

The Israeli Voice Index - August 2026

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

1. Democratic rule:

	Total sample	Jews	Arabs
Very optimistic	9.3	10.9	1.4
Quite optimistic	27.0	29.3	16.2
Quite pessimistic	36.5	33.9	49.1
Very pessimistic	23.4	21.8	31.2
Don't know	3.8	4.1	2.1
Total	100	100	100

2. The security situation:

	Total sample	Jews	Arabs
Very optimistic	7.0	8.3	0.7
Quite optimistic	26.6	30.6	7.3
Quite pessimistic	39.1	38.0	44.2
Very pessimistic	25.4	21.2	46.4
Don't know	1.9	1.9	1.4
Total	100	100	100

3. The economic situation:

	Total sample	Jews	Arabs
Very optimistic	7.1	8.6	0.0
Quite optimistic	19.7	21.8	9.5
Quite pessimistic	37.7	37.2	40.0
Very pessimistic	34.3	31.4	48.4
Don't know	1.2	1.0	2.1
Total	100	100	100



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4. Social cohesion:

	Total sample	Jews	Arabs
Very optimistic	5.3	6.1	1.4
Quite optimistic	13.5	13.4	14.2
Quite pessimistic	36.3	36.2	36.9
Very pessimistic	42.6	42.0	45.4
Don't know	2.3	2.3	2.1
Total	100	100	100

5. In your opinion, what were the main considerations behind Israel's attack on Syria close to the border with Turkey?

	Total sample	Jews	Arabs
Mainly objective defense considerations	46.3	49.4	30.8
Mainly political considerations of the government ahead of the upcoming elections	34.2	29.6	57.0
Don't know	19.5	21.0	12.2
Total	100	100	100

6. How central are the events of October 7 in your decision regarding which party to vote for in the upcoming elections?

	Total sample	Jews	Arabs
Very central	32.5	36.7	11.9
Fairly central	29.7	31.6	20.4
Not so central	20.4	16.4	40.5
Hardly/not central at all	11.9	12.6	8.6
Don't know	5.5	2.7	18.6
Total	100	100	100

7. What will have the greatest influence on your decision regarding which party to vote for in the upcoming elections?

	Total sample	Jews	Arabs
The party's position regarding foreign affairs and security	17.7	18.3	14.7
The party's position regarding religion and state	12.6	13.4	8.7
The party's position regarding the economy and the high cost of living	18.0	17.9	18.9
The party's position regarding the reform to the judicial system	6.4	6.4	6.2
(Jews) The party's position regarding conscription	11.4	13.7	0.0
(Arabs) The party's position regarding crime in Arab society	5.3	0.0	31.5
The head of the party	13.9	15.5	5.9
Other	3.2	3.8	0.0
Don't intend to vote	2.4	1.2	8.7
Don't know	4.7	4.5	5.4
All/a combination of several factors	4.4	5.3	0.0
Total	100	100	100



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7(b). And what will be the second most influential factor (% among those naming a first factor in Q7, excluding non-voters and “Don’t know”)

	Total sample (from 92.9%)	Jews (from 94.3%)	Arabs (from 85.9%)
The party's position regarding foreign affairs and security	20.1	21.7	11.5
The party's position regarding religion and state	13.3	13.5	12.2
The party's position regarding the economy and the high cost of living	22.8	21.2	31.3
The party's position regarding the reform to the judicial system	11.4	11.9	8.6
(Jews) The party's position regarding conscription	12.0	14.2	0.0
(Arabs) The party's position regarding crime in Arab society	4.0	0.0	25.4
The head of the party	7.7	8.1	5.5
Other	2.4	2.8	0.0
Don't intend to vote	0.0	0.0	0.0
Don't know	0.7	0.6	1.7
All/a combination of several factors	0.1	0.2	0.0
There is no second factor	5.5	5.8	3.8
Total	100	100	100

8. How important to you is the issue of Israel–US relations when deciding which party to vote for in the upcoming elections?

	Total sample	Jews	Arabs
Very important	18.8	21.0	7.8
Fairly important	31.4	34.0	18.7
Not so important	26.8	24.0	40.5
Not important at all	18.2	16.4	27.5
Don't know	4.8	4.6	5.5
Total	100	100	100

9. In your opinion, how likely is it that political individuals or groups in Israel will attempt to sway the results of the next elections by improper means?

	Total sample	Jews	Arabs
Very likely	22.2	24.5	11.3
Quite likely	37.1	38.2	32.1
Quite unlikely	22.0	20.0	31.9
Very unlikely/not at all	9.2	8.8	11.4
Don't know	9.5	8.5	13.3
Total	100	100	100

10. In your opinion, how likely is it that foreign political entities (for example: other states) will attempt, in various ways, to sway the results of the next elections in Israel?

	Total sample	Jews	Arabs
Very likely	16.8	18.5	8.5
Quite likely	34.4	35.4	29.4
Quite unlikely	28.1	27.1	33.1
Very unlikely/not at all	9.0	8.8	10.1
Don't know	11.7	10.2	18.9
Total	100	100	100

11. What is the likelihood that some elements on the “losing side” will refuse to accept the published results of the elections and will respond with force in an attempt to change the results?

	Total sample	Jews	Arabs
Very low likelihood	10.5	11.4	6.0
Fairly low likelihood	23.7	22.5	29.5
Fairly high likelihood	38.8	37.5	45.2
Very high likelihood	17.3	19.0	8.8
Don't know	9.7	9.6	10.5
Total	100	100	100

12. Ahead of the new Jewish year (5787), how would you define the “national mood” at the current time?

	Total sample	Jews	Arabs
Very poor	15.8	16.9	10.7
Quite poor	45.3	48.6	29.3
Quite good	28.0	26.1	37.5
Very good	6.5	6.3	7.3
Don't know	4.4	2.1	15.2
Total	100	100	100

13. And how would you define your personal mood?

	Total sample	Jews	Arabs
Very poor	9.8	10.6	6.1
Quite poor	29.9	29.6	31.3
Quite good	38.9	36.4	51.3
Very good	19.9	22.5	7.3
Don't know	1.5	0.9	4.0
Total	100	100	100

14. (Jews) As the holidays approach, how do you feel about family meals for the holidays?

	Jews
Really like them	47.4
Moderately like them	33.2
Don't like them so much	13.2
Don't like them at all	4.6
Don't know	1.6
Total	100

*The **August 2026 Israeli Voice Index** was prepared by the Viterbi Family Center for Public Opinion and Policy Research at the Israel Democracy Institute. The survey was conducted via the internet and by telephone (to include groups that are under-represented on the internet) between August 31 and September 3, 2026, with 605 men and women interviewed in Hebrew and 150 in Arabic, constituting a nationally representative sample of the adult population in Israel aged 18 and over. The maximum sampling error was $\pm 3.57\%$ at a confidence level of 95%. Field work was carried out by Shiluv I²R. The full data file can be found at: <https://dataisrael.idi.org.il>.*



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