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Israel 2007**

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Table 1: Unemployment rates

	Overall	Men	Women	Mizrahim (Jews of Middle Eastern Origin) - born in Israel to father born in Asia-Africa	Ashkenazim (Jews of European Origin) - born in Israel to father born in Europe- America	Arabs Citizens of Israel and other non-Jews
1990	9.6	8.4	11.3	15.8	5.9	10.6
1991	10.6	8.6	13.4	15.0	5.7	10.4
1992	11.2	9.2	13.9	15.0	6.1	12.4
1993	10.0	8.5	12.1	13.2	4.9	13.5
1994	7.8	6.2	10.0	10.5	4.2	9.0
1995	6.9	5.6	8.6	8.8	3.6	7.0
1996	6.7	5.8	7.8	9.0	4.7	6.2
1997	7.7	6.8	8.8	10.3	4.7	8.1
1998	8.5	8.0	9.2	10.5	5.3	10.7
1999	8.9	8.5	9.4	11.2	5.4	11.4
2000	8.8	8.4	9.2	10.6	5.6	11.9
2001	9.4	8.9	9.9	10.8	6.7	10.6
2002	10.3	10.1	10.6	11.1	7.0	13.4
2003	10.7	10.2	11.3	12.8	7.5	11.5
2004	10.4	9.5	11.4	11.9	7.5	10.8
2005	9.0	8.5	11.4	10.1	6.6	11.3
2006	8.4	7.9	9.0	n.a	n.a	11.5
2007						
January	7.8					
February	7.7					
March	7.7					
April	7.7					
May	7.7					
June	7.7					
July	7.8					
August	7.8					

unemployed as percentage of civilian labour force.
population aged 15 and over.

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Table 2: Long-term unemployment, discouraged workers, involuntary part time and underemployment

	Long-term unemployment percentage of civilian labor force	Discouraged Workers percentage of civilian labor force	Involuntary part-time as percent of those who worked usually part-time	Underemployment rate
1990	4.9	n.a	11.1	n.a
1991	6.0	n.a	12.9	n.a
1992	6.3	n.a	17.2	n.a
1993	5.4	n.a	17.7	n.a
1994	4.2	n.a	16.0	n.a
1995	3.2	n.a	14.0	n.a
1996	3.0	n.a	13.3	n.a
1997	3.4	n.a	15.1	n.a
1998	3.9	n.a	17.9	n.a
1999	4.1	n.a	18.9	n.a
2000	4.4	(between 4/2000-12/2000)1.4	18.9	n.a
2001	4.3	1.5	19.3	n.a
2002	5.1	1.7	24.0	n.a
2003	5.9	2.0	28.4	n.a
2004	6.1	2.4	28.5	n.a
2005	5.1	2.3	26.8	n.a
2006	4.8	1.9	23.0	n.a

Long term unemployment - Persons who didn't work in Israel during the last 12 months.

Discouraged workers - Persons who are not in weekly civilian labor force but sought work over 12 months preceding the survey.

Involuntary Part time - Persons who sought, but did not find, additional or full-time work.

Underemployment rate - no reliable time-series are available for this category.

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Table 3: Average hourly earnings, production workers

	Skilled workers in industry and construction and other skilled workers		
	Local currency - NIS (New Israeli Shekel)	\$	Median
	at current prices	at current prices	
1990	11.4	5.65	n.a
1991	13.0	5.70	n.a
1992	15.0	6.10	n.a
1993	14.8	5.23	n.a
1994	17.1	5.68	n.a
1995	18.7	6.21	n.a
1996	20.7	6.49	n.a
1997	24.4	7.07	n.a
1998	26.6	7.00	n.a
1999	28.4	6.86	n.a
2000	29.3	7.19	n.a
2001	30.5	7.25	n.a
2002	30.5	6.44	n.a
2003	31.6	6.95	n.a
2004	30.4	6.78	n.a
2005	30.8	6.86	n.a
2006	30.90	6.93	n.a

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Table 4: Output and population growth

	GDP % change percentages	Population growth rate percentages	GDP growth per capita percentages
1990	6.2	5.7	3.4
1991	8.7	4.9	-0.1
1992	7.8	2.7	3.5
1993	4.2	2.5	1.1
1994	7.7	2.7	4.3
1995	5.2	2.6	9.3
1996	5.6	2.6	3.0
1997	2.8	2.5	0.3
1998	4.2	2.4	1.7
1999	2.9	2.8	0.3
2000	8.7	2.6	5.9
2001	-0.6	2.2	-2.9
2002	-0.9	1.9	-2.9
2003	1.5	1.8	-0.3
2004	4.8	1.8	3.0
2005	5.2	1.8	3.4
2006	5.1	1.8	3.2
2007 (provisional data)	4.2	1.6	3.4

GDP - gross domestic prouduct including net taxes on imports (a new series).

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Table 5: Poverty rates

	Poverty rate (%)	
	after social security transfers and deduction of direct taxes	
	families	persons
1990	14.3	16.9
1991	14.9	16.2
1992	16.4	17.2
1993	16.7	17.6
1994	18.0	18.0
1995	16.8	17.7
1996	16.0	16.5
1997	16.4	17.8
1998	17.5	18.2
1999	17.8	18.8
2000	17.6	18.8
2001	17.7	19.6
2002	17.7	20.0
2003	19.2	21.5
2004	20.3	23.2
2005	20.6	24.7
2005/06	20.2	24.4

Poverty level is defined as receiving equivalent to 50% or less of the median salary.

1.2005 - including the residents of east Jerusalem

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Table 6: Income distribution by quintile

Quintile	1990 Income distribution	1995 Income distribution	2000 Income distribution	2005 Income distribution
Top	40.3	43.0	44.5	44.7
Fourth	23.5	23.1	22.9	23.0
Middle	17.0	16.1	15.6	15.7
Second	12.1	11.3	10.8	10.6
Lowest	7.2	6.5	6.2	6.0

* Income before taxes and social security transfers.

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Table 7: Unionization rates for all workers

	Union coverage (%)
1980	80%
1990	65%
2000	45%

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Table 8: Maximum legal working time

	Legal working time
2006	45 hrs/wk

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Table 9: Minimum wage rates

	Minimum wage/hr PPP's (\$)
April 1999	4.1
April 2000	4.2
April 2001	4.9
April 2002	5.1
January 2003	5.3
January 2004	5.4
January 2005	5.6

Converted to US\$ using OECD PPP.