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PREFACE

This publication, is produced jointly by the Central Bureau of Statistics and the Ministry of the Interior. This publication includes physical data (population, education and welfare, infrastructure, etc.) and financial data (budget implementation) on local authorities in Israel in 2007.

The information included in this publication is intended to assist local authorities and central and local administrators and planners, as well as researchers, in their work on issues related to local government in Israel.

The data on all aspects of each local authority are presented in a consolidated form, in order to provide a concise profile of the local authority. In addition, comparative data on the various local authorities are presented.

In the profiles of the local authorities, the Peripherality Index is presented for the first time. In addition, subjective indices for the municipalities are also presented. These indices express the residents' satisfaction with the functioning of the municipality, according to various characteristics of the residential area.

The publication was prepared by the Construction and Local Authorities Division of the Central Bureau of Statistics, in consultation with the Division of Municipal Research in the Ministry of the Interior.

We would like to thank the staff of the Central Bureau of Statistics and the staff of the Ministry of the Interior, as well as all the workers of other institutions who assisted us.

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The publication "Local Authorities in Israel 2007" is part of a series of annual publications produced jointly by the Ministry of the Interior and the Central Bureau of Statistics, and funded by the Ministry of the Interior.

The publication provides a database on local government, which can assist the target populations in making decisions and designing policies .

At the national level, this publication is directed, above all, to senior administrative staff and policy-makers in the various units of the Ministry of the Interior. In addition, the information is used by other government ministries as well, such as the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Construction and Housing and the Ministry of Education.

This profile of local authorities in 2007 includes new data in two fields:

1. Peripherality Index. This index was prepared within the frame of a more extensive project, that was ordered by the Ministry of the Interior (called "Services Overload Index"), which is now in stage of execution.
2. Subjective Indices for the municipalities, that express the residents' opinions regarding the functioning of the municipality, according to satisfaction with various characteristics of the residential area.

At the local level, the publication is intended for elected officials, professionals and administrators, who may use the information to develop a perennial database for the local authorities that they serve. The information may also be useful to public and private organizations, as well as to academic institutions and research institutes.

The data presented here will appear on the websites of the Ministry of the Interior and the CBS, in order to facilitate comparative statistical processing among the various local authorities, as well as in-depth studies of specific authorities.

I wish to express my appreciation of the cooperation between the Construction and Local Authorities Sector at the Central Bureau of Statistics, and the Municipal Research Department at the Ministry of the Interior, and to all the other partners who worked on collecting and processing the data.

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