

PREFACE

This is the sixth in a series of special publications on infant mortality in Israel.

The publication presents data for the years 1997-2004, by the characteristics of the infants and the socio-demographic characteristics of the parents. In addition, trends in infant mortality in Israel from 1979 to 2004 are described.

As in previous publications, the data in this publication are based on matched records of live births and infant deaths. For the first time, the data on causes of death were coded according to the 10th revision of the *International Classification of Diseases*.

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