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Israel in Figures - Rosh Hashana 5780 Selected Annual Data 2019

- On the eve of Rosh Hashana 5780, the population of Israel was estimated at approximately 9.092 million.¹ The population is expected to reach 10 million residents by the end of 2024, and 15 million residents by the end of 2048. By the end of the projection period, in 2065, the population of Israel is expected to grow to 20 million.
- The Jewish population numbers approximately 6.744 million residents (74.2% of the total population); the Arab population numbers approximately 1.907 million (21.0%), and the population of Others² numbers approximately 441,000 (4.8%).
- Since Rosh Hashana last year³, the population of Israel has grown by approximately 184,000. The annual population growth rate in 5779 was 2.1%, similar to the rate in previous years.
- During the year, approximately 196,000 babies were born and approximately 50,000 people died. Approximately 38,000 people were added to the population of Israel in the migration balance. Of those, approximately 35,000 were new immigrants.

In the process of producing the data for the Statistical Abstract of Israel, the annual data for 2018 were uploaded on the website (tables, diagrams, and maps). This media release presents data collected by the Central Bureau of Statistics on the following areas of life.

These data are a summary of the Statistical Abstract of Israel which will be published in the coming months (Hebrew only). The data relate to 2018, unless otherwise stated.

¹ The data on population are provisional. The estimate does not include the population of foreign residents, which was about 164,000 at the end of 2018.

² Others are non-Arab Christians, members of other religions, and those not classified by religion at the Ministry of Interior.

³ Due to differences in the Hebrew calendar, the data relate to 13 months (approximately) that elapsed since Rosh Hashana last year.

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GEOGRAPHY

Chapter 1

Area

State of Israel area **22,072 km²**

Thereof:

98% land area

2% area of lakes - Sea of Galilee and the Dead Sea

Land Use (2013)

64.7% bare land, rocky land, shrubs, excavated area

20.0% agricultural area

7.3% forest, groves or park area

5.6% built-up area

2.4% area of water bodies⁴

Precipitation⁵

Precipitation volume in rain year 2017/2018 - **5.74 billion m²**

Multi-annual average 1981-2010 - **6.11 billion m²**

Largest amount of precipitation - Kisra-Sumei - **980 mm**

Smallest amount of precipitation - Yotvata - **14 mm**

Temperatures

Highest daily maximum temperature **47.9°C** in Sedom (25 July 2018)

Lowest daily minimum temperature **-3.8°C** in Merom Golan (8 January 2018)

POPULATION

Chapter 2

On the eve of Rosh Hashana 5780, the population of Israel was estimated at approximately

9.092 million.

Jews - approximately **6.744 million (74.2%** of the total population)

Arabs - approximately **1.907 million (21.0%)**

Others⁶ - approximately **441,000 (4.8%)**

Annual population growth rate - **2.1%**

⁴ Including natural water reservoirs - the Sea of Galilee and the Dead Sea, and man-made water reservoirs.

⁵ Data on climate were obtained from the Israel Meteorological Service.

⁶ Others are non-Arab Christians, members of other religions, and those not classified by religion at the Ministry of Interior

Persons aged 20 and over by level of religiosity (self-assessed)

43.2% - Not religious, secular

22.1% - Traditional not-so-religious

12.8% - Traditional-religious

11.3% - Religious

10.1% - Ultra-Orthodox

Immigration to Israel and International Migration

Immigration to Israel

Immigrants since the establishment of the state - **3.3** million

Immigrants in 2018 **28,000**

Migration of Israelis abroad (2017)

Departed from Israel - **14,300**

Returned to Israel - **8,400**

Work permit holders from abroad

Entered Israel - **65,800**

Departed from Israel - **57,400**

Family

Marriage and divorce (2017)

50,029 couples married

14,741 couples divorced

Live births and fertility

184,370 live newborns in Israel

Total fertility rate - **3.09**

Terminations of pregnancy (2017)

There were **17,924** applications to committees for termination of pregnancy

The rate of applications to committees for termination of pregnancy was **8.8** per 1,000 women aged 15-49.

Households and families

2,587,100 households

Average number of persons per household - **3.28**

2,101,900 nuclear families

HEALTH

Chapter 3

National expenditure on health - NIS **101.2 billion** (7.6% of the GDP)

Life expectancy

Men - **80.9** years

Women - **84.8** years

Infant mortality

Rate per 1,000 live births - **3.0**

Causes of Death (2017)

25.2% of the deaths in 2017 were caused by malignant neoplasms (cancer) and **14.8%** were caused by heart disease

New Cases of Malignant Neoplasms (Cancer) (2016) - rate per 100,000 persons - **361**

Self-assessed health - **84.0%** of all persons aged 20 and over reported that their health is very good or good.

Persons With Disabilities - **14.1%** of all persons aged 20 and over have severe functional disabilities

Approximately **22.1%** of all persons aged 21 and over smoke at least one cigarette a day (2017)

Obesity - **15.6%** of all persons aged 20 and over were obese (2017)

Physical Activity (2017) - **31.8%** of all persons aged 20 and over engaged in physical activity in accordance with recommendations

1.8 general care beds per 1,000 residents

3.1 physicians are employed per 1,000 residents (2017)

4.6 nurses are employed per 1,000 residents

Supplementary Health Insurance (2017) - **82.9%** of all households had an expenditure for supplementary health insurance

EDUCATION

Chapter 4

The national expenditure on education

The national expenditure on education - NIS **110.3 billion** (8.3% of the GDP)

Teaching Staff in the Education System

There were about **179,000** teaching staff in the entire education system in the school year of 2018/19, compared to **175,000** in the school year of 2017/18 (an increase of **2.3%**).

About **5.4 million** weekly work-hours in 2018/19, compared to **5.2 million** hours in 2017/18 (an increase of **4.3%**).

During 2010/11-2018/19, there has been a rapid increase in the extent of teaching in the entire system, with about **40,000** teaching staff added and more than **1.9 million** weekly work hours. The rate of recruitment of new teaching staff into the education system is on the rise, from about **7,500** on average in 2008-2010 to about **11,500** on average in 2017-2019.

7,050 teaching staff left the education system in 2016, compared with **6,064** in 2015 (an increase of about **16.3%**).

The average monthly wage among teaching staff was NIS **11,612** in 2017, compared with NIS **6,859** in 2005 (an increase of approximately **69%**).

The average number of pupils per teacher in the system overall is trending downward; during 1995/96-2018/19 this figure decreased from **12.6** to **10.8** pupils per teacher.

In Arab education, the trend was especially prominent: From **18.3** to **11.7** pupils per teacher, respectively.

Arab Education

The percentage of women increased from **69.0%** in 2009/10 to **73.9%** in 2018/19.

There was a notable decrease in the percentage of teaching staff with non-academic wage grades, from **15.7%** to **3.3%**, respectively.

There was a notable increase in the percentage of teaching staff with wage grades of second degree and over, from **13.7%** to **31.6%**, respectively.

Jewish Education

There was a notable increase in the percentage of teaching staff with up to 10 years of teaching experience, from **29.0%** in 2009/10 to about **39.7%** in 2018/19.

There was a notable decrease in the percentage of teaching staff with non-academic wage grades, from **19.3%** to **7.2%**, respectively.

There was a notable increase in the percentage of teaching staff with wage grades of second degree and over, from **26.9%** to **36.0%**, respectively.

The Education System

Schools

Approximately 1.763 million students in schools

1.029 million in primary education

734,200 in secondary education

158,100 teaching staff

Day Care Centers and pre-primary education

856,300 children aged 0-7 in pre-primary education

18,000 teaching staff in pre-primary education

Examinees Entitled to a Matriculation Certificate

76.1% of the matriculation examinees were entitled to a matriculation certificate

Projection of Number of Students

In 2024, the number of students in the system is expected to reach **1.968 million**, an addition of about **178,000** students compared with 2019 (an increase of about **9.4%**).

Dropping out of the educational system

13,300 students in grades 7-12 dropped out of the educational system and did not enroll in an alternative educational framework

Higher Education

There were **266,800** students at universities, academic colleges, and academic colleges of education.

Thereof: **193,400** first degree students

60,400 second degree students

11,600 third degree students

47,700 students were enrolled at the Open University

Thereof: **44,600** first degree students

2,500 second degree students

There were **83,100** recipients of degrees

Thereof: First degrees - **51,300**

Second degrees - **25,300**

Third degrees - **1,600**

59,100 Students in short-cycle tertiary education (non-academic)

50,500 Students in vocational training courses supervised by the Ministry of Labor, Social Affairs and Social Services (2017), thereof **31,000** entitled to a certificate.

CULTURE, ENTERTAINMENT AND SPORT

Chapter 5

The national expenditure on culture, entertainment and sport - NIS **61.4 billion** (4.6% of the GDP)

Students in Cultural Fields

About **16.4%** of all students at universities

About **40.9%** of all students at academic colleges of education

Books and Newspapers (2017)

1,596 publishers

8,462 titles (books and pamphlets)

About **5.8%** of households purchased daily papers

Museums

163 museums (2016)

7.1 million visits to museums

Use of Computers and Internet

About **72.5%** of the persons aged 20 and over used a computer

About **83.7%** of the persons aged 20 and over used the Internet

Subscriptions to Cable and Satellite Television (2017)

About **59.1%** of the households had subscriptions to cable or satellite television (2017)

Movies

About **17.1 million** tickets were sold at movie theaters

53 Cinemas

391 Screens

59,933 Seats

Active Athletes

There were about **114,593** active athletes

72,385 were active in team sports, and **42,208** were active in individual sports

WELFARE

Chapter 6

General Government Expenditure on Welfare

About NIS **148.2 billion** (27.6% of the total expenditure in the general government sector)

Recipients of Social Services

About **1.2 million** persons are registered at social service departments - a rate of about **135** registered persons per 1,000 persons.

Persons with defined need of intervention at social service departments

About **852,000**

Rate of persons with defined need of intervention - about **95** per 1,000 persons

Rate among Jews and Others - about **84** per 1,000 persons

Rate among Arabs - about **135** per 1,000 persons

The highest rate of social service recipients was in the lowest socio-economic clusters (3-4):

About **170** registered persons and about **127** persons with defined need of intervention per 1,000 persons

Persons Placed in Welfare Settings

About **259,000** persons were placed in welfare frameworks, a rate of about **29** per 1,000 persons.

Rate of persons placed in community settings - about **24** per 1,000 persons

Rate of persons in out-of home placement - about **6** per 1,000 persons

Persons with Disabilities

14.1% of all persons aged 20 and over were defined as having serious functional disabilities

About **24,000** holders of Certificates of Blindness/Vision Loss

Persons with hearing disabilities who are fully entitled to a "basket of communications assistance" - about **6,000**

STANDARD OF LIVING

Chapter 7

Household income

Gross monthly money income - NIS **20,027**

Net monthly money income - NIS **16,518**

Housing

66.5% of the households lived in owned dwellings

39.5% of the owners of dwellings paid mortgages

Household expenditures

Monthly money expenditure - NIS **13,114**

Total monthly consumption expenditure (including housing services) - NIS **16,267**

Thereof: **24.4%** of the total expenditure was for housing

20.2% of the total expenditure was for transportation and communications

16.9% of the total expenditure was for food

Ownership of durable goods

97.3% of the households had a mobile phone

78.0% of the households had a computer

Income of employees

The gross hourly income of a female employee was **84.2%** of the income of a male employee.

Households with persons aged 65 or over*

Households with two or more persons

Average gross monthly money income - NIS **15,639**

Average monthly money expenditure - NIS **10,996**

Households with one person

Average gross monthly money income - NIS **7,310**

Average monthly money expenditure - NIS **5,675**

* Households whose members are all aged 65 or over

CRIME AND JUSTICE

Chapter 8

General Government Expenditure on Public Order - NIS 22.2 billion (4.1% of the total expenditure)

Personnel Responsible for Maintaining Public Order

Lawyers - rate per 100,000 residents - **733.7**

Entire police force - rate per 100,000 residents - **355.3**

Criminal Investigation Files Opened by the Police

About **321,200**

Thereof:

40.6% - crimes against property

37.7% - crimes against public order

18.6% - crimes causing bodily harm

11.9% - crimes against morality

Murder cases (2016) rate per 100,000 residents (age standardized) - **1.5** cases

Justice (2017)

37,800 persons were sentenced in criminal trials

87.6% were accused

Data on Victims of Crimes and Sense of Security (Crime Victimization Survey 2017)

649,400 persons aged 20 and over were victimized by crime, **11.7%** of Israel's population at these ages.

198,800 (3.6%) were victims of theft.

About 195,400 individuals (**3.5%**) of those aged 20 and over were victims of online crime.

190,900 (3.4%) were victims of violence or threats of violence.

152,500 (2.7%) were victims of sexual harassment.

19,200 (0.3%) were victims of sexual offences

Sense of Personal Security (Crime Victimization Survey)

84.4% of persons aged 20 and over felt safe walking alone in the neighborhood after dark.

LABOUR MARKET

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4.068 million Participants in the labour force (aged 15 and over)

Thereof: Employed persons

2.039 million men

1.867 million women

Unemployed persons in the labour force - 4.0%

107,200 single mothers, thereof **83.6%** participated in the labour force

2.587 million households, thereof **79.8%** had employed persons

Employment rate (percentage of employed persons, of those aged 15 and over) - 61.4%

65.5% men

57.4% women

Employment rate among Arabs - **43.8%**

Average weekly work-hours per employed person - **36.1**

Largest Number of Employed Persons

By Industry:

About **491,000** employed persons in education

About **425,000** employed persons in manufacturing, mining and quarrying

By Occupation:

Professionals - about **1,045,000**

Service and sales workers - about **702,000**

Employee Jobs of Israeli workers - 3.675 million (94.1% of all employee jobs)

Employee Jobs of workers from abroad - 132,800 (3.4% of all employee jobs)

Average Gross Monthly Wages per Employee Job

Israeli workers - **NIS 10,470**

Workers from abroad - **NIS 6,249**

Employee Jobs and Average Monthly Wages per Employee Job, by Sector

The largest number of employee jobs was in the sector of non-financial corporations - **2,365,000**
(average monthly wages per employee job - **NIS 11,151**)

The highest average monthly wages per employee job were in the sector of financial corporations - **NIS 19,260** (employee jobs - **104,000**)

PRICE INDICES

Chapter 10

Consumer Price Index

During 2017-2018, the annual percentage change in the Consumer Price Index trended upward (after a decrease in 2014-2016). In 2018, the index increased by **0.8%**.

Producer Price Indices

The manufacturing producer price index for the domestic market **increased by 1.3%**.

Excluding fuels, the index **increased by 1.4%**.

Mining and quarrying producer price index for the domestic market **increased by 8.7%**

Manufacturing, mining and quarrying producer price index for exports **increased by 5.5%**.

The price index for cleaning services **increased by 4.7%**.

The price index for publishing activities **decreased by 2.8%**.

Input Indices

The price index of input in residential building **increased by 2.0%**

The index without wages increased **1.1%**.

The price index of input in commercial and office building **increased by 2.0%**

The price index of input in paving and bridging **increased by 3.0%**

The price index of input in buses for the general population **increased by 11.2%**

The price index of input in agriculture **increased by 3.8%**.

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS

Chapter 11

The Gross Domestic Product and its Components, 2018

GDP and its components	NIS billions (in current prices)	2018 vs. 2017 (quantitative change at constant prices)	1995-2018 Average percentage of quantitative change
GDP	1,330.6	3.4	3.7
GDP per capita (NIS thousands)	149.8	1.4	1.6
Gross national income	1,331.3	4.7	3.9
Private consumption expenditure	728.5	3.7	4.1
Private consumption expenditure per capita (NIS thousands)	82.0	1.7	2.0
General government final consumption expenditure	306.3	4.0	2.5
Gross capital formation	290.1	3.2	3.2
Exports of goods and services	391.8	5.6	4.9
Total uses of resources	1,716.7	4.1	3.9
Imports of goods and services	386.1	6.4	4.4
GDP of the business sector	980.4	3.7	4.1

National disposable income NIS **1,182.5 billion**

Net national saving NIS **147.7 billion (12.5%** of net national disposable income)

Compensation of employed persons out of the net domestic product **58.8%**

In 1995-2018 net domestic product per work-hour increased by an annual average of **1.3%**

National wealth (the difference between financial assets and liabilities of the all domestic sectors)
(2017) NIS **3,258.1 billion**

Average financial assets per household (2017) NIS **1.2 million**

National Expenditure as a Percentage of the GDP - International Comparison (2017)

The national expenditure on education and on civilian research and development was higher than the average in OECD countries

The national expenditure on health was lower than the average in OECD countries

INTERNATIONAL ACCOUNTS

Chapter 12

Current Account

Surplus in the balance of payments current account - **9.5 billion** dollars (2.6% of the GDP)

Financial Account

Investments of Israelis abroad - **19.7 billion** dollars

Foreign investments in Israel - **18.3 billion** dollars

External Assets and Liabilities of the Israeli Economy

External assets of Israelis - **437.0 billion** dollars

External liabilities position - **303.6 billion** dollars

Net international investment position - **133.4 billion** dollars

Foreign direct investment position of Israelis - **103.5 billion** dollars

Foreign direct investment position in Israel **145.3 billion** dollars

Gross external debt **93.8 billion** dollars

Negative net external debt - **155.3 billion** dollars

Activities of Multinational Companies (Globalization) (2013)

Multi-national Israeli parent companies ("OUT" companies)

302,800 workers

Output - **91.3 billion** dollars

Expenditure on R&D - **4.0 billion** dollars

Multi-national Israeli subsidiary companies ("IN" companies)

231,200 workers

Output - **49.4 billion** dollars

Expenditure on R&D - **6.7 billion** dollars

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF GOODS AND SERVICES

Chapter 13

Balance of Trade in Goods and Services

Total exports of goods and services - **107.4 billion** dollars

Total imports of goods and services - **108.9 billion** dollars

Trade surplus - **1.6 billion** dollars

Value of Imports and Exports of Goods and Services

Goods (according to foreign trade statistics)⁷

Total exports (gross) - **62.0** billion dollars:

Exports of manufacturing, mining and quarrying - **58.4** billion dollars

Exports of agriculture, forestry, and fishing - **1.1** billion dollars

Other exports - **2.4** billion dollars

Total imports (gross) - **76.6** billion dollars:

Imports of production inputs **47.4** billion dollars

Imports of consumer goods - **14.7** billion dollars

Imports of investment goods - **14.1** billion dollars

Other imports - **0.4** billion dollars

Services

Total exports - **50.1** billion dollars

Thereof: computer services - **27.9%**

 Research and development services - **16.0%**

 Travel services - **14.5%**

Total imports - **30.2** billion dollars

Thereof: Other business services - **45.6%**

Transportation services - **26.1%**

Travel services - **25.4%**

FINANCE AND CAPITAL

Chapter 14

Financial Market

Total financial assets held by the public - NIS **3,815 billion**

The percentage of index-linked assets, out of the total financial assets held by the public, has been trending downward over the years, from **52.6%** in 1995 to **28.8%** in 2018.

Total credit to the public provided by commercial banks - NIS **1,569 billion**

Output of banking corporations - NIS **42 billion**

Capital Market

Total capital raised on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange - NIS **71 billion**

Market value of bonds registered on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, excluding Makam securities (treasury bills) - NIS **819 billion**

Market value of shares and convertible securities - NIS **703 billion**

⁷ Data on imports and exports of goods are adjusted to the definitions of the balance of payments.

BUSINESS

Chapter 15

Data from the Business Register (including the Survey of Revenue Indices According to VAT Sources)

Active Businesses

598,648 active businesses in Israel, **51%** of them do not employ employees

About **4.0 million** employee jobs of Israeli and foreign workers

67% of all active businesses in Israel are those of self-employed persons ("single dealer" as defined by the Tax Authority)

27% are companies

and **6%** of the remaining active businesses are of other types (partnerships, cooperative societies, etc.)

About **57,000** businesses were opened

and about **43,800** businesses were closed (according to administrative records of openings and closings of files in the VAT authorities)

About **88.4%** of businesses born in 2017 survived 2018.

About **29.9%** of businesses born in 2005 survived 2018.

About **51,100** business births (**8.5%** of all active businesses)

Business deaths (2016) The highest percentage of business deaths was in accommodation and food services activities - **12.6%**

Revenue

Total revenue of dealers in the economy (excluding diamonds) - **NIS 2,056 billion**

Chain stores

An increase of **2.6%** in revenue (sales) of chain stores compared with 2017

Credit Card Purchases

An increase of **7.5%** in total purchases

Distribution of purchases

43% - Other goods and services

22% - Services

19% - Industrial goods

16% - Food and beverages

The Production Account (2016)

3,003,000 jobs in the business sector

Gross value added - about NIS **660 billion**

Compensation for jobs - about NIS **395 billion**

Balance Sheet Account (2016)

The total assets in industries amounted to NIS **2,786 billion** (a **3.2%** increase compared to 2015)

MANUFACTURING

Chapter 16

About **21,000** manufacturing establishments

About **366,000** jobs are in manufacturing (**12.2%** of all jobs in the business sector)

Jobs in Manufacturing, by Technological Intensity (2016)

26.0% - high technology

17.1% - medium-high technology

23.9% - medium-low technology

33.0% - low technology

Compensation for jobs - about NIS **71** billion

Gross output - about NIS **338** billion

Gross value added - about NIS **117** billion

Total assets of manufacturing establishments - about NIS **608** billion

Manufacturing Indices, by Technological Intensity

The index of industrial production rose by **2.5%** compared with 2017

Work-hours per job in Manufacturing (monthly average) - **167.3**

Average labour cost per work-hour in manufacturing - **NIS 91.0**

Labour cost per work-hour in high-technology - **46.7%** higher than average

Labour cost per work-hour in low technology - **30.9%** lower than average

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND COMMUNICATIONS

Chapter 17

National Expenditure on Civilian Research and Development

The national expenditure on civilian R&D in 2018 - NIS **65.7 billion** (**4.9%** of the GDP) - the highest of all OECD countries

88.3% of the expenditure on civilian R&D was in the business sector

Business R&D expenditure funded from abroad was **57.4%** of the entire expenditure (2017)

Specialty Funded Research (2016/17)

NIS **2.38** billion - an increase of **3.0%** compared to the previous year

Start-Up Companies (2018)

4,360 active companies

Thereof: **458** companies that opened

29,000 employee jobs

High-Tech (2016)

Gross value added in high-tech industries was approximately **19.2%** of the total gross value added of the business sector (NIS **126.9 billion**)

About **321,400** employees in high tech (**9.4%** of all employees in the economy)

The average monthly wage per employee job in high-tech was NIS **22,500**, an increase of **15.8%** during 2014-2018.

Usage of Information and Communications Technologies

About **83.7%** of the persons aged 20 and over used the Internet

About NIS **574** - the average monthly expenditure of households on communication products (2017)

TOURISM AND ACCOMMODATION SERVICES

[Chapter 18](#)

The Economic Contribution of Tourism

Total tourism consumption in the Israeli economy - NIS **50.4 billion**

Thereof:

Expenditures of tourists from abroad in Israel - NIS **25.0 billion**

Expenditures of Israelis on trips in Israel and abroad - NIS **25.4 billion**

Incoming Tourism

Arrivals of tourists and day visitors - **4.4 million**

85.5% by air

13.4% by land

1.1% by sea

7.3 days - average duration of stay of a tourist who stayed in Israel for up to a month

Outbound Tourism

Departures of Israelis abroad - **8.5 million**

92.0% by air

7.3% by land

0.7% by sea

Domestic Tourism

Average expenditure per person for a trip (2017)

Without lodging NIS **134.8**

With lodging NIS **822.6**

8.1 million trips of Israelis in Israel which included overnight lodging in accommodation services (2018)

13.6 million person-nights of Israelis in tourist hotels - **about half** - in Elat

Accommodation Services

414 tourist hotels

Therein:

54,400 rooms (**81.3%** of all accommodation rooms)

Room occupancy - **68.0%**

25.2 million person-nights in tourist hotels

11.6 million person-nights of tourists

13.6 million person-nights of Israelis

Revenue of tourist hotels - NIS **12.1** billion

Profit - NIS **2.1** billion

2 million person-nights in rural tourism in Kibbutzim and Collective Moshavim
thereof **23%** person-nights of tourists

Tourist Attractions (2017)

Income (museums, nature sites, etc.) - NIS **2.3** billion

TRANSPORT AND ROAD SAFETY

Chapter 19

Land Transport

Buses

Revenue of bus services - NIS **3.7 billion**

Employee jobs - **18,923**

Railways

67.7 million Passengers

Revenue of railway services - NIS **1.2 billion**

Employee jobs - **3,786**

Water Transport

Passed through commercial ports in Israel - **168,400** passengers

Israel merchant fleet - **34** ships

38.5 million tons of freight were unloaded

20.2 million tons of freight were loaded

Air Transport

22.6 million passengers passed through Israeli international airports

Israel aircraft fleet - **56** passenger aircraft

3 freight aircraft

Motor Vehicles

3.5 million

Private cars - **85.2%**

Trucks - **8.9%**

Motorcycles **4.0%**

Licensed to drive

4.4 million

Rate per 1,000 residents - about **486**

Vehicle Kilometers Traveled

Length of roads in Israel - **19,800 km**

Average kilometers traveled by private cars per year - **16,100 km**

Road Accidents with Casualties (expanded R.A., including the Judea and Samaria Area)

12,557 accidents

66.5% of the accidents occurred during the day

23.2% of the accidents involved hitting a pedestrian

Casualties in Road Accidents

316 killed, **2,166** seriously injured

31,258 killed in road accidents since the establishment of the State

Victimization by Road Rage (Crime Victimization Survey)

Victimized by road rage - **51.7%** of all persons aged 20 and over

CONSTRUCTION, HOUSING AND REAL ESTATE

Chapter 20

Capital Formation in the Construction Industry

Gross capital formation in construction - NIS **151.6 billion** (in current prices)

57.1% - in residential construction

23.5% - in non-residential construction

19.4% - in civil engineering works

Dwellings, Construction Begun

48,600 in 2018

8.6 million m² - residential construction area.

Nearly **118,600** dwellings under active construction at the end of 2018

New Dwellings Sold

About **22,000** new dwellings were sold in 2018.

Dwellings, Construction Completed

50,300 dwellings were completed in 2018.

8.9 million square meters - residential construction area

Average construction time per building (weighted mean, by number of dwellings in building) - **30.0** months.

Housing Prices

The housing price index increased **0.8%**

Prices of new dwellings decreased **2.0%**

Average dwelling price: NIS **1,534,400**

Rent

The rent index increased **1.6%**

Average rent: NIS **3,870** per month

AGRICULTURE

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Agricultural Output

Total agricultural output - **NIS 30.5 billion**

58.9% - plant crops

41.1% - animals and animal products

Agricultural Input

Total agricultural input - **NIS 18.9 billion**

Thereof: **34.0%** - fodder

12.4% - depreciation

11.9% - miscellaneous

10.8% - fuel, lubricants, and electricity

8.7% - chicks, seeds, and seedlings

8.6% - pesticides, fertilizers, and manure

8.0% - water

5.6% - Packing materials and hired transport

Domestic Product in Agriculture

Gross Domestic Product - NIS 13.9 billion

Net domestic product - NIS 11.6 billion

Agricultural Area

Total agricultural area - about **2.9 million** dunams

1.2 million dunams - field crops

807,000 dunams - fruit

737,000 dunams - vegetables (estimate)

191,000 dunams - citrus

21,000 dunams - fish ponds

1.2 million dunams - planted forest area

Value of Agricultural Exports - NIS **4.4 billion**

Agricultural Products

Main plant crops (thousands of tons)

Vegetables

Potatoes - **511**

Tomatoes - **345**

Carrots - **220**

Peppers - **192**

Fruit

Bananas - **135**

Avocados - **132**

Apples - **111**

Table grapes - **63**

Main animal products

Cows' milk - **1.6 billion** liters

Table eggs - **2.3 billion** units

Broilers - **547,000** tons

Turkeys - **104,000** tons

Food Balance Sheet (2017)

The caloric value per capita of food available for human consumption - **3,827** kilo calories (Kcal)

28% - bread and cereal

19% - oils and fats

12% - sugar, sweets, and honey

11% - vegetables, fruit, and potatoes

ENVIRONMENT

Chapter 22

Expenditure on Environmental Protection (2017)

Public sector - NIS **14.1 billion**

Manufacturing and electricity industries - NIS **3.7 billion**

Air Pollutant Emissions to the Environment

Carbon monoxide (CO) **133,300** tons

Sulfur dioxide (SO₂) - **74,800** tons

Nitrogen oxides (NO_x) - **92,700** tons

Suspended particulate matter (SPM) - **8,000** tons

Greenhouse Gas Emissions to the Environment (2017)

80.1 million tons CO₂ equivalent

9.2 tons emissions per capita

Waste and Recycling

Waste in the local authorities - **5.7 million** tons

Recycled thereof - **1.3 million** tons

Waste per day per capita - **1.76** kg

Industrial waste (2017) - **3.9 million** tons, treated thereof: **2.9 million** tons

Hazardous waste generated - **322,700** tons, treated thereof: **312,900** tons

Recycled waste in all sectors of the Israeli economy in 2018 - about **7.2** million tons (incl. batteries and oil, excl. hazardous waste)

Residential Environment 2018

83.7% were satisfied with their area of residence

55.8% were satisfied with the cleanliness in their area of residence

58.0% were satisfied with the number of parks and open areas in their area of residence

68.8% were satisfied with the garbage collection services in their area of residence

66.9% were not bothered by air pollution (e.g., smoke emissions from cars or from industries, smells of sewage or waste) in their area of residence

69.1% indicated that in their dwelling they were not bothered by noise from outside

WATER AND SEWAGE

Chapter 23

Water Sources

5.74 billion m³ - precipitation volume in rain year 2017/2018

Desalination of sea water - **645 million m³**

Dead Sea level - **-433.15** in December, **0.83 m** less than in 2017

The Sea of Galilee Water level - declined by **0.34 m** compared with 2017.

Water Quality

Drinking water - Tests for the presence of fecal coliforms showed exceedances in **0.5%** of the cases.

In the beaches of the Mediterranean Sea - the average percentage of exceedances in tests for enterococci bacteria was **6.0%** (compared with **3.8%** the previous year).

Average salinity in the Sea of Galilee - **310 mg/l**

Water Consumption (2017)

Total consumption - **2.3 billion m³**

43.6% - household, public and industrial use

55.4% - agricultural use

1.0% - restored to the environment

Raw Sewage

Raw sewage in treatment plants - **523 million m³**

Reclaimed sewage (effluents) (2017) - **520 million m³**

ENERGY (2017)

Chapter 24

Primary Energy Supply

Total Primary Energy Supply (TPES) - **22,903,000** t.o.e. (energy available to the economy)

Thereof: **39.3%** from indigenous production

Final Consumption of Energy

Total Final Consumption of Energy - **15,393,000** t.o.e.

Thereof: Petroleum products - **57.9%**

Electricity - **31.9%**

Natural gas - **7.3%**

Renewable energy - **2.7%**

Total final consumption of energy per capita

Total final consumption of energy per capita - **1.77** t.o.e.

Thereof: Petroleum products - **1.02** t.o.e.

Electricity - **0.56** t.o.e.

Natural gas - **0.13** t.o.e.

Petroleum Products

Sources

15,581,000 t.o.e.

From local refining (based on import of crude oil) - **86.4%**

From direct import - **13.6%**

Uses (excluding intermediate consumption)

16,056,000 t.o.e.

For final consumption - **55.5%**

For export - **36.2%**

For international marine and aviation bunkers - **8.3%**

Final consumption of petroleum products in transportation

Gasoline - **4.028 billion** liters (**3.210 million** t.o.e.)

Thereof: Gasoline 95 octane - **4.012 billion** liters

Diesel oil - **3.137 billion** liters (**2.786 million** t.o.e.)

Electricity (2018)

Total Electricity Production - **68,999 million** kwh (**5,934,000** t.o.e.)

An increase of **2.0%** compared with 2017

Final consumption of electricity - About **58,307,000** kwh (**5,014,000** t.o.e.)

An increase of **2.0%** compared to 2017

Fuel mix for production of electricity

66.7% - natural gas

29.9% - coal

2.5% - renewable energy

0.9% - other fossil fuels

Between 2017 and 2018, coal consumption for production of electricity declined by **5.6%**.

Concomitantly, consumption of natural gas increased by **8.4%**.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Chapter 25

General Government Expenditures - approximately NIS **537 billion** (40% of the GDP)

Thereof: approximately NIS **306 billion** for general government final consumption expenditure

General Government Revenue - approximately NIS **488 billion** (approximately 37% of the GDP)

Thereof: approximately **84%** from tax revenue

General Government Overall Deficit - approximately NIS **48 billion** (3.6% of the GDP)

Government Debt - approximately NIS **803 billion**

Debt-Product Ratio - approximately **60%** of the GDP

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (2017)

Chapter 26

255 Local Authorities in Israel

74.2% of the population lived within municipalities

14.7% lived within local councils

10.3% lived within regional councils

0.8% lived in localities with no municipal status

Municipal Services

Education

Percentage entitled to a matriculation certificate, out of all 12th graders

Nationwide - **65.2%**

Municipalities - **62.5%**

Local councils - **69.7%**

Regional councils - **76.4%**

Holders of academic degrees out of all persons aged 35-55, by socio-economic cluster of the local authority (2018)

In Cluster 1 - **6.9%**

In Cluster 9 - **58.5%**

Sanitation

Waste per day per capita

Nationwide - **1.7 kg**

Municipalities - **1.7 kg**

Local councils - **1.4 kg**

Regional councils - **2.1 kg**

Commuting

Percentage of workers working outside their locality of residence

Nationwide: **53.4%**

Elat: **9.3%**

Givatayim: **78.7%**

Budget

Receipts (municipal tax fees, etc.) - NIS **82.2 billion**

Payments - NIS **81.6 billion**

ELECTIONS AND THE KNESSET

Chapter 27

Elections to the 21th Knesset (as of April 9, 2019)

Eligible voters - about **6.34** million

Voter turnout - about **4.34** million

Percentage voting - **68.5%**

Work of the 20th Knesset (March 31, 2015-April 30, 2019)

625 laws were passed

5,673 motions for the agenda and fast-track motions

4,772 parliamentary questions answered

PUBLIC ATTITUDES (Persons Aged 20 and Over)

Chapter 28

Satisfaction With Life and Economic Situation

88.9% are satisfied with their lives

91.1% of the Jews

80.9% of the Arabs

63.4% are satisfied with their economic situation

66.7% of the Jews

52.9% of the Arabs

36.1% (about **2 million** persons) are unsatisfied with their economic situation

Perceived Poverty and Economic Difficulties

11.3% felt poor during the last year

29.9% have difficulty covering the monthly expenses of the household

9.4% of the persons who needed medical care gave up on it

7.1% of those who needed prescription medicines gave up on them

6.8% had to forgo a hot meal at least once in 2 days

Sense of Stress and Loneliness

21.6% always or frequently feel stressed

20.7% frequently or occasionally feel lonely

26.6% felt some level of discrimination during the past year

Satisfaction with one's dwelling and area of residence

88.3% were satisfied with the dwelling they resided in

83.7% were satisfied overall with their area of residence

55.8% were satisfied with the cleanliness

37.8% were satisfied with the public transportation

Mobility

Extent of Religiosity

19.2% of Jews are less religious than before

17.8% of Jews are more religious than before

Labour (Age 30 and over)

51.3% of persons whose fathers were academic professionals are also academic professionals

20.3% of employees expect a promotion or improvement in their status at work soon

64.9% of workers who left a place of work are more satisfied in their current place of work

55.1% of workers who changed workplaces during the past decade improved their wages