

# Media Release

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## Population of Israel on the Eve of 2020

According to Central Bureau of Statistics estimates:

- On 31 December, 2019, Israel's population is estimated at 9,136,000 residents.<sup>1</sup>
- 6,772,000 are Jews (74.1% of the total population), 1,916,000 - Arabs (21.0%) and 448,000 Others (4.9%).<sup>2</sup>
- During 2019, Israel's population increased by 1.9%. 78% of the increase was due to natural growth<sup>3</sup> and 22% was from the international migration balance.<sup>4</sup>
- During the year, approximately 177,000 babies were born (74.0% born to Jewish mothers, 23.2% to Arab mothers and 2.8% to mothers of Others).
- Approximately 34,000 new immigrants<sup>5</sup> arrived in Israel during 2019.

During 2019, approximately 169,000 persons were added to the Israeli population, an increase of 1.9%. Most of the increase (78%) of the Israeli population was due to natural growth<sup>3</sup> and the rest (22%) to the international migration balance.<sup>4</sup> During the year, 177,000 infants, 34,000 immigrants and approximately 9,000 other migrants (returning citizens<sup>6</sup> and persons who immigrated under the Entry Law) were added to the population. The population was reduced by approximately

<sup>1</sup> The population estimates for the end of 2019 are temporary and do not include the population of foreign workers living in Israel. The foreign population was estimated at 164,000 at the end of 2018. Also, the population estimate does not include people who entered the country without a residence permit and not through recognized border crossings.

<sup>2</sup> "Others" include non-Arab Christians and persons not classified by religion in the Population Register.

<sup>3</sup> Natural growth: The difference between births and deaths.

<sup>4</sup> International migration balance: The difference between the number of residents entering the State of Israel and the number of persons leaving.

<sup>5</sup> Excluding returning citizens.

<sup>6</sup> Returning citizen: A person who was born to an Israeli citizen while he or she was staying abroad and entered Israel with the intention of permanent residence.

45,000 persons who died and approximately 6,000 Israelis who were staying abroad for more than a year.

The main countries from which immigrants came this year were: Russia (46.6%), Ukraine (18.8%), the US (7.7%) and France (6.9%). Most of the immigrants, about 27,100, came from Europe (80.8%), about 4,600 – from America and Oceania (13.7%), about 1,400 from Asia (4.1%) and about 500 – from Africa (1.4%).

Among Jews, 86% of the population increase was due to natural growth, among Arabs it was 94% and among Others, 14% was due to natural growth and the main increase was a result of immigration.

#### **Sources of Growth, by Population Group, 2019**

<b>Sources of Growth</b>	<b>Total Population</b>	<b>Jews</b>	<b>Arabs</b>	<b>Others</b>
Total growth	<b>168,205 (100%)</b>	107,494 (100%)	37,840 (100%)	22,871 (100%)
Natural increase	<b>131,398 (78%)</b>	92,748 (86%)	35,542 (94%)	3,108 (14%)
International migration balance	<b>36,807 (22%)</b>	14,747 (14%)	2,297 (6%)	19,763 (86%)