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PREFACE

The publication *Local Authorities in Israel 2014* 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 facilitate decision-making and formulation of policies for the target population.

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.

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 publication *Local Authorities in Israel 2014* presents, for the first time, data on land use of Local Authorities, the percentage of recycling from solid household, commercial, and yard waste, and number of children in preschools supervised by the Ministry of Education.

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

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