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Immigration Data

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Immigration to Israel 1989-2004

Year	No. of immigrants	%	Former Soviet Union	%
TOTAL	1,180,870	100%	962,458	100%
1989	24,300	2%	12,780	1%
1990	200,000	17%	184,740	19%
1991	176,545	15%	147,670	15%
1992	77,310	7%	64,880	7%
1993	77,850	7%	66,160	7%
1994	80,800	7%	67,750	7%
1995	77,660	7%	64,730	7%
1996	72,180	6%	58,830	6%
1997	68,000	6%	54,630	6%
1998	58,440	5%	46,140	5%
1999	78,400	7%	67,100	7%
2000	61,700	5%	51,060	5%
2001	44,800	4%	33,900	4%
2002	35,350	3%	18,964	2%
2003	25,035	2%	12,720	1%
2004	22,500	2%	10,404	1%

Immigration by Continent of Origin (1989-2004)



Continent	No of immigrants	% Change
TOTAL	1,180,870	100.0%
Eastern Europe	980,411	83.0%
Thereof: FSU	962,458	81.5%
Western Europe	46,428	3.9%
Thereof: France	27,424	2.3%
N. America & Oceania	41,942	3.6%
Latin America	33,224	2.8%
Thereof: Argentina	22,148	1.9%
Africa	63,093	5.3%
Thereof: Ethiopia	56,114	4.8%
Asia	13,353	1.1%
Unknown	2,419	0.2%

Immigration by Continent of Origin



Continent	2003	2004	% Change
TOTAL	25,035	22,500	-10.1%
Eastern Europe	12,962	10,737	-17.2%
Thereof: FSU	12,720	10,404	-18.2%
Western Europe	2,895	3,265	12.8%
Thereof: France	2,083	2,371	13.8%
N. America & Oceania	2,589	2,687	3.8%
Latin America	2,572	1,247	-51.5%
Thereof: Argentina	1,464	488	-66.7%
Africa	3,406	3,996	17.3%
Thereof: Ethiopia	3,063	3,800	24.1%
Asia	497	461	-7.2%
Unknown	114	107	-6.1%

Immigrants from FSU by Republics



Republics	2003	2004	% Change
TOTAL	12,720	10,404	-18.2%
Russia	4,610	3,777	-18.1%
Ukraine	3,865	3,068	-20.6%
Byelorussia	712	529	-25.7%
Moldavia	370	360	-2.7%
Baltic Republics	172	124	-27.9%
Georgia	364	275	-24.5%
Central Asian Republics	1,744	1,534	-12.0%
Azerbaijan	393	301	-23.4%
Unknown	490	436	-11.0%

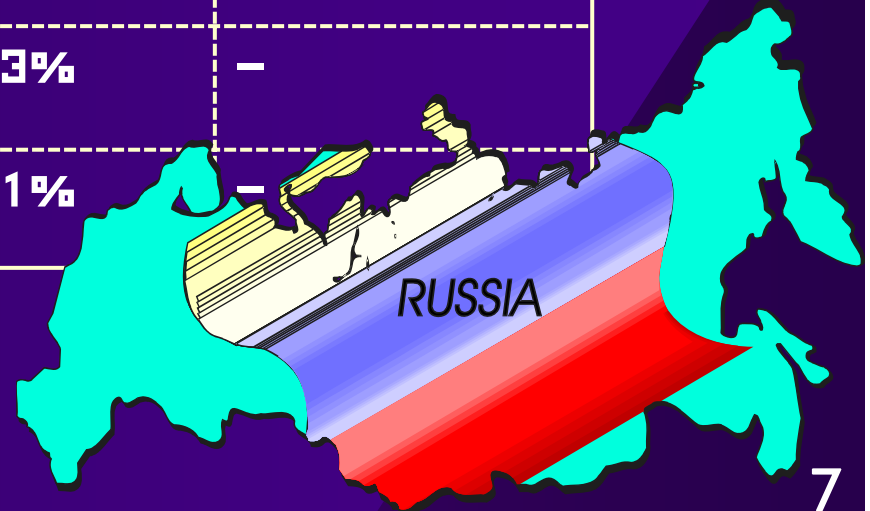
Immigrants from FSU by Age Groups



Age group	2003	2004	% Change
TOTAL	12,720	10,404	-18.2%
Total %	100.0%	100.0%	-
0-17	18.1%	18.7%	-
18-32	33.1%	34.7%	-
33-44	14.8%	14.7%	-
45-64	23.2%	20.3%	-
65+	10.8%	11.7%	-

Immigrants from FSU-Major Occupation

Occupation	2003	2004	% Change
TOTAL	12,720	10,404	-18.2%
Engineers	9.6%	9.0%	-
Physicians	2.4%	2.2%	-
Artists	1.6%	1.6%	-
Nurses	2.6%	2.3%	-
Teachers	6.4%	6.1%	-



Total Immigrants - Major Occupation

Occupation	2003	2004	% Change
TOTAL	25,035	22,500	-10.1%
Engineers	5.7%	5.1%	-
Physicians	1.8%	1.6%	-
Artists	1.5%	1.5%	-
Nurses	1.8%	1.6%	-
Teachers	5.4%	4.9%	-



Immigrants from Ethiopia

	2003	2004	% Change
Ethiopia	3,063	3,800	24.1%
Total Immigrants	25,035	22,500	-10.1%
%	12.2%	16.9%	-



Immigrants from Argentina

	2003	2004	% Change
Argentina	1,464	488	-66.7%
Total Immigrants	25,035	22,500	-10.1%
%	5.8%	2.2%	-



Immigrants from France

	2003	2004	% Change
France	2,083	2,371	13.8%
Total immigrants	25,035	22,500	-10.1%
%	8.3%	10.5%	-

25 Cities that absorbed most Immigrants 1989-2004

City	Total Immigrants	Thereof: FSU	Thereof: Ethiopia	%Immigrants in city
Ashdod	72,932	60,911	3,722	34.2%
Haifa	70,015	63,956	2,138	23.3%
Jerusalem	61,514	33,280	1,940	8.0%
Beer Sheva	59,929	52,398	2,951	30.2%
Tel Aviv-Jaffa	57,723	44,394	121	12.6%
Natanya	52,932	39,886	5,980	27.3%
Bat Yam	48,674	44,625	361	31.1%
Rishon l'Zion	43,135	38,571	2,148	18.5%
Ashkelon	39,464	33,994	2,310	34.2%
Petach Tikva	39,374	36,645	802	20.4%
Holon	33,296	29,829	103	17.7%
Hadera	24,219	20,535	2,340	29.3%
Upper Nazareth	22,990	21,366	226	44.8%

25 Cities that absorbed most Immigrants 1989-2004 (continued)

City	Total Immigrants	There of: FSU	There of: Ethiopia	%Immigrants in city
Rehovot	22,090	16,371	3,479	19.3%
Lod	19,562	16,663	2,143	26.4%
Karmiel	18,700	17,001	215	38.0%
Kiryat Gat	16,281	14,482	1,142	31.3%
Kiryat Yam	15,526	14,231	628	34.8%
Ramat Gan	15,236	12,954	6	10.7%
Ramla	14,663	12,489	1,612	21.5%
Beit Shemesh	14,124	7,127	1,539	22.0%
Afula	12,298	10,807	913	29.0%
Kfar Saba	11,933	8,610	208	13.7%
Kiryat Ata	11,685	11,012	202	21.6%
Naharia	11,112	9,245	315	19.7%