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The Druze Population of Israel on the Occasion of the Nabi Shu'ayb Festival 2026

- The Druze population in Israel was approximately 154,369 (preliminary data)[1] – more than a tenfold increase since the founding of the State of Israel (14,500 in 1949).
- At the end of 2024, the **localities** with the largest population of Druze were Daliyat al-Karmel (17,700) and Yirka (16,400).
- At the end of 2024, **children** aged 0 to 14 comprised less than one-quarter (22.6%) of the Druze population. Children make up 27.3% of the Jewish population, approximately one-third (31.3%) of the Moslem population, and approximately one-fifth (19.6%) of the Arab Christian population.
- The growth rate of the Druze population has decreased gradually over the past decade, and in 2024 it was 1%, similar to that of the Jewish population.
- The **total fertility rate**[2] of Druze women in 2024 was 1.66 children on average, as compared with 1.75 in the previous year. The total fertility rate among Druze women has been declining since the mid-1960s. The peak in fertility – 7.92 children per woman – was measured in 1964.
- In 2025, approximately 39,000 **households** – approximately 1.3% of the total number of households in Israel – were headed by a Druze.

[1] This preliminary estimate is for February 2026. Other than this preliminary estimate, the population data in this release are for the end of 2024.

[2] The average number of children that a woman is expected to bear during her lifetime. The rate for 2024 is based on preliminary population data updated after the 2022 Census (excl. population of foreigners).

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- Of the Druze households, 84.3% contained **employed persons** – a number higher than that of the Moslems (80.1%), and that of the Arab Christians (78.1%).
- Of the Druze, 43.2% **studied for a first degree** within eight years of graduating high school, compared with 34.4% among students in Arab education.
- In the 2024/25 academic year, 6,400 Druze **students** attended the institutions of higher education in Israel (excl. 658 first degree students at the Open University). Their number rose by 4.1% as compared with the previous year (2023/24).
  In this year, 1,700 Druze students **received a degree** from institutions of higher education in Israel, a 4.6% increase compared to the previous year.
- In 2024, 25,600 Druze were **registered at the Social Service Departments** of The Ministry of Welfare and Social Affairs.
  The rate of persons registered among the overall Druze population was 168.2 per 1,000 persons, compared with 124.6 per 1,000 persons among the overall population of Israel.
- In the year of verdict 2023, the rate of persons **convicted in criminal trials** among the Druze population of Israel was about 235 per 100,000. This rate was slightly higher than among residents of Israel overall (about 229 per 100,000 persons).
  The **most common offences** were: offences against public order (30.6%) and offences of bodily harm (20.3%).