

## PREFACE

This publication is part of an annual series of publications on students in institutions of higher education in Israel: universities, academic colleges, academic colleges of education and the Open University.

This publication replaces the previous publication, "Students at Universities and Other Institutions of Higher Education 2005/06", and includes – in addition to data about the students according to type of institution, field of study, institution of study, and sex – information about population groups, religion and country of origin of the students, as well as their ages and geographical distribution.

The publication includes a broader scope of information about students at academic colleges of education, academic colleges and extensions of foreign institutions of higher education, due to a desire to provide more extensive information about the development of higher education in Israel.

The data in this publication are based on administrative files received from various institutions. These files contain personal data on the students, as well as data about their fields of study and the degrees they are studying for. These files are consolidated at the Central Bureau of Statistics into a statewide file with uniform definitions, classification and format, and are linked to the Population Registry file.

This publication provides information on higher education in Israel, and is used by policy and research planners in all matters regarding the higher education system in Israel. Comparison of the data with that of data from previous years enables tracking changes that occur in the students' characteristics.

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