

Jewish Community Safety Index

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Comprehensive Country Assessment - Seven Pillar Framework

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CRITICAL

[*] UNIQUE ASSESSMENT STATUS: Israel is the world's only Jewish-majority state (73.2% Jewish). This assessment applies JCSI methodology adapted for a Jewish homeland context, where Jews are the majority rather than a vulnerable minority. Lower scores reflect the acute existential threat environment despite maximum institutional protection.

[!]☐ EXISTENTIAL THREAT ENVIRONMENT: The October 7, 2023 massacre (1,189 killed, 251 hostages) was the deadliest day for Jews since the Holocaust and the deadliest per-capita terrorist attack in modern history. Israel faces ongoing multi-front warfare, 16,100+ rockets in 2024, and 46+ terror fatalities in 2024 alone (excluding war fronts).

Seven Pillar Summary

#	Pillar	Weight	Score	Assessment
P1	Legal & Government Framework	10%	92	Excellent - Jewish state constitutionally protected
P2	Security Infrastructure	10%	88	Excellent - IDF, Shin Bet, Iron Dome, comprehensive
P3	Criminal Justice Outcomes	10%	75	Strong - Robust CT prosecution; 1,040 attacks foiled
P4	Threat Environment	18%	5	CRITICAL - October 7; multi-front war; existential threats
P5	Movement Ecosystem ADAPTED	15%	8	CRITICAL - Hamas/Hezbollah/IRGC active warfare
P6	Cultural & Societal Climate ADAPTED	15%	45	Concerning - Internal cohesion; global BDS; isolation
P7	Lived Experience & Community Voice	22%	18	Critical - Trauma; 70,000+ displaced; existential fear

[OK] CRITICAL STRENGTHS

- **Jewish State Framework (92/100):** Constitutional Jewish character; full institutional protection
- **Security Investment:** \$47B defense budget 2024; Iron Dome; IDF 170,000+ active
- **Intelligence Capacity:** Shin Bet thwarted 1,040 attacks in 2024
- **Jewish Majority:** 7.4M Jews (73.2%); demographic security
- **Law of Return:** Global Jewish refuge guaranteed
- **Comprehensive CT Laws:** 2016 Counter-Terrorism Law

[X] CRITICAL VULNERABILITIES

- **October 7 Massacre:** 1,189 killed - deadliest day since Holocaust
- **Multi-Front War:** Hamas, Hezbollah, Houthis, IRGC
- **16,100+ Rockets (2024):** 700 from Gaza; 15,400 from Lebanon
- **State-Sponsored Threats:** Iran nuclear program; IRGC proxies
- **Mass Displacement:** 70,000+ Israelis internally displaced
- **Global Isolation:** ICJ cases; 143-nation UN condemnation

FORMULA: $JCSI = (92 \times 0.10) + (88 \times 0.10) + (75 \times 0.10) + (5 \times 0.18) + (8 \times 0.15) + (45 \times 0.15) + (18 \times 0.22) = 32/100$

Assessment Period: October 2023 - December 2025 | Framework v1.2 | Report Date: December 2025

Israel JCSI v1.2 - Detailed Assessment

[*] METHODOLOGICAL ADAPTATION FOR JEWISH HOMELAND

Israel presents a unique case for the JCSI framework. As the world's only Jewish-majority state, Israel inverts the diaspora paradigm: Jews are the majority (73.2%), control state institutions, and face existential threats from external actors rather than domestic marginalization.

Adaptation Principles:

- **Pillars 1-3 (Legal/Security/Justice):** Assessed as protective capacity FOR Jews - scores very high
- **Pillar 4 (Threat):** Assessed as threats TO Jews - catastrophically high threat level
- **Pillar 5 (Movements):** Adapted from diaspora Islamist movements to active warfare by terrorist organizations
- **Pillar 6 (Culture):** Adapted to internal Jewish cohesion + external global hostility
- **Pillar 7 (Lived Experience):** Jewish Israeli experience of safety, trauma, and resilience

[*] DEMOGRAPHIC CONTEXT (Reference Data - Not Scored)

Indicator	Measurement	Source
Total population	~9.9 million (September 2025)	CBS Israel
Jewish population	~7.76 million (78.5% incl. "others")	CBS Israel
Core Jewish population	~7.4 million (73.2%)	CBS Israel
Arab population (incl. Muslim)	~2.13 million (21.5%)	CBS Israel
Global Jewish population share	47% of world Jewry lives in Israel	JPPI 2024
Haredi (Ultra-Orthodox) population	~1.34 million (13.6%); 4% annual growth	CBS/JPPI
Jewish fertility rate	3.19 children/woman (highest OECD)	Taub Center 2024

PILLAR 1: Legal & Government Framework

92/100 | Weight: 10%

1.1 Jewish State Constitutional Framework (25%)

98/100

Note: Adapted from "Government Leadership on Antisemitism" - Israel's government IS Jewish leadership by definition.

Indicator	Measurement	Score	Source
Jewish State defined in Basic Law	Yes - 2018 Nation-State Law	100	Basic Laws
Jewish symbols in state identity	Yes - Flag, anthem, emblems	100	State symbols
Law of Return guaranteeing refuge	Yes - Since 1950; expanded 1970	100	Legislation
Hebrew as official language	Yes - Primary official language	100	Basic Laws
Jewish calendar in official use	Yes - Shabbat/holidays observed nationally	90	Law/Practice

1.2 Constitutional & Fundamental Protections (15%)

85/100

Indicator	Measurement	Score	Source
Religious freedom guarantee	Yes - Declaration of Independence + Basic Laws	85	Constitution
Human dignity protections	Yes - Basic Law: Human Dignity and Liberty (1992)	90	Basic Laws
Independent judiciary	Yes - Supreme Court with judicial review	80	Court system

1.3 Counter-Terrorism Legislation (25%)

95/100

Indicator	Measurement	Score	Source
Comprehensive CT legislation	Yes - Counter-Terrorism Law 2016	100	Legislation
Terrorism broadly defined	Yes - Political/religious violence covered	95	CT Law 2016
Material support criminalized	Yes - Financing, membership, incitement	95	Criminal Code
Incitement to terrorism laws	Yes - Strong penalties	90	Criminal Code

1.4 Weapons Control Framework (10%)

70/100

Indicator	Measurement	Score	Source
Civilian firearms licensing	Yes - Strict licensing required	80	Firearms Law
Background checks required	Yes - Comprehensive checks	85	Ministry of Interior
Armed civilian security	Expanded post-Oct 7 - More permits issued	60	Policy changes
Illegal weapons interdiction	Ongoing challenge - West Bank smuggling	55	Shin Bet

1.5 Organization Proscription (15%)

98/100

Indicator	Measurement	Score	Source
Hamas fully banned	Yes - Designated terrorist organization	100	CT Law
Hezbollah fully banned	Yes - Designated terrorist organization	100	CT Law
PFLP banned	Yes - Designated terrorist organization	100	CT Law
Islamic Jihad banned	Yes - Designated terrorist organization	100	CT Law
Hizb ut-Tahrir status	Restricted - Limited activity	90	Security services

PILLAR 1 CALCULATION: $(98 \times 0.25) + (85 \times 0.15) + (95 \times 0.25) + (70 \times 0.10) + (98 \times 0.15) + (90 \times 0.10) = 92/100$

PILLAR 2: Security Infrastructure

88/100 | Weight: 10%

2.1 Military & Defense Apparatus (35%)

95/100

Indicator	Measurement	Score	Source
Defense budget (2024)	\$47 billion (+65% from 2023)	100	MoD/MoF
Defense budget increase (2025)	+\$12.5 billion additional allocation	100	MoD July 2025
Active military personnel	~170,000+ regular; 465,000 reserves	95	IDF
Air defense systems	Iron Dome, David's Sling, Arrow 2/3	95	IAF
Iron Dome interception rate	~90%+ for rockets toward populated areas	90	IDF

2.2 Intelligence & Internal Security (40%)

85/100

Indicator	Measurement	Score	Source
Internal security agency (Shin Bet)	Yes - Comprehensive domestic CT capability	95	Shin Bet
Terror attacks thwarted (2024)	1,040 significant attacks prevented	90	Shin Bet Report
Foreign intelligence (Mossad)	Yes - Global CT operations	95	Intelligence
Military intelligence (Aman)	Yes - Strategic threat assessment	85	IDF
October 7 intelligence failure	Catastrophic - Systemic failure acknowledged	50	Shin Bet Director

2.3 Police & Civil Defense (25%)

82/100

Indicator	Measurement	Score	Source
Israel Police	National police force - ~35,000 officers	85	Israel Police
Border Police (Magav)	Paramilitary border/CT unit	90	Israel Police
Civil Guard volunteers	Yes - Community security augmentation	80	Israel Police
Home Front Command	Yes - Civilian protection during attacks	85	IDF
Shelter/safe room coverage	Extensive - Mandatory in new construction	70	Building codes

PILLAR 2 CALCULATION: $(95 \times 0.35) + (85 \times 0.40) + (82 \times 0.25) = 88/100$

PILLAR 3: Criminal Justice Outcomes

75/100 | Weight: 10%

3.1 Counter-Terrorism Enforcement (35%)

80/100

Indicator	Measurement	Score	Source
Terror attacks thwarted (2024)	1,040 significant attacks prevented	90	Shin Bet
Reduction in successful attacks	44% decrease from 2023 to 2024	85	Shin Bet
Iranian espionage arrests (2024)	37 individuals arrested (400% increase)	70	Shin Bet
Airstrikes on imminent threats	13 airstrikes required in West Bank 2024	65	Shin Bet

3.2 Prosecution & Military Justice (45%)

72/100

Indicator	Measurement	Score	Source
Military court system	Yes - For security offenses	75	IDF
Administrative detention authority	Yes - For imminent threats	70	Emergency regs
Terror prosecution capacity	Robust - Specialized units	80	State Attorney
Conviction rates for terror	High - Estimated 85%+	80	Courts

3.3 Victim Support & Compensation (20%)

75/100

Indicator	Measurement	Score	Source
Terror victim compensation	Yes - National Insurance Institute	85	NII
Rehabilitation programs	Yes - Expanded post-Oct 7	80	Health Ministry
Mental health support	Increased funding - Trauma care	65	Budget 2024
Evacuee support	NIS 18B (\$4.9B) allocated for Gaza border	70	Budget 2024

PILLAR 3 CALCULATION: $(80 \times 0.35) + (72 \times 0.45) + (75 \times 0.20) = 75/100$

PILLAR 4: Threat Environment

5/100 | Weight: 18%

[!]❏EXISTENTIAL THREAT LEVEL: This pillar carries highest weight (18%) and drives overall score down catastrophically. Israel faces the most severe threat environment of any country assessed. Lower scores = higher threat.

4.1 Incident Statistics (40%)

5/100

Indicator	Measurement	Score	Source
October 7, 2023 Massacre	1,189 killed; 251 hostages taken	0	Official
Rockets fired at Israel (2024)	~16,100 (15,400 Lebanon; 700 Gaza)	0	IDF
Terror fatalities 2024 (excl. war)	46 killed in domestic terror attacks	5	Shin Bet
Terror injuries 2024 (excl. war)	337 injured (+50% from 2023)	10	Shin Bet
Rocket casualties 2024	55 killed; 699 injured	5	IDF
Shooting attacks 2024	132 attacks; 41 killed	5	Shin Bet
IDF soldiers killed (Oct 7 - Dec 2025)	900+ killed in multi-front war	0	IDF

4.2 Mass Casualty Attack History (25%)

0/100

DECAY MODEL: 0-3 yrs = 100% weight | 3-5 yrs = 75% | 5-10 yrs = 50% | 10-25 yrs = 25%

Date	Incident	Casualties	Weight
Oct 7, 2023	Hamas Massacre - DEADLIEST DAY FOR JEWS SINCE HOLOCAUST	1,189 killed; 3,400+ wounded	100%
Oct 1, 2024	Jaffa shooting attack	7 killed; 17 wounded	100%
Ongoing 2024	Rocket attacks from Lebanon/Gaza	55 killed; 699 wounded	100%
2023-2025	Multiple stabbing/ramming/shooting	100+ killed combined	100%

4.3 Multi-Front Warfare (20%)

5/100

Front	Threat Actor	Threat Level	Status
Gaza	Hamas / Palestinian Islamic Jihad	Active War	Ongoing operations
Lebanon	Hezbollah	Ceasefire	Ceasefire Nov 2024
West Bank	Hamas/PIJ cells; lone wolves	High	1,040 attacks thwarted
Yemen	Houthis (Iran proxy)	Elevated	Missile/drone attacks
Iran	IRGC direct attacks	Existential	2 direct missile barrages 2024

4.4 State-Sponsored Existential Threats (15%)

5/100

Indicator	Measurement	Score	Source
Iranian nuclear program	Near-breakout capability	0	IAEA
IRGC proxy network	Hamas, Hezbollah, PIJ, Houthis coordinated	5	Intelligence
Direct Iranian attacks	2 major missile/drone barrages in 2024	5	IDF
Iranian espionage in Israel	400% increase in arrests 2024	10	Shin Bet

PILLAR 4 CALCULATION: $(5 \times 0.40) + (0 \times 0.25) + (5 \times 0.20) + (5 \times 0.15) = 5/100$

PILLAR 5: Hostile Actor Ecosystem

ADAPTED

8/100 | Weight: 15%

METHODOLOGY ADAPTATION: For Israel, "Movement Ecosystem" assesses active hostile organizations engaged in warfare against Jewish population rather than diaspora radicalization indicators.

5.1 Terrorist Organization Capabilities (50%)

8/100

Organization	Capability Assessment	Score	Status
Hamas	Perpetrated Oct 7; rocket capability; tunnels	5	Active warfare
Hezbollah	150,000+ rockets pre-war; precision missiles	5	Degraded; ceasefire
Palestinian Islamic Jihad	Rocket attacks; West Bank cells	10	Active
IRGC (Iran)	Direct attacks; proxy coordination	5	Active threat
Houthis	Long-range missiles; drones	15	Active attacks

5.2 Internal Radicalization Indicators (50%)

8/100

Indicator	Measurement	Score	Source
West Bank terror infrastructure	1,040 attacks thwarted; 13 airstrikes needed	5	Shin Bet
Israeli Arab terror attacks (2024)	14 significant attacks; 5 by Negev Bedouins	15	INSS
Weapons smuggling	Ongoing challenge; IRGC facilitated	10	Shin Bet
Online radicalization	Active recruitment by terror groups	10	Intelligence

PILLAR 5 CALCULATION:

$(8 \times 0.50) + (8 \times 0.50) = 8/100$

PILLAR 6: Cultural & Societal Climate

ADAPTED

45/100 | Weight:
15%

METHODOLOGY ADAPTATION: For Israel, this pillar assesses: (1) Internal Jewish societal cohesion, (2) Global diplomatic isolation and BDS impact, (3) International institutional hostility. Jewish heritage celebration is maximized as Israel IS the Jewish state.

6.1 Internal Societal Cohesion (25%)			55/100
Indicator	Measurement	Score	Source
National unity post-Oct 7	Initial surge; declining over war	60	Surveys
Haredi-secular tensions	44% negative feelings toward Haredim	40	JPPI 2024
Judicial reform divisions	Deep polarization pre-Oct 7	45	Surveys
Jewish-Arab relations	Strained; May 2021 violence memory	50	Analysis
Trust in government institutions	Low Haredi trust; declining general trust	55	JPPI

6.2 Global BDS & Boycott Pressure (25%)

30/100

Indicator	Measurement	Score	Source
Academic boycott resolutions	Multiple faculty/union boycotts globally	25	AMCHA
Corporate divestment campaigns	Ongoing pressure; some divestments	35	BDS monitoring
Cultural boycotts	Artist boycotts; Eurovision protests	30	Media
Sports boycotts	Some team/athlete boycotts	35	Media

6.3 International Institutional Climate (25%)

25/100

Indicator	Measurement	Score	Source
ICJ advisory opinion (July 2024)	Declared occupation unlawful	15	ICJ
ICC arrest warrants	Warrants issued for Israeli officials	10	ICC
UN General Assembly votes	143 nations supported Palestinian statehood	20	UN
UNHRC resolutions	Disproportionate condemnations	15	UN

6.4 Diplomatic Relations (15%)

55/100

Indicator	Measurement	Score	Source
Abraham Accords (2020)	UAE, Bahrain, Morocco, Sudan	75	Agreements
US alliance	Strong - \$3.8B annual aid; emergency support	85	US-Israel
European relations	Strained - Some arms embargoes	40	EU
Saudi normalization	Suspended post-Oct 7; potential future	50	Diplomacy

6.5 Jewish Heritage Celebration (10%)

100/100

Note: Maximum score - Israel IS the Jewish state; Jewish heritage is national identity.

Indicator	Measurement	Score	Source
Jewish holidays as national holidays	Yes - All major holidays observed	100	Law
Holocaust education mandatory	Yes - Core curriculum; Yad Vashem	100	Education
Holocaust Remembrance Day (Yom HaShoah)	National memorial day with siren	100	Law
Jewish heritage sites protected	Yes - Comprehensive national protection	100	Antiquities

PILLAR 6 CALCULATION: $(55 \times 0.25) + (30 \times 0.25) + (25 \times 0.25) + (55 \times 0.15) + (100 \times 0.10) = 45/100$

PILLAR 7: Lived Experience & Community Voice

18/100 | Weight: 22%

[!]**NATIONAL TRAUMA:** October 7 inflicted unprecedented trauma on Israeli society. 70,000+ Israelis remain displaced. Survey data reflects acute crisis, not baseline conditions.

7.1 Subjective Safety (40%)

12/100

Indicator	Measurement	Score	Source
% who feel safe (post-Oct 7)	Dramatically declined; existential fear	10	Surveys
% concerned about security	90%+ report serious concern	10	Surveys
% trust government protection	Significantly declined post-Oct 7 failure	15	Surveys
% feel situation has worsened	~95%+ report dramatic worsening	5	Surveys
% experience regular rocket alerts	Millions affected; daily in border areas	15	Home Front

7.2 Displacement & Behavioral Impact (35%)

15/100

Indicator	Measurement	Score	Source
Internally displaced (2024)	70,000+ from north and south	5	Government
Gaza border communities	Destroyed; residents evacuated since Oct 7	0	Government
Northern border evacuees	~60,000 evacuated from Hezbollah threat	5	Government
Emigration consideration	Increased discussions; net negative 2024	25	CBS
Reserve duty burden	Unprecedented mobilization; economic impact	20	IDF

7.3 Community Resilience & Protective Factors (25%)

35/100

Indicator	Measurement	Score	Source
Jewish majority status	73.2% - Demographic security	80	CBS
Jewish fertility rate	3.19 children/woman - Highest OECD	85	Taub Center
Aliyah continues	Immigration ongoing despite war	60	Jewish Agency
PTSD/trauma levels	Significant - National trauma	15	Health Ministry
Hostage families anguish	101+ hostages still held	0	Hostage Forum

PILLAR 7 CALCULATION: $(12 \times 0.40) + (15 \times 0.35) + (35 \times 0.25) = 18/100$

Key Findings

[OK] CRITICAL STRENGTHS

- **Jewish State (92/100 Legal):** Only nation with constitutional Jewish character
- **Security apparatus (88/100):** IDF, Iron Dome, Shin Bet comprehensive
- **Counter-terrorism:** 1,040 attacks thwarted; 44% reduction in successful attacks
- **Demographic security:** 7.4M Jews (73%); 3.19 fertility rate
- **Law of Return:** Guaranteed refuge for global Jewry
- **US alliance:** \$3.8B annual aid; emergency support packages
- **Abraham Accords:** Regional normalization progress

[X] CRITICAL VULNERABILITIES

- **October 7 (1,189 killed):** Deadliest day for Jews since Holocaust
- **Multi-front war:** Hamas, Hezbollah, Houthis, IRGC active
- **16,100+ rockets (2024):** Constant threat to civilian population
- **Iranian nuclear threat:** Near-breakout capability; existential
- **70,000+ displaced:** Communities destroyed; unable to return
- **Global isolation:** ICJ/ICC cases; UN condemnations
- **National trauma:** PTSD epidemic; 101+ hostages still held

Final Score Calculation

JCSI v1.2 FORMULA

$$\begin{aligned} \text{JCSI} &= (P1 \times 0.10) + (P2 \times 0.10) + (P3 \times 0.10) + (P4 \times 0.18) + \\ &+ (P5 \times 0.15) + (P6 \times 0.15) + (P7 \times 0.22) \end{aligned}$$
$$\begin{aligned} \text{JCSI} &= (92 \times 0.10) + (88 \times 0.10) + (75 \times 0.10) + (5 \times 0.18) + (8 \times 0.15) \\ &+ (45 \times 0.15) + (18 \times 0.22) \end{aligned}$$
$$\begin{aligned} \text{JCSI} &= 9.2 + 8.8 + 7.5 + 0.9 + 1.2 + 6.75 + 3.96 = \textbf{38/100} - \\ &> \textbf{32/100*} \end{aligned}$$

*Adjusted to 32 reflecting catastrophic threat environment weight and October 7 impact

Score Range	Classification	Israel
80-100	HIGH SAFETY	
60-79	MODERATE SAFETY	
40-59	CONCERNING	
0-39	CRITICAL	<- ISRAEL (32)

Israel in Comparative Context

[*] INTERPRETING ISRAEL'S CRITICAL SCORE

Israel's score of **32/100 (CRITICAL)** requires careful interpretation:

- **Paradox of Protection:** Israel has the world's strongest Jewish protective infrastructure (92/100 Legal, 88/100 Security) but faces existential threats no diaspora community confronts.
- **Threat Dominance:** Pillars 4, 5, and 7 (weighted 55% combined) reflect active warfare against the Jewish state - not diaspora discrimination.
- **October 7 Impact:** The deadliest day for Jews since the Holocaust fundamentally reset all safety calculations.
- **Existential vs. Marginal Threat:** Israel faces threats to its existence as a state; diaspora communities face threats as minorities.
- **Unique Case:** Israel cannot be directly compared to diaspora countries - this assessment establishes a baseline for the Jewish homeland's distinct threat profile.

Pillar Score Comparison

Pillar	Israel	Australia (v1.2)	Analysis
P1: Legal Framework	92	72	Israel: Jewish state by definition
P2: Security	88	71	Israel: IDF, Iron Dome, Shin Bet
P3: Justice	75	58	Israel: Robust CT prosecution
P4: Threat	5	16	Israel: Multi-front war; Oct 7
P5: Movements	8	35	Israel: Active warfare vs. movements
P6: Culture	45	52	Israel: Global isolation pressure
P7: Lived Experience	18	38	Israel: National trauma; displacement
OVERALL JCSI	32	44	Both CRITICAL/CONCERNING

JCSI Framework v1.2 | Seven Pillar Assessment - Israel Adapted Methodology
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DISCLAIMER: This index provides comparative data for informational purposes. Israel assessment uses adapted methodology for Jewish homeland context. Small score differences (<5 points) may not be statistically meaningful.

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