

Israel

Ethnicity in Israel

Power relations

1967-76: Israeli Arabs are now coded as Powerless rather than Discriminated because the end of the Military Rule over the Israeli Arab population in 1966 marks, in my opinion, a new era. No more explicit but rather implicit discrimination. This change to Powerless also helps distinguish much more clearly Israeli from Palestinian Arabs.

1977-91: Right-wing parties came into power with massive Mizrahi vote. Mizrahi (or Mizrahi style) parties have always existed but two explicitly Mizrahi and more prominent parties were established in 1981 (TAMI) and 1984 (Shas). The latter entered a ruling coalition for the first time following the Nov 1988 elections. An important representative of the group, David Levy, however, formed part of the government from 1977 on, and from 1979 to 1992 he held the important position of Minister of Housing and Construction dealing with the settler movements.

Russian Jews not politically relevant yet.

1992-95: Ashkenazim (Jewish) – Senior Partner

Mizrahim (Jewish) – Senior Partner (Shas takes key role in Rabin's government.)

Palestinian Arabs – Discriminated

Israeli Arabs – Powerless (Israeli Arab parties were counted by the Labor party as part of the anti-Likud/right-wing block. However, although these parties secured the Rabin coalition they were never included in it. Thus, it is not enough to push the group beyond the Junior Partner threshold.)

The first massive participation of Russian immigrants in elections took place in 1992. They helped Rabin and the left regain power. Nevertheless, immigrant parties were established only in anticipation of the 1996 elections, following which the group should be regarded as junior partner.

1996-2009: From 1996 on, all governments have included ministers that are associated with one of the two main "Russian" parties (Israel-Beiteinu and Israel-Baalia). During this period, the Israel-Baalia party was absorbed into the Likud party, while its leadership continued to hold junior ministerial positions, and therefore Israel-Beiteinu became the main "Russian Party", with its leader Liberman also holding junior ministerial positions. In January 2008, Liberman resigned from the government as his Israel-Beiteinu party left the government. Yet, members of Israel-Baalia were still important players within the Likud. Hence, the Russian Jews are coded as "junior partner" throughout the period from 1996 to 2009.

2010-2013: In March 2009, following the elections, Israel-Beiteinu joined the coalition again and Liberman became the foreign minister, assuming a leadership role in the government. Israel-Beiteinu continues to be a major coalition partner until today, with its members holding key positions in government and parliament. Therefore, the Russian Jews are coded as "senior partner" since 2010. (Note that due to EPR's January-1st-rule, the period is coded as starting in 2010 because the elections took place in March 2009.)

Political status of ethnic groups in Israel

From 1948 until 1949

Group name	Proportional size	Political status
Ashkenazim (Jewish)	0.47	MONOPOLY
Mizrahim (Jewish)	0.39	IRRELEVANT
Palestinians (Arab)	0.14	DISCRIMINATED

From 1950 until 1967

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Ashkenazim (Jewish)	0.47	MONOPOLY
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Israeli Arabs	0.14	DISCRIMINATED

From 1968 until 1976

Group name	Proportional size	Political status
Ashkenazim (Jewish)	0.33	DOMINANT
Mizrahim (Jewish)	0.29	IRRELEVANT
Palestinian Arabs	0.27	DISCRIMINATED
Israeli Arabs	0.11	POWERLESS

From 1977 until 1991

Group name	Proportional size	Political status
Mizrahim (Jewish)	0.31	JUNIOR PARTNER
Ashkenazim (Jewish)	0.29	SENIOR PARTNER
Palestinian Arabs	0.29	DISCRIMINATED
Israeli Arabs	0.11	POWERLESS



Figure 380: Political status of ethnic groups in Israel during 1948-1949.



Figure 381: Political status of ethnic groups in Israel during 1950-1967.



Figure 382: Political status of ethnic groups in Israel during 1968-1976.



From 1992 until 1995

Group name	Proportional size	Political status
Palestinian Arabs	0.31	DISCRIMINATED
Ashkenazim (Jewish)	0.23	SENIOR PARTNER
Mizrahim (Jewish)	0.23	SENIOR PARTNER
Israeli Arabs	0.12	POWERLESS
Russians (Jewish)	0.1	IRRELEVANT

From 1996 until 2009

Group name	Proportional size	Political status
Palestinian Arabs	0.31	DISCRIMINATED
Ashkenazim (Jewish)	0.23	SENIOR PARTNER
Mizrahim (Jewish)	0.23	SENIOR PARTNER
Israeli Arabs	0.12	POWERLESS
Russians (Jewish)	0.1	JUNIOR PARTNER

From 2010 until 2013

Group name	Proportional size	Political status
Palestinian Arabs	0.31	DISCRIMINATED
Ashkenazim (Jewish)	0.23	SENIOR PARTNER
Mizrahim (Jewish)	0.23	SENIOR PARTNER
Israeli Arabs	0.12	POWERLESS
Russians (Jewish)	0.1	SENIOR PARTNER



Figure 384: Political status of ethnic groups in Israel during 1992-1995.

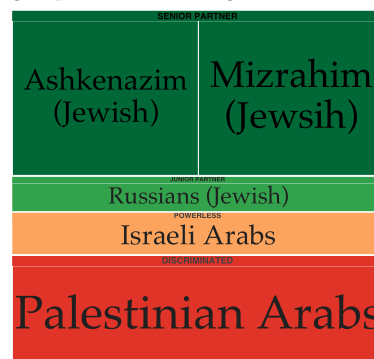


Figure 385: Political status of ethnic groups in Israel during 1996-2009.



Figure 386: Political status of ethnic groups in Israel during 2010-2013.

Geographical coverage of ethnic groups in Israel

From 1948 until 1949

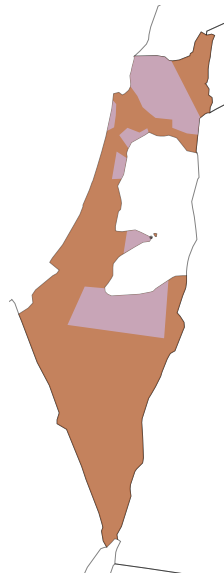


Figure 387: Map of ethnic groups in Israel during 2010-2013.

Group name	Area in km ²	Type
■ Ashkenazim (Jewish)	20 737	Statewide
■ Palestinians (Arab)	4468	Regional & urban

Table 113: List of ethnic groups in Israel during 1948-1949.

From 1950 until 1967

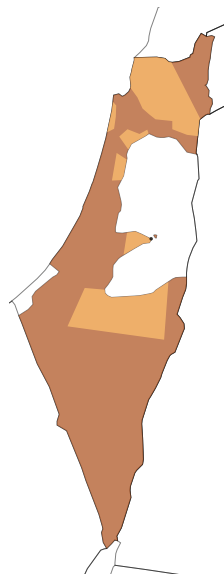


Figure 388: Map of ethnic groups in Israel during 2010-2013.

Group name	Area in km ²	Type
Ashkenazim (Jewish)	20 737	Statewide
Israeli Arabs	4468	Regional & urban

Table 114: List of ethnic groups in Israel during 1950-1967.

From 1968 until 1976

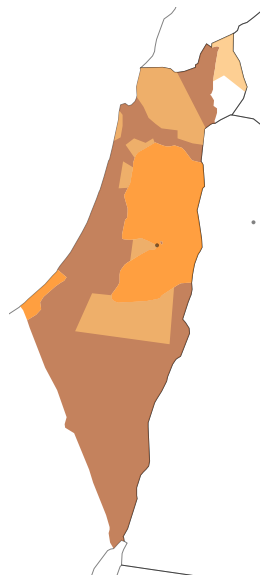


Figure 389: Map of ethnic groups in Israel during 2010-2013.

Group name	Area in km ²	Type
Ashkenazim (Jewish)	20 737	Statewide
Palestinian Arabs	6244	Regional & urban
Israeli Arabs	5041	Regional & urban

Table 115: List of ethnic groups in Israel during 1968-1976.

From 1977 until 1978

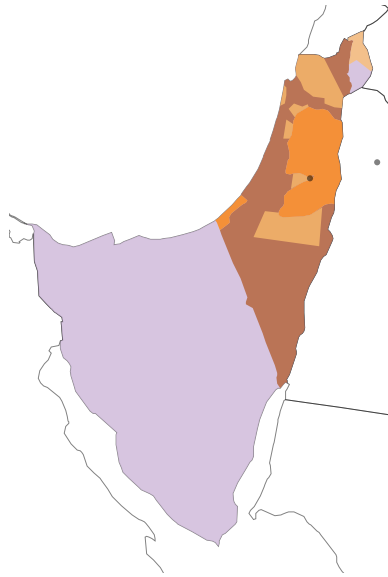


Figure 390: Map of ethnic groups in Israel during 2010-2013.

Group name	Area in km ²	Type
Mizrahim (Jewish)	88 733	Statewide
Ashkenazim (Jewish)	20 737	Statewide
Palestinian Arabs	6244	Regional & urban
Israeli Arabs	5041	Regional & urban

Table 116: List of ethnic groups in Israel during 1977-1978.

From 1979 until 1995

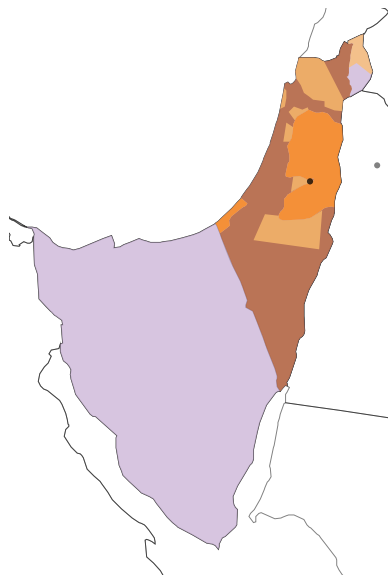


Figure 391: Map of ethnic groups in Israel during 2010-2013.

Group name	Area in km ²	Type
Mizrahim (Jewish)	88 733	Statewide
Ashkenazim (Jewish)	20 737	Statewide
Palestinian Arabs	6244	Regional & urban
Israeli Arabs	5041	Regional & urban

Table 117: List of ethnic groups in Israel during 1979-1995.

From 1996 until 2013

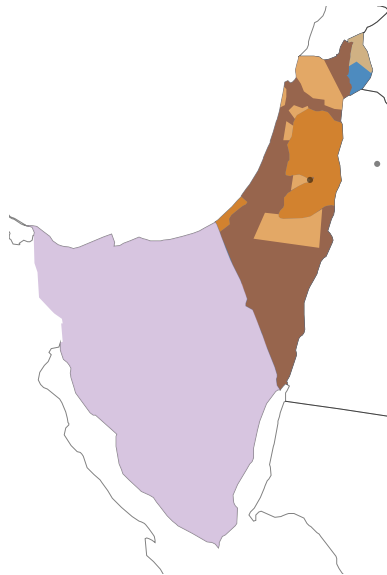


Figure 392: Map of ethnic groups in Israel during 2010-2013.

Group name	Area in km ²	Type
Mizrahim (Jewish)	88 733	Statewide
Russians (Jewish)	28 097	Statewide
Ashkenazim (Jewish)	20 737	Statewide
Palestinian Arabs	6244	Regional & urban
Israeli Arabs	5041	Regional & urban

Table 118: List of ethnic groups in Israel during 1996-2013.

Conflicts in Israel

Starting on 1939-03-31

Side A	Side B	Group name	Start	Claim	Recruitment	Support
Government of United Kingdom	IZL [Etzel]		1939-03-31			

Starting on 1948-04-15

Side A	Side B	Group name	Start	Claim	Recruitment	Support
Government of Egypt	Government of Israel		1948-04-15			
Government of Iraq	Government of Israel		1948-04-15			
Government of Jordan	Government of Israel		1948-04-15			
Government of Lebanon	Government of Israel		1948-04-15			
Government of Syria	Government of Israel		1948-04-15			

Starting on 1948-05-15

Side A	Side B	Group name	Start	Claim	Recruitment	Support
Government of Israel	Palestinian insurgents	Palestinians (Arab)	1948-05-15	Explicit	Yes	
Government of Israel	Fatah	Palestinian Arabs	1965-02-28	Explicit	Yes	Yes
Government of Israel	PLO	Palestinian Arabs	1965-02-28	Explicit	Yes	Yes
Government of Israel	Non PLO groups	Palestinian Arabs	1965-12-31	Explicit	Yes	
Government of Israel	PFLP	Palestinian Arabs	1970-01-06	Explicit	Yes	Yes
Government of Israel	PFLP-GC	Palestinian Arabs	1973-07-31	Explicit	Yes	Yes
Government of Israel	Rejectionist Front	Palestinian Arabs	1974-12-31	Explicit	Yes	
Government of Israel	PIJ	Palestinian Arabs	1987-08-31	Explicit	Yes	
Government of Israel	Hamas	Palestinian Arabs	1989-05-31	Explicit	Yes	Yes
Government of Israel	PNA	Palestinian Arabs	1996-09-25	Explicit	Yes	Yes
Government of Israel	AMB	Palestinian Arabs	2001-11-29	Explicit	Yes	Yes
Government of Israel	PRC	Palestinian Arabs	2001-12-12	Explicit	Yes	

Starting on 1956-10-31

Side A	Side B	Group name	Start	Claim	Recruitment	Support
Government of Egypt	Government of France		1956-10-31			
Government of Egypt	Government of Israel		1956-10-31			
Government of Egypt	Government of United Kingdom		1956-10-31			

Starting on 1967-06-05

Side A	Side B	Group name	Start	Claim	Recruitment	Support
Government of Israel	Government of Syria		1967-06-05			

Starting on 1967-06-05

Side A	Side B	Group name	Start	Claim	Recruitment	Support
Government of Egypt	Government of Israel		1967-06-05			

Starting on 1967-06-05

Side A	Side B	Group name	Start	Claim	Recruitment	Support
Government of Israel	Government of Jordan		1967-06-05			

Starting on 1986-09-30

Side A	Side B	Group name	Start	Claim	Recruitment	Support
Government of Israel	Hezbollah	Palestinians (Arab)	1986-09-30	Explicit	No	