

Introduction

We are pleased to present here the 26th edition of the *Statistical Yearbook of Jerusalem*, a longtime collaboration between the Jerusalem Institute for Israel Studies (JIIS) and the Municipality of Jerusalem.

The *Statistical Yearbook of Jerusalem* presents an up-to-date picture of life in Jerusalem – in tables, graphs, maps and other statistics, covering a wide range of topics. It also shows changes and trends that have taken place over time, as well as offering a comparison between Jerusalem and Israel, Tel Aviv-Yafo and Haifa; a separate chapter addresses the localities surrounding Jerusalem. All of the tables that appear in the *Yearbook* as well as some additional, detailed tables are available on the JIIS web site, at www.jiis.org.il.

As in previous years, the primary aim of the *Yearbook* is to serve those who create and set policy, planners in the government, municipal and private sectors, researchers and students – though in fact it is a useful resource for anyone interested in such data. This year, for the first time, data from the Central Bureau of Statistics' 2008 Population Census pertaining to the Arab population and neighborhoods are included. In addition, there are 14 new tables that shed light on such topics as marital status of the population, the construction of new classrooms, eligibility for matriculation certificates in different sectors, and baby and family health centers.

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