ISRAEL

GOVERNMENT
Chief of State
President Reuben RIVLIN
Head of Government
Prime Minister Binyamin NETANYAHU
Government Type
parliamentary democracy
Capital
Jerusalem
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
8.7 million (July 2020 est.)
Population Growth
1.46% (2020 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 (special status under Israeli law), English (most commonly used foreign language)
Religion
Jewish 74.3%, Muslim 17.8%, Christian 1.9%, Druze 1.6%, other 4.4% (2018 est.)
Urbanization
urban population: 92.6% of total population (2020)
rate of urbanization: 1.64% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)
Literacy
97.8% (2011)

as of April 2020

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