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Palestinian Prisoners in Israel's Prisons – Facts and Figures

In commemoration of Palestinian Prisoners' Day on 17 April 2008, this short paper summarizes recent statistics published by the Ahrar Center for Prisoners' Studies.¹

Number of Prisoners

Description	Number of prisoners
Total number of Palestinian prisoners in prisons and detention in Israel	11,000
Women	98
Children	345
PLC members	50
Ministers	3
Solitary confinement	18

Regional Distribution

Area of Citizenship/ Residency of the Prisoners	Number of prisoners
Jerusalem	552
Israel (1948 Palestinians)	132
Gaza Strip	762
West Bank	8,456

¹ The data is taken from a recent survey from April 2008 conducted by lawyers from the Ahrar Center for Prisoners' Studies in Ramallah, who used data obtained from rights organizations that deal with prisoners, as well as affidavits from detainees and prisoners. It was supervised by researcher Dr. Fuad al-Khuffash. See: <http://www.ahrar-pal.info/arabic>.

Sentenced Prisoners

Length of Sentence	Number of prisoners
Life and over 50 years	612
15-50 years	718
10-15 years	447

Illnesses

Medical Condition	Number of ill prisoners
Chronic and other diseases	Over 1,000
Dangerous medical conditions (heart disease, high blood pressure, diabetes and cancer)	150

Deaths inside Israeli prisons

Description	Number of prisoners
Palestinian prisoners who died or were killed in prison from 1967-2008	195