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Israeli poverty and inequality trends in international perspective

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Labor productivity, 1970-2012

GDP per work-hour in 2005 PPP-adjusted dollars



Source: Dan Ben-David, State of the Nation Report 2009), Taub Center (updated) Data: Central Bureau of Statistics, Bank of Israel, OECD

Percent of households under the poverty line*



Source: Dan Ben-David and Haim Bleikh, Taub Center Data: Israel's Central Bureau of Statistics

Using same national poverty line in all cases. Excluding East Jerusalem.

Percent of *households* under the poverty line* 1992-2011



Source: Dan Ben-David and Haim Bleikh, Taub Center Data: Israel's Central Bureau of Statistics

* Poverty line recalculated after each exclusion. Data for 1992-96 and 2000-01 do not include East Jerusalem. No data available for 1994.



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Income inequality

Gini coefficient*



Source: Dan Ben-David and Haim Bleikh, Taub Center Data: Israel's Central Bureau of Statistics

Based on individual weights Excluding East Jerusalem.

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Weights used for standardizing the number of individuals in households

LIS* weights versus National Insurance Institute weights



Source: Dan Ben-David and Haim Bleikh, Taub Center Data: LIS, National Insurance Institute

* Luxembourg Income Study

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Market income inequality

Gini coefficient*, 23 OECD countries, 1973-2010



Source: Dan Ben-David and Haim Bleikh, Taub Center Data: Luxembourg Income Study

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* based on individual weights

Percent reduction in income inequality*

From market income Gini to disposable income Gini, mid 2000s

From market income Gini to disposable inc	come Gini, mid 2000s 🛛 🖉
-47.8%	Sweden 2005
-47.6%	Hungary 2005 🛛 🖥
-47.5%	Denmark 2004
-47.2%	Finland 2004
-45.1%	Czech Rep 2004
-44.0%	Germany 2004
-42.8%	Poland 2004
-42.7%	Netherlands 2004
-42.4%	Austria 2004
-41.6%	Norway 2004
-41.0%	Luxembourg 2004
-37.9%	Ireland 2004
-37.1%	France 2005
-33.9%	Italy 2004
-33.4%	Estonia 2004
-33.2%	Australia 2003
-31.2%	Greece 2004
-30.8%	UK 2004
-29.8%	Spain 2004
-27.1%	Canada 2004
-25.3%	Israel 2005
-22.2%	USA 2004

Source: Dan Ben-David and Haim Bleikh, Taub Center Data: Luxembourg Income Study

Ginis calculated according to Israeli Social Security method. Israel includes East Jerusalem.

Top income decile as a fraction of total income*

22 OECD countries, mid 2000s



Source: Dan Ben-David and Haim Bleikh, Taub Center Data: Luxembourg Income Study

Deciles calculated according to Israeli Social Security method. Israel includes East Jerusalem.

Top 1 percentile as a fraction of total income*

22 OECD countries, mid 2000s



Source: Dan Ben-David and Haim Bleikh, Taub Center Data: Luxembourg Income Study

* Percentiles calculated according to Israeli Social Security method. Israel includes East Jerusalem.

Ratios of disposable income percentiles, 90/50 and 50/10*

22 OECD countries, mid 2000s



Source: Dan Ben-David and Haim Bleikh, Taub Center Data: Luxembourg Income Study

* Percentiles calculated according to Israeli Social Security method. Israel includes East Jerusalem.

Ratios of disposable income percentiles, 75/25*

22 OECD countries, mid 2000s



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Percent of individuals under the poverty line*



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Calculations according to Israeli Social Security method. Israel includes East Jerusalem.

Percent reduction in poverty rates*

From market income poverty to disposable income poverty, mid 2000s



Source: Dan Ben-David and Haim Bleikh, Taub Center Data: Luxembourg Income Study

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Share of 65+ year-olds in population, 2010



Source: Dan Ben-David and Haim Bleikh, Taub Center Data: Luxembourg Income Study

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Percent of elderly under the poverty line*

22 OECD countries, mid 2000s



Source: Dan Ben-David and Haim Bleikh, Taub Center Data: Luxembourg Income Study

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Percent reduction in elderly poverty rates*

From market income poverty to disposable income poverty, mid 2000s



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Calculations by individuals according to Israeli Social Security method. Israel includes East Jerusalem.

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Percent of children under the poverty line*

22 OECD countries, mid 2000s



Source: Dan Ben-David and Haim Bleikh, Taub Center Data: Luxembourg Income Study

Calculations by individuals according to Israeli Social Security method. Israel includes East Jerusalem.

Percent reduction in children poverty rates*

From market income poverty to disposable income poverty, mid 2000s



Source: Dan Ben-David and Haim Bleikh, Taub Center Data: Luxembourg Income Study

Calculations by individuals according to Israeli Social Security method. Israel includes East Jerusalem.

Educational inequality

Standard deviations in achievements in 25 OECD countries and in Israel, PISA 2009 exams

Israel, not including ultra-orthodox Jews = 100 (base)



source: Dan Ben-David, State of the Nation Report 2010, Taub Center (updated). data from PISA * national

* national average in math, science and reading exams

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Israel relative to OECD average, 2008





Road Congestion



source: Dan Ben-David, *State of the Nation Report 2010*, Taub Center (updated). data from the World Bank

* average of 22 OECD countries



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