

Preface

The wave of immigration from the former USSR, which began at the end of 1989, brought a new population to Israel. The population of immigrants was large, and differed from the population of veteran residents in terms of its demographic characteristics. The immigrant population has aroused special interest among researchers, planners of immigrant absorption policy, and institutions that plan services for the immigrants.

The Central Bureau of Statistics initiated a follow-up demographic study among this population. This publication, which is the ninth in the series on this topic, provides data on the immigrant population in 2001, as well as data from previous years.

This publication presents the demographic characteristics of the population of immigrants from the former USSR in various spheres: population size, the structure of the population by sex, age, fertility patterns, marriage and divorce, and geographic distribution, as well as patterns of internal migration of this population in Israeli localities and immigration abroad.

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