

PREFACE

The Central Bureau of Statistics [CBS] presents the 54th Statistical Abstract of Israel, 2003.

The Statistical Abstract is the most outstanding publication produced by the CBS. As in previous years, the Abstract presents data on various aspects of life for a broad range of users. Besides the data appearing in the regular CBS publication series, the Abstract presents the results of censuses and special or periodic surveys conducted by the CBS. More detailed data on specific topics can be found in the other publications of the CBS.

This statistical abstract presents new data in several fields, such as: findings from a survey on satisfaction of graduates from institutions of higher education, and a 2001 survey of international scientific contacts of scientists at universities and research institutes.

There are also findings presented from the labour force survey which examined the highest diploma received by the population group aged 15 and over, as well as estimates of employee posts and the average wage per employee post, by groups of liability for National Insurance payments.

In addition, new data are presented regarding schools and pupils attending institutions under the supervision of the Ministry of Labour, and there is an expansion in the scope of data presented on teaching staff, and the continuation of studies by high school graduates.

The Abstract is accompanied by a supplementary booklet of diagrams, which presents a colourful graphic description of many of the statistical findings published in the Abstract. The order of the chapters in the booklet follows the format of the Abstract.

In addition, a CD ROM disk containing all of the material in the Abstract and booklet of diagrams is attached to the printed copy.

Preparation of the Abstract - like all of the activities of the Central Bureau of Statistics - was a collaborative effort involving the families and people who took part in the various surveys, as well as establishments, businesses, institutions and government ministries. On behalf of the Central Bureau of Statistics, I wish to thank all of these people.

I would like to extend my personal gratitude to all of the staff members of the different units of the CBS for the dedicated work and daily efforts.

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The Abstract was edited and prepared for publication by Ms. Orit Penso, with assistance from the staff of the Publication Division at the CBS.

Finally, I would like to express my appreciation to all of the people who worked on the Abstract inside and outside of the Bureau.

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

A. LOCATION AND GEOGRAPHICAL AREA

1. The State of Israel is located in the south-western edge of Asia, east of the Mediterranean Sea. To its north are the Lebanon and the Anti-Lebanon mountains, to its east - the Syrian and Arabian Deserts, and to its south - the Sinai Peninsula and the Gulf of Elat.

The State of Israel is located between Latitude line 32° north $29^{\circ}30'$ - $33^{\circ}20'$. Longitude line $35^{\circ}30'$, east of Greenwich, runs through it from north to south.

2. Up to 14 V 1948, the day of the establishment of the State of Israel, the entire area of Palestine was within the jurisdiction of the British Mandatory Government.
3. After the above date the area within the jurisdiction of Israel was determined according to the international borderline with Egypt and Jordan and cease-fire lines with Syria and Lebanon. As of July 1967, Israel's area includes East Jerusalem and as of December 1981- the Golan Sub-District as well.

B. CLASSIFICATION OF INDUSTRIES:

Industries are classified according to the *Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities, 1993* (Technical Publication No. 63 - Central Bureau of Statistics), unless otherwise specified.

C. CLASSIFICATION OF OCCUPATIONS:

Occupations are classified according to The *Standard Classification of Occupations, 1994* (Technical Publication No. 64, Central Bureau of Statistics), unless otherwise specified.

D. CURRENCY:

1. As of 1 I 1986, the Israeli currency unit is the New Israeli Sheqel (NIS) = 1,000 old Sheqalim, which is divided into 100 new Agorot.
2. Dollar: U.S.A. Dollar.

E. MEASUREMENTS:

Weight - according to the metric system, unless otherwise specified.

Area - a metric "dunam" is equivalent to 1,000 square meters (a quarter of an acre, approx.).

F. SPECIAL SYMBOLS:

blank space = irrelevant as a result of the table's structure

- = no cases

.. = unknown or not for publication

0 = a value smaller than half the unit by which data are presented in the table

* = provisional data

R = revised data

() = data based on estimates or of relatively high sampling error

G. ABBREVIATIONS:

n.e.c. = not elsewhere classified

n.s. = not specified

H. YEARS AND MONTHS:

Calendar year - January 1st - December 31st

Rain year - August 1st - July 31st

Agricultural year - October 1st - September 30th

School year - September 1st - August 31st; academic year - October - September

Budget year - April 1st - March 31st (Until 1991), and from 1991 onwards from January 1st - December 31st.

Agricultural and school years correspond roughly to the Jewish Calendar year.

All types of years, except calendar years, are indicated by a slash between the numerals, e.g. 1996/97.

Months in the tables are indicated by Roman numerals.

I. ROUNDING OF NUMBERS

Details do not necessarily add up to totals, because of rounding.

