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61st Independence Day - 7,411,000 Residents in the State of Israel

On the Eve of the 61st Independence Day Holiday:

* The population of Israel numbers 7,411,000 people. On the eve of the 60th Independence Day the population numbered 7,282,000; on the establishment of the State, it numbered 806,000 residents.

* The Jewish population numbers approximately 5,593,000 residents (75.5% of the total population); the Arab population numbers approximately 1,498,000 residents (20.2%); and the population of "Others", who are immigrants and their offspring who are not registered as Jews in the Ministry of the Interior, numbers 320,000 (4.3%).

* Since Independence Day last year there have been approximately 154,000 babies born, and more than 12,000 immigrants arrived, in Israel. In total, the population of Israel grew during this period by approximately 125,000 – a growth of 1.8%.

* 70% of the total Jewish population are 'Sabras' – born in Israel (at least half are second generation in the country) - compared with 35% native-born in 1948.

* In 1948 there was only one city in Israel with more than 100,000 residents – Tel Aviv-Yafo (248,000). Today, 14 cities number more than 100,000 residents, of which 5 number more than 200,000 residents: Jerusalem, Tel Aviv-Yafo, Haifa, Rishon LeZiyyon and Ashdod.

¹ The above are preliminary data. The population estimate does not include the foreign population.