

Statistics of Foreigners in Israel – PIBA Summary of 2013

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This document presents a summary of 2013.

Data of foreigners in Israel – a concentrated table

Subject	Date of Update	Total	Comments
Infiltrators who entered Israel since beginning of 2014	31.12.13	43	Further details in table A.1
Infiltrators who are staying in Israel	31.12.13	52,961	Further details in tables table A.1
Legal foreign workers	31.12.13	71,352	Further details in table B.1
Illegal foreign workers	31.12.13	15,366	Further details in table B.1
Tourists with no valid visa	31.12.2012	93,000	Further details in table C.1
Workers who left voluntarily since beginning 2014	31.12.13	2,612	Further details in table A.3
Regularization of status	31.12.13	159	Further details in table D.1
Deportations	31.12.13	4,699	Further details in table E.1
Enforcement of employers since beginning 2014:	31.12.13		Further details in table E.2
Number of cases opened		1,353	
Number of indictments		1,598	
Amount of fines in NIS		12,893,250	

A. Infiltrators¹

Table A.1 Infiltrators, according to date and location of trace

Until 2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013										Total Infiltrators Entered Israel	Total Infiltrators now* in Israel		
2,743	5,114	8,817	5,252	14,714	17,306	10,438	Located at the Border (Saharonim)										64,498	52,961		
							Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total located at border	Total within the country
							10	5	3	10	2	5	1	0	0	0	4	3	43	71

In 2013 infiltration into Israel came to an almost complete halt. During this year only 43 infiltrators entered Israel, this compared to approximately 10,400 infiltrators who entered in 2012 and approximately 17,300 infiltrators who entered in 2011.

Table A.2. Infiltrators who live now* in Israel, by specific countries

Type of data	Country			Total
	Sudan	Eritrea	Other countries	
Numbers	12,825	35,833	4,303	52,961
Percentage	24	68	8	100

*As of 31.12.13

¹ File is dynamic and may update retroactively with respect to previous months and years

Table A.3. Voluntary Return of African Infiltrators, 2013

Country	2014												
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Sudan	551	120	32	43	51	51	144	140	68	147	89	251	1,687
Eritrea	19	4	21	1546	19	24	20	30	21	33	27	44	268
Other Africa	86	63	72	5170	71	44	60	46	46	47	18	34	657
Total	656	187	125	119	141	119	224	216	135	227	134	329	2,612

B. Foreign workers

Table B.1. Foreign workers currently in Israel, by field

Date of update	Legal								Total
	Nursing	Building	Agriculture	Seasonal agriculture	Restaurants	Industry and services	Experts		
31.12.13	40,484	5,732	22,179	79	0	42	2,836		71,352
	Illegal								Total
	Nursing	Building	Agriculture	Seasonal agriculture	Restaurants	Industry and services	Experts	Other ²	
	11,993	1,010	167	22	46	161	624	1,343	15,366

² Illegal foreigner workers with no connection to a certain field

C. Tourists

Table C.1. Foreigners who entered Israel as tourists and are still in Israel by the end of 2012 with no valid visa³

Country	Thousands	Percentage
The former Soviet Union	51.9	55.8
Jordan	6.5	7.0
Mexico	3.9	4.2
Turkey	2.6	2.8
Columbia	2.1	2.3
India	2.0	2.2
Egypt	1.9	2.0
Nepal	1.9	2.0
Czechoslovakia	1.7	1.8
Peru	1.5	1.6
Other countries	17	18.3
Total	93	100

³ Source: Central Statistic Bureau Press Release of 30 July 2014

D. Regularization of Status

Table D.1. Regularization of status for foreign workers, 2013

		2013											
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
Foreign Workers	18	5	14	4	10	13	28	7	8	25	21	6	159

E. Enforcement of illegal residents⁴

Table D.1. Deportations of illegal foreign workers*, 2013⁵

		2014											
Type of foreigners	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
Tourists	164	117	125	124	225	130	180	126	78	116	117	89	1,591
Foreign workers	123	107	66	75	114	103	97	105	50	79	60	59	1,038
Other foreigners	205	178	159	201	229	149	228	165	104	141	123	188	2,070
Total	492	402	350	400	568	382	505	396	232	336	300	336	4,699

* Excluding Palestinians

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⁵ In this chart statistics were updated that were published in the previous months as a result of data cleansing carried out on the data file.

E. Enforcement re Employers of Foreigners⁶

Table E.1. Administrative Fines, 2014

Month	Cases opened during the month	Fines imposed as a result of illegal employment		Fines imposed as a result of other violations		Total of fines	
		Number	Amount (NIS)	Number	Amount (NIS)	Number	Amount (NIS)
January	158	62	480,000	100	842,500	162	1,322,500
February	152	69	560,000	95	820,000	164	1,380,000
March	93	38	275,000	58	420,000	96	695,000
April	141	84	615,000	78	600,000	162	1,215,000
May	141	43	295,000	52	370,750	95	665,750
June	202	57	415,000	71	470,000	128	885,000
July	178	47	420,000	34	297,500	81	717,500
August	157	103	860,000	64	545,000	167	1,405,000
September	59	6	40,000	8	90,000	14	130,000
October	101	54	610,000	51	587,500	105	1,197,500
November	81	103	830,000	119	785,000	222	1,615,000
December	72	135	1,200,000	67	465,000	202	1,665,000
Total	1,535	801	6,600,000	797	6,293,250	1,598	12,893,250

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Definitions

1. Infiltrators

Foreigners who entered Israel through the border with Egypt, illegally, and were arrested in the border (when they entered) or inside the Israeli territory (after a while).

2. Voluntary returnees

Foreigners who left Israel after they stayed here with no valid visa and more than 90 days have passed since their visa expired until they left Israel. Their exit of Israel was not done under a deportation order.

3. Legal foreign workers

According to the law of foreign workers, the employment of a foreign worker has two conditions:

A. The employer holds a valid employment permit, in one of the departments in which the government permits to employ foreign workers.

B. The foreigner has a valid work permit in that department, and will be registered to the employer who received the permit.

Breakdown of the permits for each department:

Nursing - Valid B/1 or B/2 visa + is under a valid permit + an active employer or the employer died less than 30 days ago.

Building – a valid B/1 visa and is under a valid permit.

Agriculture - a valid B/1 or B/2 visa and is under a valid permit.

Industry and Services - a valid B/1 or B/2 visa and is under a valid permit.

4. Illegal foreign workers

Foreigners who in the past were legal foreign workers, according to the definition of legal foreign workers (see above) but right now do not meet at least one criteria of this definition. The breakdown by industry is done according to the work permit the foreign worker had when he was still a legal worker.

5. Tourists with no valid visa

The estimation of foreigners from undeveloped country who entered Israel as tourists between the years 1995 and 2012 and are still in Israel by the end of 2012 with no valid visa. According to the estimation, most of them work illegally.

6. Regularization of status

A process, that using which foreign workers who left the legal work cycle and became illegal foreign workers are returned to the legal work cycle, according to the law's provisions and the Population, Immigration and Border Control Authority's regulations.

7. Deportations

Foreigners who left Israel as a result of a deportation order.

8. Enforcement on employers

Fines imposed because of illegal employment – fines imposed because of violations of articles of the foreigner workers law, which refer to the employment of a foreign worker without a permit/visa or opposed to the permit's conditions.

Fines imposed because of all other violations - fines imposed because of violations of the foreigner workers law, in reference to the following articles: lack of suitable living space for the foreign worker, lack of medical insurance for the foreign workers and lack of employment documentation of the foreign worker.