

Israeli Voice Index – April 2026



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1. How do you feel about Israel's situation in the following areas in the foreseeable future? Democratic rule

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Very optimistic	13.5	3.3	11.8
Quite optimistic	33.4	28.0	32.5
Quite pessimistic	28.6	36.7	30.0
Very pessimistic	19.3	28.7	20.9
Don't know	5.2	3.3	4.8
Total	100	100	100

2. How do you feel about Israel's situation in the following areas in the foreseeable future? The security situation

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Very optimistic	10.8	2.0	9.3
Quite optimistic	33.6	8.0	29.3
Quite pessimistic	34.6	48.0	36.9
Very pessimistic	18.3	41.3	22.2
Don't know	2.7	0.7	2.3
Total	100	100	100

3. How do you feel about Israel's situation in the following areas in the foreseeable future? The economic situation

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Very optimistic	9.2	2.0	7.9
Quite optimistic	27.8	14.7	25.6
Quite pessimistic	33.6	38.7	34.5
Very pessimistic	27.3	42.0	29.8
Don't know	2.1	2.6	2.2
Total	100	100	100

4. How do you feel about Israel's situation in the following areas in the foreseeable future? Social cohesion

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Very optimistic	4.0	2.7	3.8
Quite optimistic	18.8	18.7	18.8
Quite pessimistic	32.8	38.7	33.8
Very pessimistic	40.4	38.0	40.0
Don't know	4.0	1.9	3.6
Total	100	100	100

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5. In light of President Trump's repeated extensions of the ceasefire with Iran, how would you rate the likelihood of a return to widescale conflict?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Very high likelihood	18.8	14.7	18.1
Fairly high likelihood	45.1	37.3	43.8
Fairly low likelihood	22.8	30.0	24.0
Very low likelihood/No likelihood at all	5.3	6.7	5.6
Don't know	8.0	11.3	8.5
Total	100	100	100

6. If the war with Iran has indeed ended, to what extent do you think this serves Israel's security interests?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
To very large extent	8.0	12.0	8.7
To a fairly large extent	18.3	36.7	21.4
To a fairly small extent	35.9	30.0	34.9
To a very small extent/Not at all	28.3	4.7	24.3
Don't know	9.5	16.6	10.7
Total	100	100	100

7. In your opinion, what will best ensure Israel's future security in the short term?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Strengthening Israel's military power	32.4	8.7	28.4
Reaching political agreements with states in the region	25.1	56.7	30.5
Both equally	39.9	28.7	38.0
Don't know	2.6	5.9	3.1
Total	100	100	100

8. In your opinion, what will best ensure Israel's future security in the long term?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Strengthening Israel's military power	21.3	8.0	19.0
Reaching political agreements with states in the region	32.3	29.3	31.8
Both equally	43.1	55.3	45.2
Don't know	3.3	7.4	4.0
Total	100	100	100



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9. In your opinion, what is the likelihood of reaching a stable diplomatic-defense arrangement with the Lebanese government, that will include the disarming of Hezbollah?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Very high likelihood	2.0	9.3	3.2
Fairly high likelihood	15.1	35.3	18.6
Fairly low likelihood	49.8	33.3	47.0
Very low likelihood/No likelihood at all	28.8	12.0	25.9
Don't know	4.3	10.1	5.3
Total	100	100	100

10. In your opinion, which of the following has greater influence on security decisions relating to Israel? [Responses 1 and 2 presented in a random order]

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
The government of Israel	15.3	31.3	18.0
The US administration	56.4	25.3	51.1
Both equally	26.8	40.0	29.0
Don't know	1.5	3.4	1.9
Total	100	100	100

11. Last week, Israel celebrated its 78th Independence Day. In general, what has been the balance between its successes and failures until now?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
More successes than failures	50.2	16.7	44.5
An equal share of successes and failures	24.0	28.7	24.8
More failures than successes	21.0	24.7	21.6
Don't know	4.8	29.9	9.1
Total	100	100	100

12. In your opinion, what was the main factor guiding Prime Minister Netanyahu when he recently appointed new heads of the Shin Bet (Major General David Zini) and the Mossad (Major General Roman Gofman)?
[Responses 1 and 2 presented in a random order]

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Mainly the candidates' professional capabilities	36.6	18.0	33.4
Mainly considerations of the candidates' personal closeness and loyalty to Netanyahu	48.9	42.0	47.7
Don't know	14.5	40.0	18.9
Total	100	100	100

13. Do recent events—including disciplinary action against soldiers for lighting a barbecue on Shabbat, and punishment of female soldiers on the grounds that they were dressed immodestly at an event marking the end of their military service—indicate or not indicate a substantial change in the character of the IDF?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Indicate a substantial change in a positive/appropriate direction	16.1	27.3	18.0
Indicate a substantial change in a negative/inappropriate direction	49.9	35.3	47.4
Do not indicate a substantial change in the character of the IDF	27.8	17.3	26.0
Don't know	6.2	20.1	8.6
Total	100	100	100

14. It was recently reported that there has been an increase in the proportion of the American public who have a negative view of Israel (from 53% last year to 60% this year). In your opinion, how worrying or not worrying is this for Israel?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Very worrying	37.1	22.7	34.7
Somewhat worrying	35.1	48.7	37.4
Not so worrying	18.3	17.3	18.1
Not at all worrying	6.7	2.7	6.0
Don't know	2.8	8.6	3.8
Total	100	100	100

15. How are the security forces and enforcement agencies treating settlers involved in violent acts against Palestinians in the West Bank / Judea and Samaria?

	Jews	Arabs	General Public
Too harshly	23.0	34.7	24.9
Too leniently	45.6	42.0	45.0
Appropriately	19.3	10.0	17.7
Don't know	12.1	13.3	12.4
Total	100	100	100

The Israeli Voice Index for April 2026 was prepared by the Viterbi Center for Public Opinion and Policy Research of the Israel Democracy Institute. In the survey, which was conducted on the internet and by telephone (supplements of groups that are not sufficiently represented on the network) between April 26-30, 2026, 601 men and women were interviewed in Hebrew and 150 in Arabic, constituting a representative national sample of the entire adult population of Israel aged 18 and older. The maximum sampling error for the entire sample was $\pm 3.58\%$ at a confidence level of 95%. The fieldwork was done by the Shiluv-i2r Research and Polling Institute. For the full data file see: <https://dataisrael.idi.org.il>