

Israel's demographic time bomb

Israel's evacuation of the Gaza Strip has been motivated by two major factors: the human and political cost of providing security for Jewish settlements and the deeper problem of ruling over a Palestinian population that could become a majority within 20 years

2004 population

(including West Bank and Gaza)

Total: 10.51 million

Jews

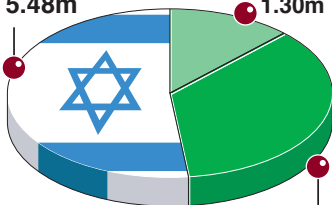
Inc. others

5.48m

Arabs 4.83m

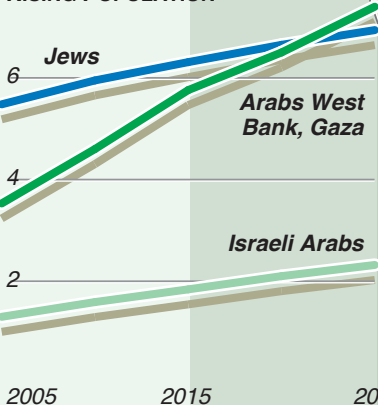
Israel, Golan

1.30m

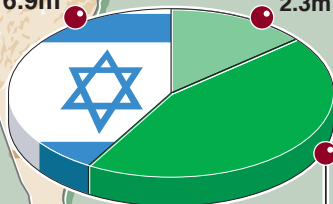


West Bank and Gaza: 3.53m

RISING POPULATION



Jews
Inc. others
6.9m



West Bank, Gaza: 6.9m

Sources: Israel Central Bureau of Statistics, Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics

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