

The Demographic Success of the West Bank Settlers
Technical notes and Sources for Infogram,

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Figure 1: Less immigration, more natural growth

Source: Israeli Statistical Abstract, different years (1992-2012), Table 2.4, “Source of Population Growth by District.”

Figure 2: Ultra Orthodox Trump Card

Data for 1991 and 2011: Statistical Abstract of Israeli, different years (1992-2012). Table 2.4 (data by district).

Number of Ultra Orthodox Settlers is the number of people in ultra orthodox settlements (4620 in 1991 and 100,880 in 2011). Source: Israeli Central Bureau of Statistics for population in Israeli communities, available on http://www.cbs.gov.il/ishuvim/ishuvim_main.htm

Data Sources and estimation method for 2020:

All (445,782): Our calculations, applying the average natural growth rate (births minus deaths) in the district of Judah and Samaria during 2009, 2010 and 2011 (3.57%) to the total 2011 settler population (325,100). Source: Israeli Statistical Abstract, 2009, 2010, 2011, Table 2.4: “Source of Population Growth by District.”

Ultra Orthodox (170,435): Our estimate, based on the number of ultra orthodox in 2011 and applying the known growth rate for Ultra Orthodox population in Israel in 2001 (6%), which is the latest estimate for the Ultra Orthodox. Source: Norma Gurovich and Eilat Cohen-Kastro. 2004. “Ultra-Orthodox Jews Geographic Distribution and Demographic, Social and Economic Characteristics of the Ultra-Orthodox Jewish Population in Israel 1996–2001,” Working Papers Series No. 5, Israel Central Bureau of Statistics. Page 54.

Other settlers (275,348): All settlers minus Ultra orthodox settlers.

Figure 3: High Birthrate and Natural Growth Rates

a. Natural Growth Rates

All Israeli Jews and all Settlers: Our calculation of average natural growth (births minus deaths) for 2009, 2010, and 2011 (1.48%) for all Israeli Jews, and for the district of Judah and Samaria. Source: Israeli Statistical Abstract, 2009, 2010, 2011, Table 2.4: “Source of Population Growth by District.”

Ultra Orthodox Settlers. Gurovich and Cohen-Kastro 2004 above.

Palestinians: Our calculation of average growth in the last three years (2008, 2009, and 2010). Source: International Data Base, US Census
<http://www.census.gov/population/international/data/idb/region.php>

b. Number of Children:

Palestinians: Total Fertility Rate (TFR) for 2010.

Source: International Data Base, US Census

<http://www.census.gov/population/international/data/idb/region.php>

All Jews and all settlers: Israeli statistical abstract 2011, Table 3.11(data are for TFR for 2010 for all Jews and for Jews residing in the district of Judah and Samaria).

All Ultra Orthodox: Ahmad Hleihel. "Fertility among Jewish and Muslim Women in Israel, by Level of Religiosity, 1979-2009." Working paper number 60, June 2011. Page 32.

Ultra Orthodox Settlers: The TFR (7.7) is the average for TFR in Betar Ilit (7.5) and Modi'in Ilit (8.2), where the vast majority of Ultra Orthodox settlers reside, adjusted for a slight estimated decline between 2007 and 2011.

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics, Press release, Patterns of Fertility in 2007. Number 231/20082007, page 5 (In Hebrew).