaging them produces a number the Central Bureau of Statistics does not publish. The Moslem figures are for 2021 and the whole-population figures for 2022, so they belong to different years and are not one series. The Bureau states that the population data in its Moslem population release are preliminary. The health expenditure figure is the Bureau's own compilation of national health accounts for 2022 and covers expenditure from all sources, not government spending alone.

Questions readers ask

How long do Israelis live?

The Central Bureau of Statistics published life expectancy at birth of 80.7 years for men and 84.8 years for women in Israel for 2022.

Who publishes Israel's life expectancy figures?

The Central Bureau of Statistics publishes them, as national statistics, in Israel in Figures and in the Statistical Abstract of Israel.

Which year do the 80.7 and 84.8 figures cover?

The Central Bureau of Statistics reported both for calendar year 2022, in a booklet it published in 2024.

Is there a single combined figure for both sexes?

Israel in Figures 2023 publishes the two figures separately, and the Central Bureau of Statistics prints no combined national figure in it.

Does the Bureau publish life expectancy for Moslems in Israel?

The Central Bureau of Statistics reported 75.8 years for Moslem men and 80.7 for Moslem women in its Eid al-Adha media release of 6 July 2022, for 2021.

Do the Christian and Druze releases carry life expectancy?

The Central Bureau of Statistics published fertility, age structure, education and employment figures in those releases, and no life expectancy figure in either.

How many people did the Bureau count in Israel?

The Central Bureau of Statistics recorded 9,662,000 residents at the end of 2022, with annual growth of 2.2% against 1.8% in 2021.

How much does Israel spend on health?

The Central Bureau of Statistics reported national expenditure on health of NIS 132.6 billion in 2022, which it puts at 7.6% of GDP.

How much does Israel spend on education?

The Central Bureau of Statistics reported national expenditure on education of NIS 132.0 billion in 2022, 7.5% of GDP, with 1.910 million students in the education system in the 2021/22 school year.

Why is the data year earlier than the publication year?

The Central Bureau of Statistics compiles the Statistical Abstract and its selected-data booklet after the reference year closes, so the 2022 figures appeared in a 2024 publication.

What is Israel's fertility rate in the same release?

The Central Bureau of Statistics recorded a total fertility rate of 2.89 children per woman and 181,193 live newborns for 2022.

Does the Bureau compare Israel with other countries on longevity?

The two Israel in Figures releases used here publish no country ranking on life expectancy, and this page reports none.

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How Many Druze Live in Israel?

The Central Bureau of Statistics estimated approximately 152,000 Druze in Israel in February 2024, and counts them inside its Arabs group.

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Approximately 152,000 Druze were living in Israel in February 2024, on the preliminary estimate the Central Bureau of Statistics published for the Nabi Shu'ayb festival. The Central

Bureau of Statistics puts the Druze population at the founding of the State at 14,500, and states that the current estimate is more than a tenfold increase on it. The same release reports the rest of its Druze data for earlier periods: population by locality for the end of 2022, households for 2023, and education for the 2022/23 academic year and the 2023/24 school year.

Figure	What it counts	Period
approximately 152,000	Druze population of Israel, preliminary estimate	February 2024
14,500	Druze population at the founding of the State, against which the Bureau states a more than tenfold increase	Founding of the State
17,600 and 17,500	Druze populations of Daliyat al-Karmel and Yirka, the two largest	End of 2022
1.85	Children per Druze woman, total fertility rate, against 2.00 the previous year	2022
approximately 41,000	Druze households, approximately 1.4% of all households in Israel	2023
5,859	Druze students in all institutions of higher education	2022/23 academic year
2.157 million	Arabs in Israel's population, the group in which the Bureau counts Moslems, Arab Christians and Druze	Eve of the 78th Independence Day, preliminary

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics, the Nabi Shu'ayb festival release of 2024 for the Druze figures and the Independence Day 2026 release for the Arabs figure.

The Bureau's Nabi Shu'ayb release counts Israel's Druze population

The approximately 152,000 is a preliminary estimate for February 2024, and it is the only Druze population figure in the release carrying that date. The Central Bureau of Statistics publishes no share of the national total beside it, and the Druze do not appear as a separate line in the Bureau's headline population breakdown. The one share the release does state is a share of households: approximately 41,000 Druze households in 2023, approximately 1.4% of all households in Israel, which is a proportion of households and not of people.

Druze live mainly in the north, on the Bureau's locality figures

The Central Bureau of Statistics reports Druze populations by locality for the end of 2022, a period 14 months earlier than its headline estimate, so the two are not one series.

- Daliyat al-Karmel, 17,600 Druze residents, the largest Druze locality on the Bureau's count for the end of 2022.
- Yirka, 17,500 Druze residents, the second largest on the same count.

The Bureau counts Druze inside its Arab population group

The Central Bureau of Statistics divides Israel's population into three published categories, and its own definitions place Moslems, Arab Christians and Druze together in the group it calls Arabs. A reader who adds the Druze total to the published Jews and Others

and Arabs figures counts the same people twice. Where a group is reported on its own, the Bureau does it in a dedicated release, as with its Christmas release, which recorded approximately 184,200 [Christians in Israel](#) in December 2025 on a preliminary estimate.

Category	Figure	What the Bureau includes	Period
Total	10.244 million	Resident population of Israel, preliminary	Eve of the 78th Independence Day, up to date for 22 April 2026
Jews and Others	7.790 million [76%]	Jews, non-Arab Christians, other religions, and those registered as not classified by religion	Same estimate
Arabs	2.157 million [21.1%]	Moslems, Arab Christians and Druze	Same estimate
Foreigners	296,000 [2.9%]	Foreigners staying in Israel, counted in the total and outside both named groups	End of 2025

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics, Israel's Independence Day 2026 release. Further detail on the categories is in [how the Bureau counts Israel's population](#).

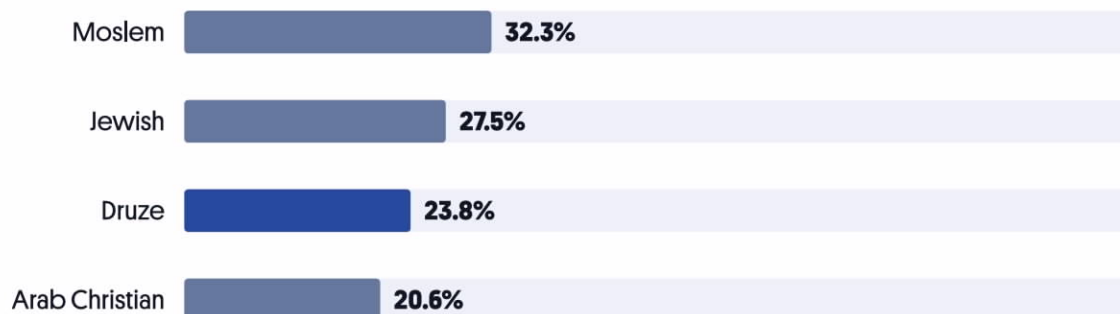
How fast has the Druze population grown, on the Bureau's figures?

The Central Bureau of Statistics recorded a total fertility rate of 1.85 children per Druze woman in 2022, against 2.00 the previous year, and dates the peak of the Druze rate to 1964 at 7.92 children per woman, declining since the mid-1960s. The Bureau's comparison with 1948 is its own: 14,500 at the founding of the State, and more than a tenfold increase to the February 2024

estimate. On the Bureau's end-2022 figures, children aged 0 to 14 were 23.8% of the Druze population.

Share of children aged 0 to 14, by group

END OF 2022. SEPARATE POPULATION GROUPS, NOT PARTS OF ONE WHOLE.



Source: Central Bureau of Statistics, Nabi Shu'ayb festival release, 2024.

The Golan Heights carries no separate Druze figure here

The Central Bureau of Statistics names Daliyat al-Karmel and Yirka as the largest Druze localities in its Nabi Shu'ayb release and publishes no separate count of Druze residents of the Golan Heights in it, and no breakdown of the Druze population by residency status. Its Independence Day 2025 release recorded a resident population of 10.094 million, preliminary, based on the 2022 census and up to date for the end of May 2025, and states that from 2023 the estimates include foreigners recorded as entering Israel from 2008 with no record of exiting.

Which of these figures may not be added together?

The 152,000 is a preliminary February 2024 estimate; the locality figures are for the end of 2022, the household figures for 2023 and the education figures for academic and school years, so they do not form one series.

Druze are counted inside the Bureau's Arabs group, so the Druze total may not be added to the published Jews and Others and Arabs figures.

The approximately 1.4% is a share of all households in Israel in 2023, not a share of the population.

The 14,500 for 1948 and the more than tenfold comparison are the Central Bureau of Statistics' own.

From 2023 the Bureau's population estimates include foreigners staying in Israel, so the totals are not continuous with earlier years.

Questions readers ask

Who publishes the official Druze population figure for Israel?

The Central Bureau of Statistics publishes it, most recently in its release marking the Nabi Shu'ayb festival.

Is the 152,000 a final figure?

No. The Central Bureau of Statistics published it as a preliminary estimate for February 2024.

Does the Bureau list Druze separately in its headline population breakdown?

No. The Central Bureau of Statistics reports three categories, Jews and Others, Arabs and foreigners, and counts Druze within the Arabs group alongside Moslems and Arab Christians.

How many Druze households are there in Israel?

The Central Bureau of Statistics counted approximately 41,000 Druze households in 2023, approximately 1.4% of all households in Israel.

Which localities have the largest Druze populations?

The Central Bureau of Statistics recorded Daliyat al-Karmel at 17,600 and Yirka at 17,500 at the end of 2022.

What is the Druze fertility rate?

The Central Bureau of Statistics reported 1.85 children per Druze woman in 2022, against 2.00 in 2021.

When was the Druze fertility rate at its highest?

The Central Bureau of Statistics dates the peak to 1964 at 7.92 children per woman, with the rate declining since the mid-1960s.

How many Druze study in higher education?

The Central Bureau of Statistics counted 5,859 Druze students across all institutions of higher education in the 2022/23 academic year, a rise of 0.2% on the previous year, against about 1,600 in 1999/00.

How many Druze teach in Israel's schools?

The Central Bureau of Statistics recorded 3,741 Druze employed as teaching staff in the education system in the 2023/24 school year, against 3,633 the previous year.

How many Druze hold academic teaching posts?

The Central Bureau of Statistics counted 185 Druze academic teaching staff at institutions of higher education in 2022/23, an increase of 1.0% over 183 the previous year.

What share of Druze households contain employed persons?

The Central Bureau of Statistics reported 83.8% in 2023, against 79.3% among Moslems and 77.7% among Christians.

How many people live in Israel in total?

The Central Bureau of Statistics estimated 10.244 million on the eve of the 78th Independence Day, preliminary and up to date for 22 April 2026.

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