

Prisoners and Detainees in Israeli Prisons

General Statistics - 2008-2009

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Data is presented below regarding detainees and prisoners in Israeli prisons, as collected from various sources. As of January 2009, approximately 22,500 individuals were imprisoned or detained in Israeli prisons; around 70% of those individuals are Arabs.¹

Palestinian prisoners and detainees holding Israeli citizenship

January 2009

Security classification	Criminal classification
370	3,419

Palestinian prisoners and detainees that are residents of the West Bank and Gaza Strip

January 2009

Security classification	Criminal classification
7,720	2,015

Prisoners and detainees with the classification of "security"

(total: approx. 8,200)

(January 2009)

Palestinian citizens of Israel	Jewish citizens of Israel	Palestinian residents of Gaza	Palestinian residents of the West Bank	Palestinian residents of East Jerusalem	Syrians from the Golan Heights
370	14	790	6,180	225	10

¹ Figures were provided to Adalah by the IPS' spokesperson, in his letter dated 29.1.2009. Data valid as of 20.1.2009.

Administrative detainees and unlawful combatants²

January 2009

Administrative detainees	Unlawful combatants
570	20

Administrative detainees – detention period³

January 2009

Number of Administrative Detainees	Detention period
176	Up to 6 months
154	6 months and more
120	one year to year and a half
56	A year and a half to two years
19	Two to two and a half years
18	Two and a half to three years
2	Three and a half to four years
0	Four to four and a half years
2	Four and a half years and more

Palestinian Minors in IPS's custody⁴

February 2009

Age	Detained	Detained until end of proceedings	Convicted	Administrative detainees	total
Under 16 years of age	10	31	13	0	54
Under 18 years of age	29	175	136	6	346

² Ibid. it should be noted that according to B'Tselem, in January 2009, there were 564 administrative detainees, and in February 2009 their number was 542. Available at: www.btselem.org/Hebrew/Administrative_Detention/Statistics.asp

³ See B'Tselem, available at:

http://www.btselem.org/Hebrew/Administrative_Detention/Statistics.asp

⁴ See B'Tselem, available at:

http://www.btselem.org/Hebrew/Statistics/Minors_in_Custody.asp

Prisoners and detainees by detention facility⁵
Southern District
 January 2009

Prison	Number of Prisoners
Oholey Keidar	807
Eshel	783
Detention facility, Jerusalem	152
Dekel	961
Nafha	791
Saharonim	1,491
Ofer	1,059
Ktzi'ot	2,609
Ramon	891
Shikma	604

Central District

Prison	Number of Prisoners
Ofek	220
Ayalon	906
Ashmoret	200
Hadarim Detention facility	860
Magem-Nitzan Detention facility	829
Tel Aviv Detention facility	495
Giv'on	502
Hasharon	648
Ma'asiyahu	1,263
Neveh Tirtza	195
Rimonim	501

Northern District

Prison	Number of Prisoners
Gilbo'a	792
Ramon	598
HaCarmel	328
Hermon	513
Meggido	1,218
Tzalmon	1,064
Kishon	566
Shita	725

⁵ From statistics given by the IPS' spokesperson to the **Legal Clinic for Prisoners Rights and Rehabilitation at Haifa University**, 22.1.2009.

Recidivism, sorted by type of crime⁶

	First detention	Second detention	Third detention	Fourth detention	Fifth detention	Sixth detention and beyond
Violence	879	560	371	219	178	361
Civil crimes	15	4	5	4	-	-
Security	4,412	1,656	520	194	90	88
Public order	213	105	79	56	36	88
Financial offenses	50	7	2	2	2	1
Moral crimes	27	11	2	1	-	3
Crimes against human life	2,020	627	207	106	51	68
Sex offenses	763	238	76	59	28	43
Fraud	112	50	20	21	8	26
Drug offenses	321	289	248	170	135	420
Transportation and licensing offenses	79	53	41	36	16	12
Offenses against property	227	285	259	206	173	582
Robbery	136	114	89	65	32	72
Other offenses	132	61	41	31	21	38
Illegal stay	2,296	495	217	139	74	143

⁶ From the IPS' response to an application by the **Legal Clinic for Prisoners Rights and Rehabilitation at Haifa University**, 22.1.2009.