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# Family Day 2024 - Families and Households in Israel

* In 2022 there were approximately 2.25 million families in Israel, compared with 1.91 million in 2013.
* The average size of the Israeli family was 3.69 persons.
* The most common living arrangement is in a family framework.
* About half of all families were composed of a couple with at least one child up to age 17.
* There was a higher percentage of couples without children among families in which the head of the household was Jewish, (about 29%), compared to about 12% among families in which the head of the household was an Arab.
* About 2.94 million children up to age 17 lived in families. Most of them lived with two parents (about 91%), and the rest lived with a lone-parent.
* Approximately 12% of all families with children of up to age 17 were lone-parent families (about 143,000). In about 86% of those families a woman was the head of the household. About 22% of all lone-parent mothers with children up to age 17 were never married.
* Among the large cities with 100,000 residents or more, the highest percentage of families composed of couples with children up to age 17 was in Bet Shemesh (about 68%), compared to 48% on the national average. Ashqelon had the highest percentage of lone-parent families with children up to age 17 (9.5%) compared to about 6% on the national average. Tel Aviv-Yafo had the highest percentage of families consisting of couples without children (about 41%) compared to 26% on the national average.
* The highest average number of persons per family was in Bet Shemesh (4.96), Bene Beraq (4.73), and Jerusalem (4.25), compared to 3.69 on the national average.
* The Arab families are larger than the Jewish families. The average number of persons per family among Jews increases concomitantly with higher levels of religiosity, whereas among Arabs families who maintained traditional lifestyle are the largest.
* Approximately 94% of all couples in Israel were married couples, and the rest (approximately 117,000) were cohabiting couples.
* Most of the Jewish cohabiting couples are childless (71%); about one fourth of the Jewish cohabiting couples (about 25,000) have children up to age 17, compared with about half of the married couples.
* Households consisting of a couple with children have a higher percentage of households with employed persons than households without children (95.5% and 64.1%, respectively). Among households of couples whose youngest child was aged 18-24, an even higher percentage (96.5%) had employed persons.
* Among students (men and women) who studied at institutions of higher education in 2022/23, 27.3% were married. The percentage of married women was higher than the percentage of married men (28.8% and 25.2%, respectively); 26.1% of the female students were mothers (13.6% of female students for a first degree).
* Students who were the first generation in higher education accounted for 42.7% of new first-degree students in 2022/23.
* Approximately 238,000 families (903,900 persons) were registered at the Ministry of Welfare and Social Affairs in 2022.
* In 2022, the Ministry of Welfare and Social Affairs maintained approximately 3,500 foster families for children aged 0-17, in which approximately 5,000 children were placed. Approximately half (49.6%) of the children are placed in foster care with their relatives.
* Among adult Israelis residents who were judged in criminal trials, 46.3% were never-married, 35.4% were married, 17.5% were divorced and 0.7% were widowed.