KEY FINDINGS: ISRAEL

Did you know?

- At nearly 3 children per woman (2.96), Israel has the highest fertility rate in the OECD, well above the next country, Iceland (2.22 children), as well as higher than the OECD average of only 1.74 children. [GE2.xls]

- At 26.5% of the population, Israel has the second highest foreign-born population in the OECD after Luxembourg and well above the OECD average of 11.7%. [GE3.xls]

- At one in five of the population, Israel has the second highest income poverty rate in the OECD after Mexico, and is well above the OECD average of 11.1%. 39% of Israelis find it difficult or very difficult to live on their current income, well above the OECD average of 24%. [EQ1.xls & EQ2.xls & EQ3.xls]

- While life expectancy in Israel (81.1 years) exceeds the OECD average (79.3 years), psychological well-being is not so strong. Israelis report the 6th lowest positive experiences – feeling well-rested, being treated with respect, smiling, doing something interesting and experiencing enjoyment – in the OECD. At the same time Israelis report the most negative experiences – pain, worry, sadness, stress and depression – in the OECD. [HE1.xls & HE3.xls]

- Only 36% of Israelis believe their communities are tolerant places for ethnic minorities, migrants and gays and lesbians, the 4th lowest in the OECD, and well below the OECD average of 61%. [CO5.xls]