

## Aliyah Statistics – 2009

This analysis relates to olim who have come to Israel under the care of the Aliyah and Absorption Department of the Jewish Agency. During 2009 16,225 olim arrived. This is a 17% increase over the same period last year (13,859) not including Ethiopian olim.

### FSU, Germany and Eastern Europe

During 2009, 7,117 arrived from this geographic domain, in comparison with 5,876 last year, an increase of 21%.

- ❖ 6,818 from the FSU (43% of all olim during this period). This is a 22% increase over last year.
- ❖ The majority of olim from the FSU are from Russia, totaling 3,243 (a 25% increase over last year)
- ❖ 1,603 olim arrived from the Ukraine (a 22% increase over last year).
- ❖ From South Caucasus 600 olim arrived (a 12% increase over last year).
- ❖ From Central Asia 621 olim arrived (a 10% increase last year)
- ❖ The average age of the olim from the FSU during 2009 is 34.8 years old.
- ❖ During 2009, 115 olim arrived from Germany, as opposed to 111 in 2008, (an increase of 4 %).
- ❖ 184 olim arrived from Eastern Europe, as opposed to last year when 153 arrived, an increase of 20%. 90 of these olim came from Hungary.

### English Speaking Countries

During 2009 5,305 olim arrived from this geographic domain. This is an increase of 18% over 2008.

- ❖ From North America 3,767 olim came, as compared to 3,210 last year, an increase of 17%.
- ❖ From Great Britain 853 olim arrived, as compared to 624 last year, an increase of 38%.
- ❖ 335 olim arrived from South Africa, as compared to 337 last year.
- ❖ 180 olim arrived from Oceania, as compared to 177 last year.

### Europe and Middle East

A total of 2,606 olim arrived from this geographic domain during 2009, as compared to 2,402 last year, an increase of 8%.

- ❖ During this period, 1,909 olim arrived from France, as opposed to 1,876 last year, an increase of 2%.
- ❖ 150 olim arrived from Belgium, as compared to 115 during this period last year, an increase of 30%.
- ❖ 153 olim came from Turkey, as compared to 109 during this period last year, an increase of 40%.
- ❖ A total 133 olim from the Middle East arrived during this period, 27% more than last year. The majority of these olim are from Iran, Yemen and Morocco.

### Latin America

1,187 olim arrived from this geographic domain this year, as compared to 1,078 last year, an increase of 10%.

- ❖ 313 olim came from Argentina, as compared to 215 last year, an increase of 46%
- ❖ 259 olim arrived from Brazil, as compared to 236 last year, an increase of 10%
- ❖ 140 olim arrived from Mexico, an increase of 18%.
- ❖ 81 olim arrived from Chile, an increase of 7%.

### Ethiopia

Due to the government decision to stop the aliyah from Ethiopia, since the beginning of the year 240 olim arrived, 143 during October in comparison to 1,582 last year.

## Aliyah Statistics by Geographic Domains

GEOGRAPHIC DOMAIN	Country	2008	2009	% of difference	Dec. 2009
FSU	Russia, Belarus and Baltic	2,990	3,741	25%	378
	Ukraine and Moldova	1,492	1,839	23%	292
	Southern Caucasus	538	600	12%	52
	Central Asia	565	621	10%	50
	Rest of FSU	18	17	-6%	1
	<b>Total FSU</b>	<b>5,603</b>	<b>6,818</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>773</b>
	<b>Germany</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>8</b>
	Bulgaria	21	17	-19%	1
	Hungary	54	90	67%	4
	Poland	24	18	-25%	0
	Romania	29	35	21%	3
	Rest of Eastern Europe	25	24	-4%	1
	<b>Total Eastern Europe</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>9</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>5,867</b>	<b>7,117</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>790</b>
NORTH AMERICA AND ENGLISH SPEAKING COUNTRIES	North America	3,210	3,767	17%	389
	USA	2,791	3,324	19%	350
	Canada	419	443	6%	39
	Britain	624	853	37%	105
	South Africa	337	335	-1%	59
	Oceania	177	180	2%	11
	Holland	43	60	40%	11
	Scandinavia	28	55	96%	5
	India	61	30	-51%	0
	Others	31	25	-19%	2
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4,511</b>	<b>5,305</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>582</b>
EUROPE AND MIDDLE EAST	France	1,876	1,909	2%	159
	Belgium	115	150	30%	21
	Italy	58	89	53%	9
	Spain	25	37	48%	3
	Switzerland	84	92	10%	7
	Middle East	105	133	27%	7
	Turkey	109	153	40%	13
	Rest of Europe and Middle East	30	43	43%	3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,402</b>	<b>2,606</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>222</b>
LATIN AMERICA	Mexico	119	140	18%	16
	Uruguay	86	100	16%	8
	Argentina	215	313	46%	14
	Brazil	236	259	10%	8
	Venezuela	60	38	-37%	2
	Peru	139	105	-24%	4
	Chile	76	81	7%	1
	Columbia	58	57	-2%	12
	Rest of Latin America	89	94	6%	12
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,078</b>	<b>1,187</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>77</b>
	<b>Other Countries</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>		
<b>TOTAL – NOT INCLUDING ETHIOPIA</b>		<b>13,859</b>	<b>16,225</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>1,671</b>
<b>ETHIOPIA</b>	<b>Ethiopia</b>	<b>1,582</b>	<b>249</b>		
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>15,441</b>	<b>16,465</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>1,671</b>

\*Statistics from the Central Bureau of Statistics and the Department of Aliyah and Absorption, Jewish Agency for Israel