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PREFACE

This publication presents data from the 2008 Labour Force Survey. For the convenience of our readers, the publication appears on the Internet rather than in a printed copy.

The publication is intended to supply all users, including state and research organizations, government ministries and others, with current and detailed data on the labour force in Israel. These data are necessary for planning, administration, and research related to social and economic topics.

The Labour Force Survey is a major survey conducted by the Central Bureau of Statistics among households. The survey follows the development of the labour force in Israel, its size and characteristics, as well as the extent of unemployment and other trends. The publication contains detailed data on labour force characteristics, age, years of schooling, type of school last attended, data on immigrants of 1990 and after, etc. It is also a source of data on living conditions, mobility in employment, and many other topics.

This year, two new tables have been added. One table presents labour force data by cross-sections of district, sub-district, and type of district of residence. The other table presents, for the first time, data on employed persons who worked overtime during the determinant week by industries in the economy and occupations.

Labour Force Survey data are available in several publications: quarterly data appear in the “Labour Force Surveys Quarterly” on the CBS website. In addition, economic characteristics of households appear on the website, and data on special topics are published in the “Working Papers” series.

Technical Publication No. 78, which appeared in 2006, is particularly noteworthy. The publication includes all of the changes in the methodology and definitions as well as changes in the questionnaire, which have been introduced in the Labour Force Survey during the period from 1954 to 2003.

On behalf of the Central Bureau of Statistics, I would like to thank the thousands of households and their members who participated in the survey, exhibited patience and responsibility, and contributed substantially to the statistical database.

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