

KEY FIGURES September 29, 2026

How Much Antisemitism Do Jewish Students Face on Campus?

ADL counted 1,694 antisemitic incidents on US campuses in 2024, up 84%, and Israel's Diaspora Ministry told the Knesset US incidents rose 477%.

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Ministry for Diaspora Affairs



Antisemitic incidents on US campuses reached 1,694 in 2024, on the Anti-Defamation League's own count, 84% more than in 2023. Israel's Ministry for Diaspora Affairs and Combating Antisemitism publishes percentage rises rather than campus

counts. On its own count, the Ministry put the rise in on-campus incidents linked to the war at 700% after 7 October 2023. On 9 July 2025 it told a Knesset committee that US incidents had risen 477% over the past year.

Figure	What it counts	Who published it	Period
1,694	Antisemitic incidents on US campuses, on ADL's own definitions, 84% above 2023	Anti-Defamation League	2024
9,354	All US antisemitic incidents, on the same definitions	Anti-Defamation League	2024
700%	Rise in on-campus incidents registered in regard to the war, the Ministry's own count	Ministry for Diaspora Affairs and Combating Antisemitism	After 7 October 2023
32.5%	Jewish students in the US feeling emotionally secure on campus, the Ministry's own figure	Ministry for Diaspora Affairs and Combating Antisemitism	After 7 October 2023
477%	Rise in US antisemitic incidents, the Ministry's own figure as stated to a Knesset committee	Ministry for Diaspora Affairs and Combating Antisemitism, quoted by the Knesset	The past year, stated 9 July 2025
47%	Jewish adults aged 18 to 29 reporting being personally targeted, self-reported	American Jewish Committee	Past year, 2025 survey
66%	Jewish students on campuses who feel unsafe, from ADL internal surveys	Anti-Defamation League, as told to the Knesset	Stated 9 July 2025

ADL counted 1,694 campus incidents in 2024, up 84%

The Anti-Defamation League counted 1,694 antisemitic incidents on US campuses in 2024, 84% more than in 2023. ADL is a monitoring and advocacy organisation, and the count is its own, on its own definitions. The campus count sits inside a national

total of 9,354, the highest in the 46 years ADL has tracked incidents.

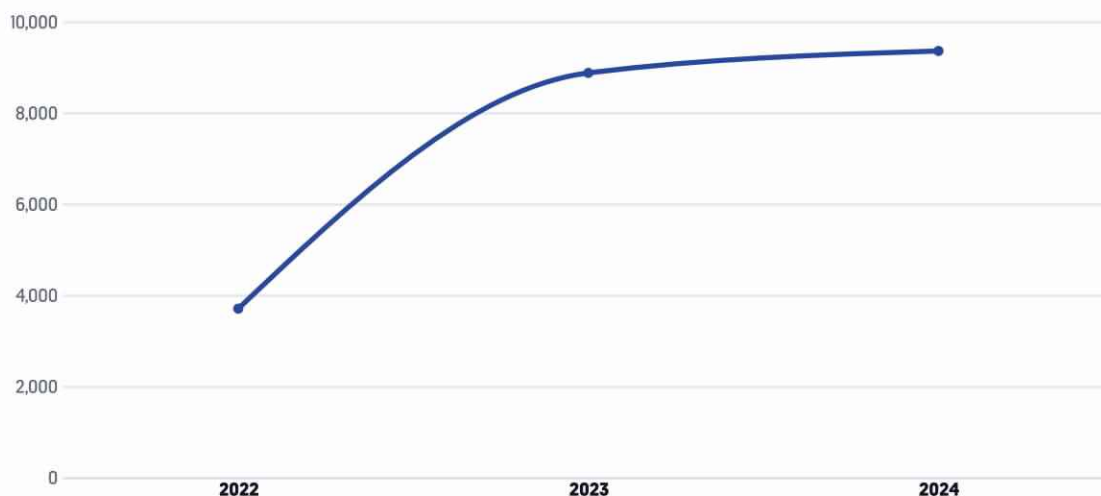
Since 7 October 2023, ADL has counted certain expressions of opposition to Zionism at protests. By ADL's own disclosure, that change added 1,350 incidents, 15%, to its 2023 total, and it carries into 2024.

- 5,452 incidents, 58% of the 9,354, which ADL classes as Israel or Zionism related
- 2,596 incidents at rallies ADL classes as anti-Israel
- 196 assaults, 2,606 acts of vandalism and 6,552 of harassment

An 84% rise for 2024 also appears in the Knesset's press release of 9 July 2025. In ADL's audit, the 84% belongs to the campus count. ADL's national total rose 5%, from 8,873.

US antisemitic incidents, 2022 to 2024

ALL INCIDENTS, CAMPUS AND OFF CAMPUS, ON ONE BODY'S OWN DEFINITIONS.



Source: Anti-Defamation League, Audit of Antisemitic Incidents 2024. ADL's own count; its October 2023 definitional change added 1,350 incidents to the 2023 total by ADL's own disclosure.

The Ministry told the Knesset US incidents rose 477% in a year

The Ministry for Diaspora Affairs and Combating Antisemitism stated on 9 July 2025 that antisemitic incidents throughout the United States rose 477% over the past year. Its Deputy Director General gave the figure orally to the Knesset's Committee for Immigration, Absorption and Diaspora Affairs. It is the Ministry's own figure, quoted in the Knesset's release for "the past year", with no incident count printed beside it.

The Ministry's statements to the committee, as the Knesset quotes them:

- On the United States: "an increase of 477% in antisemitic incidents throughout the United States over the past year"
- On Europe: incidents over the past year were "six times as high as in an ordinary year"
- On monitoring: a control centre watching "activists and agents of antisemitism on social media"
- On campuses: "a review every two weeks that places an emphasis on antisemitism on campuses"

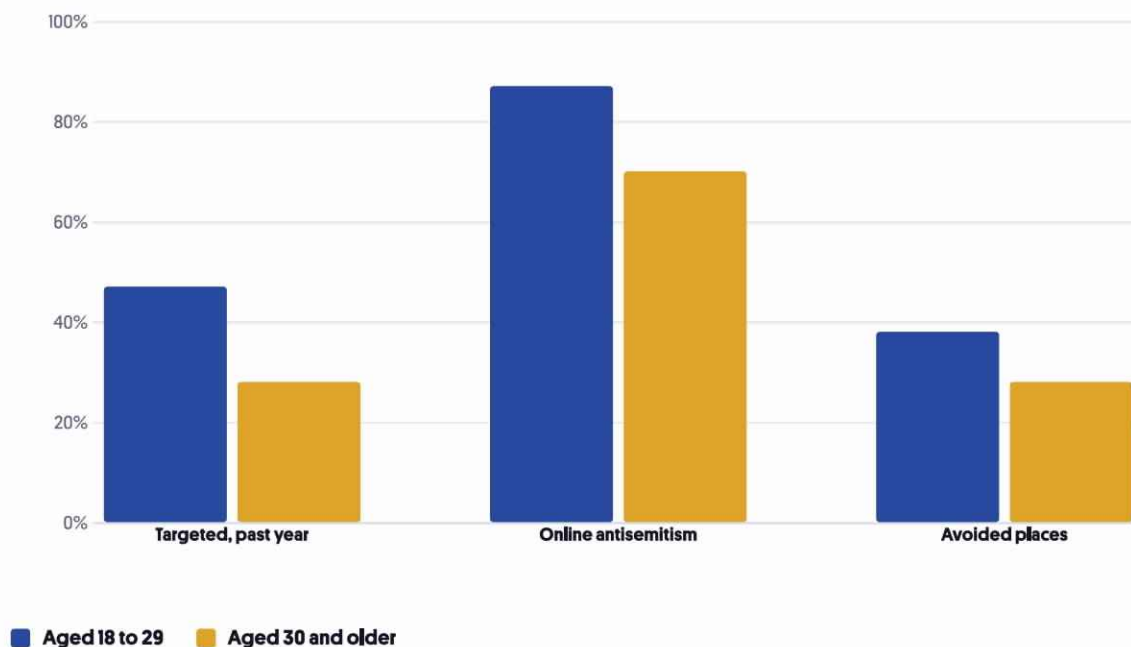
The Ministry's wider annual counts are set out in [what Israel's antisemitism ministry counts](#).

47% of Jews aged 18 to 29 told AJC they were targeted

The American Jewish Committee found that 47% of Jewish adults aged 18 to 29 reported being personally targeted by antisemitism in the past year, against 28% of those aged 30 and older. The figures come from its State of Antisemitism in America 2025. The

shares are self-reported experiences within AJC's own survey samples, not incident counts. The age band includes most students, but the sample is of adults, not of students.

American Jews' experience of antisemitism, by age
SELF-REPORTED SHARES WITHIN THE SURVEY SAMPLES, 2025.



Source: American Jewish Committee, The State of Antisemitism in America 2025. Self-reported experiences, not incident counts.

Across all American Jews, AJC put the share personally targeted in 2025 at about 31%. That figure includes 3% targeted by a physical attack, 21% by an in-person remark, 5% by vandalism and 21% by an online remark or post. A respondent can fall into more than one category, so the parts do not sum to the 31%.

ADL told the Knesset 66% of Jewish students feel unsafe

A Vice President of the Anti-Defamation League told the same Knesset committee on 9 July 2025 that 66% of Jewish students on campuses feel unsafe. The figure comes from ADL internal surveys. The share is ADL's own and reaches Israel's record

through the Knesset's release. It measures feeling unsafe, which is a different question from AJC's share of those targeted.

Statement to the committee	Speaker	Record
66% of Jewish students on campuses feel unsafe	ADL Vice President, citing ADL internal surveys	Knesset release, 9 July 2025
477% rise in US incidents over the past year, the Ministry's own figure	Deputy Director General, Ministry for Diaspora Affairs and Combating Antisemitism	Knesset release, 9 July 2025
The Knesset adopted the IHRA definition of antisemitism in its previous term	The Knesset, in its own voice	Knesset release, 9 July 2025

No Israeli body here publishes its own count of campus incidents

None of the Israeli records on this page publishes a count of antisemitic incidents on campuses. The Ministry for Diaspora Affairs and Combating Antisemitism publishes percentage rises and shares. Its State of Antisemitism Report for 2023 put the rise in on-campus incidents registered in regard to the war at 700% after 7 October 2023. The report is the Ministry's own count, compiled with the World Zionist Organization and the Jewish Agency from its incident database. The Ministry distributes a review every two weeks with an emphasis on campuses, and the Knesset's release does not say that the review is published.

Record	What it gives on campuses	Whose figure
ADL audit, 2024	1,694 incidents, a count	ADL's own, on its own definitions
Ministry report for 2023	700% rise; 32.5% of US Jewish students feeling emotionally secure	The Ministry's own

Record	What it gives on campuses	Whose figure
Ministry statement to the Knesset, 2025	477% rise in all US incidents, not campus-specific	The Ministry's own
AJC survey, 2025	47% of Jews aged 18 to 29 targeted, self-reported	AJC's own sample

The 2023 series is set out in [how much antisemitism rose in 2023](#) and in [the rise after October 7](#).

Which of these figures may not be added together?

None of these figures may be added together or set against each other as one series.

- ADL's 1,694 and 9,354 are incidents counted on ADL's own definitions, including its October 2023 change.
- The Ministry's 477% and 700% are its own percentage rises over different windows, and neither converts to a count.
- AJC's 47% targeted and ADL's 66% feeling unsafe come from different surveys asking different questions.
- The Ministry's 32.5% feeling secure is not the complement of ADL's 66% feeling unsafe.

Questions readers ask

How many antisemitic incidents happened on US campuses in 2024?

The Anti-Defamation League counted 1,694 in 2024, 84% more than in 2023, on its own definitions.

Is the campus count part of ADL's national total?

Yes. The Anti-Defamation League counted 9,354 US incidents in 2024, and the 1,694 campus incidents are part of that total.

Why did ADL's totals rise so sharply in 2023?

The Anti-Defamation League counted 8,873 incidents in 2023, against 3,698 in 2022. By ADL's own disclosure, its counting of certain expressions of opposition to Zionism at protests from 7 October 2023 added 1,350 incidents to the 2023 total.

What does Israel's government publish on campus antisemitism?

In its own 2023 report, the Ministry for Diaspora Affairs and Combating Antisemitism reported a 700% rise in on-campus incidents registered in regard to the war after 7 October 2023.

How safe do Jewish students in the US feel?

In its own 2023 report, the Ministry for Diaspora Affairs and Combating Antisemitism reported that 32.5% of US Jewish students feel emotionally secure on campus. Separately, an ADL Vice President told the Knesset that 66% feel unsafe, citing ADL internal surveys.

Are young American Jews targeted more than older ones?

The American Jewish Committee found that 47% of Jews aged 18 to 29 reported being targeted in the past year, against 28% of those 30 and older.

Do young Jews avoid places because of antisemitism?

The American Jewish Committee found that 38% of Jews aged 18 to 29 had avoided places or events out of fear of antisemitism, against 28% of those 30 and older.

How many American Jews overall were targeted in 2025?

The American Jewish Committee found that about 31% of American Jews were personally targeted in 2025, on self-reported survey answers.

What did the Ministry tell the Knesset about Europe?

The Ministry for Diaspora Affairs and Combating Antisemitism stated, through its Deputy Director General on 9 July 2025, that European incidents over the past year were six times as high as in an ordinary year. That is the Ministry's own figure.

Which definition of antisemitism has the Knesset adopted?

The Knesset's release of 9 July 2025 records that the Knesset adopted the IHRA definition of antisemitism in its previous term.

Does Israel publish its own count of campus incidents?

The Ministry for Diaspora Affairs and Combating Antisemitism published percentage rises, not a campus count, in the records on this page. The campus count in circulation is one the Anti-Defamation League counted.

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How Much Did Antisemitism Rise After October 7?

How Many Antisemitic Incidents Were Recorded Worldwide in 2025?



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How Many Israelis Have Left the Country? 82,800 in 2023

82,800 Israelis left for the long term in 2023 and 24,200 returned, on Central Bureau of Statistics data compiled by the Knesset's research service.

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Migration Balance



82,800 Israelis left the country for the long term in 2023, on Central Bureau of Statistics data compiled by the Knesset Research and Information Centre in its update of 16 October

2025. That was 39% more than the 59,400 who left in 2022. In 2023, 24,200 Israelis returned after a long stay abroad.

Figure	What it counts	Period
82,800	Israelis who left for the long term, up 39% on 2022	2023
59,400	Israelis who left for the long term, up 44% on 2021	2022
24,200	Israelis returning after a long stay abroad	2023
29%	Returners as a share of long-term leavers	2023
About 50,000	Israelis who left for the long term	January to August 2024
About 125,200	Fall in the migration balance of Israelis, returners minus long-term leavers	Since the start of 2022, on data to August 2024

Source: Knesset Research and Information Centre, Data on the Emigration of Israelis, Update, 16 October 2025, on Central Bureau of Statistics data.

82,800 Israelis left for the long term in 2023

The Knesset Research and Information Centre recorded 82,800 long-term departures in 2023, on the Bureau's data. The Centre presents these figures by year of departure. It notes a marked rise in October 2023, which it says was possibly influenced by the outbreak of the war.

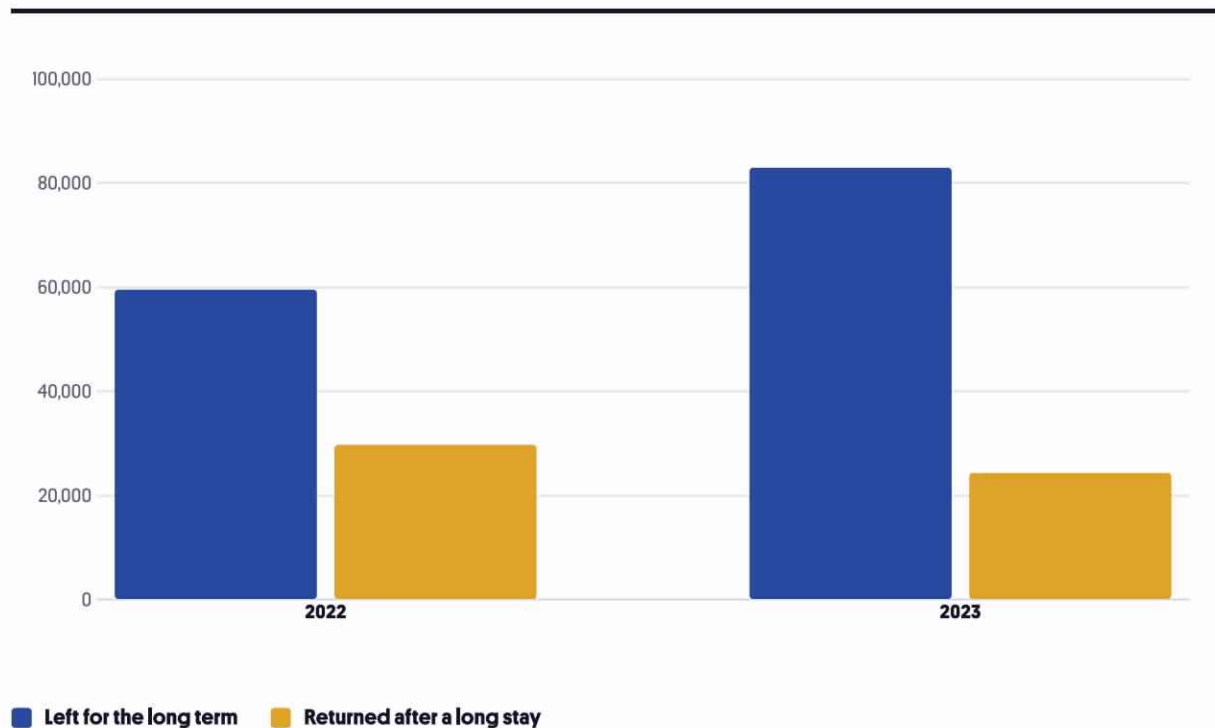
- 2022: 59,400 left, an increase of 44% on 2021.
- 2023: 82,800 left, an increase of 39% on 2022.
- October 2023: a marked rise within the year, in the Centre's words possibly linked to the war.

Returns fell to 24,200 in 2023, 29% of departures

The Knesset Research and Information Centre counted 24,200 Israelis returning after a long stay abroad in 2023, down from 29,600 in 2022. Returners in 2023 were 29% of the number leaving. The Centre states this was the widest gap of recent years.

Long-term leavers and returners, 2022 and 2023

ISRAELIS, BY YEAR OF DEPARTURE OR RETURN.



Source: Knesset Research and Information Centre, Data on the Emigration of Israelis, Update, 16 October 2025, on Central Bureau of Statistics data.

In the first eight months of the year, returns also fell. There were 12,100 returners in January to August 2024, against 15,600 in the same months of 2023.

The migration balance of Israelis fell by about 125,200 from 2022

The Knesset Research and Information Centre published a fall of about 125,200 in the migration balance of Israelis since the start of 2022. The balance is returners minus long-term leavers. It excludes [new immigrants](#).

- The 125,200 is a net figure. It is not the number of people who left.
- It covers 2022, 2023 and the months of 2024 to August.
- The Centre gives it as approximate, and it stays approximate.

About 50,000 left in January to August of both 2023 and 2024

The Knesset Research and Information Centre reported that departures in January to August 2024 were similar to the same months of 2023, at about 50,000 in each. The update's data stop at August 2024.

- January to August 2023: about 50,000 long-term leavers.
- January to August 2024: about 50,000 long-term leavers.
- The update gives no full-year figure for 2024 and no figure for 2025.

The Bureau put the balance of Israelis abroad at 45,000 in 2025 to 2026

The Central Bureau of Statistics publishes a separate measure in its Independence Day releases: the balance of Israelis staying abroad, one of the components of population change. It was a negative 56,000 between Independence Day 2024 and

Independence Day 2025, and a negative 45,000 in the 11.75 months to 22 April 2026.

Period	Balance of Israelis staying abroad	Release
Independence Day 2024 to Independence Day 2025	56,000, negative	Israel's Independence Day 2025
11.75 months to 22 April 2026	45,000, negative	Israel's Independence Day 2026

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics, Independence Day media releases, 2025 and 2026. Both periods run between Independence Days, not calendar years, and the 2026 figures are preliminary.

The Bureau counts a leaver after 275 days abroad

The Central Bureau of Statistics changed its method from 2023, the Knesset Research and Information Centre states. A long-term leaver is someone who spent at least 275 days abroad in the year after leaving, with the first 90 days consecutive. A returner is the mirror of that, with the days spent in Israel.

- The Bureau revised earlier years to the new definition. Series built on the old one do not match it.
- The Centre presents data by year of departure or return.
- The Bureau also presents the data by the year the follow-up ended. The Centre states that the two presentations give different annual figures.

Which of these figures may not be added together?

Leavers and returners are separate counts. The 125,200 is a balance between them, not a count of people.

- Figures by year of departure and figures by year the follow-up ended are two bases, and one may not be set against the other.
- Series on the pre-2023 definition are not comparable with these.
- The about 50,000 for January to August stays approximate and is never restated as an exact count.
- The returner share of 29% is 24,200 of 82,800, for 2023 only.
- The Bureau's Independence Day balance of Israelis staying abroad runs between Independence Days and is a different measure from the Centre's calendar-year balance, so the two are not set against each other.

Questions readers ask

Did emigration from Israel rise after 7 October?

The Knesset Research and Information Centre recorded a marked rise in departures in October 2023. It says the rise was possibly influenced by the outbreak of the war.

How many Israelis left in 2024?

The Knesset Research and Information Centre reported about 50,000 long-term leavers in January to August 2024. Its update ends at August 2024 and gives no full-year total.

How many Israelis left in 2025?

The Knesset Research and Information Centre published no figure for 2025 in its October 2025 update. The Central Bureau of

Statistics' Independence Day 2026 release gives a balance of Israelis staying abroad of 45,000, negative, for the 11.75 months to 22 April 2026, which is a balance rather than a count of leavers.

How many Israelis live abroad?

The Knesset Research and Information Centre published no count of Israelis living abroad in this update. It counts departures and returns year by year.

How many Israelis returned in 2022?

The Knesset Research and Information Centre counted 29,600 Israelis returning after a long stay abroad in 2022. The figure rests on Bureau data.

Why do some 2023 departure figures differ from 82,800?

The Central Bureau of Statistics publishes its data on two bases. The Knesset Research and Information Centre states that year of departure and year the follow-up ended give different annual figures, and it uses year of departure.

Does a long trip abroad count as leaving?

The Central Bureau of Statistics counts a leaver after at least 275 days abroad within a year of leaving, the first 90 consecutive. The Knesset Research and Information Centre records that this definition applies from 2023.

Are new immigrants in the migration balance?

No. The Knesset Research and Information Centre calculated the balance of Israelis excluding new immigrants.

How many people live in Israel?

The Central Bureau of Statistics put [Israel's population](#) at 10.244 million on the eve of the 78th Independence Day, a preliminary figure up to date for 22 April 2026.

How many immigrants arrived over the same period?

The Central Bureau of Statistics counted about 21,000 immigrants in the 11.75 months to 22 April 2026, and about 28,000 between Independence Day 2024 and Independence Day 2025. Immigrants are outside the Israelis' migration balance.

Who publishes Israel's emigration figures?

The Central Bureau of Statistics produces the data. The Knesset Research and Information Centre compiled them by year of departure in its update of 16 October 2025.

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How Many People Have Immigrated to Israel Since 1948?

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How Many Gaza Patients Has Israel Let Out for Treatment? Close to 5,000 via Kerem Shalom

Close to 5,000 ill and wounded people left Gaza via Kerem Shalom for treatment abroad, on COGAT's own count, with the route and procedure behind it.

HUMANITARIAN ACCESS Gaza COGAT Medical Evacuation Kerem Shalom Field Hospitals



Close to 5,000 ill and wounded people, along with escorts, exited Gaza via the Kerem Shalom Crossing for treatment abroad, on COGAT's own count on its Medical Response page, read on 29 September 2026. The figure covers exits through Kerem Shalom, the route COGAT says has been in use since August 2024, and the page states no start or end date for it. Israel's Foreign Ministry separately reported over 750 patients

leaving for care overseas by 16 December 2023, on its own count.

Figure	What it counts	Who published it	Period
Close to 5,000	Ill and wounded people who exited via Kerem Shalom for treatment abroad, with escorts; COGAT's own count	COGAT	No window stated; page undated, read 29 September 2026
Over 750	Patients who exited Gaza for care overseas; the ministry's own count	Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Cumulative to 16 December 2023
130	Ambulances that entered Gaza, listed by donor; COGAT's own list	COGAT	No window stated
170	Beds at the IMC Field Hospital in Al Mawasi, the largest COGAT lists	COGAT	Opened 6 January 2024
More than 2,000	Patients treated at the French floating hospital at Al Arish, 40 beds	COGAT	To 28 January 2024
18,000 tons	Medical supplies and medicines entering Gaza, on tonnages self-declared by suppliers	COGAT	Since 10 October 2025

Close to 5,000 patients left Gaza via Kerem Shalom, COGAT states

The Coordination of Government Activities in the Territories (COGAT) states that close to 5,000 ill and wounded people, along with escorts, left through Kerem Shalom for treatment in Egypt, the UAE, Jordan and other countries. The count is COGAT's own, published by the Ministry of Defense unit that runs the crossing procedure. COGAT adds two statements about its own policy:

- “The scale of exits was entirely contingent on a third country submitting a request and agreeing to receive those exiting Gaza.”
- “Israel did not impose any limitation on the number of Gazans who may exit Gaza.”

The Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs reported over 750 patients exiting Gaza for care overseas, cumulative to 16 December 2023. That is the ministry's own count, for an earlier period, and it is a separate figure from COGAT's.

Exits moved from Rafah to Kerem Shalom in August 2024

COGAT's Medical Response page records that patients left through the Rafah Crossing into Egypt until the IDF ground operation in Rafah in early May 2024. On COGAT's own account, Israel then developed an alternative route once Rafah closed: "As of August 2024, patient exits were conducted via the Kerem Shalom Crossing."

Period	Crossing used for patient exits, on COGAT's account
Until early May 2024	Rafah Crossing, into Egypt
Early May 2024	Rafah Crossing closed after the IDF ground operation in Rafah
From August 2024	Kerem Shalom Crossing

Source: COGAT, Medical Response page, read 29 September 2025.

COGAT's mechanism requires a receiving state and security screening

The Medical Evacuation Mechanism states that evacuation is "voluntary" and runs through a third country. It is COGAT's own published procedure, and it sets these steps:

- A receiving state consents and agrees to accept the patients for treatment.
- A state or organisation submits a list of patients and companions to COGAT's medical response team.
- Every patient and escort undergoes security screening.
- Evacuations "will not be approved if there are security reasons that prevent their passage".

COGAT lists four hospitals with 16 to 170 beds

COGAT's Medical Response page records four hospitals added in or near Gaza, set out alongside the exits. The list and every figure in it are COGAT's own account.

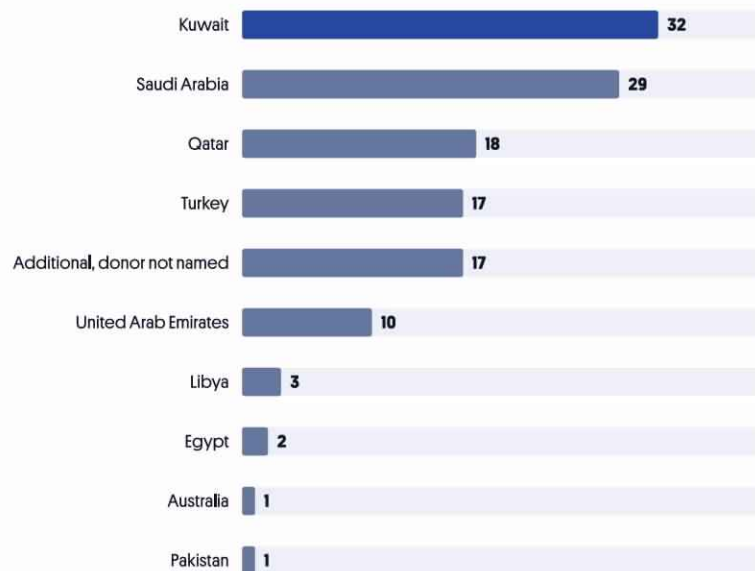
Facility	Location	Opened or period	Capacity, as COGAT lists it
Jordanian Field Hospital	Khan Yunis	Opened 29 November 2023	41 beds, 104 medical personnel
IMC Field Hospital	Al Mawasi	Opened 6 January 2024	170 beds, about 600 staff

Facility	Location	Opened or period	Capacity, as COGAT lists it
UK Med Field Hospital	Deir al Balah	Opened 12 May 2024	16 beds
French floating hospital	Al Arish	To 28 January 2024	40 beds, more than 2,000 patients treated

COGAT also lists 130 ambulances entering Gaza, by donor. COGAT's July 2026 Humanitarian Situation Report records 18,000 tons of medical supplies and medicines entering Gaza since 10 October 2025, on tonnages self-declared by humanitarian organisations and private sector providers rather than weighed at the crossings. Its wider aid tonnages are set out in [what COGAT counts entering Gaza](#).

Ambulances that entered Gaza, by donor

130 IN TOTAL, AS COGAT LISTS THEM; NO PERIOD STATED.



Source: COGAT, Medical Response page, read 29 September 2026. COGAT's own list; the 10 entries sum to 130.

COGAT's 5,000 figure carries no start date or end date

COGAT's Medical Response page states the close-to-5,000 figure without a window, and the page itself is undated. The count is COGAT's own and covers Kerem Shalom only. What the two COGAT publications cited here do not carry:

- A start date for the count.
- An end date for the count, beyond the date the page was read, 29 September 2026.

- A count of exits through Rafah before May 2024, which the page describes but does not number.
- A monthly or yearly series of medical exits.
- A separate count of escorts.
- A count of evacuations not approved.

Which of these counts may be added together?

None of them. COGAT's close-to-5,000 covers Kerem Shalom exits with no stated window; the Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs reported its over 750, the ministry's own count, for the period to 16 December 2023, before exits moved to Kerem Shalom. The two come from different bodies and different periods, so adding them produces no total. "Close to 5,000" stays an approximation, and "over 750" and "more than 2,000" stay floors. Field hospital patients were treated inside or near Gaza and are not exits.

Questions readers ask

How many patients left Gaza through Rafah?

COGAT's Medical Response page records that patients exited through Rafah into Egypt until early May 2024, on its own account, and gives no count for those exits.

Which countries received patients from Gaza?

The Coordination of Government Activities in the Territories (COGAT) states that patients went to Egypt, the UAE, Jordan and various other countries. It is COGAT's own account and gives no breakdown by country.

Does Israel cap how many patients can leave?

COGAT's Medical Response page states that "Israel did not impose any limitation on the number of Gazans who may exit Gaza." That is COGAT's own statement about its own policy, alongside its statement that exits depended on a third country requesting and agreeing to receive patients.

Can a patient leave with a companion?

The Medical Evacuation Mechanism states that a state or organisation submits a list of patients and companions to

COGAT's medical response team. Under COGAT's own procedure, escorts undergo the same security screening as patients.

Is a medical evacuation compulsory?

The Medical Evacuation Mechanism states that evacuation is "voluntary" and requires a receiving state's consent, under COGAT's own published procedure.

Why would an evacuation be refused?

COGAT's published mechanism states that evacuations "will not be approved if there are security reasons that prevent their passage". It is COGAT's own procedure, and neither COGAT document cited here gives a count of refusals.

How many ambulances entered Gaza?

The Coordination of Government Activities in the Territories (COGAT) records 130, on its own list, led by Kuwait with 32 and Saudi Arabia with 29.

Which field hospital was the largest?

COGAT's Medical Response page records the IMC Field Hospital in Al Mawasi, opened 6 January 2024, with 170 beds and about 600 staff, on COGAT's own account.

How many patients did the French floating hospital treat?

COGAT's Medical Response page records more than 2,000 patients treated at the 40-bed hospital at Al Arish, to 28 January 2024, on its own account.

How many patients had left Gaza by the end of 2023?

The Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs reported over 750, cumulative to 16 December 2023. It is the ministry's own count.

How much medical supply has entered Gaza since the ceasefire?

COGAT's Humanitarian Situation Report records 18,000 tons of medical supplies and medicines since 10 October 2025. The count is COGAT's own, on tonnages self-declared by suppliers rather than weighed at the crossings.

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Does Israel Limit the Amount of Aid Entering Gaza?



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About 20% of Israeli adults smoked in 2024, one in five, on the Ministry of Health's own survey figures, a rate unchanged in trend since 2016.

HEALTH Smoking Public Health Ministry of Health Youth Smoking Israel



About 20% of Israeli adults smoked in 2024, one in five, on the Ministry of Health's own survey figures in its statutory smoking

report to the Knesset, published in June 2025. The Ministry states the rate as a rounded share (“about 20%”), and the report carries confidence intervals for it. The 2024 rate is similar to those the Ministry reported for 2018, 2019 and 2023, and lower than in 2016.

Figure	What it counts	Period
About 20%	Adults who smoke, a rounded survey share	2024
One in five	Adults who smoke, in the minister’s foreword	2024
About 30% above	Israel’s adult rate against the world average, the Ministry’s comparison	Stated in the 2024 report
50% below	Israel’s pace of quitting against the OECD average, the Ministry’s comparison	Stated in the 2024 report
Close to 15%	Pupils in grades 5 to 12 who used a smoking product in the previous 30 days	Stated in the 2024 report
53% and 13%	Arab and Jewish respondents aged 12 to 15 who had tried smoking, the Ministry’s online youth survey	November 2024
54% and 80%	Haredi high-school yeshiva students and Haredi dropout-youth high-school students who tried smoking	The Ministry’s first Haredi youth survey

Source: Ministry of Health, The Minister of Health’s Report on Smoking in Israel, 2024, published June 2025. Every figure is the Ministry’s own, from its own surveys.

About 20% of Israeli adults smoked in 2024

The Ministry of Health puts the adult smoking rate for 2024 at about 20%, on its own survey data. The minister’s foreword to the report states it in words: “אחד מכל חמישה מבוגרים מעשן”, one in five adults smokes.

- The figure is a share of adults, not a count of people.
- It is rounded (“about 20%”) and published with confidence intervals.
- It comes from the Ministry’s annual report, submitted to the Knesset under the law on reporting the health harms of smoking.

Multiplying the 20% by a population figure from another publication produces a number the Ministry did not print.

The 2024 rate matches 2018, 2019 and 2023, below 2016

The Ministry of Health found that the adult rate in 2024 remained similar to the rates it reported for 2023, 2019 and 2018, about 20%, on its own survey series. The same chapter records the 2024 rate as lower than in 2016, and finds no significant change in trend since 2016.

Year	Adult smoking rate, as the Ministry states it
2016	Higher than in 2024
2018	About 20%
2019	About 20%
2023	About 20%
2024	About 20%

Source: Ministry of Health, 2024 smoking report, chapter on adult rates.

The Ministry puts Israel's rate about 30% above the world's

The Minister of Health states in the report's foreword that Israel's adult smoking rate is about 30% above the world average. Both international comparisons below are the Ministry's own, made in the foreword.

- Adult smoking rate: about 30% above the world average.
- Pace of quitting: 50% below the OECD average.

The 30% is the size of a gap relative to the world average. It is not a smoking rate, and it is not 30 percentage points.

Nearly 15% of grades 5 to 12 used a smoking product

The Ministry of Health reports that close to 15% of students in grades 5 to 12 used a smoking product in the previous 30 days, on its own survey figures. "Smoking product" is the Ministry's term.

- Who is counted: pupils in grades 5 to 12.
- What is counted: any use of a smoking product in the previous 30 days.
- How it relates to the adult rate: it is a separate survey and a separate measure, so it is not set against the 20%.

At ages 12 to 15, 53% of Arab and 13% of Jewish respondents had tried smoking

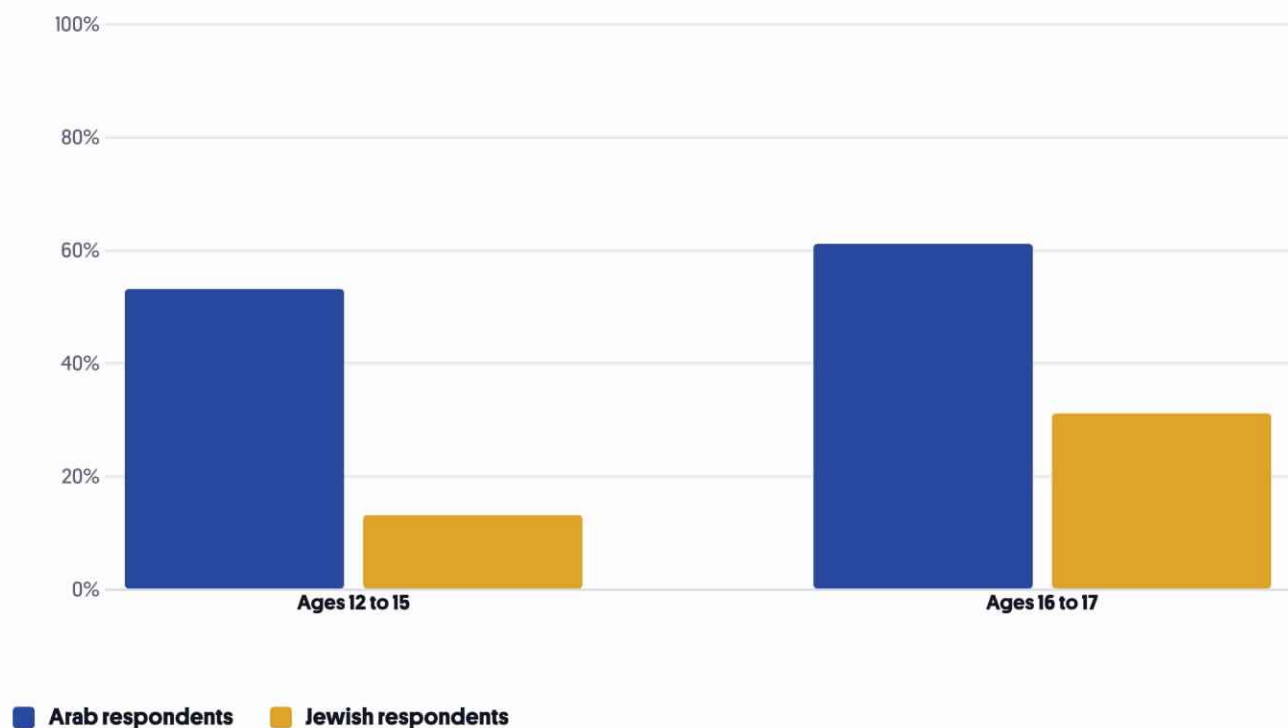
The Ministry of Health ran its own online survey of 827 young people aged 12 to 17 in November 2024, and found that about 36% had tried smoking. At ages 12 to 15, 53% of Arab and 13% of Jewish respondents had tried it; at ages 16 to 17, 61% and 31%.

Respondents	Ages	Share who had tried smoking
Arab	12 to 15	53%
Jewish	12 to 15	13%
Arab	16 to 17	61%
Jewish	16 to 17	31%
All respondents	12 to 17	About 36%

Source: Ministry of Health, 2024 smoking report, chapter 2, section 4. Online survey, November 2024, 501 respondents in the Jewish population and 327 in the Arab population.

Young people who had tried smoking

BY AGE AND POPULATION GROUP, NOVEMBER 2024 ONLINE SURVEY OF AGES 12 TO 17



Source: Ministry of Health, The Minister of Health's Report on Smoking in Israel, 2024 [June 2025], chapter 2, section 4. The Ministry's own survey; rates of trying smoking, not current smoking.

These are rates of trying smoking among young people, not current smoking and not adult rates.

The first Haredi youth survey found 80% in dropout-youth schools had tried

The Ministry of Health's first survey among Haredi youth, its own, recorded rates of trying smoking in two types of school.

- High schools for Haredi dropout youth: 80% of students reported trying smoking.
- Haredi high-school yeshivas: 54% of students reported trying smoking.
- The survey is separate from the November 2024 online youth survey and is not set against it.

Which of these figures may not be combined?

None of the survey figures on this page may be added together or averaged, because the Ministry of Health published them from separate surveys with their own samples and years.

- The adult 20% is current smoking among adults. The youth 15% is use in the previous 30 days by pupils in grades 5 to 12.

- The 53%, 13%, 61%, 31%, 54% and 80% are rates of trying smoking among young people, from two separate youth surveys, not current smoking.
- The report gives 827 respondents to the November 2024 survey, and 501 and 327 by population group, which sum to 828.
- The 30% and 50% are relative comparisons, not rates.
- The 20% is rounded, and stays “about 20%”.

Questions readers ask

Who publishes Israel’s official smoking figures?

The Ministry of Health publishes an annual report on smoking, submitted to the Knesset under the law on reporting the health harms of smoking. The 2024 edition was published in June 2025.

Is smoking in Israel falling?

The Ministry of Health found no significant change in the adult smoking trend since 2016. It records the 2024 rate as lower than in 2016 and similar to 2018, 2019 and 2023.

Is the 20% an exact figure?

The Ministry of Health states it as “about 20%”, a rounded survey share. The report carries confidence intervals for it.

How does Israel’s smoking rate compare with the world?

The Ministry of Health puts Israel's adult rate about 30% above the world average, in the minister's foreword to the 2024 report.

How quickly do Israelis quit smoking?

The Ministry of Health states that quitting in Israel proceeds at a pace 50% below the OECD average. The comparison is the Ministry's own.

How many Israeli school pupils smoke?

The Ministry of Health reports that close to 15% of students in grades 5 to 12 used a smoking product in the previous 30 days.

Can the youth figure be compared with the adult rate?

The Ministry of Health measured them in separate surveys. One counts use in the previous 30 days among pupils, the other current smoking among adults, so the two are not one series.

Are rates of trying smoking higher among Arab young people?

The Ministry of Health's November 2024 online youth survey found that 53% of Arab and 13% of Jewish respondents aged 12 to 15 had tried smoking, and 61% and 31% at ages 16 to 17. These are rates of trying smoking among young people, not adult smoking rates.

How many Haredi young people have tried smoking?

The Ministry of Health's first survey among Haredi youth recorded 54% of students in Haredi high-school yeshivas and 80% in high schools for Haredi dropout youth reporting trying smoking.

Can the 20% be turned into a number of smokers?

The Ministry of Health states the adult figure as a share. A head count built by multiplying it by a population figure from another publication is not a number the Ministry printed.

Is there a newer report than the 2024 one?

The Ministry of Health's report for 2024, published in June 2025, was the most recent on gov.il as at 29 September 2026.

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Palestinian entry permits fall into 8 areas in COGAT's own classification, its status of authorizations updated 13 January 2022, which the Knesset Research and Information Centre recorded in a paper dated 4 June 2023. COGAT, the Ministry of Defense unit that issues the permits, gave the Centre no total of permits issued. The published figures on this record are the Israel Police's and the Israel Security Agency's own arrest counts for 2018 to 2022, each on its own definition, and the Agency's own estimate of people staying without a permit.

Figure	What it counts	Who published it	Period
8	Permit areas in COGAT's own classification	COGAT, recorded by the Knesset Research and Information Centre	Updated 13 January 2022
21,356	Palestinians arrested for security offences, on the Police's own definition	Israel Police, relayed by the Knesset Research and Information Centre	2018 to 2022
2,115	Permit holders among those arrests, about 10% of 21,356	Israel Police, relayed by the Knesset Research and Information Centre	2018 to 2022
1,331	Permit holders arrested for terror offences, on the Agency's own definition	Israel Security Agency, relayed by the Knesset Research and Information Centre	2018 to 2022
About 7,000	Palestinians in Israel without a permit on a weekday, an estimate	Israel Security Agency, relayed by the Knesset Research and Information Centre	Reported June 2023
33,127	Palestinians arrested for illegal stay, the Police's own count	Israel Police, relayed by the Knesset Research and Information Centre	2018 to 2022
99,500	Government-approved quota of permits to employ Palestinian workers in Israel	State Comptroller of Israel	2018

Figure	What it counts	Who published it	Period
14,100	Employment permits for Palestinians working for Israelis in West Bank industrial zones	State Comptroller of Israel, on Civil Administration data	May 2022

COGAT's permit document sorts entry permits into 8 areas

Entry into Israel, or into Israeli localities in the West Bank, requires a COGAT permit for any purpose, the Knesset Research and Information Centre states. COGAT's own classification, in its status of authorizations updated 13 January 2022, sorts the permits into 8 areas:

- Health
- Legal
- Studies
- Employment
- Economy
- Religious worship
- Senior Palestinian officials
- Population movement for various needs

On partial COGAT data for 2018 to 2020, the Centre also recorded age-based permits, for men aged 55 and over and women aged 50 and over, as one of the main groups among permit holders from Judea and Samaria.

The Knesset Research Centre received no permit total from COGAT

The Knesset Research and Information Centre asked COGAT, through the Defence Minister's office, for the total number of permits issued. The Centre wrote, in a Hebrew paper rendered here in working translation: "despite repeated requests, no answer was received from COGAT or the National Security Council."

The Centre did hold partial COGAT data released under freedom of information, COGAT's own records of its own permits. That data carries these findings for 2018 to 2020, and no permit count:

- Most permit holders were residents of Judea and Samaria.
- A small minority were residents of Gaza.
- The main Judea and Samaria groups held employment permits or age-based permits.

Police counted 2,115 permit holders among 21,356 security arrests

The Israel Police counted 21,356 Palestinians arrested for security offences in 2018 to 2022, of whom 2,115, about 10%, held entry permits. The count is the Police's own, on the Police's own definition of a security offence, relayed by the Knesset Research and Information Centre. It counts arrests, not indictments or convictions.

Permit holders arrested for security offences

ISRAEL POLICE COUNT, ON ITS OWN DEFINITION, 2020 AND 2021. ARRESTS, NOT CONVICTIONS.



Source: Israel Police data, in Knesset Research and Information Centre, Data on Palestinians with Entry Permits and Illegal Stayers Arrested for Terror and Security Offences, 4 June 2023.

The Security Agency counted 1,331 permit holders arrested for terror

The Israel Security Agency counted 1,331 permit holders arrested for terror offences in 2018 to 2022, the Knesset Research and Information Centre recorded. The count is the Agency's own, on the Agency's own definition of a terror offence.

- 1,331 permit holders arrested, 2018 to 2022.
- 96% of the 1,331 were residents of Judea and Samaria.
- The Agency and the Israel Police define terror and security events differently, the Centre states, which is why their counts differ.

The Security Agency estimates about 7,000 illegal stayers each weekday

The Israel Security Agency estimates that about 7,000 Palestinians are in Israel without a permit on a weekday, the Knesset Research and Information Centre reported in June 2023. The figure is the Agency's own estimate, not a count. The Israel Police hold no estimate of their number, and the Police's own count is of arrests.

- About 7,000: the Agency's estimate of people present on one weekday.
- 90% of the about 7,000: from Judea and Samaria, on the same estimate.
- 33,127: Palestinians the Israel Police arrested for illegal stay across 2018 to 2022.

Police and Security Agency counts may not be added together

- The 2,115 is the Israel Police's own count and the 1,331 the Israel Security Agency's own count, each on its own definition, so the two do not sum.
- About 7,000 is the Agency's own estimate of people present at one time; 33,127 is the Police's own count of arrests across five years. Neither is a share of the other.
- 99,500 is a quota, a permitted maximum for 2018; 14,100 is employment permits in West Bank industrial zones in May 2022, not people at work on any given day.
- The Knesset paper is dated 4 June 2023 and describes nothing after 7 October 2023.

Questions readers ask

Does Israel publish a total number of Palestinian entry permits?

The Knesset Research and Information Centre recorded in June 2023 that COGAT did not answer its repeated requests for a total. The paper prints no permit count.

Who issues entry permits for Palestinians?

COGAT, a unit of the Ministry of Defense, issues them. The Knesset Research and Information Centre states that a permit is required to enter Israel or Israeli localities in the West Bank for any purpose.

Which Palestinians hold age-based permits?

The Knesset Research and Information Centre recorded, on partial COGAT data for 2018 to 2020, age-based permits for men aged 55 and over and women aged 50 and over as one of the main groups among permit holders from Judea and Samaria.

Do most permit holders come from the West Bank or Gaza?

The Knesset Research and Information Centre found, on partial COGAT data for 2018 to 2020, that most holders were residents of Judea and Samaria and a small minority residents of Gaza.

How many work permits did Israel approve for Palestinian workers?

The State Comptroller of Israel recorded a government-approved quota of 99,500 permits to employ Palestinian workers in Israel for 2018. It is a quota, not a count of workers present.

How many Palestinians work in West Bank industrial zones on permits?

The State Comptroller of Israel reported 14,100 employment permits issued to Palestinians employed by Israelis in the [West Bank industrial zones](#), on Civil Administration data for May 2022. It counts permits, not people at work on a given day.

Why do the Police and Security Agency give different arrest figures?

The Knesset Research and Information Centre states that each body defines terror and security events differently. Their counts are two series and are never added.

How many Palestinian spouses of Israelis hold COGAT stay permits?

The Knesset Research and Information Centre recorded 8,300 people holding a COGAT stay permit through [family unification](#) on 31 October 2024, of 13,550 holding status that way.

Can Gaza patients leave for treatment through Israel?

COGAT states, on its own count, that close to 5,000 ill and wounded people, with escorts, exited Gaza via Kerem Shalom for treatment abroad, the route it states was used as of August 2024. Evacuation requires a receiving state's consent and security screening.

What permit does a Palestinian patient need to enter Israel?

Health is one of the 8 areas in COGAT's own classification, the Knesset Research and Information Centre recorded, alongside legal, studies, employment and religious worship.

Does the record cover permits after 7 October 2023?

The Knesset Research and Information Centre published its paper on 4 June 2023, and its arrest figures end in 2022. Nothing in it describes permit policy after 7 October 2023.

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Israel's Central Bureau of Statistics counts 504,700 people in the West Bank's Israeli localities, preliminary, at 31 December 2023.

POPULATION AND DEMOGRAPHY West Bank Population Central Bureau of Statistics Settlements Judea and Samaria



The Israeli localities of the West Bank held 504,700 people at 31 December 2023, on the Central Bureau of Statistics' preliminary estimate. The Bureau records them in a row it calls the Judea and Samaria Area and defines as Israeli localities only. The Area's Palestinian population is outside that table. East Jerusalem sits in the Jerusalem District rather than in this row.

Figure	What it counts	Period
504,700	Population of Israeli localities in the Judea and Samaria Area, preliminary, including the foreign population	31 December 2023
481,900	The same row, at census	2 April 2022
500,000	Jews and Others within the 504,700	31 December 2023
127	Israeli localities in the Area	2022 and 2023
134,300	The row in 1995, including Israeli localities in Gaza and northern Samaria evacuated in 2005	31 December 1995
9,914,700	National total population, preliminary	31 December 2023

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics, Statistical Abstract of Israel 2024, Table 2.16, published in thousands.

The Bureau counted 504,700 people in the Area's Israeli localities

The Central Bureau of Statistics counts the Area locality by locality. Footnote 6 of Table 2.16 limits the row to Israeli localities. The row sits among the country's districts in the same table that carries the [national total](#) of 9,914,700.

- Inside the row: residents of the Area's Israeli localities. From the 2022 census onward, this includes the foreign population living in them.
- Outside the row, in the Jerusalem District: East Jerusalem.
- Outside the table: the Area's Palestinian population. Neither the row nor the national total in Table 2.16 includes it.
- Not printed: a share. 504,700 of 9,914,700 is about 5.1%, a division the Bureau does not publish in this table.

Those localities held 1,500 people in 1972 and 134,300 in 1995

The Central Bureau of Statistics recorded 1,500 people in the row at the 20 May 1972 census and 134,300 at 31 December 1995. The series does not cover one continuous set of localities. Footnote 6 states that the 1972, 1983 and 1995 figures include the Israeli localities in Gaza and northern Samaria evacuated in August 2005. The 1972 figure also includes Sinai.

Population of Israeli localities in the Area

THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE. 1972, 1983 AND 1995 INCLUDE ISRAELI LOCALITIES IN GAZA AND NORTHERN SAMARIA EVACUATED IN 2005; 1972 INCLUDES SINAI. 2023 IS PRELIMINARY.



Source: Central Bureau of Statistics, Statistical Abstract of Israel 2024, Table 2.16, footnote 6. The series is not like for like across 2005.

Jews and Others made up 500,000 of the 504,700

The Central Bureau of Statistics puts 500,000 of the row's 504,700 residents in its Jews and Others group at 31 December 2023. The remaining 4,700 fall outside that group. From the 2022 census onward, the estimates include the foreign population.

Date	Total	Jews and Others	Outside that group
2 April 2022, census	481,900	477,500	4,400
31 December 2023, preliminary	504,700	500,000	4,700

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics, Statistical Abstract of Israel 2024, Table 2.16. The last column subtracts the two published columns. The Bureau does not print it.

The Bureau lists 127 Israeli localities in the Area

The Central Bureau of Statistics counts 127 Israeli localities in the Area in both 2022 and 2023, against 119 in 2008. Under footnote 6, the 138 recorded for 1995 include the Israeli localities in Gaza and northern Samaria evacuated in 2005.

Date	Localities	Note in Table 2.16
1972	15	Includes Sinai, Gaza and northern Samaria
1983	81	Includes Gaza and northern Samaria
1995	138	Includes Gaza and northern Samaria
2008	119	None
2022	127	None
2023	127	None

A second count covers a narrower scope. The State Comptroller recorded 120 Israeli localities in Area C in its 2016 audit, which ran from 2014 to 2015. That figure is the Civil Administration's own count, on its own definitions. The Comptroller states that 87 of those localities were established and settled by the Settlement Division of the World Zionist Organization, and that they hold about 100,000 residents.

Which figures may not be added together?

- The Table 2.16 row counts Israeli localities only. It is not the Area's whole population.
- The figures for 1995 and earlier include the Gaza and northern Samaria localities evacuated in 2005, so the series is not like for like across that year.
- East Jerusalem residents are counted in the Jerusalem District and do not belong in the 504,700.
- The Bureau's 127 localities and the Civil Administration's 120 in Area C rest on different definitions and scopes. They are not one series.
- The about 100,000 residents belong to the 87 Settlement Division localities, not to all 120.
- The 2023 figures are preliminary.

Questions readers ask

Does Israel count West Bank Palestinians in its population?

No. The Central Bureau of Statistics publishes Table 2.16 with a Judea and Samaria row that counts Israeli localities only. The Area's Palestinian population is outside the table, including its national total of 9,914,700.

How many Palestinians live in the West Bank on Israel's count?

The Central Bureau of Statistics publishes no figure for the Area's Palestinian population in Table 2.16. The table's only Area row covers Israeli localities.

Are East Jerusalem residents part of the 504,700?

No. The Central Bureau of Statistics records East Jerusalem in the Jerusalem District, not in the Judea and Samaria Area row.

Are all 504,700 Israeli citizens?

The Central Bureau of Statistics reports the row by population group, not by citizenship. From the 2022 census onward, its estimates include the foreign population.

Is the 2023 figure final?

No. The Central Bureau of Statistics published the 31 December 2023 figure of 504,700 as preliminary. The last census figure is 481,900, taken at 2 April 2022.

How many people did the row hold in 1983?

The Central Bureau of Statistics counted 23,700 people across 81 localities at the 4 June 1983 census. Both figures include the Israeli localities in Gaza and northern Samaria evacuated in 2005.

Why were there more localities in 1995 than today?

The Central Bureau of Statistics counted 138 localities in 1995. That figure includes the Israeli localities in Gaza and northern Samaria evacuated in 2005. The count was 127 in 2023.

How many homes are being built in the Area's Israeli localities?

The Central Bureau of Statistics recorded 1,092 dwellings begun in 2024, a preliminary figure, against 2,724 in 2022 and 2,234 in 2023. It recorded 2,026 dwellings completed in 2024. These are counts of dwellings, not of buildings or localities.

Do Area localities appear among the highest for natural increase?

Yes. The Central Bureau of Statistics lists Modi'in Illit, at 40.9 per 1,000 residents, and Immanuel, at 39.8, among the four Jewish local authorities with the highest natural increase in 2020, against 13.9 nationally. It places both in the Judea and Samaria District and classifies both as Haredi in character. The Bureau states that high rates are found mainly in Haredi Jewish and Muslim local authorities. Natural increase is births minus deaths, not population growth.

Does Israeli law apply in the Area?

The State Comptroller stated in its 2016 audit that Israel holds the Area by way of belligerent occupation, and that Israeli law does not apply there. That sentence is the Comptroller's own statement of the legal framework, not a government decision.

Who publishes Israel's figure for the Area?

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Is Settlement Building Continuing? 1,092 West Bank Dwellings Begun in 2024

Building began on 1,092 dwellings in Israeli West Bank localities in 2024, down from 2,724 in 2022, on Central Bureau of Statistics figures.

LAND AND PLANNING Settlements West Bank Construction Central Bureau of Statistics Housing



Building began on 1,092 dwellings in Israel’s West Bank localities in 2024, down from 2,724 in 2022, on preliminary figures the Central Bureau of Statistics published on 4 August 2025. Completions moved the other way, rising to 2,026 in 2024, and 4,920 dwellings were under construction at the end of that year. The Bureau counts these dwellings in its Judea and Samaria Area row, which it defines as Israeli localities; East Jerusalem sits in its Jerusalem District.

Figure	What it counts	Period
1,092	Dwellings whose construction began, Judea and Samaria Area, preliminary	2024
2,724	Dwellings whose construction began, Judea and Samaria Area	2022
2,026	Dwellings whose construction was completed, preliminary	2024
4,920	Dwellings under active construction at year end, preliminary	End of 2024
580	Starts in new buildings of 3 or more dwellings, preliminary	2024
66,784	Dwellings whose construction began, grand total for the table, preliminary	2024

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics, Statistical Abstract of Israel 2025, Table 20.6, published 4 August 2025. The Judea and Samaria Area rows cover Israeli localities only.

Construction began on 1,092 West Bank dwellings in 2024, down from 2,724

The Central Bureau of Statistics recorded 2,724 dwellings begun in the Area’s Israeli localities in 2022, 2,234 in 2023 and 1,092 in 2024. The 2024 figure is preliminary. On the Bureau’s own totals, the Area accounted for 1,092 of the 66,784 dwellings begun in 2024,

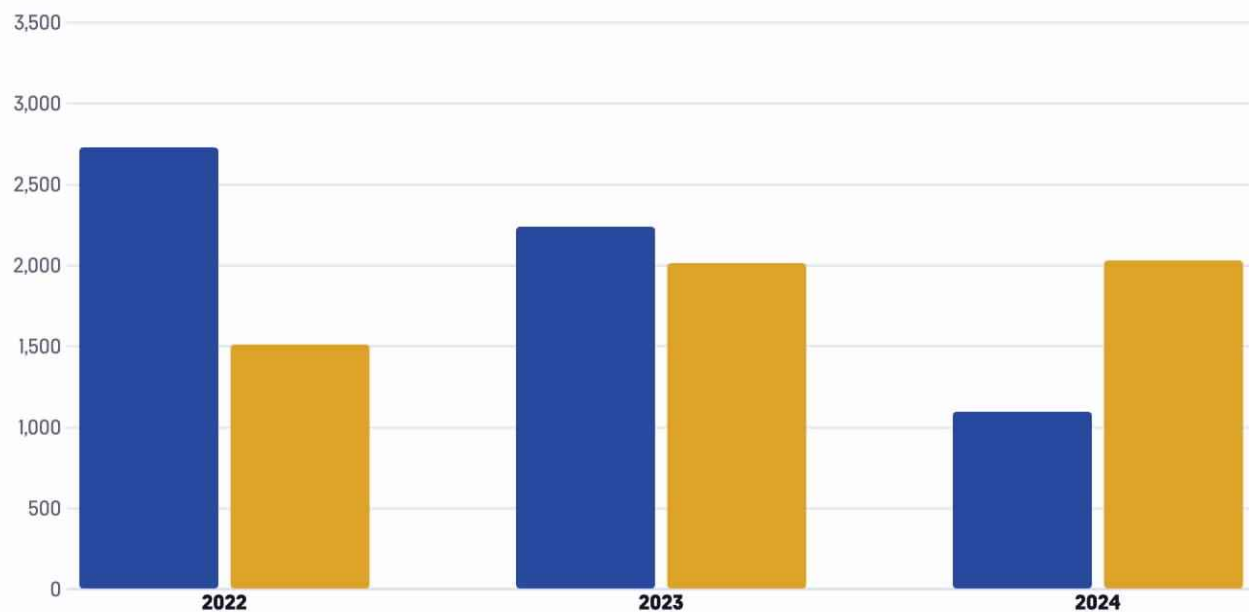
about 1.6%, a division of two printed figures rather than a share the Bureau prints.

Year	Dwellings begun, Judea and Samaria Area	Dwellings begun, grand total
2022	2,724	69,637
2023	2,234	64,235
2024, preliminary	1,092	66,784

Completions reached 2,026 dwellings in 2024, the Bureau counts

The Central Bureau of Statistics counts 1,507 dwellings completed in the Area's Israeli localities in 2022, 2,010 in 2023 and 2,026 in 2024, the last figure preliminary. In 2024 the Bureau records more dwellings completed than begun, 2,026 against 1,092.

Dwellings begun and completed, Judea and Samaria Area
ISRAELI LOCALITIES ONLY, 2022 TO 2024; 2024 FIGURES ARE PRELIMINARY.



■ Begun ■ Completed

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics, Statistical Abstract of Israel 2025, Table 20.6. Starts and completions are separate stages and may not be summed.

4,920 dwellings were under construction at the end of 2024

The Central Bureau of Statistics reports the stock of dwellings under active construction at each year end, a third measure beside starts and completions. It is a count of work in progress on 31 December, not a count of building done during the year.

- End of 2022: 5,647 dwellings
- End of 2023: 5,854 dwellings
- End of 2024: 4,920 dwellings, preliminary

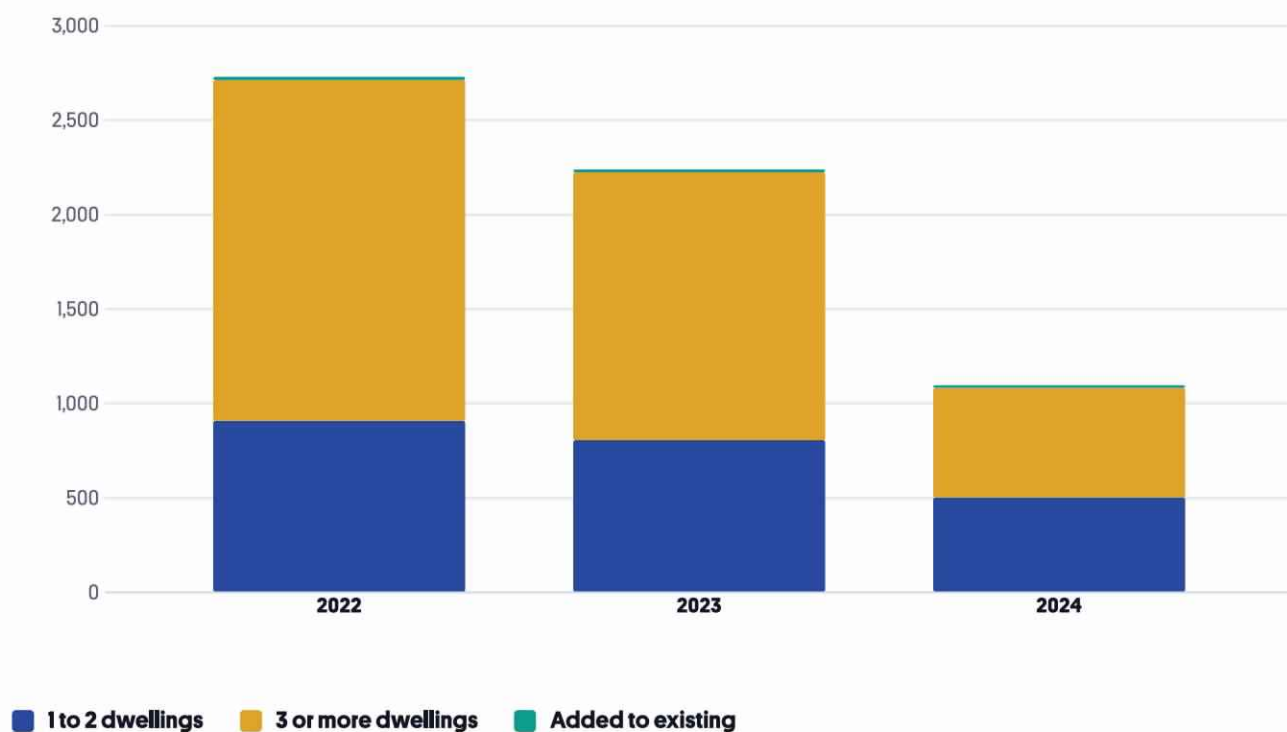
Starts in buildings of 3 or more dwellings fell to 580

The Central Bureau of Statistics splits starts into three building types, and the three sum exactly to the Area row in every year. Starts in new buildings of 3 or more dwellings went from 1,803 in 2022 to 580 in 2024; starts in new buildings of 1 to 2 dwellings went from 904 to 498.

Building type	2022	2023	2024, preliminary
New buildings, 1 to 2 dwellings	904	801	498
New buildings, 3 or more dwellings	1,803	1,418	580
Added to existing buildings	17	15	14
Total, Judea and Samaria Area	2,724	2,234	1,092

Dwellings begun by building type

JUDEA AND SAMARIA AREA, ISRAELI LOCALITIES, 2022 TO 2024; 2024 IS PRELIMINARY.



Source: Central Bureau of Statistics, Statistical Abstract of Israel 2025, Table 20.6. The three types sum to the Area row in each year.

The Bureau counts dwellings in Israeli localities, not settlements or outposts

Table 20.6 counts dwellings by construction stage. It publishes no count of localities, settlements or outposts established, no figure for housing units advanced or approved in plans, and no budget. Its Judea and Samaria Area row covers Israeli localities, and East Jerusalem is counted in the Jerusalem District.

- Counted: dwellings begun, completed and under construction, by year and building type
- Not counted: new localities, [unauthorized outposts](#), planning approvals, spending
- Located elsewhere: the Bureau's count of localities, in Table 2.16 of the Statistical Abstract

Which figures may not be added together?

Starts, completions and dwellings under construction are three stages of one process, and adding them counts the same dwelling more than once. All 2024 figures are preliminary. The shares on this page are divisions of the Bureau's printed totals, not shares the Bureau prints. The State Comptroller figures in the questions below count localities and land on different definitions from the Bureau's tables and do not merge with them.

Questions readers ask

How many Israelis live in West Bank localities?

The Central Bureau of Statistics counts 504.7 thousand residents in the Judea and Samaria Area's Israeli localities at 31 December 2023, a preliminary figure, against 481.9 thousand at the April 2022 census. The row excludes the Area's Palestinian population.

How many Israeli localities are there in the West Bank?

The Central Bureau of Statistics counted 127 Israeli localities in the Judea and Samaria Area in both 2022 and 2023. The State Comptroller recorded 120 Israeli localities in Area C in its 2016 audit, the Civil Administration's own count on its own definitions, so the two are not a series.

How has that population changed since 2008?

The Central Bureau of Statistics recorded 281.1 thousand residents in 119 Israeli localities at the December 2008 census, and 481.9 thousand in 127 localities at the April 2022 census.

Does the building count include East Jerusalem?

No. The Central Bureau of Statistics counts East Jerusalem in its Jerusalem District, outside the Judea and Samaria Area row.

Are the 2024 figures final?

No. The Central Bureau of Statistics marks every 2024 figure in Table 20.6 as preliminary, and a later edition may revise them.

Does the count measure buildings or homes?

The Central Bureau of Statistics counts dwellings. One new building of 3 or more dwellings appears in the table as several dwellings, not as one building.

What share of Israel's new building is in the West Bank?

The Central Bureau of Statistics published 1,092 dwellings begun in the Area in 2024 against a grand total of 66,784, and 2,724 against 69,637 in 2022. The shares are the reader's division of those figures.

Does Table 20.6 show housing units approved in plans?

No. The Central Bureau of Statistics publishes construction stages in this table: begun, completed and under way. Plans advanced or approved are not among them.

How much land has been allocated for settlement?

The State Comptroller recorded about 450,000 dunams in Area C allocated by the Custodian to the World Zionist Organization's Settlement Division under permit agreements, as at its 2016 audit. That is land allocated, not land built on and not land declared state land.

How many residents live in the localities the Settlement Division built?

The State Comptroller found that 87 of the 120 Israeli localities in Area C were established and settled by the Settlement Division, holding about 100,000 residents. The 100,000 belongs to those 87, not to all 120.

Has Israel recorded illegal construction by Israelis in the West Bank?

The State Comptroller reported, from the Civil Administration Supervision Unit's own count of cases it located, 6,605 cases of illegal construction identified in the Israeli sector from 1997 to 2013, of which 1,807, or 27%, were demolished. The figure counts cases the unit detected, not how much was built.

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How Long Has the West Bank Been Under Military Government?

Israel's State Comptroller dates the military government to the law of 7 June 1967. The IDF commander has signed about 1,800 orders since then.

LAW AND COURTS West Bank Military Government Civil Administration State Comptroller Military Orders



7 June 1967 is the date from which military government in the West Bank runs. The State Comptroller of Israel stated in a 2016 audit that a proclamation kept in force the law of that day and passed all powers of government, legislation, appointment

and administration to the IDF commander. The Military Advocate General states, on its own count, that the commander has signed about 1,800 orders since 1967. The State Comptroller's 2021 audit describes the Civil Administration still running civilian affairs under that military authority.

Figure	What it counts	Who published it	Period
7 June 1967	Date of the law kept in force by the proclamation on government and law	State Comptroller of Israel	Stated in the 2016 audit
About 1,800	Military orders signed by the commander, all published in the Collection of Proclamations, Orders and Appointments; the Corps' own count	Military Advocate General	1967 onward, as stated on its overview page
31 July 1967	Signing of Order 59, in force from 7 July 1967	Commander of IDF Forces in the West Bank Area	1967
1981	Order of the IDF commander establishing the Civil Administration	State Comptroller of Israel	1981
314	Civil Administration employees: 202 Israeli civil servants and 112 Palestinian employees	State Comptroller of Israel	2019
25	Staff officers representing the government ministries	State Comptroller of Israel	Audit of September 2018 to June 2019
8 years	Time the Civil Administration's internal auditor post had been unfilled	State Comptroller of Israel	As at the same audit

A 1967 proclamation gave the IDF commander all powers of government

The State Comptroller of Israel sets out the founding instrument as the legal framework for its 2016 audit of the Judea and Samaria Area. In the Comptroller's own account, the Proclamation on the

Order of Government and Law did two things, and the law it preserved was itself layered.

- The law in force in the area on 7 June 1967 remains in force, so far as it does not conflict with the proclamation or with any proclamation or order of the IDF commander, which are the commander's own enactments.
- All powers of government, legislation, appointment and administration pass to the commander.
- The law in force before 1967 rested on Ottoman law, as amended under the British Mandate and under Jordanian rule.

The IDF commander has signed about 1,800 orders since 1967

The Military Advocate General states that about 1,800 orders have been signed since 1967, and that all of them are published in the Collection of Proclamations, Orders and Appointments. That figure is the Corps' own count of orders signed, not of orders in force. Each order is the commander's own enactment, published by him in Hebrew and Arabic.

Order 59, on government property, shows the form. It was signed on 31 July 1967 by the GOC Central Command, as Commander of IDF Forces in the West Bank Area, took effect from 7 July 1967, and has been amended nine times. Its naming clause uses the West Bank Area (אזור הגדה המערבית) rather than Judea and Samaria. The State Comptroller records two later orders among the instruments still shaping the area: Order 291 of 1968, which halted [land settlement](#), and Order 418 of 1971, which amended the Jordanian planning law.

SELECTED PROCLAMATIONS AND ORDERS, 1967 TO 2004. ABOUT 1,800 ORDERS WERE SIGNED IN ALL, ON THE MILITARY ADVOCATE GENERAL'S OWN COUNT.



Source: State Comptroller of Israel, Annual Report 66b (2016), printed p. 74; Military Order 59 (1967), Collection of Proclamations, Orders and Appointments, booklet 5, p. 162.

A 1981 order set up the Civil Administration under the commander

The State Comptroller of Israel records that in 1981 the IDF commander issued an order establishing the Civil Administration to run civilian affairs “for the welfare and benefit of the population”. Its February 2004 organisation order, the Civil Administration’s own charter, sets its purpose as implementing government policy in civilian fields and acting as the executive arm for infrastructure, planning and building in Area C, including the Israeli localities. The Comptroller states that it is professionally subordinate to COGAT and headed by an IDF brigadier general.

Civil Administration, as audited	Count
Israeli civil servants	202
Palestinian employees	112
All employees	314
Staff officers representing the ministries	25

Source: State Comptroller of Israel, Annual Report 70C, audit of September 2018 to June 2019; employee counts for 2019. The same audit found the internal auditor's post unfilled for 8 years.

Israeli law does not apply in the area, the Comptroller states

The State Comptroller of Israel wrote in its 2016 audit, in Hebrew: "ישראל מחזיקה בשטחי איו"ש בדרך של 'תפיסה לוחמתית', שמשמעויותיה המשפטיות "הן, בין היתר, שהמשפט הישראלי אינו חל על שטחי איו"ש". In a working English rendering: Israel holds the Judea and Samaria Area by way of "belligerent occupation", whose legal meanings include that Israeli law does not apply there. The sentence is the Comptroller's own statement of the legal framework, not a government decision.

The Comptroller lists the law that does apply, in layers:

- Ottoman law, as amended under the British Mandate and Jordanian rule, as in force on 7 June 1967.
- The Jordanian Temporary Law No. 79 of 1966 on planning, as amended by Order 418 of 1971.
- The proclamations and orders of the IDF commander, the commander's own legislation, which prevail where they conflict with the earlier law.

None of these figures may be added together

- The about 1,800 is the Military Advocate General's own count of orders signed since 1967, not of orders in force; Order 59 alone carries nine amendments.
- Order 59 took effect on 7 July 1967, 24 days before it was signed on 31 July; its determining day of 7 June 1967 is a third, separate date.

- The 314 employees and 25 staff officers describe the 2018 to 2019 audit window only; 202 and 112 sum to 314.
- The occupation sentence is the State Comptroller's statement of the legal framework in a 2016 audit, attributed to the Comptroller.

Questions readers ask

When did military government in the West Bank begin?

The State Comptroller of Israel states that the proclamation on government and law kept in force the law of 7 June 1967 and passed all powers of government to the IDF commander. Order 59 uses the same date as its determining day.

Who holds legislative power in the West Bank?

The State Comptroller of Israel states that all powers of government, legislation, appointment and administration passed to the IDF commander under the 1967 proclamation.

How many military orders have been issued in the West Bank?

The Military Advocate General states that about 1,800 orders have been signed since 1967, on the Corps' own count of orders signed.

Where are the military orders published?

The Military Advocate General states that all of them are published in the Collection of Proclamations, Orders and Appointments, known in Hebrew as קמצ"ם.

Are the military orders published in English?

The Military Advocate General publishes Order 59 in Hebrew and Arabic on facing halves of the page, and in no third language. Any English wording of it is an unofficial translation.

What was the first order on government property?

The Commander of IDF Forces in the West Bank Area signed Order 59 on 31 July 1967, in force from 7 July 1967. It created a Custodian of Government Property and defined that property by ownership on 7 June 1967.

What is the Civil Administration?

The State Comptroller of Israel records that the IDF commander established it by order in 1981 to run civilian affairs, and that it is headed by an IDF brigadier general under COGAT.

How many people work in the Civil Administration?

The State Comptroller of Israel counted 314 employees in 2019: 202 Israeli civil servants and 112 Palestinian employees, alongside 25 ministry staff officers.

Does Israeli law apply in the West Bank?

The State Comptroller of Israel stated in 2016 that Israel holds the Judea and Samaria Area by way of belligerent occupation, and that Israeli law does not apply there.

What law governed the West Bank before 1967?

The State Comptroller of Israel states that the pre-1967 law rested on Ottoman law, as amended under the British Mandate and

Jordanian rule. Planning still runs on the Jordanian Temporary Law No. 79 of 1966.

Is land in the West Bank still being registered?

The State Comptroller of Israel found that land settlement was halted under Order 291 of 1968, and that from the late 1970s the Civil Administration used declarations of state land instead.

Why do the documents say “West Bank Area” and later “Judea and Samaria”?

The Commander of IDF Forces in the West Bank Area named Order 59 for the West Bank Area in 1967. The State Comptroller's audits of 2016 and 2021 use the Judea and Samaria Area.

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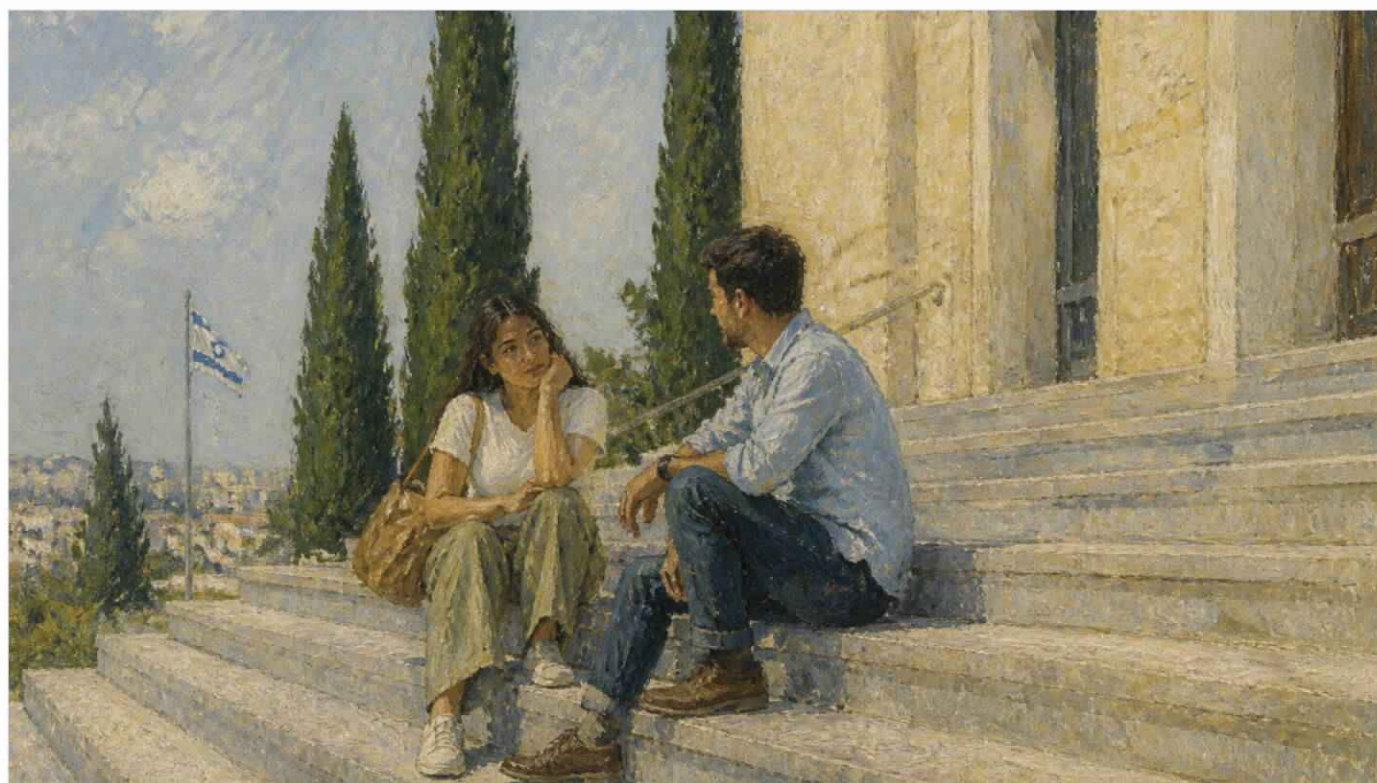
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Is Gaza Still Occupied After the 2005 Disengagement?

Israel's Supreme Court held in 2008 that Israeli effective control of Gaza ended in September 2005, and named 3 sources of continuing duty.

LAW AND COURTS Gaza Disengagement Supreme Court Occupation IDF



Since September 2005, Israel “no longer has effective control over what happens in the Gaza Strip”, the Supreme Court sitting as the High Court of Justice held on 30 January 2008 in HCJ 9132/07. The same paragraph holds that Israel has no general duty toward Gaza’s residents “according to the laws of belligerent occupation in international law”, and ties its remaining obligations to 3 sources. The judgment predates the war that began in October 2023, and no later Israeli ruling on Gaza’s status appears in the published record. The Israel Defense Forces stated in 2025, as its own account of its own

positions, that it held operational control of approximately 75% of the Strip in August and about 80% in an account published in October.

Figure	What it counts	Who published it	Period
September 2005	The point from which, the Court held, Israel "no longer has effective control" of Gaza	Supreme Court, HCI 9132/07	Judgment of 30 January 2008
3	Sources of Israel's continuing obligations named in the judgment: armed conflict, crossings, electricity dependence	Supreme Court, HCI 9132/07	Judgment of 30 January 2008
4	Purposes of the Disengagement Plan Implementation Law, led by evacuating Israelis and their property	Knesset	Published 18 February 2005
About 30%	Gaza territory designated an Operational Security Perimeter, the IDF's own statement	Israel Defense Forces	As at 16 April 2025
Approximately 75%	Gaza under IDF operational control, the IDF's own statement	Israel Defense Forces	18 March to 20 August 2025
About 80%	Territory under operational control declared during Gideon's Chariots B, the IDF's own statement	Israel Defense Forces	Published 27 October 2025; operation undated on the page
48	Hostages to be returned within 72 hours of redeployment, under the Government's own decision	Government of Israel	Decision 3396, 9 October 2025

HCJ 9132/07 held Israel lost effective control of Gaza in September 2005

The Supreme Court held on 30 January 2008 that effective control ended in September 2005. In paragraph 12 it wrote that military rule "came to an end by a decision of the government, and Israeli soldiers are no longer stationed in the territory on a permanent basis, nor are they in charge of what happens there." It added that Israel "does not have a general duty to ensure the welfare of the residents of the Gaza Strip or to maintain public order in the Gaza Strip according to the laws of belligerent occupation in international law."

Item	What the record says
Case	HCJ 9132/07, a petition against reduced fuel and electricity supply to Gaza
Panel	President D. Beinisch, Justice E. Hayut, Justice J. Elon
Date	30 January 2008 [27 January 2008 in the caption is the hearing]

Item	What the record says
Disposition	"the petition is denied", with Justices Hayut and Elon concurring

The 2008 judgment ties Israel's remaining duties to 3 sources

The Supreme Court held in the same paragraph that Israel's main obligations toward Gaza's residents continue, and named where they come from. The Court quotes each source in one sentence, set out here clause by clause.

- The armed conflict: obligations "derive from the state of armed conflict that exists between it and the Hamas organization that controls the Gaza Strip".
- The crossings: they "also derive from the degree of control exercised by the State of Israel over the border crossings between it and the Gaza Strip".
- The relationship after military rule: "as a result of which the Gaza Strip is currently almost completely dependent upon the supply of electricity from Israel."

The Disengagement Plan Implementation Law evacuated Israelis from the Gaza area

The Knesset enacted the Disengagement Plan Implementation Law, 5765-2005, published in the official gazette on 18 February 2005. Section 1 gives its purposes in 4 parts, and section 2 defines "the disengagement plan" as the amended plan the government decided on.

- The evacuation of Israelis and their property from the Gaza area and from an area in northern Samaria, in accordance with the government's decisions.
- Fair compensation from the State Treasury.
- Assistance with evacuation and moving.
- The relocation of groups of settlers and settlement cooperatives.

The statute does not itself state that military rule ended. That finding is the Supreme Court's, which recorded it as "a decision of the government".

The IDF declared operational control of about 80% of Gaza in 2025

The Israel Defense Forces published 3 statements on its ground position in 2025, each its own description of its own positions. They are successive statements on different dates, and the first measures a different thing from the other two.

Statement	Measure	Date
About 30%	"Operational Security Perimeter"	16 April 2025
Approximately 75%	"Operational Control"	18 March to 20 August 2025
About 80%	"operational control", during Gideon's Chariots B	Published 27 October 2025

The Government of Israel, in its own [Decision 3396](#) of 9 October 2025, provided for IDF deployment per the maps at Annex D with a ceasefire, then per Annex E after the hostage release, "in order to prevent friction with the population in the Gaza Strip". On 4 November 2025 the IDF Spokesperson's Unit published, as its own account, that forces were operating east of the [yellow line](#), which it describes as a forward line inside the Strip.

No Israeli judgment here revisits Al-Bassiouni after the 2023 war

The only Israeli judicial ruling on Gaza's status in this record is HCJ 9132/07, from 2008. No later Israeli court judgment and no Knesset instrument in it addresses whether the 2023 to 2025 ground operations or the Decision 3396 deployment changed that status.

- HCJ 9132/07: states the effective-control finding, dated 30 January 2008.
- Disengagement Plan Implementation Law: evacuation and compensation, 2005.
- Decision 3396: the Government's own instrument, approving a deployment and a ceasefire. Its published text states no position on occupation. Annex B is classified and Annexes C to F are held in the Government Secretariat files.

The three IDF percentages measure two different things

- The 30% counts territory designated an Operational Security Perimeter; the 75% and 80% count operational control. The first is not a smaller reading of the other two.
- All 3 are the Israel Defense Forces' own statements of its own positions, each on its own date. They are not a series and may not be averaged.
- The 80% page does not date Gideon's Chariots B, so its place against the 18 March to 20 August 2025 window cannot be fixed from it.
- The effective-control holding and its 3 sources of obligation sit in one paragraph and are quoted together.

Questions readers ask

Which Israeli court has ruled on whether Gaza is occupied?

The Supreme Court sitting as the High Court of Justice ruled in HCJ 9132/07, Al-Bassiouni v. Prime Minister. The judgment is dated 30 January 2008.

When did Israeli effective control of Gaza end, according to the Court?

The Supreme Court held that effective control ended in September 2005. It stated that military rule "came to an end by a decision of the government".

Did the Court say Israel owes Gaza's residents nothing?

No. The Supreme Court held that Israel has no general duty under the laws of belligerent occupation, and that its main obligations derive from the armed conflict, the crossings and Gaza's electricity dependence.

Why did the Court mention electricity?

The Supreme Court stated that after years of Israeli military rule the Gaza Strip was "almost completely dependent upon the supply of electricity from Israel". It listed that dependence as a source of obligation.

What did the 2005 disengagement law do?

The Knesset's Disengagement Plan Implementation Law states 4 purposes: evacuating Israelis and their property from the Gaza area and northern Samaria, compensation, assistance with moving, and relocating communities.

Did the disengagement law itself end military rule in Gaza?

Its text does not say so. The Supreme Court held in 2008 that military rule ended by a government decision, and that judgment is the source for the point.

How much of Gaza does the IDF say it controls?

The Israel Defense Forces stated approximately 75% for 18 March to 20 August 2025, and about 80% in an account published 27 October 2025. Both are the IDF's own statements of its own positions.

What is the yellow line?

The IDF Spokesperson's Unit published on 4 November 2025, in its own dispatch, that forces operated east of the yellow line, which it describes as a forward line inside the Gaza Strip.

Does the October 2025 ceasefire decision withdraw Israeli forces from Gaza?

No. The Government of Israel, in its own Decision 3396 of 9 October 2025, provided for redeployment to positions on annexed maps. Paragraph 6 cancels the ceasefire if the hostage return is not performed.

Has an Israeli court ruled on Gaza's status since October 2023?

No such judgment appears in this record. HCJ 9132/07 of 2008 remains the only Israeli judicial ruling on the question here.

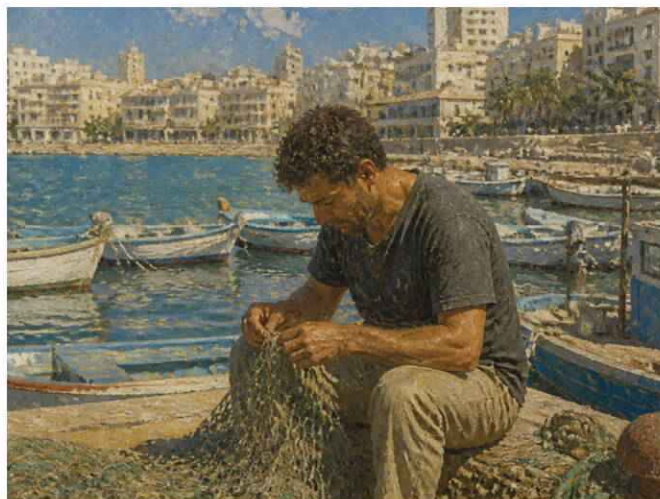
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Is Land in the West Bank Registered to Its Owners?

Order 291 halted West Bank title registration in 1968, the State Comptroller recorded; its 2021 audit found the registers kept in hard copy.

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Since 1968, systematic registration of land title in Judea and Samaria has been halted under military Order 291, the State Comptroller of Israel recorded in a 2016 audit. From the late 1970s the Civil Administration used a different procedure, the

declaration of state land. That procedure does not, as a rule, end in registration. The State Comptroller's 2021 audit found that the registers that do exist are kept in hard copy, with no computerised system.

Figure	What it counts	Who published it	Period
1968	Year Order 291 halted land settlement, meaning registration of title	State Comptroller of Israel	Order of 5729-1968; audit 2014, checks to December 2015
1990s to September 2015	Period with no substantive change in the settlement of state land in the registers	State Comptroller of Israel	As stated in the 2016 audit
1:20,000 or 1:50,000	Scale of hand-drawn state-land declaration maps, not marked on the ground	State Comptroller of Israel	Maps signed late 1970s to early 1990s
60%	Share of real-estate transaction files scanned without the certification of transfer of rights	State Comptroller of Israel	Audit September 2018 to June 2019
About 4 years	Time spent computerising the registers, not completed	State Comptroller of Israel	As at the 2018 to 2019 audit
Areas A and B	Land placed under the Palestinian Council's jurisdiction in the first phase of redeployment	Israel and the PLO, Oslo II	Signed 28 September 1995

Order 291 halted land settlement in Judea and Samaria in 1968

The State Comptroller recorded that land settlement, the registration of title, was halted in the area under the Order concerning Land and Water Settlement, Order 291 of 5729-1968. The Comptroller's 2016 chapter sets that halt inside the legal frame it describes on printed p. 74.

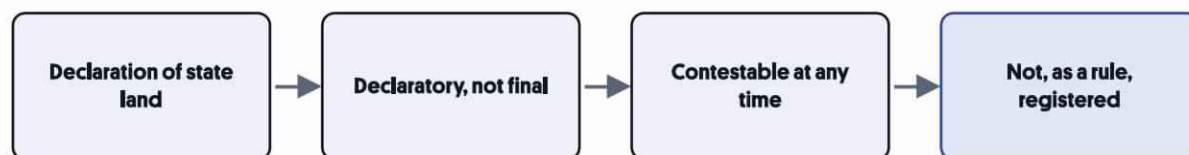
- The law in force on 7 June 1967 remains in force, except where a proclamation or order of the military commander changes it.
- That law rests on Ottoman law as amended under the British Mandate and Jordanian rule, including the [Ottoman Land Code](#) of 1858.
- Order 291 of 1968 halted land settlement (p. 74, footnote 5).
- From the late 1970s, the Civil Administration used the declaration of state land in place of settlement (p. 74, footnote 5).

State land declarations do not end in registration, the Comptroller found

The State Comptroller found that a declaration of state land “אינו מסתיים, בדרך כלל, בהסדר בספרי המקרקעין”: it does not, as a rule, end in settlement in the land registers, which is a settled and final registration (printed p. 69). The same audit states that from the 1990s until September 2015 there was no substantive change in the settlement of [state land](#) in the area.

What a state-land declaration is, on the 2016 audit

STATE COMPTROLLER OF ISRAEL, ANNUAL REPORT 66B, PRINTED PP. 69 AND 110



A declaration does not determine rights in land, on the Comptroller's account.

Source: State Comptroller of Israel [2016], Judea and Samaria Area: Activity of the Supervision and Enforcement Unit and Aspects of Land Registration. Hebrew; working translation.

- A declaration is declaratory, is not meant to determine rights in land, and may be contested before the military appeals

committee at any time (p. 110).

- In September 2015 the Civil Administration told the Comptroller, in its own stated position, that registering all state land carries political, security, legal and economic implications (p. 110).
- Declaration maps signed from the late 1970s to the early 1990s were drawn by hand at 1:20,000 or 1:50,000 without marking on the ground (pp. 69 and 110 to 111).
- The Civil Administration's Blue Line team re-examines those maps, and private land, mostly Palestinian, was found inside declared areas on which Israeli localities were built (pp. 110 to 111).

The 2021 audit found Judea and Samaria registers kept in hard copy

The State Comptroller found that real estate in Judea and Samaria is registered in hard-copy registers, with no computerised system. The audit, Annual Report 70C, ran from September 2018 to June 2019 and states that the registers are consequently “exposed to errors, inaccuracies, to deliberate biases in exceptional cases and to a non-optimal level of service”.

Finding	What it counts	Period
Hard-copy registers	Form in which real estate in the area is registered	As at the audit
60%	Share of scanned transaction files scanned without the certification of transfer of rights, the basis for registration	As at the audit
About 4 years	Time spent computerising the registers, not completed	As at the audit

Source: State Comptroller of Israel, Annual Report 70C, English abstract, audit September 2018 to June 2019.

Oslo II put land in Areas A and B under the Council

The Interim Agreement states, in Article XI(2), that “Land in populated areas (Areas A and B), including government and Al Waqf land, will come under the jurisdiction of the Council during the first phase of redeployment.” In Area C, the same article provides that “Israel will transfer to the Council civil powers and responsibilities not relating to territory.” The text quoted is the English published by the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs, a party to the bilateral agreement.

Clause	What it says	Area
Article XI[2]	Land in populated areas comes under the Council's jurisdiction	A and B
Article XI[2]	Civil powers “not relating to territory” are transferred	C
Article XVII[2]	Territorial jurisdiction covers the West Bank “except for Area C” and “includes land, subsoil and territorial waters”	A and B
Article XI[3]	Areas A and B are defined by red lines and shading on map No. I; Area C is the areas outside them	All

The Agreement states no percentage for any area. More on how the Council’s powers operate is in the record on whether [the Palestinian Authority runs its own areas](#).

No Israeli body publishes the share of West Bank land registered

None of the Israeli records read for this page publishes a percentage or dunam total of West Bank land registered to its owners. The State Comptroller’s 2016 audit records the

mechanism and its halt, and states no share of the area's land that was ever settled.

Record	What it publishes on registration	Registered share
State Comptroller, 2016	Order 291 halt; declarations not ending in registration	Not published
State Comptroller, 2021	Hard-copy registers; scanning and computerisation gaps	Not published
Oslo II, 1995	Land jurisdiction by area	Not published; no area percentage

Which figures here may not be combined?

The 60% is a share of scanned transaction files, not of all files and not of registrations. A declaration of state land is not a registration of title, on the State Comptroller's own account, and the two may not be counted as one. The 2016 chapter is Hebrew and the renderings here are working translations; the 2021 text is the Comptroller's own English abstract. Oslo II defines areas by map and states no share of territory for any of them.

Questions readers ask

Who halted land registration in the West Bank?

The State Comptroller recorded that land settlement was halted under Order 291, an order of the military commander dated 5729-1968.

What replaced registration after 1968?

The State Comptroller recorded that from the late 1970s the Civil Administration used the declaration of state land.

Does declaring land state land register it?

No. The State Comptroller found that a declaration does not, as a rule, end in settlement in the land registers.

Can a state-land declaration be challenged?

Yes. The State Comptroller states that a declaration is not final and may be contested before the military appeals committee at any time.

How were the declaration maps drawn?

The State Comptroller found that maps signed from the late 1970s to the early 1990s were drawn by hand at 1:20,000 or 1:50,000, without marking on the ground.

Was private land found inside declared state land?

Yes. The State Comptroller reported that the Blue Line team found private land, mostly Palestinian, inside declared areas on which Israeli localities were built.

Are the West Bank land registers computerised?

No. The State Comptroller found in its 2018 to 2019 audit that the registers are hard copy, after about 4 years of computerisation that was not completed.

What law governed West Bank land before 1967?

The State Comptroller states that it was Ottoman law as amended under the Mandate and Jordan. The Ottoman Land Code's Article

1 divides land into five classes, in F. Ongley's unofficial 1892 English translation.

Did Oslo II give the Palestinian Council land jurisdiction?

The Interim Agreement states that land in populated areas, Areas A and B, comes under the Council's jurisdiction, and excludes Area C from its territorial jurisdiction.

What share of Area C is it?

The Interim Agreement states no percentage for any area. It defines Areas A and B by lines on map No. 1 and Area C as what lies outside them.

What did the Civil Administration say about registering state land?

The State Comptroller recorded the Civil Administration's own statement in September 2015 that registering all state land carries political, security, legal and economic implications.

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