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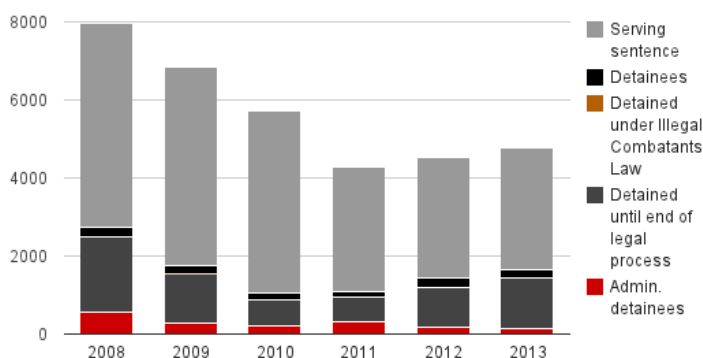
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Statistics on Palestinians in the custody of the Israeli security forces

Updated: 1 Jan 2014

At the end of November 2013, 4,785 Palestinian security detainees and prisoners were held in Israeli prisons, 387 of them from the Gaza Strip. An additional 1,342 Palestinians were held in Israel Prison Service facilities for being in Israel illegally, 25 of them from the Gaza Strip. The IPS considers these Palestinians – both detainees and prisoners – criminal offenders. A few dozen other Palestinians (we do not have precise figures) are held in IDF facilities for short periods of time. The following data were provided by the military and by the IPS.



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[notes on the data](#)

Year 2013

Palestinian security detainees and prisoners held in IPS prisons

Month	Date	Prison facility of:	Total	Serving sentence	Detainees	Detained under Illegal Combatants Law	Detained until the conclusion of legal proceedings	Admin detainees
Nov.	30 Nov.	IPS	4,785	3,123	218	0	1,301	143
Oct.	31 Oct.	IPS	4,753	3,112	202	0	1,299	140
Sept.	30 Sept.	IPS	4,806	3,133	239	0	1,299	135
August	31 Aug.	IPS	4,762	3,161	172	0	1,295	134
July	31 July	IPS	4,828	3,306	169	0	1,219	134
June	30 June	IPS	4,827	3,308	232	0	1,150	137
May	31 May	IPS	4,817	3,286	190	0	1,194	147
April	30 April	IPS	4,748	3,188	189	0	1,216	155
March	31 March	IPS	4,764	3,190	214	0	1,196	164
Feb.	28 Feb.	IPS	4,713	3,159	267	0	1,118	169
Jan.	31 Jan.	IPS	4,593	3,207	158	0	1,069	159

Palestinians held in IPS facilities for being in Israel illegally:

Month	Date	Total	Serving sentence	Detainees
Nov.	30 Nov.	1,342	886	456
Oct.	31 Oct.	1,258	852	406

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Sept.	30 Sept..	1,280	834	446
August	31 Aug.	1,297	809	488
July	30 July	1,276	912	364
June	30 June	1,267	895	372
May	31 May	1,330	902	428
April	30 April	1,388	960	378
March	31 March	1,401	1,018	383
Feb.	28 Feb.	1,465	1,054	411
Jan.	31 Jan.	1,489	1,098	391

Year 2012

Palestinian security detainees and prisoners held in IPS prisons

Month	Date	Prison facility of:	Total	Serving sentence	Detainees	Detained under Illegal Combatants Law	Detained until the conclusion of legal proceedings	Admin detainees
Dec.	31 Dec.	IPS	4,517	3,089	219	0	1,031	178
Nov.	30 Nov.	IPS	4,432	3,048	216	0	990	178
Oct.	31 Oct.	IPS	4,298	3,082	135	0	925	156
Sept.	30 Sept.	IPS	4,373	3,101	161	0	920	184
Aug.	31 Aug.	IPS	4,378	3,078	145	0	943	212
July	31 July	IPS	4,423	3,125	129	0	919	250
June	30 June	IPS	4,484	3,119	170	1	909	285
May	31 May	IPS	4,437	3,094	144	1	896	302
April	30 April	IPS	4,424	3,097	165	1	853	308
March	31 March	IPS	4,386	3,125	145	1	795	320
Feb.	29 Feb.	IPS	4,411	3,213	164	1	713	320
Jan.	31 Jan.	IPS	4,357	3,215	156	1	676	309

Palestinians held in IPS facilities for being in Israel illegally:

Month	Date	Prison facility of:	Total	Serving sentence	Detainees
Dec.	31 Dec.	IPS	1,356	927	429
Nov.	30 Nov.	IPS	1,336	859	477
Oct.	31 Oct.	IPS	1,240	788	452
Sept.	30 Sept.	IPS	1,308	840	468
Aug.	31 Aug.	IPS	1,299	834	465
July	31 July	IPS	1,371	948	423
June	30 June	IPS	1,268	854	414
May	31 May	IPS	1,249	847	402
April	30 April	IPS	1,206	822	384
March	31 March	IPS	1,289	900	389
Feb.	29 Feb.	IPS	1,375	980	395
Jan.	31 Jan.	IPS	1,269	909	360

Year 2011

Palestinian security detainees and prisoners held in IPS prisons

Month	Date	Prison facility of:	Total	Serving sentence	Detainees	Detained under Illegal Combatants Law	Detained until the conclusion of legal proceedings	Admin detainees
Dec.	31 Dec.	IPS	4,281	3,196	152	1	625	307
Nov.	30 Nov.	IPS	4,803	3,720	169	1	630	283
Oct.*	31 Oct.	IPS	4,772	3,753	131	1	609	278
Sept.	30 Sept.	IPS	5,269	4,235	131	1	616	286
Aug.	31 Aug.	IPS	5,204	4,164	124	2	642	272
July	31 July	IPS	5,398	4,410	122	2	621	243
June	30 June	IPS	5,420	4,425	136	2	615	242

May	31 May	IPS	5,335	4,321	154	2	630	228
April	30 April '11	IPS	5,383	4,381	124	2	657	219
March	27 March '11	IPS	5,493	4,474	140	17	645	217
Feb.	28 Feb. '11	IPS	5,550	4,540	162	2	632	214
Jan.	31 Jan. '11	IPS	5,642	4,618	181	3	621	219

* 477 Palestinian prisoners were released in this month as part of the [Shalit prisoner exchange](#).

Year 2010

Palestinian security detainees and prisoners held in IPS prisons

Month	Date	Prison facility of:	Total	Serving sentence	Detainees	Detained under Illegal Combatants Law	Detained until the conclusion of legal proceedings	Admin detainees
Dec.	31 Dec.	IPS	5,705	4,662	153	3	683	204
Nov.	30 Nov.	IPS	5,741	4,652	162	3	719	205
Oct.	31 Oct.	IPS	5,847	4,747	147	3	737	213
Sept.	30 Sept.	IPS	5,936	4,767	172	4	781	212
August	31 August	IPS	6,011	4,847	164	5	806	189
July	31 July	IPS	6,157	4,934	167	7	850	199
June	30 June	IPS	6,252	4,937	167	7	938	203
May	31 May	IPS	6,338	4,919	153	7	1,046	213
April	30 April	IPS	6,484	4,974	161	7	1,120	222
March	31 March 10	IPS	6,631	5,063	173	8	1,150	237
Feb.	28 Feb. 10	IPS	6,759	5,074	217	7	1,202	259
Jan.	31 Jan. '10	IPS	6,794	5,054	223	7	1,246	264

Year 2009

Palestinian security detainees and prisoners held in IPS and IDF prisons

Month	Date	Prison facility of:	Total	Serving sentence	Detainees	Detained under Illegal Combatants Law	Detained until the conclusion of legal proceedings	Admin detainees
Dec.	31 Dec.	IPS	6,831	5,073	207	9	1,264	278
Nov.	30 Nov.	IPS	6,891	5,082	187	9	1,322	291
Oct.	31 Oct.	IPS	7,058	5,076	202	9	1,449	322
Sept.	30 Sept.	IPS	7,155	5,051	191	9	1,569	335
August	31 Aug.	IPS	7,285	5,182	155	9	1,576	363
July	31 July	IPS	7,430	5,235	191	10	1,607	387
June	28 June	IDF	8	0	8	0	0	0
	30 June	IPS	7,560	5,296	203	13	1,620	428
May	28 May	IDF	31	8	20	0	3	0
	31 May	IPS	7,669	5,307	217	14	1,682	449
April	30 April	IPS	7,786	5,301	231	15	1,752	487
March	31 March	IDF	16	0	14	0	1	1
	31 March	IPS	7,884	5,315	298	15	1,750	506
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Feb.	IDF	51	25	25	0	1	0
28 Feb.	IPS	7,938	5,231	356	22	1,787	542
Jan.	IDF	32	1	26	0	5	0
3 Feb.	IPS	7,951	5,170	276	19	1,922	564

Year 2008

Palestinian security detainees and prisoners held in IPS and IDF prisons

Month	Date of statistics	Prison facility of:	Total nr. of individuals held	Serving sentence	Detainees	Detained until the conclusion of legal proceedings	Admin. detainees
Dec.	28.12.08	IDF	48	6	40	2	0
	31 Dec.	IPS	7,904	5,204	223	1,931	546
Nov.	29.11.08	IDF	59	6	47	6	0
	30 Nov.	IPS	8,218	5,393	286	1,970	569
Oct.	29 Oct.	IDF	32	0	32	0	0
	30 Oct.	IPS	8,256	5,292	317	2,069	578
Sept.	29 Sept.	IDF	41	0	39	1	1
	31 Sept.	IPS	8,317	5,354	280	2,085	598
August	29 Aug.	IDF	35	1	29	3	2
	31 Aug.	IPS	8,403	5,257	322	2,175	649
July	31 July	IPS	8,472	5,176	335	2,270	691
June	30 June	IDF	30	0	29	1	0
	30 June	IPS	8,459	5,137	241	2,351	730
May	29 May	IDF	45	1	44	0	0
	31 May	IPS	8,550	5,196	327	2,266	761
April	30 April	IPS	8,502	5,248	811	1,653	790
March	30 March	IDF	81	5	75	1	0
	31 March	IPS	8,520	5,237	357	2,150	776
Feb.	29 Feb.	IDF	79	2	75	2	0
	28 Feb.	IPS	8,463	5,148	360	2,167	788
Jan.	31 Jan.	IDF	43	0	40	2	1
	31 Jan.	IPS	8,428	5,095	321	2,199	813

Year 2007

Palestinian security detainees and prisoners held in IPS and IDF prisons

Month	Date of statistics	Prison facility of:	Total nr. of individuals held	Serving sentence	Detainees	Detained until the conclusion of legal proceedings	Admin. detainees
Dec.	31.12.07	IPS	8,378	5,046	273	2,217	842
Nov.	26.11.07	IDF	120	4	87	20	9
	30.11.07	IPS	8,812	5,495	225	2,234	858
Oct.	28.10.07	IDF	122	4	88	16	14
	30.10.07	IPS	8,596	5,415	195	2,144	842
Sept	24.9.07	IDF	99	0	95	3	1
	29.9.07	IPS	8,675	5,519	220	2,097	839
Aug.	12.8.07	IDF	79	0	78	1	0
	28.8.07	IPS	8,607	5,539	207	2,039	822
July	18 July	IDF	51	2	41	5	3
June	18 June	IDF	64	0	62	2	0
	6 June	IPS	9,280	5,910	267	2,272	831
May	13 May	IDF	61	0	58	3	0
April	10 April	IDF	87	0	82	5	0
	1 April	IPS	9,250	5,975	307	2,159	809
March	4 March	IDF	88	0	82	3	3
	5 March	IPS	9,213	6,025	351	2,057	780
Jan.	3 Jan.	IDF	55	0	45	4	6
	25 Jan.	IPS	9,103	6,029	261	2,012	801

Year 2006

Palestinian security detainees and prisoners held in IPS and IDF prisons

	Date of statistics	Prison facility of:	Total nr. of individuals held	Serving sentence	Detainees	Detained until the conclusion	Admin. detainees
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Month	Date of statistics	Prison facility of:	Total nr. of individuals held	Serving sentence	Detainees	Detained until the conclusion of legal proceedings	Admin. detainees
Dec.	3 Dec.	IDF	127	0	126	0	1
	23 Dec.	IPS	9,051	6,048	120	2,101	782
Nov.	1 Nov.	IDF	69	0	63	4	2
	23 Nov.	IPS	9,006	5,935	295	2,040	736
Oct.	5 Oct.	IDF	94	3	63	19	9
	22 Oct.	IPS	9,494	6,330	292	2,178	694
Sept.	3 Sept.	IDF	929	118	176	519	116
	11 Sept.	IPS	8,074	5,741	228	1,593	592
July	28 July	IDF	1,078	141	514	318	105
	25 July	IPS	8,085	5,701	1,739	*	645
June	1 June	IDF	980	138	188	511	143
		IPS	*	*	*	*	*
May	1 May	IDF	1,038	143	274	479	142
		IPS	*	*	*	*	*
April	2 April	IDF	1,119	165	241	604	109
		IPS	*	*	*	*	*
March	1 March	IDF	3,172	1,673	267	522	710
		IPS	*	*	*	*	*
Feb.	1 Feb.	IDF	3,025	1,587	212	501	725
		IPS	*	*	*	*	*
Jan.	1 Jan.	IDF	3,095	1,645	174	538	738
	1 Jan.	IPS	5,127	4,019	105	950	53

Year 2005

Palestinian security detainees and prisoners held in IPS and IDF prisons

Month	Date of statistics	Prison facility of:	Total nr. of individuals held	Serving sentence	Detainees	Detained until the conclusion of legal proceedings	Admin. detainees
Dec.		IDF	*	*	*	*	*
	1 Dec.	IPS	5,039	3,990	92	910	47
Nov.		IDF	*	*	*	*	*
	1 Nov.	IPS	4,909	3,802	89	976	42
Oct.		IDF	*	*	*	*	*
	1 Oct.	IPS	4,847	3,696	101	1,014	36
Sept.		IDF	*	*	*	*	*
	1 Sept.	IPS	4,749	3,667	84	964	24
Aug.	1 Aug.	IDF	2,714	1,520	460	138	596
	1 Aug.	IPS	4,588	3,527	52	985	24
July	1 July	IDF	2,571	1,376	473	118	604
	1 July	IPS	4,617	3,423	70	1,094	30
June		IDF	*	*	*	*	*
	1 June	IPS	4,612	3,321	62	1,200	29
May	1 May	IDF	2,883	1,605	507	124	647
	1 May	IPS	4,693	3,328	41	1,295	29
April	6 April	IDF	2,801	1,543	84	470	704
	1 April	IPS	4,637	3,170	58	1,377	32
March		IDF	*	*	*	*	*
	1 March	IPS	4,627	3,027	54	1,512	34
Feb.		IDF	*	*	*	*	*
	1 Feb.	IPS	4,568	2,785	41	1,697	45
Jan.	6 Jan.	IDF	4,340	1,994	266	1,232	848
	1 Jan.	IPS	3,706	2,169	42	1,464	31

Year 2004

Palestinian security detainees and prisoners held in IPS and IDF prisons

Month	Date of statistics	Prison facility of:	Total nr. of individuals held	Serving sentence	Detainees	Detained until the conclusion of legal proceedings	Admin. detainees
Dec.	5 Dec.	IDF	4,375	1,977	247	1,315	836
	6 Dec.	IPS	3,412	1913	1520	0	27
Nov.	1 Nov.	IDF					831
	2 Nov.	IPS	3,286	1,785	1,509	0	27

Oct.		IDF	*	*	*	*	*
	13 Oct.	IPS	3,243	1,734	1,547	0	23
Sept.	2 Sept.	IDF	4,036	1,864	220	1,192	760
		IPS	3,300	1,698	1,581	0	21
Aug.	1 Aug.	IDF	3,997	1,806	284	1,176	731
	8 Aug.	IPS	3,290	1,647	1,623	0	20
July	7 July	IDF	3,943	1,712	229	1,265	737
	7 July	IPS	3,034	1,546	1,465	0	23
June	24 June	IDF	3,961	1,661	261	1,316	723
	13 June	IPS	2,866	1,546	1,374	0	24
May	10 May	IDF	3,939	1,537	275	1,457	670
	4 May	IPS	2,687	1,362	1,292	0	33
April	4 April	IDF	3,684	1,386	277	1,403	618
	4 April	IPS	2,667	1,393	1,248	0	26
March	9 March	IDF	3,534	1,312	220	1,397	605
	2 March	IPS	2,641	1,333	1,283	0	25
Feb.	1 Feb.	IDF	3,334	1,188	223	1,307	606
	3 Feb.	IPS	2,568	1,319	1,227	0	22
Jan.	4 Jan.	IDF	3,570	1,431	233	1,268	638
	6 Jan.	IPS	2,532	1,288	1,225	0	19

Year 2003

Palestinian security detainees and prisoners held in IPS and IDF prisons

Month	Date of statistics	Prison facility of:	Total nr. of individuals held	Serving sentence	Detainees	Detained until the conclusion of legal proceedings	Admin. detainees
Dec.	1 Dec.	IDF	3,465	1,310	280	1,244	631
	3 Dec.	IPS	2,479	1,211	1,250	0	18
Nov.	6 Nov.	IDF	3,321	1,265	203	1,191	659
	4 Nov.	IPS	2,371	1,196	1,155	0	20
Oct.	2 Oct.	IDF	3,150	1,215	232	1,164	539
	1 Oct.	IPS	2,323	1,089	1,220	0	14
Sept.	4 Sept.	IDF	3,053	1,140	209	1,189	515
	4 Sept.	IPS	2,225	1,059	1,153	0	13
Aug.	3 Aug.	IDF	3,256	1,159	195	1,215	687
	6 Aug.	IPS	2,194	1,003	1,178	0	13
July	3 July	IDF	3,452	1,083	377	1,229	763
	1 July	IPS	2,027	925	1,080	0	22
June	2 June	IDF	3,371	987	275	1,177	932
	4 June	IPS	1,974	860	1,094	0	20
May	1 May	IDF	3,351	881	224	1,158	1,088
	15 May	IPS	2,011	809	1,183	0	19
April	3 April	IDF	3,390	856	337	1,078	1,119
	3 April	IPS	1,882	743	1,118	0	21
March	2 March	IDF	3,316	810	306	1,092	1,108
	4 March	IPS	1,696	686	991	0	19
Feb.	5 Feb.	IDF	3,243	805	267	1,083	1,088
	2 Feb.	IPS	1,572	652	901	0	19
Jan.	1 Jan.	IDF	3,234	738	364	1,125	1,007
	7 Jan.	IPS	1,462	600	851	0	11

Year 2002

Palestinian security detainees and prisoners held in IPS and IDF prisons

Month	Date of statistics	Prison facility of:	Total nr. of individuals held	Serving sentence	Detainees	Detained until the conclusion of legal proceedings	Admin. detainees
Dec.	3 Dec.	IDF	3,076	670	388	1,069	949
	8 Dec.	IPS	1,435	588	836	0	11
Nov.	4 Nov.	IDF	2,909	597	299	1,086	927
	3 Nov.	IPS	1,361	568	784	0	9
Oct.	1 Oct.	IDF	2,755	570	245	1,069	871
	3 Oct.	IPS	1,306	556	743	0	7
Sept.	2 Sept.	IDF	2,689	514	262	1,056	857
	3 Sept.	IPS	1,330	567	689	16	10

Aug.	8 Aug.	IDF	2,644	476	315	1,045	808
	5 Aug.	IPS	1,176	561	610	0	5
July	15 July	IDF	2,773	447	737	651	938
	7 July	IPS	1,140	575	560	0	5
June	3 June	IDF	2,411	357	208	917	929
	3 June	IPS	*	607	*	*	*
May	12 May	IDF	2,368	388	557	742	681
		IPS	*	*	*	*	*
April	15 April	IDF	2,682	546		2,025	111
		IPS	*	*	*	*	*
March	11 March	IDF	1,136	442	15	659	40
	7 March	IPS	1,314	863	447	0	4
Jan./Feb.	24 Jan.	IDF	1,078	320	15	707	36
	6 Feb.	IPS	891	589	*	302	0

Year 2001

Palestinian security detainees and prisoners held in IPS and IDF prisons

Month	Date of statistics	Prison facility of:	Total nr. of individuals held	Serving sentence	Detainees	Detained until the conclusion of legal proceedings	Admin. detainees
Dec.	5 Dec.	IDF	1,023	314	13	662	34
	4 Dec.	IPS	831	575	*	256	0
Nov.	5 Nov.	IDF	975	259	15	670	31
	7 Nov.	IPS	823	573	*	250	0
Oct.	24 Oct.	IDF	964	292	12	634	26
	5 Oct.	IPS	816	577	*	238	1
Sept.		IDF	*	*	*	*	*
		IPS	*	*	*	*	*
Aug.	16 Aug.	IDF	896	304	21	555	16
	5 Aug.	IPS	773	572	*	199	1
July	17 July	IDF	849	284	21	535	9
	11 July	IPS	813	582	45	184	1
June	14 June	IDF	823	291	16	504	12
	10 June	IPS	748	574	39	174	1
May	8 May	IDF	820	302	12	495	11
	8 May	IPS	725	574	44	151	1
April	11 April	IDF	812	279	16	506	11
	4 April	IPS	757	572	42	142	1
March	15 March	IDF	787	248	12	513	14
	5 March	IPS	751	74	44	132	1
Feb.	15 Feb.	IDF	761	223	8	514	16
	8 Feb.	IPS	747	557	41	129	0
Jan.	4 Jan.	IDF	719	202	5	496	16
	3 Jan.	IPS	737	571	37	131	0

Notes:

- Beginning in August 2008, the figures include Palestinian prisoners who are residents of East Jerusalem. In its figures for previous months and years, the IPS did not include these prisoners in its figures on Palestinian prisoners.
- Almost all Palestinian prisoners are now held in installations run by the Israel Prisons Service. On 3 October 2006, responsibility for Ofer Prison was transferred from the IDF to the IPS. Responsibility for Megiddo Prison was transferred to the IPS on 15 February 2005, and for Ketziot Prison on 1 March 2006.
- Since February 2005, the Prisons Service has refused to provide B'Tselem with figures on detainees and prisoners on a regular, free of charge basis, as it did previously. Since then B'Tselem had to request the information monthly, under the Law on Freedom of information.
- The statistics presented above indicate the number of Palestinian residents of the Occupied Territories held by the IDF and the IPS on the specific date listed. B'Tselem does not have statistics on the total number of Palestinians held in a particular month. The Israeli Police noted that since 13 April 2008 the police is no longer responsible for any prison facilities (thereafter, the responsibility of the Prisons Service). The police no longer hold Palestinian detainees, other than for interrogation purposes.
- * = No statistics provided.
- The statistics do not include individuals held on criminal counts.
- The figures were provided to B'Tselem by the IDF and the IPS, which are responsible for their accuracy.

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