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## CENTRAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS WEBSITE – WWW.CBS.GOV.IL - NEW UPDATED VERSION!

The Central Bureau of Statistics is pleased to announce that its new, updated website is now online, as of June 20, 2005. Since its launch at the end of 1996, the site has been continuously developed; new contents have been added, the variety of materials available to users has been expanded and improvements have gradually been introduced using advanced technologies. In addition, small changes have been made in the appearance of the site. The number of users has grown rapidly during the years, and last month more than one millions entries were recorded on the website's pages!

However, the website's format became outdated, and sometimes hindered users who wished to get the most out of the site, in the most efficient manner. Because the public's needs are important to us, we developed a new version of our site.

This new version is organized and arranged so that it can help the users find what they need easily, and offers them several ways of doing so. All this, without detracting from the amount and quality of the information, through ongoing work on daily additions and updating of contents, data and search engines, and expansion of the variety of ways of presenting information.

The main lines that led the construction of the new version:

1. A SEARCH ENGINE, which makes is possible to search the various areas of the site.
2. REORGANIZATION OF THE INFORMATION, both according to subject and according to the manner of distribution of the information.
3. The user can receive the information in VARIOUS WAYS: "ready-made" or in an interactive form, according to his/her choice. Statistical data can be obtained in various ways: as a series from the database, as a table or graph, in a presentation, through a "Table Generator", in a "Press Release", in "Statisti-lite", etc.

**Example:** When looking for information on sales of dwellings, it can be located by printing the word in the "search box", or by subject in the subject page which contains all information on the subject of construction, including links.

4. The HOME PAGE was redesigned – all information by topic and sub-topic is located vertically, and publications and products, work tools, classifications, research methods and databases are found in the horizontal ruler.

5. **YOU WISH TO BE UPDATED – “WHAT’S NEW?” – on subjects such as: publications, surveys, work tools – on the home page, on the left side.**
6. **“PRESS RELEASES” – as in the past, with new additional possibilities of depth and detail.**

**THE USERS CAN BE ASSURED THAT:**

**We will accompany, support, inform and assist you in your adjustment to the new version. We are certain that you will soon see the advantages of the new website over the old one. However, we request that you be patient and forgiving towards us – those at the CBS responsible for the smooth running of the new website – in cases of expected malfunction during the “running-in” period. In addition, if you are linked to a particular page, or a specific subject in the website – do not be concerned! The link will not be lost, and the transfer to its new place will be performed automatically.**

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