

# Media Release

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## On the Eve of the Jewish New Year: 8.412 Million Residents in the State of Israel

- On the eve of Rosh Hashanah 5776 (2015), the population of Israel numbers approximately 8,412,000 residents.<sup>1</sup> Since Rosh Hashanah of last year,<sup>2</sup> the population in Israel increased by about 158,000 persons – an increase of 1.9%, similar to previous years.
- The Jewish population numbered approximately 6,300,000 residents (74.9% of the entire population), and the Arab population – approximately 1,746,000 residents (20.7%), and approximately 366,000 persons (4.4%) were categorized as "others"<sup>3</sup>.
- The population forecast for 2025-2030 predicts that the number of residents living in Israel will surpass 10 million.
- Over the course of the year, about 168,000 infants were born, and about 42,000 persons died.
- Approximately 32,000 persons were added to the population in the migration balance.<sup>4</sup> Of those, about 28,000 were new immigrants. This was an increase of about 35% over the previous year. Most of the immigrants arrived from Ukraine (about 26%), from France (about 25%), from Russia (about 21%) and from the United States (about 9%).

<sup>1</sup> This Media Release is based on preliminary data. The population estimate does not include foreign workers, whose number is estimated at approximately 192,000 at the end of 2014.

<sup>2</sup> Due to differences between the Hebrew calendar and the civil calendar, the data refer to nearly 11.5 months that have passed since the previous Jewish New year.

<sup>3</sup> Including non-Arab Christians and those not classified by religion in the Population Register.

<sup>4</sup> The migration balance is the difference between **arriving residents** – the total number of immigrants, family reunifications, and returning residents who were abroad for a stay of a year or more continuously and **departing residents** – residents who departed and stayed abroad for a year or more, continuously.

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