Modern slavery in Israel

Global Slavery Index 2023 Country Snapshot





KEY STATS

Population (2021) 8,655,541 **GDP per capita, PPP (Current Intl \$)** \$39,489

3.8

PREVALENCE OF MODERN SLAVERY per 1,000 people 33,000

NUMBER OF PEOPLE LIVING IN MODERN SLAVERY

35/100

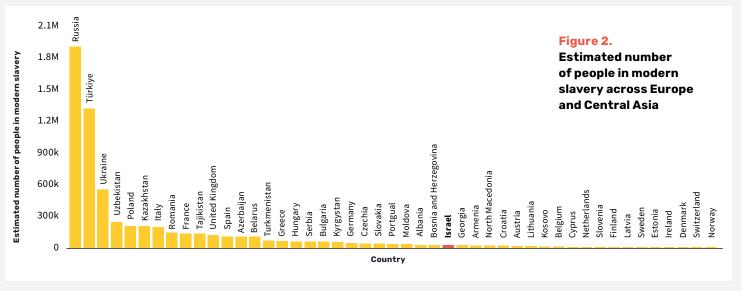
VULNERABILITY TO MODERN SLAVERY

45/100

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO MODERN SLAVERY

The scale of modern slavery

According to the Global Slavery Index 2023, an estimated 3.8 in every thousand people were in modern slavery in Israel at any point in 2021. In other words, 5,000 people experienced forced labour or forced marriage in Israel in 2021. Israel ranks 114th globally and 32nd within Europe and Central Asia.



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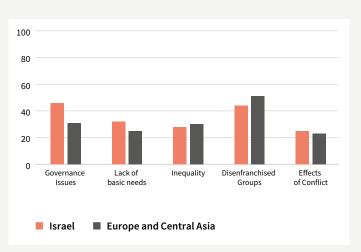
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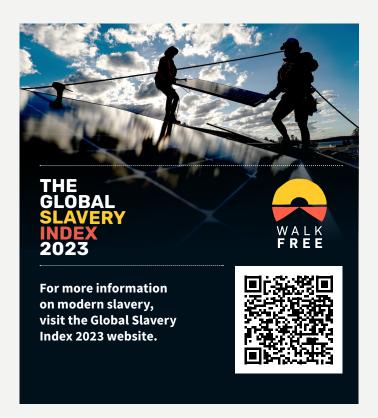
Vulnerability to modern slavery

How vulnerable a country's people are to modern slavery is dependent on a range of factors which reflect the strength of governance, access to basic needs, the level of inequality, disenfranchised groups, and effects of conflict. On a scale of 0 to 100, with 100 being the highest vulnerability to modern slavery, Israel is rated as 35 and has above average vulnerability for the region. Vulnerability is highest in terms of governance issues.

Figure 3.

Vulnerability of Israel to modern slavery by dimension of vulnerability, compared to the regional average



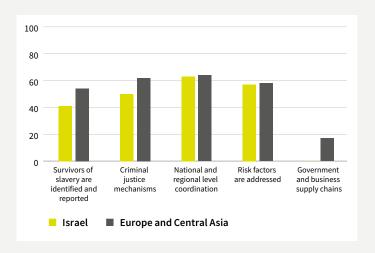


Government response to modern slavery

The government of Israel scored 45 out of 100 in their response to modern slavery. This places the government's response below the average regional response. Of the five areas of response assessed (milestones), the government has taken most action on national and regional coordination of the response to modern slavery and the least action on addressing risk in government and business supply chains.

Figure 4.

Response of the government of Israel to modern slavery by government response milestone, compared with the regional average



Priority Recommendations for the government of Israel:

- Criminalise human trafficking in line with international conventions.
- Increase the legal age of marriage for males and females to 18 years without exceptions.
- Remove laws or policies that prevent or make it difficult for workers to leave abusive employers without risking loss of their visa, deportation, and/or loss of security deposits.