ISRAEL

GOVERNMENT
Chief of State
President Reuben RIVLIN
Head of Government
Prime Minister Binyamin NETANYAHU
Government Type
parliamentary democracy
Capital
Jerusalem¹
Legislature
unicameral Knesset (120 seats)
Judiciary
Supreme Court (consists of the chief justice and 14 judges)
Ambassador to US
Ambassador Ron DERMER
US Ambassador
Ambassador David M. FRIEDMAN

ECONOMY
Economic Overview
technologically advanced free market economy somewhat limited by income inequality and high housing and commodity prices
GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)
$317.1 billion (2017 est.)
GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)
$36,400 (2017 est.)
Exports
$58.67 billion (2017 est.)
partners: US 28.8%, UK 8.2%, Hong Kong 7%, China 5.4%, Belgium 4.5% (2017)
Imports
$68.61 billion (2017 est.)
partners: US 11.7%, China 9.5%, Switzerland 8%, Germany 6.8%, UK 6.2%, Belgium 5.9%, Netherlands 4.2%, Turkey 4.2%, Italy 4% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY
Population
8.4 million (July 2018 est.)
Population Growth
1.49% (2018 est.)
Ethnicity
Jewish 74.4% (of which Israel-born 76.9%, Europe/America/Oceania-born 15.9%, Africa-born 4.6%, Asia-born 2.6%), Arab 20.9%, other 4.7% (2018 est.)
Language
Hebrew (official), Arabic (used officially for Arab minority), English (most commonly used foreign language)
Religion
Jewish 74.7%, Muslim 17.7%, Christian 2%, Druze 1.6%, other 4% (2016 est.)
Urbanization
urban population: 92.4% of total population (2018)
rate of urbanization: 1.64% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)
Literacy
97.8% (2011 est.)

¹the US recognized Jerusalem as Israel’s capital in December 2017 without taking a position on the specific boundaries of Israeli sovereignty