

# Media Release

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## Population of Israel on the Eve of 2019 - 9.0 Million

Based on Central Bureau of Statistics estimates:

- On 31 December 2018, the population in Israel was estimated at approximately 8.972 million residents.<sup>1</sup>
- Of those, 6.668 million are Jews (74.3% of the total population), 1.878 million are Arabs (20.9%) and 426,000 are classified as "Others" (4.8%).<sup>2</sup>
- The population in Israel grew during 2018 by approximately 2.0%. Natural increase<sup>3</sup> accounted for 81% of the growth and 19% was accounted for by the international migration balance.<sup>4</sup>
- Approximately 185,000 infants were born during the year (74.4% Jews, 22.8% Arabs, and 2.8% Others).
- Approximately 28,000 new immigrants<sup>5</sup> arrived in Israel during 2018.

During 2018, the Israeli population increased by approximately 174,000 - a growth rate of 2.0%, similar to the growth rate in the last decade.

Most of the growth (81%) in Israel's population resulted from natural increase<sup>3</sup> and the remainder (19%) from the international migration balance<sup>4</sup>. During the year, 185,000 infants, about 28,000

<sup>1</sup> The population estimates for the end of 2018 are temporary and do not include the population of foreign workers residing in Israel. This population was estimated at about 166,000 persons at the end of 2017. Moreover, the population estimate does not include persons who entered Israel without a visa or not by the way of recognized borders.

<sup>2</sup> "Others" includes non-Arab Christians and persons not classified by religion in the Population Register.

<sup>3</sup> Natural increase: the difference between births and deaths.

<sup>4</sup> International migration balance: the difference between the number of persons entering Israel to live and the number who leave.

<sup>5</sup> Not including immigrating citizens.

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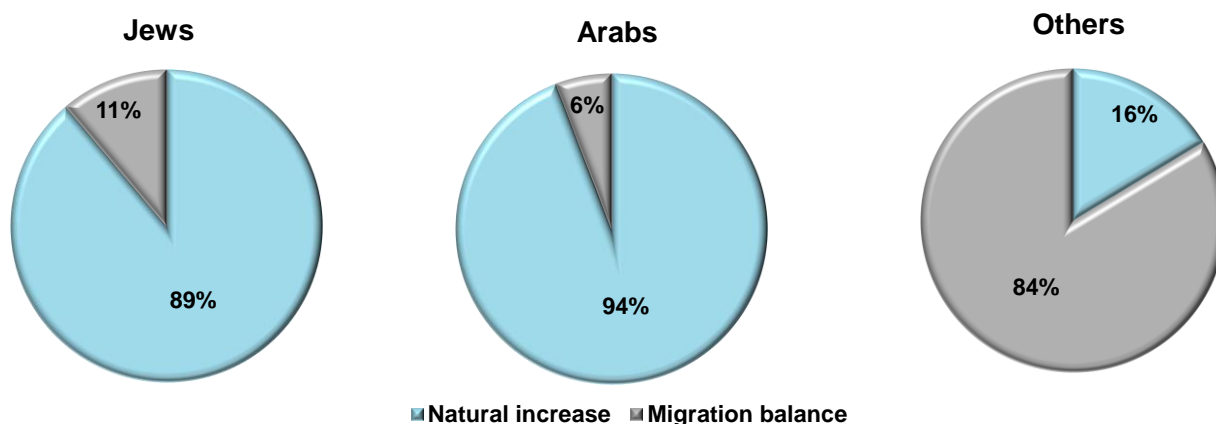
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immigrants, and approximately 12,000 immigrating citizens<sup>6</sup> and persons who immigrated under the Law of Entrance were added to the population. The population lost approximately about 45,000 persons due to death and approximately 7,000 Israelis who stayed abroad for over a year.

The main countries from which immigrants came during this year were: Russia (31.5%), Ukraine (19.6%), France (8.0%), and the United States (7.9%).

Most of the immigrants (approximately 21,100 persons) came from Europe (76.6%), approximately 4,600 from America and Oceania (16.8%), approximately 1,300 from Asia (4.9%), and approximately 500 from Africa (1.6%).

### Sources of Growth by Population Group, 2018



In the Jewish population, 89% of the growth was due to natural increase, and in the Arab population - 94%. In the population of Others, 16% of the growth was due to natural increase, and most of the increase was due to migration.

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Source of growth	Total population	Jews	Arabs	Others
Total growth	<b>173,600 (100%)</b>	113,000 (100%)	39,400 (100%)	21,200 (100%)
Natural increase	<b>141,000 (81%)</b>	100,400 (89%)	37,100 (94%)	3,500 (16%)
International migration balance	<b>32,600 (19%)</b>	12,600 (11%)	2,300 (6%)	17,700 (84%)

<sup>6</sup> Immigrating citizen: a person born to an Israeli citizen during his stay abroad, who enters Israel with the intention to settle.