

International Year of the Family

— 10th Anniversary Celebration!



2004 Indiana State Fair Exhibit

The 2004 exhibit included photos and dolls from around the world and provided a set of quizzes for fair guests to test their knowledge of the world's families. Here is some more detailed information about families in Israel.

Resource links for country and culture profiles:

<http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/docs/profileguide.html>

<http://www.settlement.org/cp/english/>

ISRAEL

In Israel, family is a central part of the Jewish religious life. The family traditions and values are preserved and emphasized. Marriage is definitely a path for the Jewish people and divorce rates are low. Traditionally, mothers are the caregivers and fathers are the decision-makers, but this is changing as fathers become more involved in discipline and mothers more active in decision-making processes. Fathers from this country are found to be more affectionate with their daughters than the mothers are.

Population:	6,116,533 (July 2002 est.) <i>note:</i> includes about 187,000 Israeli settlers in the West Bank, about 20,000 in the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights, more than 5,000 in the Gaza Strip, and fewer than 177,000 in East Jerusalem (February 2003 est.) (July 2003 est.)
Religion:	Jewish 80.1%, Muslim 14.6% (mostly Sunni Muslim), Christian 2.1%, other 3.2% (1996 est.)
Literacy:	<i>definition:</i> age 15 and over can read and write <i>total population:</i> 95.4% <i>male:</i> 97.3% <i>female:</i> 93.6% (2003 est.)
GDP per capita:	purchasing power parity - \$19,500 (2002 est.)
GDP real growth rate:	-0.8% (2002 est.)
Population below poverty line:	18% (2001 est.)

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