

Preface

The Statistical Yearbook of Jerusalem serves the city's policymakers and decision-makers, as well as planners, researchers, students at all levels, and anyone interested in the city. As in previous years, we are pleased to present this annual, comprehensive database on Jerusalem. Concurrently, JIPR also publishes *Jerusalem – Facts and Trends*, which makes the Yearbook's data accessible through textual descriptions, graphs, diagrams, and maps.

This Yearbook appears to resemble previous editions, but the data collection process has changed substantially. This year, at the recommendation of Central Bureau of Statistics personnel and with their guidance, we used the CBS microdata research room to process microdata for the Yearbook tables on migration, employment, and population, rather than commissioning customized tabular data from the CBS as we had in the past. This manner of data preparation entails many hours of work, requires extra caution and responsibility, and has a number of limitations, but it offers many options for researching the data and learning from it.

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Next year the Yearbook will turn 40. A review of the first Yearbook reveals that the order of chapters has remained relatively unchanged, and some of the tables are identical to those in the yearbook before you. Alongside efforts to develop and expand our range of sources, processing, and presentation of the data, we will also strive to ensure that the 2023 Yearbook

preserves the continuity that enables a long-term perspective, which is so important in Jerusalem.

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