



# WEST BANK Jewish Population Stats

(not including eastern Jerusalem)

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**541,085**  
**Jewish**  
**Residents**  
**and climbing**

Stats Based on Population Registry,  
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## About this report

This year's West Bank Jewish Population Stats report reveals that the Jewish population grew by an impressive 2.2% in 2025, reaching 541,085 residents – double the growth rate of Israel's general population, which increased by 1.1%. The West Bank figures are based on Israel's Interior Ministry Population Registry, while nationwide data appear in the December 31, 2025 release of the Central Bureau of Statistics.

During his 2009–2013 Knesset term, Yaakov "Ketzaleh" Katz challenged proposals for an Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank that ignored how many Jews lived there. For the first time in history, Katz compiled official government data and published the first comprehensive count, later known as the "Ketzaleh Report."

Its publication sent shockwaves through policy circles, leading many two-state advocates to admit that Israeli withdrawal was no longer realistic. For example, political scientist Professor Ian S. Lustick wrote in his 2019 book *Paradigm Lost: From Two-State Solution to One-State Reality* that the two-state solution was effectively dead due to decades of settlement growth and political change.

However, more significant than demographic growth, 2025 marks sweeping changes in governance in the region. In the wake of the October 7 massacre and the ensuing war, a quiet but consequential shift unfolded in Judea and Samaria, led by Religious Zionist Party Ministers Bezalel Smotrich and Orit Strock, who translated Jewish sovereignty ideology into concrete development.

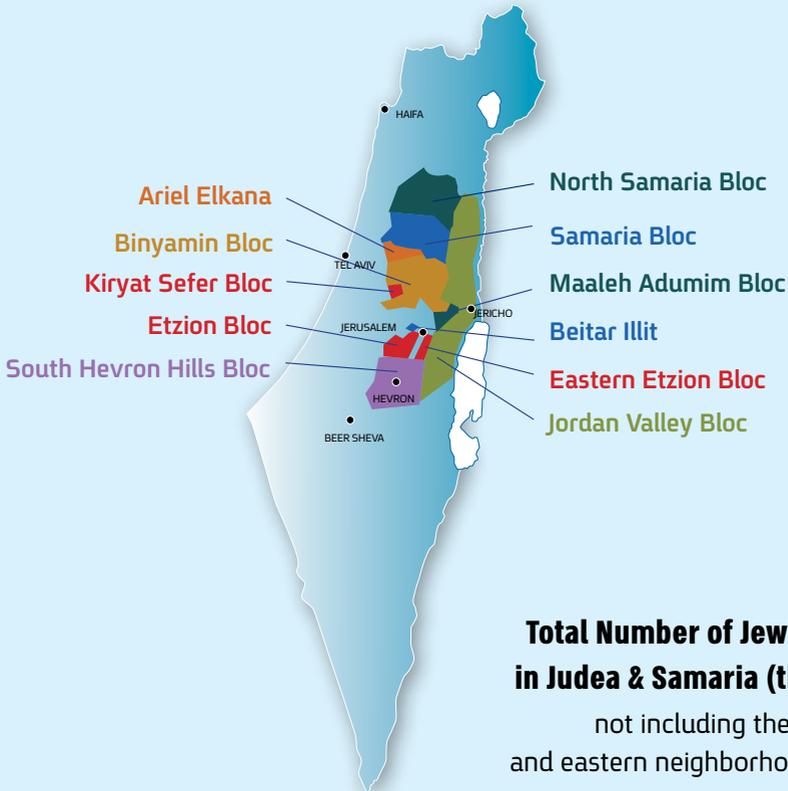
During coalition negotiations after the 2022 elections, Finance Minister Smotrich secured the transfer of key authorities within the Defense Ministry and Civil Administration to his appointees — the very authorities on which the growth of Jewish settlement depends — ending years of bureaucratic paralysis and aligning governance with the policies of Israel's elected leadership.

The result is that over the past two years, Smotrich approved 69 new Jewish towns in the West Bank, authorized over 60,000 construction starts of housing units, declared tens of thousands of dunams (many thousands of acres) as "state land," invested 7 billion shekels in highways, and kickstarted 140 Jewish farms reclaiming 700,000 dunams (170,000 acres) of the West Bank to Jewish hands, often from illegal Arab squatters. At the same time, enforcement was intensified, with demolitions of illegal Arab construction quadrupling — so that in 2025, more illegal Arab structures were demolished than built.

These farms — each established by a small group of ideologically driven young Jews living in outlying areas — have effectively shut down major Arab smuggling routes, earning the praise and active support of Israel's security establishment.

For the first time, Israel's democratically elected leadership has put in place a coherent system to ensure sustained growth of the Jewish presence in the West Bank — both in population and in territorial control — transforming long-declared policy into on-the-ground reality.

# MAP OF WEST BANK BLOCS



## Total Number of Jewish Residents in Judea & Samaria (the West Bank)

not including the Old City and eastern neighborhoods of Jerusalem

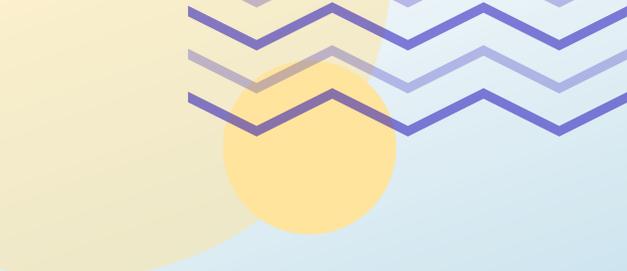
Total as of 2/1/21	Total as of 31/12/24	Total as of 4/1/26
475,481	529,455	541,085

2.2% growth in last 1 year  
13.8% growth in last 5 years

**541,085**

**Jewish Residents and climbing**

In the coming pages, the above totals are broken down by regions and towns.



The stats in this pamphlet do NOT take into account  
the some **340,000** Jewish residents  
of the Jerusalem neighborhoods listed below,  
which were liberated in the 6-Day War of June  
1967 and are technically part of the West Bank.

Armon Hanatziv	Maalot Dafna
Beit Orot	Neve Yakov
French Hill	Nof Tzion
Gilo	Pisgat Ze'ev
Givat Chananya (Abu Tor)	Ramat Eshkol
Givat Hamatos	Ramat Shlomo
Givat Hamivtar	Ramot
Har HaTzofim	Sanhedria Murchevet
Har Homa	Shimon HaTzadik
Kfar HaShiloach	Talpiot Mizrach
Ma'ale Zeitim	The City of David
The Old City	

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## NORTH SAMARIA BLOC

Yishuv	Total as of 1/2/21	Total as of 12/31/24	Total as of 1/4/26
Chinanit	1,647	1,959	1,997
Chermesh	285	298	298
Mevo Dotan	557	838	936
Rechan	368	491	526
Shaked	1,026	1,178	1,192
Tel Menashe	NO DATA	NO DATA	11
Sa-Nur	NO DATA	NO DATA	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,883</b>	<b>4,764</b>	<b>4,974</b>

4.41% growth in last 1 year  
28.1% growth in last 5 years



## ARIEL ELKANA (HIGHWAY 5) BLOC

Yishuv	Total as of 1/2/21	Total as of 12/31/24	Total as of 1/4/26
Revava	2,997	3,306	3,378
Oranit	9,691	10,169	10,212
Alfei Menashe	8,622	8,645	8,631
Elkana	4,048	4,602	4,676
Ariel	20,516	21,711	22,273
Barkan	2,084	2,280	2,292
Elei Zahav	4,213	5,588	5,751
Peduel	2,211	2,310	2,292
Kiryat Netafim	917	987	1,108
Shaar Shomron*	8,554	9,040	9,024
<b>Total</b>	<b>63,853</b>	<b>68,638</b>	<b>69,637</b>

1.46% growth in last 1 year  
9.06% growth in last 5 years

\*\* All years include Shaarei Tikvah and Etz Efraim population (merged to become Shaar Shomron in 2022)

\* increased more than 40% over the last five years  
\*\* increased more than 10% over the last 1 year  
\*\*\* both of the above

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## BINYAMIN REGION

Yishuv	Total as of 1/2/21	Total as of 12/31/24	Total as of 1/4/26	
Amichai	232	362	407	★ ★ ★
Bet El	5,923	6,683	6,788	
Bet Aryeh	5,574	5,924	6,115	
Bet Horon	1,493	1,464	1,415	
Geva (Adam)	5,837	6,333	6,513	
Givon Hahadasha	1,277	1,246	1,214	
Givat Zeev	20,627	24,654	25,630	
Gvaot Haroeh	NO DATA	49	132	★ ★ ★
Dolev	1,566	1,671	1,672	
Har Adar	4,398	4,448	4,403	
Halamish	1,264	1,481	1,509	
Talmon	5,201	6,287	6,328	
Kochav HaShahar	2,641	2,908	2,973	
Kochav Yaakov	9,634	3,735	3,731	
Tel Tzion	NO DATA	7,261	7,549	★
Kfar HaOranim	2,441	2,378	2,352	
Mevo Horon	2,642	2,722	2,711	
Maaleh Levona	769	969	1,048	
Maaleh Michmash	1,843	2,206	2,284	
Nachliel	776	805	1,008	★ ★
Nili	1,921	2,250	2,283	
Naaleh	2,291	2,940	2,979	
Ofra	3,278	3,246	3,332	
Ateret	686	774	797	
Almon (Anatot)	1,546	1,536	1,524	
Psagot	2,164	2,388	2,376	
Rimonim	760	738	722	
Shiloh	4,737	5,949	6,213	
Eli	4,378	4,697	4,790	
Achya	NO DATA	NO DATA	9	★ ★ ★ ★
Charsha	NO DATA	NO DATA	5	★ ★ ★ ★
Kerm Raim	NO DATA	NO DATA	15	★ ★ ★ ★
Migron	NO DATA	NO DATA	67	★ ★ ★ ★
Nofey Prat	NO DATA	NO DATA	1	★ ★ ★ ★
Neriya	NO DATA	NO DATA	7	★ ★ ★ ★
Shvut Rachel	NO DATA	NO DATA	9	★ ★ ★ ★
<b>Total</b>	<b>95,899</b>	<b>108,104</b>	<b>110,911</b>	

2.6% growth in last 1 year  
15.65% growth in last 5 years

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3.45% growth in last 1 year  
21.51% growth in last 5 years

## SAMARIA BLOC

Yishuv	Total as of 1/2/21	Total as of 12/31/24	Total as of 1/4/26	
Itamar	1,304	1,641	1,710	★
Elon Moreh	1,943	2,075	2,136	
Bruchin	1,446	2,761	2,821	
Bracha	2,883	3,318	3,390	
Yitzhar	1,888	2,495	2,648	★
Migdalim	519	758	880	★★★
Shavei Shomron	1,093	1,178	1,157	
Avnei Hefetz	2,167	2,670	2,718	
Yakir	2,542	2,939	2,965	
Kfar Tapuach	1,437	1,561	1,522	
Rachelim	922	1,262	1,321	★
Nofim	1,024	1,440	1,586	★★★
Salit	1,462	1,595	1,626	
Emmanuel	4,655	5,783	6,364	★★
Einav	1,009	1,265	1,331	
Shacharit	NO DATA	3	21	★★★
Tzofim	2,517	2,829	2,985	
Kedummim	4,798	4,866	4,854	
Karnei Shomron*	10,201	11,023	11,199	
Leshem	NO DATA	NO DATA	1	★★★
<b>Total</b>	<b>43,810</b>	<b>51,462</b>	<b>53,235</b>	



\* all years include Maale Shomron population (merged in 2020)

★ increased more than 40% over the last five years  
★★ increased more than 10% over the last 1 year  
★★★ both of the above

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## EASTERN ETZIYON

Yishuv	Total as of 1/2/21	Total as of 12/31/24	Total as of 1/4/26
Maaleh Amos	878	1,410	1,537
Nokdim	2,421	3,433	3,668
Tekoa	4,457	4,902	4,985
Metzad-Asfar	968	1,470	1,591
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,724</b>	<b>11,215</b>	<b>11,781</b>

5.05% growth in last 1 year  
35.04% growth in last 5 years

## GUSH ETZIYON

Yishuv	Total as of 1/2/21	Total as of 12/31/24	Total as of 1/4/26
Alon Shevut	3,490	3,408	3,568
Elazar	2,612	2,893	2,870
Efrata	12,873	13,571	13,502
Bat Ayin	1,726	2,031	2,089
Har Gilo	1,644	1,689	1,671
Kfar Etzinyon	905	1,108	1,106
Migdal Oz	427	414	419
Neve Daniel	2,656	2,745	2,957
Rosh Tzurim	1,029	1,152	1,161
Ibey HaNachal	NO DATA	NO DATA	6
Bar Kochba	NO DATA	NO DATA	75
<b>Total</b>	<b>27,362</b>	<b>29,011</b>	<b>29,424</b>

1.42% growth in last 1 year  
7.54% growth in last 5 years

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\*\*\* both of the above

## JORDAN VALLEY REGION

Yishuv	Total as of 1/2/21	Total as of 12/31/24	Total as of 1/4/26	
Avnet	230	283	318	★★
Almog	302	349	349	
Argeman	165	174	186	
Bet Chagla	NO DATA	242	512	★★★
Bet HaArava	395	582	416	
Bekaot	230	227	231	
Gittit	557	617	630	
Galgal	208	229	225	
Vered Yericho	410	433	414	
Hemdat	295	377	397	
Hamra	205	278	286	
Yetav	401	312	285	
Yafit	268	273	300	
Mehola	660	802	841	
Mechora	212	230	238	
Mevuot Yericho	121	350	410	★★★
Maaleh Efraim	1,659	1,848	1,961	
Mitzpe Shalem	233	240	229	
Mesua	237	440	486	★★★
Maskiot	312	382	396	
Niran	115	143	155	
Naama	205	332	343	★
Netiv Hagedud	234	231	245	
Fetzael	373	453	465	
Kalia	466	545	567	
Roi	170	167	165	
Rotem	251	312	320	
Shadmot Mehola	781	810	871	
Tomer	356	390	399	
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,051</b>	<b>12,051</b>	<b>12,640</b>	



4.89% growth in last 1 year  
25.76% growth in last 5 years

- ★ Increase increased more than 40% over the last five years
- ★★ Increase increased more than 10% over the last 1 year
- ★★★ Both of the above

## MAALE ADUMIM BLOC

Yishuv	Total as of 1/2/21	Total as of 12/31/24	Total as of 1/4/26
Maale Adumim	40,943	40,606	40,800
Kfar Adumim	4,664	5,138	5,276
Mitzpe Yericho	2,529	2,839	2,856
Keidar	1,589	1,623	1,627
<b>Total</b>	<b>49,725</b>	<b>50,206</b>	<b>50,559</b>

0.7% growth in last 1 year  
1.68% growth in last 5 years

## KIRYAT SEFER BLOC

Yishuv	Total as of 1/2/21	Total as of 12/31/24	Total as of 1/4/26
Hashmonaim	3,160	2,974	2,916
Kiryat Sefer (Modiin Illit)	80,282	90,633	92,339
Matityahu	909	1,004	985
Ganei Modiin	3,515	3,654	3,712
<b>Total</b>	<b>87,866</b>	<b>98,265</b>	<b>99,952</b>

1.72% growth in last 1 year  
13.76% growth in last 5 years

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## BEITAR ILLIT

Yishuv	Total as of 1/2/21	Total as of 12/31/24	Total as of 1/4/26
Beitar Illit	64,617	73,198	74,760
<b>Total</b>	<b>64,617</b>	<b>73,198</b>	<b>74,760</b>

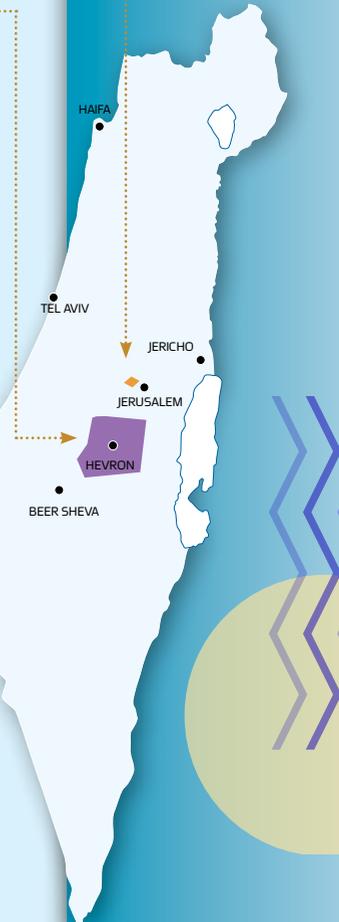
2.13% growth in last 1 year  
15.7% growth in last 5 years

## SOUTH HEVRON HILLS BLOC

Yishuv	Total as of 1/2/21	Total as of 12/31/24	Total as of 1/4/26
Adura	487	598	628
Asael	NO DATA	29	216
Avigail	NO DATA	20	164
Eshkolot	596	639	621
Hevron	563	599	609
Haggai	743	853	916
Tene	1,040	1,173	1,194
Carmel	526	663	693
Maon	641	721	771
Bet Yatir*	637	738	739
Negohot	397	637	682
Susia	1,382	1,695	1,650
Otniel	897	929	969
Pnei Hever	549	630	643
Kiryat Arba	8,072	8,352	8,437
Shima	884	1,099	979
Telem	486	643	724
Sansena	646	852	875
Carmei Tzur	1,145	1,123	1,126
Shani	NO DATA	548	548
Adurayim	NO DATA	NO DATA	28
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,691</b>	<b>22,541</b>	<b>23,212</b>

2.98% growth in last 1 year  
17.88% growth in last 5 years

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\*\*\* both of the above



# PROJECTED JEWISH POPULATION of Judea & Samaria (the West Bank)

based on growth of last 5 years

2027	556,016
2030	602,046
2035	685,112
2040	779,640
2045	887,210
2050	1,009,622

The above projected numbers do NOT take into account the some 340,000 Jewish residents currently residing in the Old City of Jerusalem and eastern Jerusalem neighborhoods which are technically part of the West Bank.

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