

# Media Release

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## 🇮🇱 Israel's Independence Day 2023 🇮🇱

- On the eve of Israel's 75<sup>th</sup> Independence Day, the population of Israel was 9.727 million:<sup>1</sup>
  - 7.145 million Jews (73.5%)
  - 2.048 million Arabs<sup>2</sup> (21.0%)
  - 534,000 Others<sup>3</sup> (5.5%)
- Since last year's Independence Day, Israel's population has grown by 216,000 (an increase of 2.3%).<sup>4</sup> During this period, about 183,000 babies were born, about 79,000 immigrants arrived, and about 51,000 persons died.<sup>5</sup>
- At the time of the establishment of the State of Israel, the population of Israel was 806,000. It has increased by a factor of 12 since then.
- Since the State's founding, over 3.3 million immigrants have arrived in Israel, about 1.5 million (43.7%) of them arrived since 1990. Since the establishment of Israel, about 149,000 immigrating citizens have also settled in the country.<sup>6</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The data pertaining to the eve of Independence Day are preliminary and are up-to-date for the end of April 2023 (11.8 months). The data do not include the foreign worker population, which was estimated to be 213,000 at the end of 2021.

<sup>2</sup> Arabs: Moslems, Arab Christians and Druze.

<sup>3</sup> Others: Non-Arab Christians, other religions, and those registered as not classified by religion in the Population Register, mainly immigrants who immigrated under the Law of Return or family reunification, but are not defined as Jews in the Population Register.

<sup>4</sup> This is the increase since the previous Independence Day.

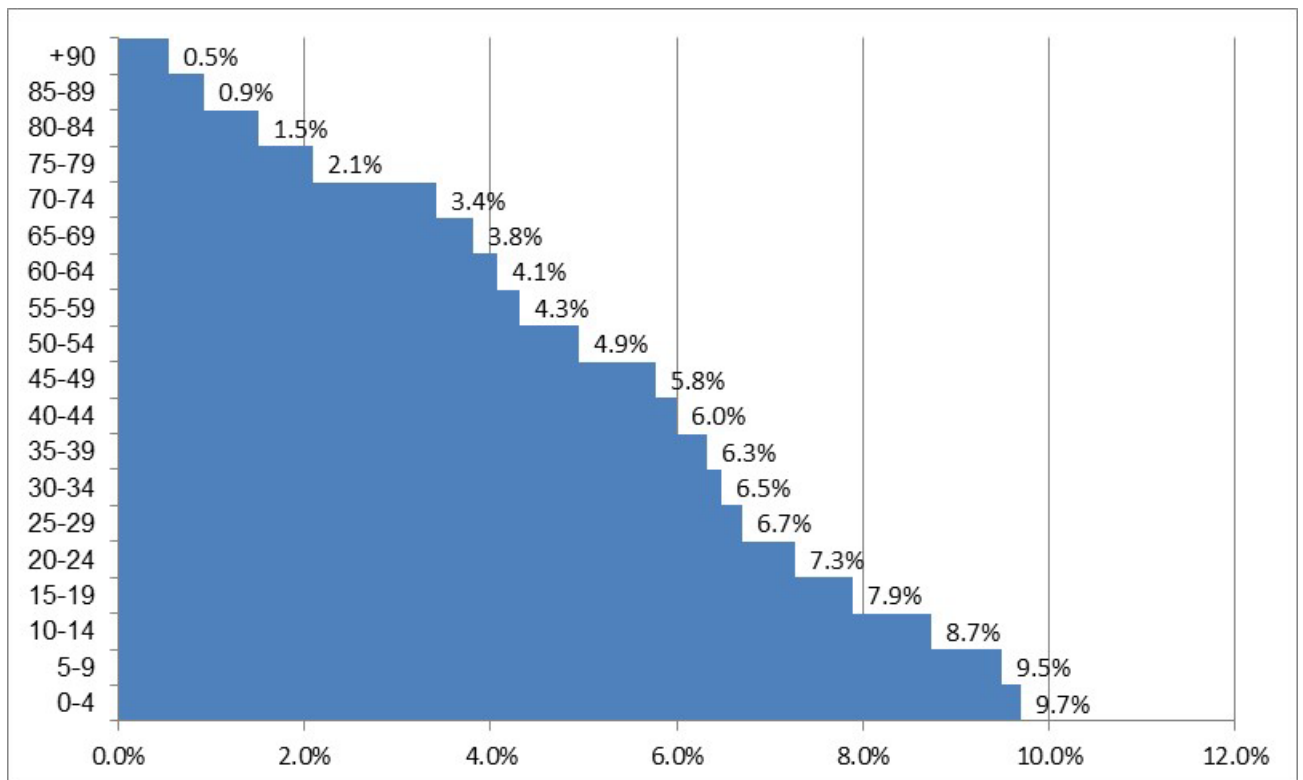
<sup>5</sup> Additional growth components: Family reunifications, balance of Israelis staying abroad for over a year.

<sup>6</sup> Immigrating citizen: A person born to an Israeli citizen during his stay abroad, who enters Israel with the intention to settle. The data of immigrating citizens are available since 1970.

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- In 2030, the population of Israel is expected to reach 11.1 million, in 2040 – 13.2 million, and on the 100<sup>th</sup> Independence Day of the State of Israel, in 2048, the population is expected to reach 15.2 million.<sup>7</sup>
- At the end of 2021, about 46% of the world's total Jewish population lived in Israel. About 79% of the Jews in Israel are Sabras (born in Israel).
- The population of Israel is a young population: About 28% are children aged 0-14 and about 12% are aged 65 or over.

**Diagram 1 - The Population in Israel by Age at the End of 2021, Percentages**



<sup>7</sup> According to the national population projection for 2015-2065, medium variant.