

ISRAELI LABOUR FORCE SURVEY, VARIABLE LIST, PUBLIC-USE-FILE (FROM 2001)

Note that the estimates obtained from this file are based on a sample survey and may be liable to sampling and non-sampling errors<sup>1</sup>.

POSITIONS	VARIABLE FORMAT (N-INTEGER, S-STRING)	VARIABLE NAME	VARIABLE VALUES	VALUE'S LABEL
1	N	Institution's code	1 2 3 5	Institutions' dwellers Household in institution Bedouins Current (changeable) sample
2-6	EMPTY			
7-8	N	Determinant week	01-13 0	Permanent sample
9-20	N	Household ID		
9-12	N	Locality code (1)		
13	N	Year of current sample		
14	N	Quarter of first interview		
15-17	N	Apartment number		
18	N	Check digit for Pos. 9-17		
19	N	Household number in the apartment		
20	N	Changing household		
21	N	Type of sample	1 2	Current (changeable) sample Permanent sample
22	N	Panel (for Current (changeable) sample only)	1 2 3 4	Stage a (new) Stage b (recurring) Stage c (recurring) Stage d (recurring)
23-24	N	Domestic help hours	00 01-96 97 98 99	Do not have domestic help Num. of Domestic help hours Zero hours last week Number of hours unknown Unknown if employing help
25-26	N	Rooms in dwelling	0.0 0.5-9.5 9.9	Institutions, Bedouins Num. of rooms (2-d digit 0 or 5 only) Unknown
27-28	N	Children aged 0-14 in household		Num. of children
29-30	N	Persons aged 15+ in household		Num. of persons
31-32	N	Total number of persons in household		Num. of persons
33	N	Religion of head of household	1 2 3 4 5	Jewish Christian Muslim Druze Other
34-38	EMPTY			
39-40	N	Week interview carried out	01-16 99	Unknown

<sup>1</sup> See explanation in "Methodology" on the web page of Labour Force Survey:  
[http://www1.cbs.gov.il/reader/?Mlval=cw\\_usr\\_view\\_SHTML&ID=417](http://www1.cbs.gov.il/reader/?Mlval=cw_usr_view_SHTML&ID=417)

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41-45	N	Num. of children by age group in household		
41	N	Children aged 0-1		
42	N	Children aged 2-4		
43	N	Children aged 5-9		
44	N	Children aged 10-14		
45	N	Children aged 15-17		
46-48	EMPTY			
49	N	Num. of households in the apartment	1-5 9	Num. of households Unknown
50-51	N	Serial number of person in household	01-30	
52-55	EMPTY			
56	N	Sex	1 2	Male Female
57-58	EMPTY			
59-60	N	Year of birth, year of birth 85 years old for aged 85 and over	00-99	
61	N	Marital status	1 2 3 4 5	Married Married, separated Divorced Widowed Single
62-63	S	Year of current marriage	00-99 ++	Unknown



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64-66	N	Country of birth	000 001 002 003 004 005 006 007 008 009 011 012 013 014 015 016 017 018 019 020 021 022 023 024	Not asked Arab countries (excluding Iraq, Iran, North Africa) Northern Africa (excluding Egypt, Morocco) Central and Western Europe (excluding Scandinavian and Western Mediterranean countries) Former communist countries (excluding USSR) Former USSR (Not Russia and Asian former USSR Republics) Other Asian countries South Africa, Zimbabwe, Australia, New Zealand Other African countries (excluding Ethiopia) USA and Canada Israel Iraq Iran Egypt Morocco Scandinavian countries Western Mediterranean countries Russia Asian USSR republics Ethiopia Central America South America Unknown Other
67-69	N	Father's country of birth		See Pos. 64-66
70-72	N	Mother's country of birth		See Pos. 64-66
73-74	S	Year of immigration	00-99 -- ++ Empty	Israeli born Unknown Not asked
75-76	N	Month of immigration	00 01-12 99	Not asked Month Unknown
77-81	N	Num. of children by age group of mothers (fathers, if child's mother not in household)		
77	N	Children aged 0-1		
78	N	Children aged 2-4		
79	N	Children aged 5-9		
80	N	Children aged 10-14		
81	N	Children aged 15-17		

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82	N	Current schooling status	1 2 3 9	Studied in the past Currently studying Never studied Unknown
83-84	N	Years of schooling	01-98 99 00	Unknown Never studied
85-86	N	Type of last school	01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 99 00	Primary and intermediate Vocational or agricultural secondary school General secondary school Yeshiva, Seminary Teacher's training college Post-sec. school; engineer/ technician Other post-secondary schools Academic institute (University, Technion) Other Unknown Never studied
87	EMPTY			
88	N	Absence from work last week	1 2	Yes No
89	N	Source of salary (For employees) (From quarter 2/2002)	1 2 3 9	From workplace From manpower agency From other source Unknown
90	N	Job seeking last 4 weeks	1 2	Yes No
91	N	Worked last year	1 2 9	Yes No Unknown
92-93	S	Usual weekly work hours	01-98 ++	Unstable number of hours
94-95	N	Hours worked less last week	00-97	
96	N	Reasons for working less last week	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	Vacation Illness, accident Child\relative illness Holiday Military service - Reserve Duty Bad weather (up to 2003)/Government cut-backs (from 2003) Labour dispute (strike or lockout) Other Unknown
97-98	N	Hours worked overtime last week	00-45 99	Unknown
99-100	N	Hours worked last week	01-98	



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101-102	N	Reason for absence from work last week	01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 10 99	Illness, accident Maternity leave (up to 12 weeks) Other vacation Military service - Reserve Duty Bad weather (Up to 2003)/Cut-backs (from 2003) Labour dispute (strike) Temporary stopped work (up to 30 days) Promised work within 30 days Other Child\relative illness (from quarter 2/2002) Unknown
103	N	Duration of absence from work (for those absent from work last week)	1 2 3 4	A month and less 2-3 months 4-12 months More than a year
104	N	Paid absence last week	1 2 3	Yes No Other (self-emp., kibbutz member, unpaid family member)
105	N	Job seeking while absent from work last 4 weeks (for those who were absent from work last week)	1 2	Yes No
106	N	Usually works 35+ hours (for those whose weekly work hours are unstable)	1 2 9	Yes No Unknown
107	N	Job considered full-time (for those who usually work less than 35 weekly work hours)	1 2 3 9	Yes No Other (self-emp., employer, kibbutz member, unpaid family member) Unknown
108	N	Reason for part-time employment last week	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	Sought full-time work, did not find Sought additional work, did not find Incapacitated (illness/handicap/infirmity) Pensioned/senior citizen Housewife Studding Not interested in full-time employment Other Unknown
109	N	Job seeking via Employment Service	1 2 9	Yes No Unknown
110	N	Job seeking via another manpower agency	1 2 9	Yes No Unknown
111	N	Job seeking via media advertisements	1 2 9	Yes No Unknown

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112	N	Job seeking by personal application	1 2 9	Yes No Unknown
113	N	Job seeking via friends/relatives	1 2 9	Yes No Unknown
114	N	Attempt to establish a private business	1 2 9	Yes No Unknown
115	N	Job seeking by other means	1 2 9	Yes No Unknown
116-117	N	Weeks of job seeking	01-98 99	Weeks Unknown
118	N	Extent of job sought	1 2 9	Full time Part time Unknown
119	N	Availability for work last week	1 2 9	Available Not available Unknown
120	N	Reason for unavailability for work last week	1 2 3 4 5	Studies Illness Military service No babysitter Other
121	N	Employment history in Israel	1 2 3	Worked during last 12 months Worked before last 12 months Never worked in Israel
122	N	Reason for stopping work	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	Did not work in Israel in last 12 mths. Dismissed due to staff cut-backs End of work or contract Dismissed for other reason Resigned Retired Studies Military service Other Unknown
123	N	Ended last job	1 2 3 4 5 9	1-2 years ago 2-3 years ago 3-4 years ago 4-5 years ago 5+ years ago Unknown

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124	N	Employment before job seeking	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 9	Did not work last 12 months in Israel Military service Studied New immigrant Housewife Worked Other Unknown
125	N	Commuting to workplace	0 1 2 3 4 9	Did not work in Israel last 12 months Work in locality of residence Work outside locality of residence Work in different places Work abroad Unknown
126-129	EMPTY			
130-132	S	Economic branch	XXX	See CBS classifications for Economic Branch (2). 3-rd digit=A - grouped. Unknown
133-135	S	Occupation	XXX	See CBS classifications for Occupation (3). 3-rd digit=A - grouped. Unknown
136	N	Status at work	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	Employee Employer with 1-2 salaried workers Employer with 3+ salaried workers Self-employed Member of cooperative Member of Kibbutz Unpaid family member
137-138	N	Months worked last year	01-12 99	Number of months Unknown
139-142	EMPTY			
143-144	N	Highest diploma received (from quarter 2/2000)	00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 99	Never studied Primary or intermediate school Secondary school Matriculation (Bagrut) Post-secondary certificate (not academic) Academic degree-bachelors (BA) Academic degree-masters (MA) Academic degree-PhD Other post-secondary certificate Did not get any certificate Unknown
145	EMPTY			
146-147	N	Serial number of spouse in household	From 01	
148-149	N	Age	01-84 85	for aged 85 and over
150	N	Nationality	1 2 3	Jewish Arab Other

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151	N	Religion (grouped from pos.33) of head of household	1 2	Jewish Not Jewish
152	N	Domestic help hours (grouped from pos. 23-24)	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	Do not have domestic help 01-07 hours 08-15 hours 16+ hours (97) Zero hours last week (98) Number of hours unknown (99) Unknown if employing help
153-154	N	Age groups	01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 10 11	15-17 18-24 25-29 30-34 35-44 45-54 55-59 60-64 65-69 70-74 75+
155	EMPTY			
156	N	No. of children aged 0-14 in household (grouped from pos.27-28)	1 2 3 4 5	0 children 1 child 2 children 3 children 4+ children
157	N	Age of youngest child, up to 17 years old, in household	1 2 3 4 5 0	0-1 2-4 5-9 10-14 15-17 No children
158	N	No. of children aged 0-14 of mothers (fathers, if child's mother not in household)	1 2 3 4 5 0	0 children 1 child 2 children 3 children 4+ children Other males
159	N	Age of mother's youngest child, up to 17 years old (fathers, if child's mother not in household)	1 2 3 4 5 0	0-1 2-4 5-9 10-14 15-17 No children
160	N	No. of children aged 0-17 in household	1 2 3 4 5	0 children 1 child 2 children 3 children 4+ children

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161	N	No. of children aged 0-17 of mothers (fathers, if child's mother not in household)	1 2 3 4 5 0	0 children 1 child 2 children 3 children 4+ children Other males
162-163	N	Years married (grouped)	01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 10 00	Less then one year 1 year 2 years 3-4 years 5-6 years 7-9 years 10-14 years 15-19 years 20+ years Unknown Not married
164	N	Continent of birth	1 2 3 4 5 6 0	Asia Africa Europe America and Oceania Israel Unknown Not asked
165	N	Father's continent of birth (for those born in Israel only)	1 2 3 4 5 6 0	Asia Africa Europe America and Oceania Israel Unknown Jewish born abroad or not asked
166	N	Mother's continent of birth (for those born in Israel only)	1 2 3 4 5 6 0	Asia Africa Europe America and Oceania Israel Unknown Jewish born abroad or not asked
167-168	N	Relation to head of household	01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 10 11 12	Head of household Spouse Single offspring Offspring\in law w\o spouse Offspring with spouse Sibling without spouse Sibling with spouse Parent of head of household\spouse Grandchild without parent Grandchild with parent Other relative Not a relative

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169-170	EMPTY			
171-172	N	Usual weekly work hours (grouped from pos. 92-93)	01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 10 11 12 00	01-07 08-14 15-21 22-29 30-34 35-39 40-44 45-49 50-59 60-98 Unstable number of hours and less then 35 hours Unstable number of hours and 35 hours and over Did not work
173-174	N	Hours worked last week (grouped from pos. 99-100)	01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 10 00	01-07 08-14 15-21 22-29 30-34 35-39 40-44 45-49 50-59 60-98 Did not work
175-176	S	Spouse occupation (from spouse pos. 133-134)	XX	See CBS classifications for Occupation. Unknown
177	N	Weeks of job seeking (grouped from pos. 116-117)	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 9 0	1-2 weeks 3-4 weeks 5-8 weeks 9-13 weeks 14-26 weeks 27-52 weeks 53-98 weeks Unknown Did not seek
178	N	Months worked last year (grouped from pos. 137-138)	1 2 3 4 5 9 0	01-03 months 04-06 months 07-09 months 10-11 months 12 months Unknown Did not work

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179-180	N	District/subdistrict of residence	11 21 22 23, 25 24 28 29 31 32 38 41 42 43 44 48 51, 52, 53 58 61 62, 63 68 70-79 80-89	Jerusalem North-Zefat North-Kinneret North - Yizreel North-Akko North-Unknown North-Golan Haifa Haifa-Hadera Haifa-Unknown Center-Sharon Center-Petach-Tikva Center-Ramla Center-Rehovot Center-Unknown Tel-Aviv Tel-Aviv-Unknown South-Ashkelon South-Beer Sheva South-Unknown Judea / Samaria Gaza
181-182	N	District/subdistrict of workplace	11 21 22 23, 25 24 28 29 31 32 38 41 42 43 44 48 51, 52, 53 58 61 62, 63 68 70-79 80-89 98 99	Jerusalem North-Zefat North-Kinneret North - Yizreel North-Akko North-Unknown North-Golan Haifa Haifa-Hadera Haifa-Unknown Center-Sharon Center-Petach-Tikva Center-Ramla Center-Rehovot Center-Unknown Tel-Aviv Tel-Aviv-Unknown South-Ashkelon South-Beer Sheva South-Unknown Judea / Samaria Gaza Not constant Unknown
183-184	EMPTY			
185	N	Development town of residence	1 2	In north In south
186	N	Development town of workplace	1 2	In north In south

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187-188	N	Metropolis of residence  Adding code 74 from 2002 Adding metropolis of Beer Sheva from 2002	10 21-23 31-33 41-43  50 61-63 71-74  80 81-83 84-86 87-88	<u>Tel-Aviv</u> Core Tel-Aviv Tel-Aviv, Inner ring Tel-Aviv, Middle ring Tel-Aviv, Outer ring <u>Haifa</u> Core Haifa Haifa, Inner ring Haifa, Outer ring <u>Beer Sheva</u> Core Beer Sheva Beer Sheva, Inner ring Beer Sheva, Middle ring Beer Sheva, Outer ring
189-190	S	Metropolis of workplace  Adding code 74 from 2002 Adding metropolis of Beer Sheva from 2002	10 21-23 31-33 41-43  50 61-63 71-74  80 81-83 84-86 87-88  ++ 99 00	<u>Tel-Aviv</u> Core Tel-Aviv Tel-Aviv, Inner ring Tel-Aviv, Middle ring Tel-Aviv, Outer ring <u>Haifa</u> Core Haifa Haifa, Inner ring Haifa, Outer ring <u>Beer Sheva</u> Core Beer Sheva Beer Sheva, Inner ring Beer Sheva, Middle ring Beer Sheva, Outer ring  Not constant Unknown Did not work
191-192	N	Type of locality of residence  From 2002 From 2005	01 02 03 04 05 06 09 14 15	Jerusalem Tel Aviv-Yaffo Haifa 100,000-199,999 inhabitants 50,000-99,999 inhabitants Other urban locality Rural locality Rishon LeZiyon Ashdod
193-194	N	Type of locality of workplace  From 2002 From 2005	01 02 03 04 05 06 09 12 13 14 15	Jerusalem Tel Aviv-Yaffo Haifa 100,000-199,999 inhabitants 50,000-99,999 inhabitants Other urban locality Rural locality Not constant Unknown Rishon LeZiyon Ashdod

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195-196	N	Housing density	01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 10 11 12 13 14 15	Institutions <0.49 0.5 0.51-0.99 1 person/room 1.01-1.49 1.5-1.99 2 persons 2.01-2.49 2.5-2.99 3-3.99 4-4.99 5-5.99 6+ Unknown
197	EMPTY			
198	N	Weekly labour force characteristics	1 2 3 1-3 4 5 4-5 1-5 6	Full-time employment Part-time employment Absent from work Employed persons Unemployed-worked during last 12 months Unemployed-did not work last 12 months Unemployed persons Member of labour force Non member of labour force
199	N	Usual labour force status (for employed)	1 2 3 4 9	Usually full-time Part-time considered full-time Part-time considered part-time Unknown what it's considered to be Unknown how usually works
200	N	Annual labour force characteristics (for current (changeable) sample only)	1 2 3 1-3 4 5 4-5 6	Worked during past year up to 9 months Worked during past year more than 10 months Worked during past year unknown how much Worked during last 12 months Belongs to weekly LF Did not work last 12 months Do not belong to weekly LF Did not work last 12 months Did not worked during last 12 months Do not belong to weekly L.F, unknown if worked annually

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201	N	Reason for not working during last 12 months or working less than 10 months during past year	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	Studies Illness/ infirmity /handicap Pensioned/retired Seasonal work Actively sought employment, did not find Homemaker Military service Other Unknown
202	N	Study / work	1 2 3 4 5 6	Study and work Don't study and work Work and unknown if studies Study and don't work Don't study and don't work Don't work and unknown if studies
203	N	Years of schooling (grouped from pos. 83-84)	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 9	0 1-4 5-8 9-10 11-12 13-15 16+ Unknown
204	N	Discouraged workers (from 2001)	1 0	Discouraged Other
205-206	EMPTY			
207	N	Number of wage earners	0-3 4	4+
208-211	EMPTY			
212	S	Economic branch (1 digit)	A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O X	Agriculture Manufacturing Electricity and water supply Construction Wholesale and retail trade Accommodation services and restaurants Transport, storage and communication Banking, insurance Real estate, renting and business activities Public administration Education Health services, welfare, social work Community, social and other services Private households with domestic personnel Extra-territorial organizations and bodies Unknown
213-222	EMPTY			
223-228	N4.2 (6-digits)	Final quarter person's weight. (Annual person weight=0.25*quarter person weight)		

229	N	Actively job seeking last year (for those who have not sought work last 4 weeks)	1 2 9	Yes No Unknown
230	N	Currently interested in suitable work (for discouraged job seekers, from quarter 2/2000)	1 2 9	Yes No Unknown
231-232	N	Main reason for not seeking job last 4 weeks (for discouraged job seekers, from quarter 2/2000)	01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 10 99	Was not suitable job to occupation Was not suitable job near locality of residence Have not enough experience, qualification, language problems Age not suitable to job (young/old) Studies in professional training Studies in other framework Was not suitable job: wage, work hours, interest Illness/disabled Family obligations Other Unknown
233-236	EMPTY			
237	N	Survey quarter	1-4	
238-239	N	Survey year		

- (1) Real locality code for localities with population 100,000 residents and over, for other localities – computer generated code. According to “LIST OF LOCALITIES THEIR POPULATION AND CODES, 31.12.2002”, Technical Publications Series No. 75, Central Bureau of Statistics, JERUSALEM, 2004.
- (2) See “Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities 1993”, Second edition, Central Bureau of Statistics, Technical Publication No. 63, Jerusalem, 2003.
- (3) See “The Standard Classification of Occupations 1994”, Central Bureau of Statistics, Technical Publication No. 64, Jerusalem, 1994.