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Jews and Arabs

A Limited Partnership



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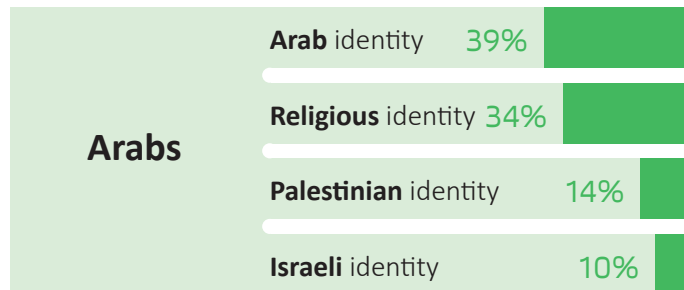
Introduction

The Arab citizens of Israel represent a little over 20% of the state's overall population. That 20% is comprised of a majority of Muslims (17.6%), Christians (9.9%), and Druze (1.6%). The complex relationship between Jews and Arabs in the State of Israel exists on three levels — state, societal and interpersonal - that do not necessarily overlap. On the one hand, the study shows that definite, substantial disagreements exist between Jews and Arabs on the state level. On the other hand, relations on the societal and, to an even greater extent, personal levels are less tense. In certain areas of life, the situation is actually quite positive.

Self-Definition

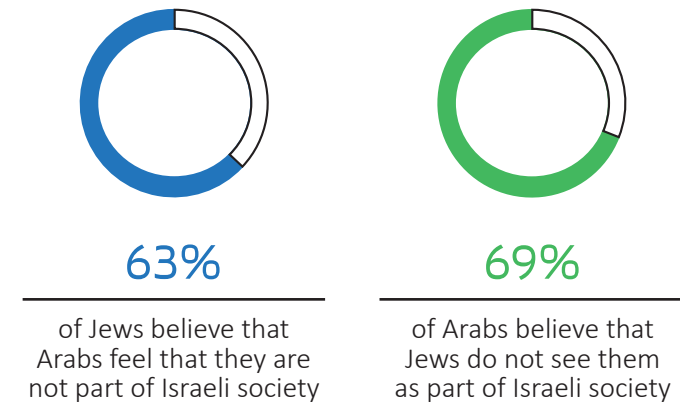
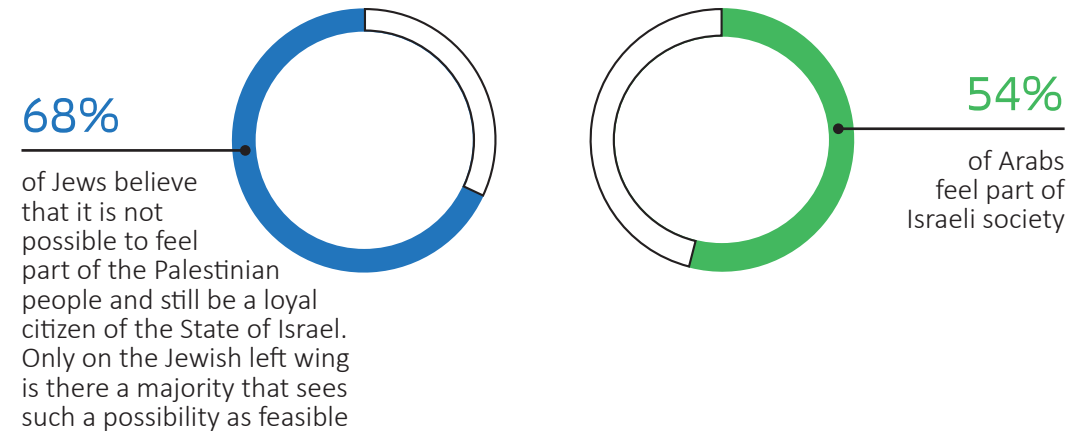


As a rule, those who self-identify primarily as Jews tend to express more discriminatory and exclusionary opinions regarding Arabs than those who self-identify as Israeli.



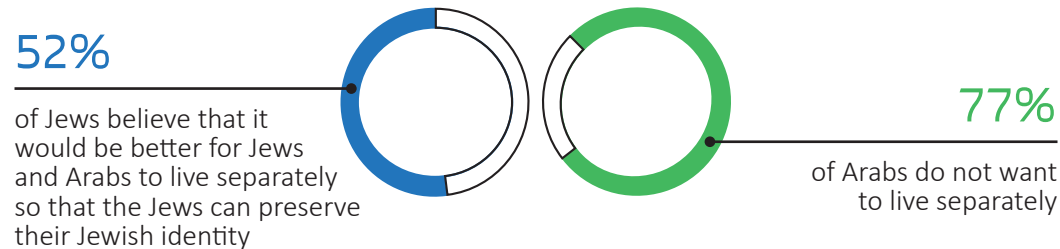
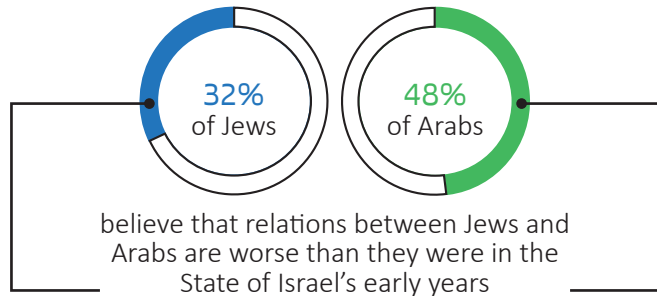
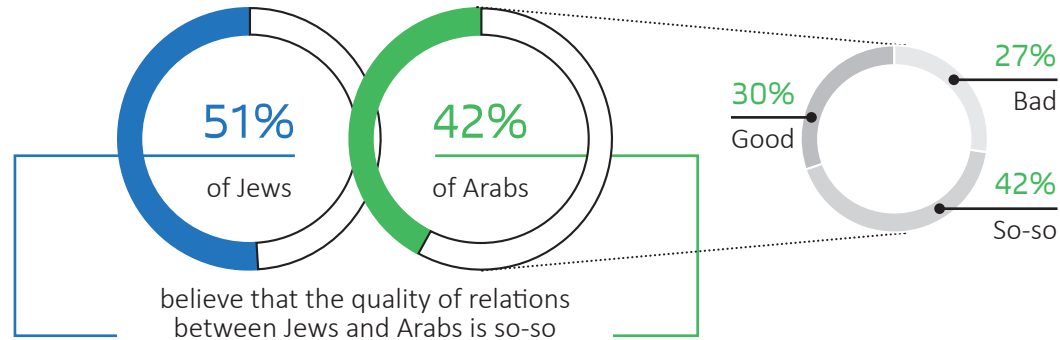
Palestinian as a primary identity is more common among Muslims, young educated people, and those who have first-degree relatives living in the territories. The minority that self-identifies as Palestinian tends to express more critical opinions of the State of Israel, Jews and Israelis. In addition, they are more skeptical regarding the possibility of their being able to integrate into Israeli society.

Sense of Belonging to Israeli Society

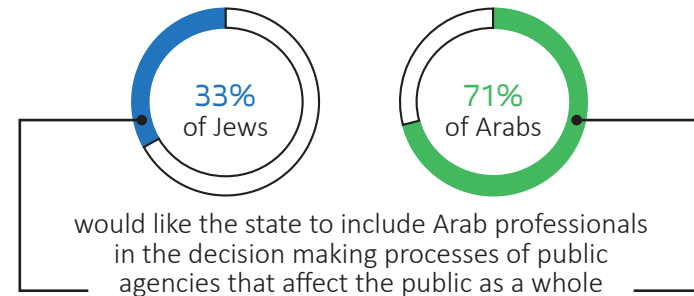
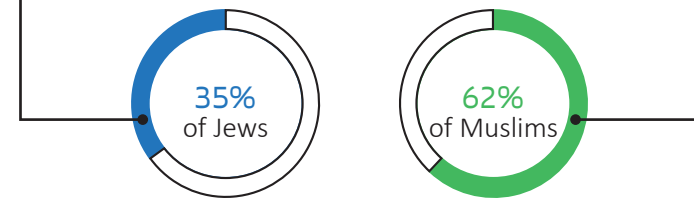
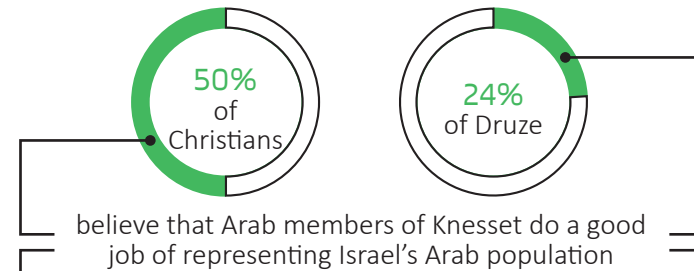




The Relationship between Jews and Arabs



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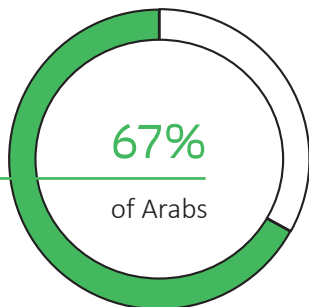
16% of Jews are willing to include Arabs in making decisions on matters of peace and security

24% of Jews are willing to include Arabs in making decisions on matters of governance and the economy

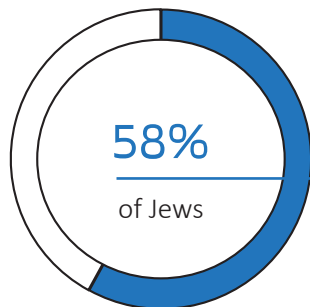
58% of Jews think that Arabs should be given fair and equal treatment in allocating budgets to residential communities

66% of Jews are opposed to including Arab parties in the government and appointing Arab ministers

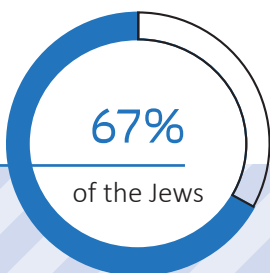
A National Home



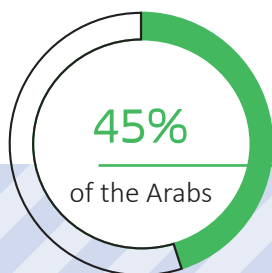
answered that the State of Israel had no right to be defined as the national home of the Jewish people



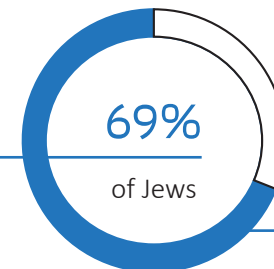
think that those who are unwilling to declare that Israel is the national home of the Jewish people should lose the right to vote



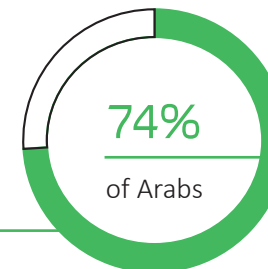
think that Israel acts in a democratic manner toward Arab citizens as well



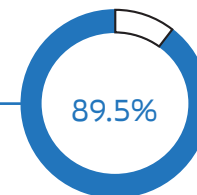
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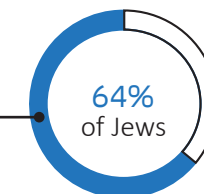
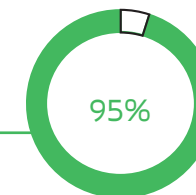
report that they were employed in the past or are currently employed in workplaces where Jews and Arabs work together



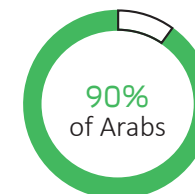
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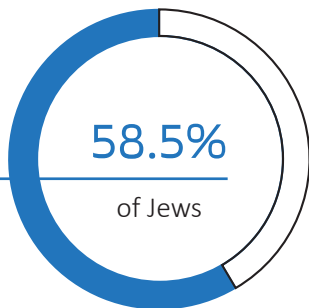
define the relationship between the employees of both nationalities as good or very good



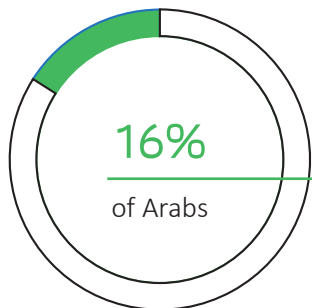
believe that the state should implement a comprehensive plan to reduce the disparities between Arab and Jewish citizens



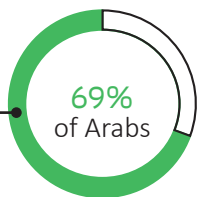
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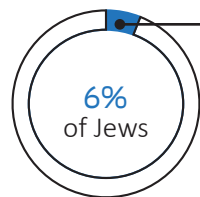
try to avoid entering Arab residential communities



report that they avoid entering Jewish residential communities



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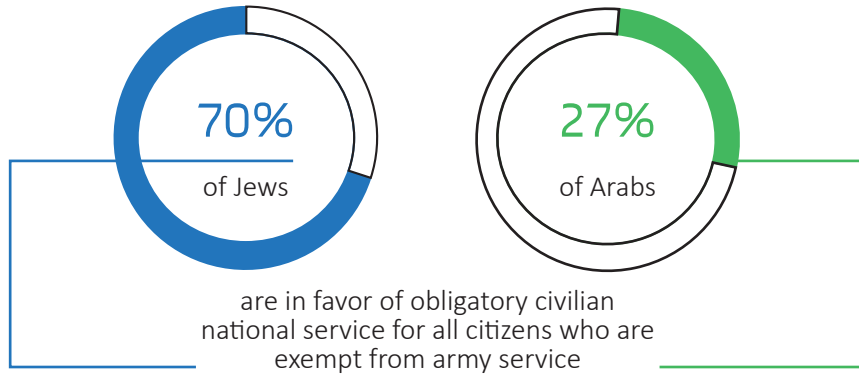
can hold a fluent conversation in Arabic

Percentage of Arab respondents who believe this about Jews

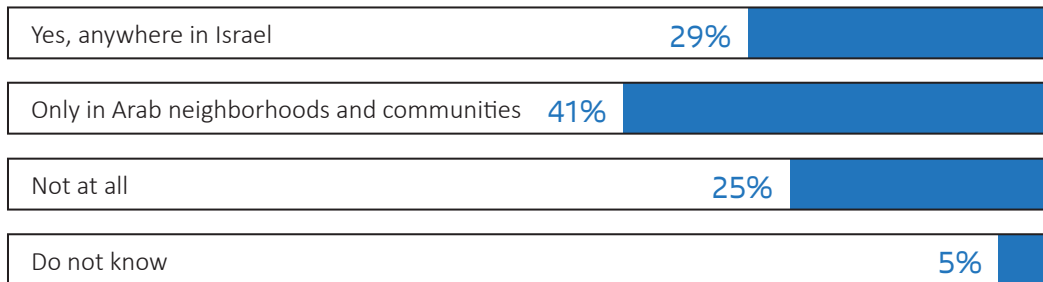
Percentage of Jewish respondents who believe this about Arabs

They stay away from those who do not belong to their own group	40%	
	49%	
They are generous	44%	
	44%	
They are honest	25.5%	
	53.5%	
They hold human life sacred	23.5%	
	66%	
They are modern	38.5%	
	82%	
They are violent	51%	
	50.5%	

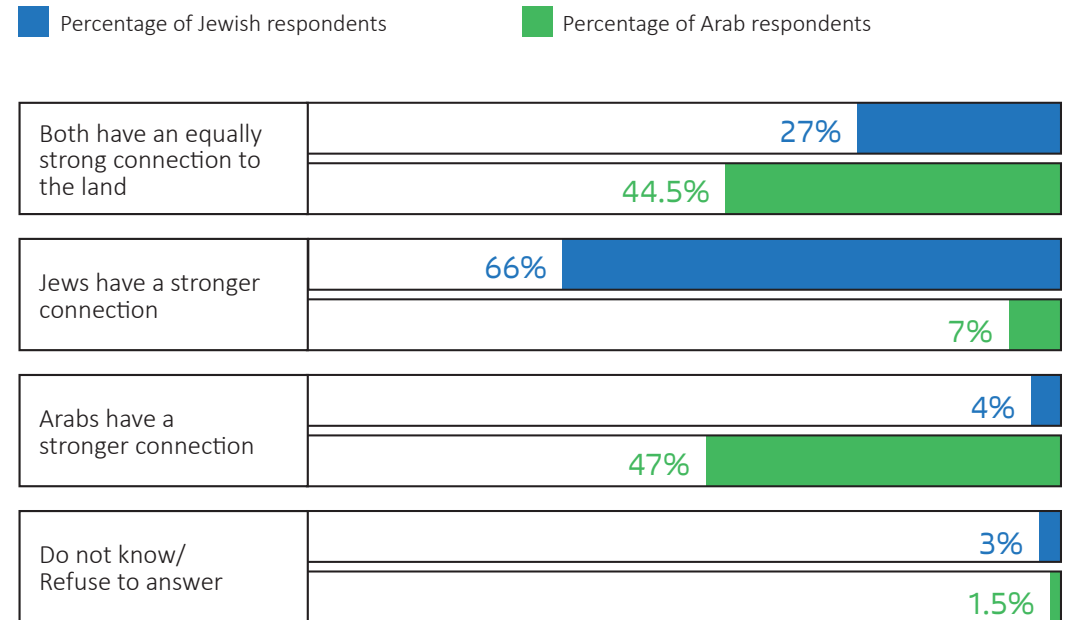




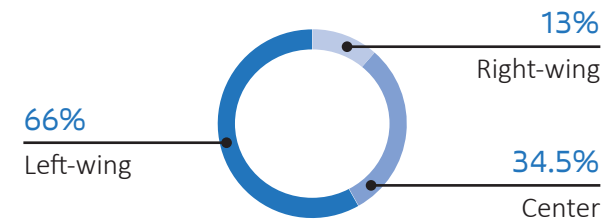
Should Arabs be allowed to buy land in the State of Israel?
(Jewish respondents' answers, below)



Who Has a Stronger Connection to the Land?



A Strong Connection, by Political Affiliation, Jews



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A Limited Partnership is a periodic study that examines the relationship between Jews and Arabs in Israel. In 2017, we chose to examine this relationship on three levels - state, societal, and interpersonal. Among the questions we asked were ones about personal national identity, views on ownership of the land, the state's fairness toward the indigenous Arab minority group, willingness to share resources and include the other in decision-making processes, and stereotypes each group has about the other.

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