



Chapter XII – Education & Culture

1. Education

Listing of schools - Schools in which more than one level of studies is offered (such as an elementary and middle school) where each is counted separately according to the level or type of school, but in the total tallying were counted only once.

The status of educational institutions

Official educational institutions – Schools managed and run by the state or local authority. Officially recognized institutions operate according to the curriculum set by the Ministry of Education and are under its supervision. The teachers are civil servants or employed by the local authority. These institutions include the state, state-religious, and state-ultra-orthodox streams, and in Jerusalem they are under the auspices of the Jerusalem Education Administration.

Unofficial recognized educational institutions – schools that are not state-run but are recognized by the Ministry of Education and are supervised by it.

Exempted educational institutions – schools that the system recognizes as exempt from fulfilling the general requirements of the education system. They are not bound by the Compulsory Education Law.

Unrecognized exempted educational institutions – exempted schools that do not cooperate with the authorities and for which there are no systematic data pertaining to their operations. These institutions belong to the ultra-orthodox sector; they are not included in the tables in this chapter as there is no accepted estimate regarding the number of students who study there.

All school ages - Educational institutes that offer grades 1-12. These students and classes are counted separately and are not included in the data for Primary or Post-Primary Education,



but are included in the total of the education system. In previous years they were included in Primary Education.

Special Education - Classes and pupils of institutions intended only for children with special needs.

Hebrew Education

Following a resolution of the City Council (November 29, 1993), the ultra-orthodox Educational Division was separated from the Jerusalem Education Administration, which until then had managed all of Jerusalem's education systems. Data for each division were prepared independently of the other.

Jerusalem Education Administration

Municipal Kindergartens - The municipal kindergarten system includes pre-compulsory (for children aged 3-4) and compulsory (for children aged 5) kindergartens run by the Jerusalem Municipality. Not including day nurseries and private kindergartens not under municipal supervision.

Non-municipal Kindergartens - Pre-compulsory and compulsory kindergartens not under municipal supervision.

Primary Education - Primary schools operating in Jerusalem that receive full or partial educational services from the municipality. The primary schools are usually six-year schools (up to 6th grade) or eight-year schools (up to 8th grade).

These include official schools or those that are recognized but unofficial, in various streams.

A. State Education - Education provided by the government according to the official curriculum, without affiliation to political, ethnic or other non-governmental organizations and under the supervision of the minister or others authorized by him/her.



B. State-Religious Education - State education whose institutions are religious in terms of their curriculum and the lifestyle maintained by their pupils, teachers and supervisors.

C. State-Ultra-orthodox Education – In 2013/14 an ultra-orthodox primary school opened in Jerusalem for the first time that is directly supervised by the Ministry of Education. It uses the Ministry's curriculum with some modifications suited to the ultra-orthodox sector. This model is being developed in the Ministry, and there is an intention to open additional schools with this status. There are 28 students in two classes in the current academic year.

Ultra-orthodox Educational Division

Ultra-orthodox Institutions - Education institutions for the ultra-orthodox population that receive full or partial educational services from the municipality. Many of the primary schools extend from 1st to 9th grades. All the institutions of this type have separate schools for boys and girls. These institutions are divided between:

- A. Independent Education - All the schools in this stream are non-official recognized institutions.
- B. Ma'ayan Hachinuch Hatorani - a Sephardi-ultra-orthodox education network that received recognition as an educational stream similar to the independent education. As in the independent network, Ma'ayan Hachinuch Hatorani institutions are recognized but unofficial.
- C. Talmudei Torah - Some of these are unofficial recognized institutions (see above) that receive educational services from the municipality; others do not receive any educational services from the municipality.

Post-Primary Education

The Post-Primary Educational System includes:

- A. Junior High Schools - 7th-9th grades in Hebrew Education. Pupils attending these are not permitted to change schools until the end of 9th grade.



B. Senior High Schools – Include three-year schools (10th, 11th and 12th grades), generally as part of a six-year school system (7th-12th grades) or four-year schools (9th-12th grades). Include municipal, comprehensive, vocational high schools, evening schools, high school yeshivas and Torah schools.

Arab Education

Data on Arab education mainly refer to the official and the non-official recognized educational institutions. There is only limited data available on the private institutions. Most of the schools in this sector operate separate schools for boys and girls.

Kindergartens - For children of the age of compulsory kindergarten (aged 5)

Primary Schools - 1st-6th grades

Junior High Schools - Equivalent in respect to grade levels (7th-9th grades) in the Hebrew school system

Senior High Schools - 10th-12th grades

Private Schools- Schools that are completely private, that are not maintained by the government or the municipality and are not supervised by either. These include Christian and other Church schools, Muslim schools run by the Waqf, and private schools such as the American School, the Anglican school and more. The number of students in these schools is determined by estimates of unverifiable validity.

2. Higher Education

Applicants - Data were derived from the files of applicants for first-year studies for first degrees at the universities. The figures in the table relate to applicants (persons) and to applications (the number of universities applied to by the applicant).



Accepted and now students – candidates who received a positive response to the institution in question and began studying there.

Accepted but chose not to study there - candidates who received a positive response to the institution in question but opted not to study there, either because they accepted a place at another institution or because they chose not to study at all.

Rejected – candidates who received a negative response from the higher education institution to which they applied.

Students - Figures are based on the processing of tuition fee files of the institutions according to the records of April of the respective school year, with estimated adjustments. Data relate to the middle of the school year (including students who were admitted in the second registration period) and do not include students who cancelled their registration by that time.

The number of students at the universities includes both Israeli and foreign students (who are temporary residents in Israel) studying for a degree or academic certificate. Israeli and foreign students studying in special academic programs (not for a degree) are not included here. From the 1976/77 academic year, the data are based on the institutions' files and estimates.

Recipients of degrees - students who received both certificates and degrees were classified as receiving degrees. Recipients of certificates only are classified as recipients of certificates; Recipients of MD degrees were included among recipients of second degrees.

Institutions of higher education in Jerusalem – Jerusalem is home to several higher education institutions accredited by the Council for Higher Education to award academic degrees.

Jerusalem's accredited institutions:

Universities - The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Academic Colleges - Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design, Jerusalem Academy of Music and Dance, Jerusalem College of Technology - Machon Lev, Hadassah College, Jerusalem College of Engineering, Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies, Lander Institute

Schools of Education - Efrata College of Education, Lifshitz College of Education, Jerusalem College, David Yellin Academic College of Education.



In 2014, there was a change in the classification of the data regarding Ariel University of Samaria from "college" to "university" in tables XII/13, 14, 18, 19.

3. Culture

Museum - A permanent institution open to the public for the preservation, study and, in particular, the display of groups of exhibits and items of cultural, artistic, historical, scientific, technological, botanical and zoological value.

Types of the main collections in the museums in Table XII/24 are as follows:

The Israel Museum and the Shrine of the Book – The Dead Sea scrolls, art, archaeology, ethnography, youth wing and sculpture garden

Rockefeller Museum - Archaeology

Yad Vashem – The history of the Holocaust and its heroes

Museum for Islamic Art - Islamic art

Tower of David - Archaeological and historic displays illustrating the history of Jerusalem from the Canaanite period to present times

Old Yishuv Court Museum - The life of the Jewish community in Jerusalem from the mid-19th century until the fall of the Jewish Quarter in 1948

Museum of Natural History - Educational exhibitions of nature

Bernard M. Bloomfield Science Museum - Science garden, exhibition halls, youth wing

Bible Lands Museum - Ancient artifacts, works of art from pre-historic times to the period of the Talmud

Museum of the Prisoners of the Underground - A restored British prison, the history of the underground struggle, prisoners' handwork



4. List of Sources for the Tables

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Table XII/11, 12: Central Bureau of Statistics, *Local Authorities in Israel*, for relevant years (Int.)

Tables XII/13, 14: Central Bureau of Statistics, *Applicants and Applications for First Degree Studies in Universities*, for relevant years

Table XII/15-21: Central Bureau of Statistics, *Students at Institutions of Higher Education*, for relevant years

Table XII/22, 23: Central Bureau of Statistics, *Recipients of Degrees from Institutions of Higher Education*, for relevant years

Table XII/24: Managements of the Museums