

ISRAEL FACT SHEET

<u>Area:</u>	20 770 km ² (not including the Occupied Territories)
<u>Population:</u>	About 4.4 million, of whom approximately 748 000 are Arabs; growth rate for 1989 was 1.5 percent.
<u>Religion:</u>	83 per cent Judaism, 13 percent Islam, 2 percent Christianity and 2 percent other.
<u>Languages:</u>	Hebrew and Arabic are the official languages; English is widely spoken.
<u>Government:</u>	In Israel, supreme authority rests with the Knesset, a unicameral legislative body with 120 members elected for a four-year term. Knesset consent is required for the installation of a new Cabinet, which must resign on losing confidence. The president is elected by the Knesset.
<u>Head of State:</u>	President Ezer Weizman
<u>Head of Government:</u>	Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin
<u>Foreign Minister:</u>	Shimon Peres
<u>GNP:</u>	C\$9576 per capita
<u>Trade with Canada:</u>	Two-way trade for 1992 was reasonably balanced. Canada exported \$116 million of goods to Israel and imported \$131 million. Our main exports are sulphur, aluminium, lumber and manufactured goods. Major imports to Canada are diamonds, appliances and agricultural products.

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