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Government

Chief of State: President Reuben RIVLIN
Head of Government: Prime Minister Binyamin NETANYAHU
Government Type: Parliamentary Democracy
Capital: Jerusalem

Legislature: Unicameral Knesset (120 seats)
Judiciary: Supreme Court (consists of the chief justice and 14 judges)

Geography

Area

Total: 21,937 sq km
Land: 21,497 sq km
Water: 440 sq km

Climate: Mostly arid or semiarid, subtropical along Caspian coast

Natural Resources: Timber, potash, copper ore, natural gas, phosphate rock, magnesium bromide, clays, sand

People & Society

Population: 8.7 million (July 2021 est.)
Population Growth 1.46% (2021 est.)
Ethnicity: Jewish 74.4% (of which Israel-born 76.9%, Europe/America/Oceania-born 15.9%, Africa-born 4.6%, Asia-born 2.6%), Arab 20.9%, other 4.7% (2018 est.)
Language: Hebrew (official), Arabic (special status under Israeli law), English (most commonly used foreign language)

Religion: Jewish 74.3%, Muslim 17.8%, Christian 1.9%, Druze 1.6%, other 4.4% (2018 est.)
Urbanization:
Urban Population: 92.6% of total population (2020)
Rate of Urbanization: 1.64% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)
Literacy: 97.8% (2011)
Italian presence: 15849

Economy

Economic Overview: Technologically advanced free-market economy somewhat limited by income inequality and high housing and commodity prices
GDP (Purchasing Power Parity): \$317.1 billion (2017 est.)
GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity): \$36,400 (2017 est.)

Exports
\$58.67 billion (2017 est.)
Partners: US 28.8%, UK 8.2%, Hong Kong 7%, China 5.4%, Belgium 4.5% (2017)
Imports
\$68.61 billion (2017 est.)
Partners: US 11.7%, China 9.5%, Switzerland 8%, Germany 6.8%, UK 6.2%, Belgium 5.9%, Netherlands 4.2%, Turkey 4.2%, Italy 4% (2017)

