

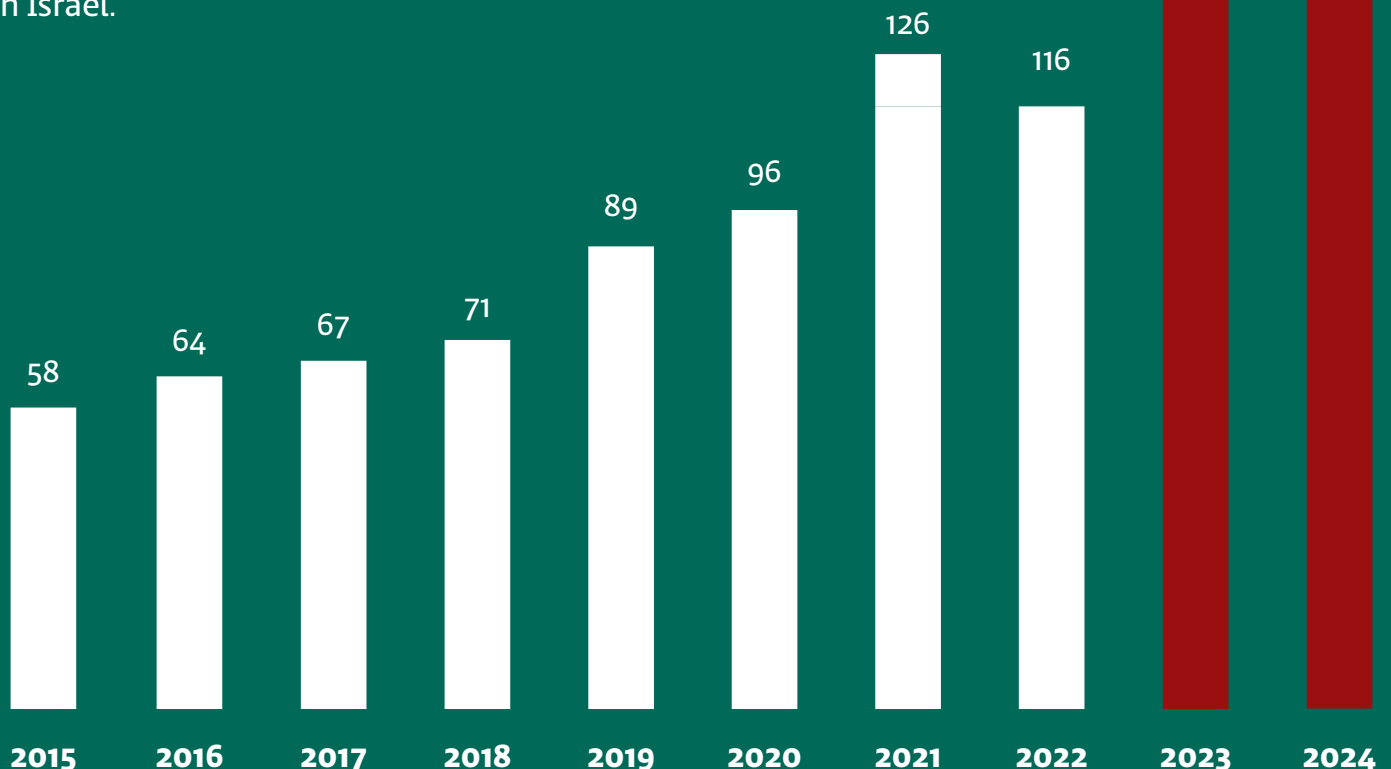
Victims of Crime and Violence in Arab Society Annual Report 2024

Number Of Victims In The Past Decade

In 2024, crime in Arab society continued to spiral out of control, with 230 Arab citizens losing their lives through circumstances of crime and violence.

Following 2023, which marked a record year for crime with the number of victims more than double compared to 2022, the number of victims in 2024 remained at a similar high level as in 2023, significantly higher than in previous years. This figure is particularly alarming given the war between Israel and Hamas, which began on October 7, 2023, followed by the conflict with Hezbollah—both of which led to an increased security presence across the country.

In 2024, severe crime continues to impact all aspects of life in Arab society, remaining the top concern, as highlighted by a November 2024 survey conducted by the Abraham Initiatives. The survey found that both Jewish and Arab citizens of Israel perceive crime as the greatest challenge facing Arab society in Israel.



*The data from the years 2014—2017 was provided by the police. **The figures for the years 2018—2020 do not include East Jerusalem.

Incident Resolution Rate

14.8% **209** **230**
Cases Solved Incidents Victims

The state's lack of response is reflected not only in the rise in the number of victims but also in the low rate of case resolutions. In 2024, out of 209 cases (in which 230 people were killed), only 31 (14.8%) were solved. The resolution rate remains low, with only 24 (21%) and 32 (14.9%) cases solved in 2022 and 2023, respectively.

Solving cases is critical to establishing public trust in the police and the law enforcement system. Unsolved homicide and murder cases strengthen the feeling among Arab citizens that their safety is not a top priority for the state, weakens trust in its institutions, and reduces the willingness to cooperate with law enforcement. This, in turn, further diminishes the state's ability to solve crimes, creating a vicious cycle.

Another characteristic of the crime wave, as evidenced by victim tracking, is the continuous crossing of boundaries. This is demonstrated by the fact that this year, for the first time, ten of the victims were killed in car bombings. Ongoing, endless conflicts continue to claim the lives of dozens of victims over the years, sometimes in mass killings. For example, in a case that occurred in September in Ramle, a grenade was thrown on a main street, resulting in the deaths of four Arab citizens, including two children aged eight and ten. In other notable cases, in Baqa al-Gharbiyye, a high school principal was murdered in November, and in March, a man was beaten to death at a mosque in Tamra. Additionally, many Arab public officials continue to face threats and require security in their localities.

Victims By Age Group

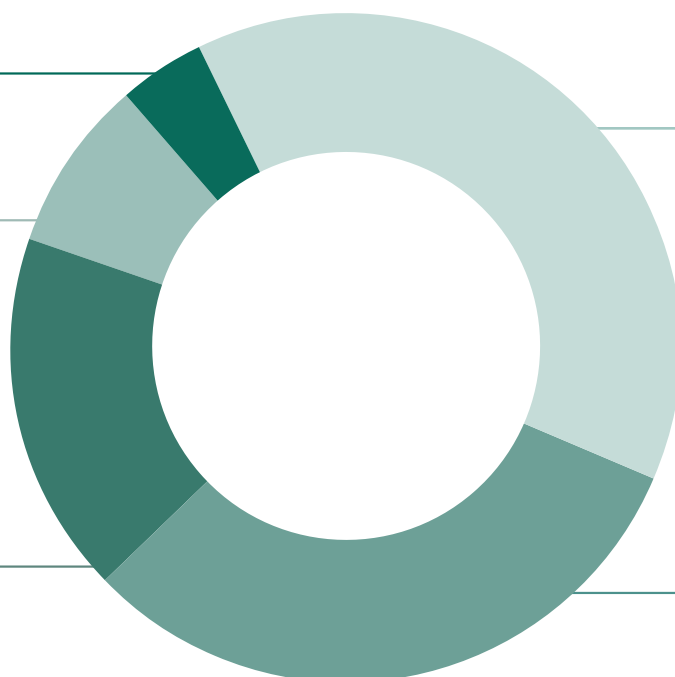
10 Victims (4.4%)
Ages 0-17

19 Victims (8.3%)
Ages 51+

40 Victims (17.4%)
Ages 41-50

89 Victims (38.7%)
Ages 18-30

72 Victims (31.3%)
Ages 31-40



Key Statistics regarding violent crime in Arab society in 2024:

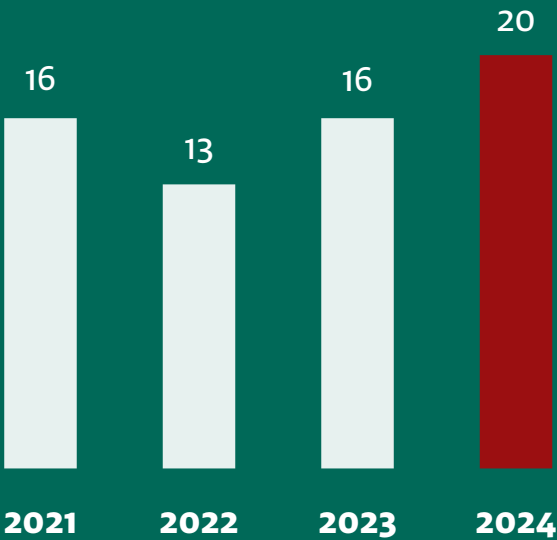
84.7%

Out of the 230 people killed, 194 (84.7%) lost their lives as a result of shootings, highlighting the continued availability of firearms as a key factor undermining personal security in Arab society.

Shot To Death

Number of Female Victims By Year

This year, 20 Arab women lost their lives, a figure that represents an increase in the number of female victims of crime and violence, compared to 16 women last year. Some of the women are victims of domestic violence, while others have been killed as a result of criminal organizations and confrontations for revenge.



Areas with the Highest Number of Victims



Cities with the Highest Number of Victims

Both this year and last year, Lod is the city with the highest number of fatalities, with 17 victims in both 2024 and 2023.

The city with the second largest number of fatalities is Ramle (16). This is an increase of more than 50% from last year, when there were 10 victims from Ramle.

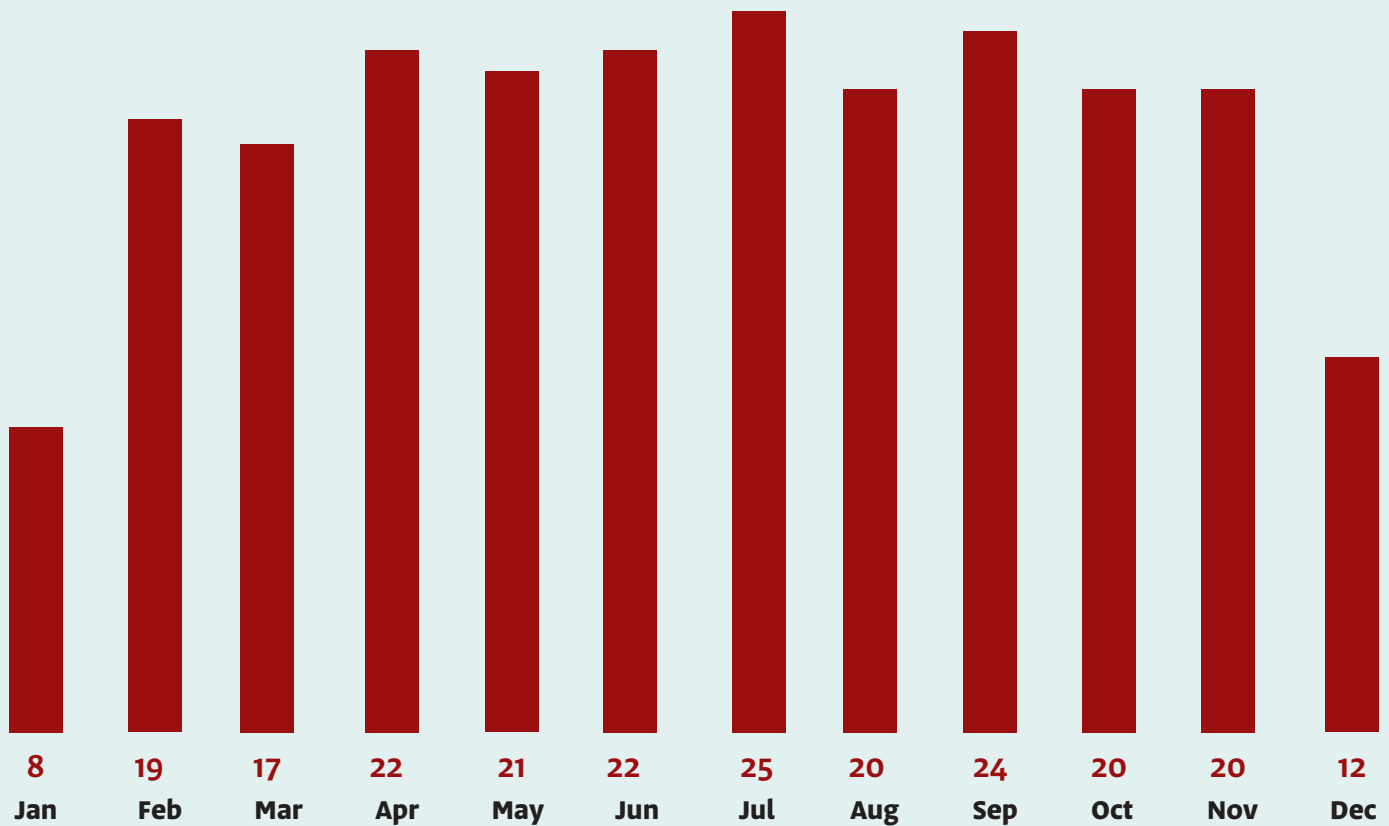
Prominent among the southern region is the city of Rahat (14), whose number of victims among its residents has been gradually increasing since 2021.

This year, 11 residents of the community of Jadida Maker lost their lives due to acts of crime and violence and crime, more than twice as many as in 2023 (5).



Number of Fatalities by Month

The data show that there was an average of 19 murders per month, with the number of murders per month reaching a peak in July with 25 fatalities.



The scope and frequency of the tragic phenomena of crime and violence, reflects the state's continued incompetence in dealing with the problem. Rather than increasing efforts, in 2024 we actually saw cuts in budgets allocated for Arab society, including budgets intended for the fight against crime.

In addition to the cuts, as the Abraham Initiatives' follow-up report published in April 2024 uncovered, Government Resolution 549 to combat crime in Arab society has only been partially implemented.



230 Fatalities

Human Life is not Expendable

