

VANISHING WITNESSES

AN URGENT ANALYSIS OF THE DECLINING POPULATION OF HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS

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A Holocaust survivor in Hungary displays photos of her family. Photo: Marton Monus/Claims Conference

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report — Vanishing Witnesses: An Urgent Analysis of the Declining Population of Holocaust Survivors — presents an in-depth and pressing look at the population of Jewish Holocaust survivors, based on data the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany (Claims Conference) has amassed from its decades of advocacy on behalf of this community. This includes survivors who receive direct payments or social services funded by the organization. These direct assessments of mortality rates among the survivor population are used to provide population projections through the year 2040.

Vanishing Witnesses reveals new information about Holocaust survivors:

- We will lose nearly 50% of Holocaust survivors by 2031, 70% of Holocaust survivors in 10 years and 90% of Holocaust survivors within 15 years. This analysis indicates the global population of Holocaust survivors will drop by 70% by 2035. The number is expected to be 21,300 by 2040.
- Mortality rates for Holocaust survivors vary greatly across the world, causing some areas to lose their survivors at faster rates than others. For example, Israel is projected to lose 40% of its survivor population in five years. The survivor population in countries that make up the former Soviet Union (FSU) will decline by just over 50% in that time, while the population in Western Europe will decline by about 35%.

These projections based on the most recently available Claims Conference data will be updated regularly to incorporate the latest information on survivor mortality.

The world is projected to lose **90**% of Holocaust survivors within **15 years.**



Israel is projected to lose 40% of its Holocaust survivors in just five years.

In ten years, the global population of Holocaust survivors will decrease by 70%.

The survivor population in the FSU is projected to decline by over 50% in five years.

INTRODUCTION

Holocaust survivors endured one of the greatest atrocities in modern society, the systematic murder of six million Jewish men, women and children by the Nazi regime, which was in control of Germany from 1933 to 1945. Their testimonies remind us of the immense strength and kindness we possess as humans but also of the savagery that's possible if left unchecked. And we are losing Holocaust survivors at all too fast of a rate.

Israel "Izzy" Arbeiter told everyone he met about the horrors he faced during the Holocaust.

Arbeiter spent decades speaking about the murders of his parents and 7-year-old brother in the Treblinka concentration camp and his own time at a series of camps, including Auschwitz. Months after he arrived in the United States in 1949, he founded what became the American Association of Jewish Holocaust Survivors of Greater Boston.

Seventy years later, Arbeiter warned a packed audience at Boston University's International Holocaust Remembrance Day of the scenario we are facing today.

"The sad thing is the number of Holocaust survivors that used to go to schools and speak there are getting less and less," Arbeiter said, three years before his own death at 96 years old.

"And the question is, who is going to tell the story after us?"

Today, we have more than 200,000 Holocaust survivors worldwide. Data indicates the survivor population is estimated to drop to 21,300 – almost a 90% decline – within 15 years.

This report – Vanishing Witnesses: An Urgent Analysis of the Declining Population of Holocaust Survivors – details the population projection based on data collected by the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany (Claims Conference) as it advocated for those who survived the Shoah. Records from over eight decades of negotiations include basic information on survivors.

For survivors who receive monthly pensions administered by the Claims Conference, data on mortality are regularly updated, both in terms of monthly interactions, as well as through yearly verification of identity to continue ongoing payments. For those who had received a one-time Hardship Fund payment from the Claims Conference, the 2020 negotiations provide Supplemental Hardship Fund payments to all survivors who do not receive pensions spurred additional extensive outreach to identify all eligible survivors. The outcome of these efforts included the provision of updated data on these survivors, including mortality. Further negotiations to extend these payments to yearly through 2027, including the verification of identity prior to receiving each yearly payment, resulted in more regularly updated data on mortality. The present report is based on the most recently updated data.

This information is not only critical for this organization as we fulfill our commitment to ensure every Holocaust survivor lives in dignity, but also as a society to honor the stories of our remaining Holocaust survivors. Because the only thing worse than allowing the Holocaust would be forgetting it ever happened.

Background and Significance

This year marks 80 years after the Holocaust. The vast majority of those still alive who bear witness to the unimaginable persecution were children when they were freed from concentration camps and ghettos, came out of hiding and survived after fleeing. Those children are now the last generation of Holocaust survivors, about 98% of whom are 80 years old and older.

Jewish Holocaust survivors, in part, reflect broader demographic trends related to increasing longevity. Advances in technology and improvements in living standards have contributed to extended human lifespans, leading to a rapid growth in the proportion of older adults within society (United Nations, 2019). This trend is particularly notable among individuals aged 90 years and above—referred to as the "oldest old"—whose population numbers are rising at unprecedented rates (He et al., 2016).

However, this increased longevity presents new challenges: the likelihood of chronic conditions requiring long-term care increases with age (Drewnowski & Evans, 2001). This pattern underscores the complex healthcare needs of aging populations, including Holocaust survivors.

The Holocaust survivor population, with a median age of 87 years (Claims Conference, 2025), stands at the forefront of these trends. While seeing the population decline is extremely difficult, understanding the trajectory of the survivor population is crucial for planning and allocating resources effectively, ensuring that the unique needs of this population are met in the coming years.

The present analysis provides projections for 2026 through the year 2040 for the current population of known Holocaust survivors.

The main feature of the analysis is the use of mortality and detailed characteristics of the population of survivors based on Claims Conference data. Population projections are provided overall and for subgroups.

This report includes:

- 1. Observed mortality rates by key population groups of:
 - a. Age
 - b. Sex
 - c. Country
 - d. Compensation groups
 - e. Health status
- 2. Age-specific mortality rates for men and women adjusting for these characteristics of the survivors
- 3. Population projections

SUMMARY OF THE DATA



Photo: Claims Conference

The data are based on a total of 256,200 survivors who received payments or services between January 2020 through October 2024 and were alive at the start of 2022. This includes over 54,600 who received pension payments, over 185,000 who received one-time payments, and an additional 16,000 who received payments from other sources and received services through agencies that received grants from the Claims Conference (see *Table 1*).

Table 1. Holocaust Survivors Known to the Claims Conference, 2020-2024									
Activity	Survivors	Percent							
1. Pensions	54,600	21.3							
2. One-time payment	185,400	72.4							
3. Services, other payments	16,200	6.3							

Mortality

Table 2 (page 6) displays the observed mortality rates (number of deaths as a percentage of the population) among all Holocaust survivors represented in the Claims Conference data for the years 2022 and 2023. Included in the table are mortality rates for men and women, by year of birth, region, and type of compensation received. Also included in the table are mortality rates among those approved to receive home care.

Table 2. Holocaust Survivor Mortality Rates, 2022-2023										
		2	022	2	2023					
		Population	Mortality Rate	Population	Mortality Rate					
	Total	256,200	7.3	234,800	8.0					
Sex	Female	155,300	6.9	143,000	7.5					
Sex	Male	100,900	7.9	91,900	8.7					
	1940-plus	65,200	3.2	62,700	3.8					
	1935–1939	107,100	5.7	100,300	6.2					
Birth Year	1930-1934	53,600	9.6	47,700	11.2					
Icai	1925–1929	24,100	16.2	19,700	18.3					
	pre-1925	6,200	23.0	4,400	26.2					
	Israel	121,600	6.9	111,400	8.2					
	North America	46,200	6.2	42,800	7.1					
Davian	Western Europe	42,900	5.8	40,200	6.4					
Region	Former Soviet Union	34,900	11.3	30,900	10.1					
	Eastern Europe	7,100	9.5	6,400	9.5					
	Other	3,600	8.3	3,200	7.4					
Activity	Pensions	54,600	8.3	49,700	8.5					
	One-time payment	185,400	6.7	172,000	7.5					
	Services, other payments	16,200	10.7	13,200	12.3					
Home	Level 1	59,100	10.7	52,400	11.6					
Care	Level 2	62,000	8.1	56,000	9.9					
Level	Level 3	15,000	8.0	13,700	9.0					
	Not Applicable	120,200	5.1	112,800	5.2					

Notes. a) Home care level represents home care approval status where level 1 represents approval for the greatest level of care.

- Mortality rates are higher for men than for women
- -Mortality rates increase with age, ranging from
 - 3% to 4% among those born in 1940 and later
 - -~6% among those born between 1935 and 1939
 - 10% to 11% among those born between 1930 and 1934
 - -~16% to 18% among those born between 1925 and 1929
 - 23% to 26% among those born before 1925
- By country of residence, the highest mortality rates were among those in countries of the former Soviet Union (FSU).
 - 10% to 11% mortality among those in the FSU
 - ~10% among those in Eastern Europe
 - 7% to 8% in Israel
 - -~6% to 7% in North America
 - 6% in Western Europe

Age-Specific Mortality Rates

Age-specific mortality rates were estimated using Bayesian analysis methods. These methods enable reliable estimation of mortality for single years of age for men and women, taking into account the differences across the other demographic characteristics (see *Technical Appendix*).

The age-specific mortality rates for men and women are displayed in Figure 1. For male Holocaust survivors, the mortality rate increases from a low value of 3% at 79 years of age and younger to over 10% by 89 years of age. By 93 years of age, the mortality rate for men is 15%, and it is 26% by 100 years of age and older. For female Holocaust survivors, the pattern of increasing mortality rates parallels that of male Holocaust survivors but lags such that the female mortality rate is over 10% by 91 years, 15% by 95 years, and 21% by 100 years and older. One can also see that the estimation of mortality rates in the upper age ranges of 95 years and older has greater uncertainty, as indicated by the wider confidence bans on the estimates.

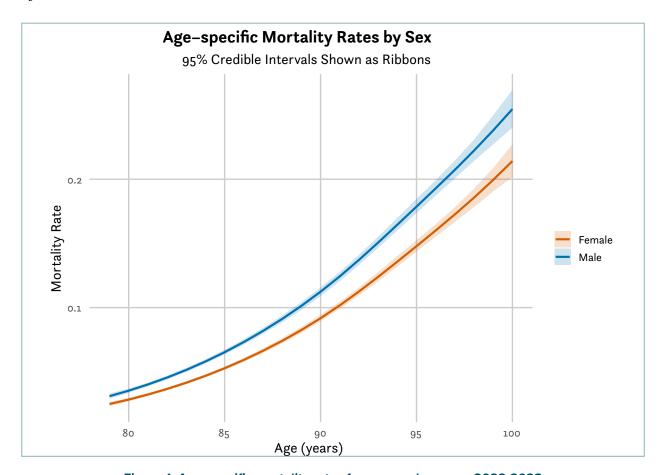


Figure 1. Age-specific mortality rates for men and women, 2022-2023

The age-specific mortality rates by region are displayed in Figure 2. Beyond the consistent trend of higher rates among men than women, mortality rates are notably higher among those in the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. In FSU countries, mortality rates range from 6% for those aged 80 years to 34% at ages 100 years and older for men and from 5% to 29% for women. In Eastern Europe, mortality ranges from 5% to 30% for men and from 4% to 25% for women. The lowest mortality rates are observed in Western Europe and North America, ranging from 3% to 22% for men and from 2% to 18% for women in both regions.

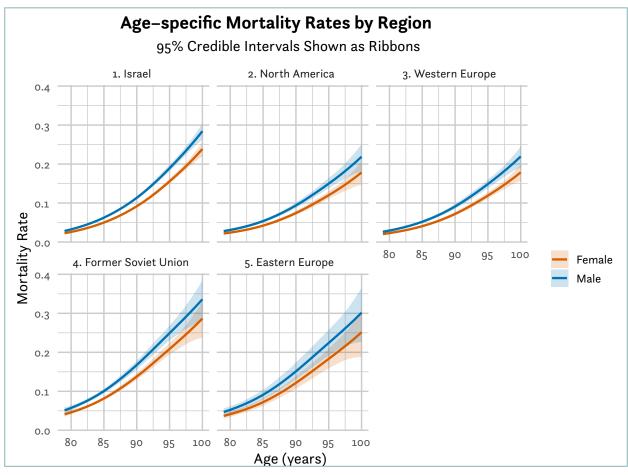


Figure 2. Age-specific mortality rates for men and women by region, 2022-2023

Population Projections

The age-specific mortality rates were used to calculate the conditional probability of dying from one age to the next age, its complement the survival rates, and life expectancy. Detailed life tables for all survivors and survivors in Israel are provided in *Appendix Table 1.*¹ Included in this table for comparison are the most recent life tables from the Israel Central Bureau of Statistics.

The probabilities of death and survival rates based on the most recent two-year mortality rates were used to project the population to the year 2040 (see *Table 3*). Projections beyond 10 years to the year 2040 suggest a decline of 90%. It should be noted that the longer projections extend from the current period, the less dependable they become as the underlying demographic assumptions, particularly mortality trends, are likely to shift over time. For this reason, projections will be updated regularly as additional data become available.

¹ For additional details regarding life table calculations, see "Technical Appendix to 'Vanishing Witnesses': Methodological Details."

	Table 3. Projections 2025-2040										
	Survivors Who Receive	Direct Claims Confere	nce Payments/Support	Estimated Total							
Year	Population	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	Population							
2025	194,700	194,200	195,200	211,300							
2026	178,200	177,200	179,100	194,200							
2027	161,900	160,500	163,200	176,300							
2028	146,000	144,300	147,600	158,900							
2029	130,600	128,600	132,400	142,100							
2030	115,800	113,700	117,900	126,000							
2031	101,700	99,500	104,000	110,700							
2032	88,600	86,300	90,900	96,400							
2033	76,300	74,000	78,700	83,100							
2034	65,100	62,800	67,400	70,900							
2035	54,900	52,700	57,200	59,900							
2036	45,800	43,600	48,000	50,000							
2037	37,700	35,700	39,800	41,200							
2038	30,600	28,800	32,600	33,500							
2039	24,500	22,800	26,400	26,900							
2040	19,400	17,800	21,000	21,300							

Table 3 also provides an "Estimated Total Population." This estimate reflects what projections might look like taking into account the ~8% of known Holocaust survivors who receive compensation not via the Claims Conference, but rather directly from Germany, Austria or Israel (Claims Conference, 2025), but for whom detailed data such as age and sex are not available. Based on the most recent publications and estimates of change in the total numbers of these groups over time, an "Estimated Total Population" estimate for each year is provided which represents the estimated number of survivors in recent contact with the Claims Conference along with the estimated number of survivors who receive compensation from other sources. Note, this adjusted estimate is provided as a possible upper bound on the estimate. With the inclusion of this group, it is projected that the population in 2030 will decline to 126,000. By 2035, the population will decline to 59,900; and by 2040, the population will decline to an estimated 21,300.

Table 4 displays projections for the eight countries that are currently home to the largest populations of Holocaust survivors. These projections are for those survivors who receive compensation or services from resources administered by the Claims Conference ("Claims") and for whom the organization has key data on age and sex. The Estimated Total populations for each country include estimates on survivors who receive pensions directly from Germany, Austria and Israel based on the best information available to the Claims Conference.

Table 4	I. Projections for Top Eig	ht Countries, 2030, 203	5, 2040
Country	2030 Estimated Total	2035 Estimated Total	2040 Estimated Total
Israel	62,900	29,700	10,100
USA	21,100	10,700	4,100
France	12,000	6,400	2,600
Germany	7,600	4,000	1,600
Russian Federation	7,300	2,600	600
Canada	3,200	1,700	700
Ukraine	3,000	1,100	300
Hungary	1,800	800	300

Israel, home to the greatest percentage of Holocaust survivors, is projected to decline to 62,900 by the year 2030, and to 29,700 by the year 2035. US survivors are projected to decline to 21,100 by the year 2030 and to 10,700 by the year 2035. France and Germany are projected to decline to 2,500 and 1,500, respectively, by the year 2035. FSU countries of Russia and Ukraine are projected to decline to 2,600 and 1,100, respectively, by the year 2035. For detailed data for these countries and for regions, see *Appendix Table 2*.



Photo: Claims Conference

SUMMARY

This report provides a detailed projection of the Holocaust survivor population, incorporating comprehensive demographic data and sophisticated modeling of age-specific mortality rates. The mortality modeling accounts for critical factors, including survivors' country of residence, the types of compensation they receive, and measures of their health needs.

Key findings from the projections reveal that the number of Holocaust survivors is expected to decrease by nearly 50% within the next six years and by 90% by the year 2040.

These projections underscore the significant urgency for policymakers, healthcare providers, and support organizations to promptly address the specialized health and well-being needs of Holocaust survivors as they continue to age.

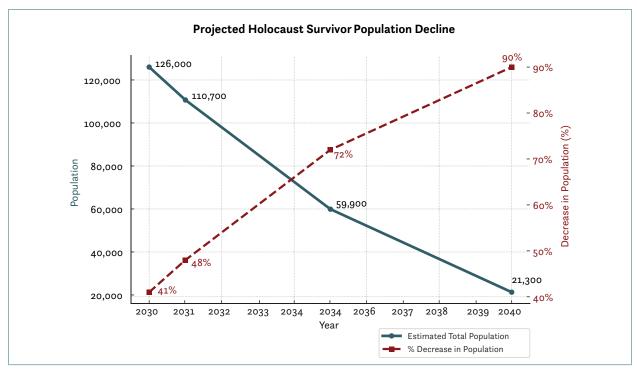


Figure 3. Projected Holocaust Survivor Population Decline 2030–2040

Given the projected rate of decline, immediate action is essential to ensure that survivors receive the necessary medical care, social services and emotional support. Prioritizing targeted interventions and resource allocation is critical not only to improve the quality of life for survivors during their remaining years but also to honor their historical experiences and resilience.

The Claims Conference continues to negotiate with the German government to ensure this care. Continued commitment to their care is needed to provide the infrastructure and community planning necessary to provide for the more than 200,000 survivors alive today so that their final years are lived with dignity.

Future work will focus on updating projections as new, and updated data become available on mortality rates.

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APPENDIX A: DETAILED TABLES

 $\it Table A1$. Life Table for all Holocaust survivors and all Israeli survivors known to the Claims Conference and all Jews in Israel.

Table A2. Projections for Israel, North America, Western Europe, the former Soviet Union, Eastern Europe, 2026-2040.

Table A3. Projections for Claims Conference Article 2, CEEF, and Hardship Fund Supplemental Compensation Programs, 2026-2040

	Table A1. Life Table for All Holocaust Survivors, All Israeli Survivors, and All Jews in Israel, 2022-2023																		
				All Sur	vivors					Israel S	urvivors					Israel	Jews		
		Probability of Death Life Expectancy			ncy	Prob	Probability of Death Life Expectancy				Probability of Death Life Expectancy			ncy					
Age	Sex	qx	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	ex	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	qx	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	ex	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	qx	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	ex	Lower Bound	Upper Bound
79	F	0.025	0.023	0.026	13.0	12.8	13.3	0.022	0.020	0.024	13.1	12.8	13.4	0.030	0.029	0.031	11.0	11.0	11.0
80		0.028	0.027	0.029	12.3	12.1	12.6	0.026	0.024	0.027	12.4	12.1	12.7	0.034	0.033	0.036	10.3	10.3	10.3
81		0.032	0.031	0.033	11.7	11.5	11.9	0.029	0.028	0.031	11.7	11.4	12.0	0.039	0.038	0.041	9.7	9.6	9.7
82		0.036	0.035	0.037	11.0	10.8	11.3	0.033	0.032	0.035	11.0	10.7	11.3	0.045	0.043	0.046	9.0	9.0	9.1
83		0.041	0.039	0.042	10.4	10.2	10.6	0.038	0.036	0.040	10.4	10.1	10.6	0.051	0.049	0.053	8.4	8.4	8.5
84		0.046	0.045	0.047	9.9	9.6	10.1	0.043	0.041	0.045	9.8	9.5	10.0	0.058	0.056	0.060	7.9	7.8	7.9
85		0.051	0.050	0.053	9.3	9.1	9.5	0.049	0.047	0.050	9.2	8.9	9.4	0.066	0.064	0.068	7.3	7.3	7.3
86		0.058	0.056	0.059	8.8	8.6	9.0	0.055	0.053	0.057	8.6	8.4	8.9	0.075	0.073	0.077	6.8	6.8	6.8
87		0.064	0.063	0.066	8.3	8.1	8.5	0.062	0.060	0.065	8.1	7.9	8.4	0.085	0.082	0.087	6.3	6.3	6.3
88		0.071	0.070	0.074	7.8	7.6	8.0	0.070	0.067	0.073	7.6	7.4	7.9	0.096	0.093	0.099	5.8	5.8	5.9
89		0.079	0.077	0.081	7.4	7.2	7.6	0.078	0.076	0.081	7.1	6.9	7.4	0.108	0.105	0.111	5.4	5.4	5.4
90		0.088	0.085	0.090	7.0	6.8	7.2	0.088	0.084	0.091	6.7	6.5	6.9	0.121	0.118	0.125	5.0	5.0	5.0
91		0.097	0.094	0.099	6.6	6.4	6.8	0.098	0.094	0.101	6.3	6.1	6.5	0.136	0.132	0.140	4.6	4.6	4.7
92		0.107	0.104	0.109	6.2	6.0	6.5	0.108	0.105	0.112	5.9	5.7	6.2	0.152	0.147	0.156	4.3	4.3	4.3
93		0.117	0.114	0.120	5.9	5.7	6.1	0.120	0.116	0.124	5.6	5.3	5.8	0.169	0.163	0.174	4.0	3.9	4.0
94		0.127	0.124	0.131	5.6	5.4	5.9	0.132	0.127	0.137	5.3	5.0	5.5	0.187	0.181	0.193	3.7	3.6	3.7
95		0.138	0.134	0.142	5.4	5.2	5.6	0.144	0.139	0.150	5.0	4.8	5.3	0.206	0.199	0.213	3.4	3.3	3.4
96		0.148	0.144	0.152	5.2	5.0	5.4	0.157	0.152	0.164	4.8	4.5	5.0	0.227	0.219	0.235	3.1	3.1	3.2
97		0.159	0.154	0.164	5.0	4.8	5.2	0.170	0.164	0.177	4.6	4.3	4.8	0.248	0.239	0.258	2.9	2.9	2.9
98		0.170	0.164	0.176	4.0	3.8	4.2	0.184	0.176	0.193	3.7	3.6	3.9	0.271	0.259	0.282	2.7	2.6	2.7
99		0.181	0.174	0.189	3.8	3.6	4.0	0.198	0.188	0.209	3.5	3.3	3.7	0.294	0.280	0.308	2.5	2.4	2.5
100		0.205	0.192	0.219	3.5	3.3	3.7	0.223	0.209	0.236	3.2	3.0	3.4	0.318	0.300	0.336	2.3	2.3	2.4
101		0.221	0.206	0.237	3.2	3.0	3.5	0.241	0.226	0.257	3.0	2.8	3.2	0.342	0.318	0.365	2.2	2.1	2.2
102		0.238	0.221	0.255	3.0	2.8	3.2	0.260	0.243	0.277	2.8	2.6	3.0	0.366	0.335	0.397	2.0	2.0	2.1
103		0.255	0.236	0.274	2.8	2.6	3.0	0.280	0.261	0.299	2.6	2.4	2.8	0.390	0.348	0.432	1.9	1.8	2.0
104		0.272	0.252	0.293	2.6	2.4	2.8	0.300	0.279	0.321	2.4	2.2	2.5	0.413	0.355	0.472	1.8	1.7	1.9
105		0.290	0.268	0.313	2.4	2.2	2.5	0.320	0.297	0.343	2.2	2.1	2.3	0.436	0.351	0.521	1.7	1.6	1.8
106		0.309	0.285	0.333	2.2	2.0	2.3	0.341	0.316	0.364	2.0	1.9	2.1	0.457	0.329	0.585	1.6	1.4	1.8
107		0.327	0.302	0.353	1.9	1.8	2.0	0.361	0.335	0.386	1.8	1.7	1.9	0.477	0.278	0.677	1.5	1.3	1.7
108		0.346	0.318	0.373	1.6	1.5	1.6	0.381	0.354	0.407	1.5	1.4	1.6	0.495	0.171	0.819	1.5	1.2	1.8
109		0.364	0.335	0.392	1.1	1.1	1.2	0.401	0.372	0.427	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.511	0	1	1.4	1.0	1.8
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			Tab	le A1. Li	ife Table	for All	Holocau	st Survi	vors, All	Israeli S	urvivors	s, and Al	l Jews i	n Israel,	2022-2	023			
				All Sur	rvivors					Israel S	urvivors					Israel	Jews		
	Probability of Death		Death	Life Expectancy		Prob	Probability of Death		Life Expectancy			Probability of Death		Life Expectancy					
Age	Sex	qx	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	ex	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	qx	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	ex	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	qx	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	ex	Lower Bound	Upper Bound
79	М	0.031	0.028	0.033	11.6	11.4	11.9	0.028	0.026	0.030	11.7	11.4	12.0	0.044	0.042	0.046	9.9	9.8	9.9
80		0.035	0.033	0.036	11.0	10.8	11.2	0.032	0.030	0.034	11.0	10.8	11.3	0.049	0.047	0.051	9.3	9.3	9.3
81		0.039	0.038	0.041	10.4	10.2	10.6	0.036	0.035	0.039	10.4	10.1	10.7	0.055	0.053	0.056	8.7	8.7	8.8
82		0.044	0.043	0.046	9.8	9.6	10.0	0.042	0.040	0.044	9.8	9.5	10.0	0.061	0.059	0.063	8.2	8.2	8.2
83		0.050	0.049	0.052	9.2	9.0	9.4	0.047	0.045	0.049	9.2	8.9	9.4	0.067	0.065	0.069	7.7	7.7	7.7
84		0.056	0.055	0.058	8.7	8.5	8.8	0.054	0.051	0.056	8.6	8.4	8.8	0.075	0.072	0.077	7.2	7.2	7.3
85		0.063	0.062	0.065	8.2	8.0	8.3	0.061	0.058	0.063	8.0	7.8	8.3	0.083	0.080	0.085	6.8	6.8	6.8
86		0.071	0.069	0.073	7.7	7.5	7.8	0.068	0.066	0.071	7.5	7.3	7.8	0.091	0.088	0.094	6.4	6.3	6.4
87		0.079	0.076	0.081	7.2	7.0	7.4	0.077	0.074	0.080	7.1	6.8	7.3	0.101	0.098	0.104	5.9	5.9	6.0
88		0.087	0.085	0.090	6.8	6.6	7.0	0.086	0.083	0.089	6.6	6.4	6.8	0.111	0.108	0.115	5.5	5.5	5.6
89		0.096	0.094	0.099	6.4	6.2	6.6	0.096	0.093	0.100	6.2	6.0	6.4	0.122	0.118	0.126	5.2	5.2	5.2
90		0.106	0.103	0.109	6.0	5.9	6.2	0.107	0.103	0.111	5.8	5.6	6.0	0.135	0.130	0.139	4.8	4.8	4.9
91		0.117	0.114	0.120	5.7	5.5	5.8	0.119	0.115	0.124	5.4	5.2	5.6	0.148	0.142	0.153	4.5	4.5	4.5
92		0.128	0.125	0.132	5.4	5.2	5.5	0.132	0.127	0.137	5.1	4.9	5.3	0.162	0.156	0.168	4.2	4.2	4.2
93		0.140	0.137	0.144	5.1	4.9	5.2	0.145	0.140	0.151	4.8	4.6	5.0	0.177	0.170	0.184	3.9	3.9	3.9
94		0.152	0.148	0.157	4.8	4.6	5.0	0.159	0.153	0.166	4.5	4.3	4.7	0.193	0.185	0.201	3.6	3.6	3.7
95		0.164	0.160	0.169	4.6	4.4	4.8	0.173	0.166	0.180	4.2	4.1	4.5	0.210	0.201	0.219	3.4	3.4	3.4
96		0.176	0.171	0.181	4.4	4.2	4.6	0.187	0.180	0.195	4.0	3.8	4.3	0.228	0.217	0.239	3.2	3.1	3.2
97		0.188	0.182	0.194	4.2	4.0	4.4	0.202	0.194	0.210	3.8	3.6	4.1	0.247	0.234	0.260	3.0	2.9	3.0
98		0.200	0.193	0.207	3.5	3.4	3.7	0.217	0.208	0.227	3.3	3.1	3.4	0.266	0.250	0.282	2.8	2.7	2.8
99		0.213	0.204	0.222	3.3	3.1	3.5	0.233	0.221	0.245	3.0	2.9	3.2	0.286	0.267	0.306	2.6	2.5	2.6
100		0.239	0.225	0.252	3.1	2.9	3.2	0.259	0.245	0.273	2.8	2.7	3.0	0.307	0.283	0.331	2.4	2.4	2.5
101		0.256	0.241	0.271	2.9	2.7	3.0	0.279	0.263	0.294	2.6	2.5	2.8	0.328	0.297	0.358	2.3	2.2	2.3
102		0.274	0.257	0.290	2.7	2.5	2.9	0.299	0.282	0.316	2.5	2.3	2.6	0.349	0.309	0.389	2.1	2.1	2.2
103		0.292	0.274	0.310	2.5	2.4	2.7	0.319	0.301	0.338	2.3	2.2	2.4	0.370	0.317	0.423	2.0	1.9	2.1
104		0.310	0.290	0.330	2.3	2.2	2.5	0.340	0.320	0.359	2.1	2.0	2.3	0.390	0.318	0.462	1.9	1.8	2.0
105		0.328	0.307	0.349	2.2	2.0	2.3	0.360	0.339	0.381	2.0	1.9	2.1	0.411	0.310	0.511	1.8	1.7	2.0
106		0.347	0.324	0.369	2.0	1.9	2.1	0.380	0.357	0.402	1.8	1.7	1.9	0.430	0.286	0.574	1.7	1.5	1.9
107		0.365	0.341	0.389	1.8	1.7	1.8	0.400	0.376	0.422	1.6	1.6	1.7	0.448	0.235	0.660	1.7	1.4	1.9
108		0.384	0.358	0.408	1.5	1.4	1.5	0.420	0.395	0.442	1.4	1.4	1.5	0.464	0.141	0.787	1.6	1.3	1.9
109		0.402	0.375	0.426	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.438	0.413	0.461	1.1	1.0	1.1	0.479	0.000	0.987	1.5	1.1	2.0
110		1		İ	1.1			1			1.1			1	İ		1.5		

Source: Complete Life Tables of Israel 2018-2022, Central Bureau of Statistics, August 08, 2024. https://www.cbs.gov.il/en/publications/Pages/2024/Complete-Life-Tables-of-Israel-2018-2022.aspx

Table A2 provides projections based on age-specific mortality rates for men and women among survivors receiving payments or services with funds administered by the Claims Conference, along with estimated totals adjusting for the estimated number of survivors who receive payments from other sources. For this latter group, 'unknown' to the Claims Conference, detailed demographic data needed for estimation of age-specific mortality rates is unavailable.

Projections are included for countries in Western Europe, the former Soviet Union, Eastern Europe and the rest of the world.

Western Europe includes survivors in France and Germany, as well as survivors in Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, Italy, Switzerland, Sweden, Spain, Greece, Luxembourg, and Norway. The majority of survivors in Western Europe (~85%) are in France and Germany.

The former Soviet Union includes survivors in Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Estonia, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Azerbaijan, and Armenia. The majority, ~88%, reside in Russia and Ukraine.

Eastern Europe includes survivors in Hungary, Romania, the Czech Republic, Poland, the Slovac Republic, Bulgaria, Croatia, Serbia, Montenegro, and Bosnia-Herzegovina, the majority of whom (~60%) reside in Hungary.

	Table A2. Population Projections 2025–2040 by Regions/Countries												
		Israel S	urvivors			United Stat	es Survivors		Canada Survivors				
		Claims		Estimated		Claims		Estimated		Estimated			
Year	Population	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	Total	Population	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	Total	Population	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	Total	
2025	92,300	92,000	92,600	105,300	31,600	31,400	31,800	33,700	4,800	4,700	4,800	6,800	
2026	84,500	83,900	85,100	96,500	29,200	28,800	29,500	31,100	4,400	4,300	4,500	6,300	
2027	76,900	76,000	77,700	87,700	26,800	26,300	27,200	28,500	4,000	4,000	4,100	5,800	
2028	69,300	68,300	70,400	79,200	24,400	23,700	25,000	26,000	3,700	3,600	3,800	5,300	
2029	62,000	60,900	63,200	70,900	22,000	21,300	22,700	23,500	3,300	3,200	3,500	4,800	
2030	55,000	53,700	56,300	62,900	19,800	19,000	20,600	21,100	3,000	2,900	3,100	4,400	
2031	48,300	47,000	49,700	55,300	17,600	16,700	18,400	18,800	2,700	2,600	2,800	3,900	
2032	42,000	40,600	43,400	48,100	15,500	14,600	16,400	16,600	2,400	2,300	2,500	3,500	
2033	36,100	34,700	37,500	41,400	13,500	12,600	14,500	14,500	2,100	2,000	2,200	3,000	
2034	30,700	29,300	32,100	35,300	11,700	10,800	12,700	12,500	1,800	1,700	2,000	2,600	
2035	25,800	24,500	27,100	29,700	10,000	9,200	11,000	10,700	1,600	1,400	1,700	2,200	
2036	21,400	20,100	22,600	24,600	8,500	7,700	9,400	9,100	1,300	1,200	1,500	1,900	
2037	17,500	16,300	18,700	20,200	7,100	6,300	8,000	7,600	1,100	1,000	1,300	1,600	
2038	14,100	13,000	15,200	16,300	5,900	5,200	6,700	6,300	900	800	1,100	1,300	
2039	11,200	10,200	12,200	12,900	4,800	4,200	5,600	5,100	800	700	900	1,100	
2040	8,700	7,900	9,600	10,100	3,900	3,300	4,600	4,100	600	500	700	800	

	Table A2. Population Projections 2025-2040 by Regions/Countries (cont'd).											
		Western	European			Fra	nce		Germany			
		Claims		Estimated		Claims		Estimated	Claims			Estimated
Year	Population	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	Total	Population	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	Total	Population	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	Total
2025	33,800	33,600	33,900	35,900	17,500	17,400	17,600	18,400	11,100	11,000	11,100	11,500
2026	31,400	31,100	31,700	33,500	16,300	16,100	16,400	17,100	10,300	10,300	10,400	10,700
2027	29,100	28,700	29,500	31,000	15,100	14,800	15,300	15,800	9,600	9,500	9,700	9,900
2028	26,800	26,200	27,300	28,500	13,800	13,500	14,100	14,500	8,800	8,700	9,000	9,100
2029	24,400	23,800	25,100	26,000	12,600	12,300	12,900	13,200	8,100	7,900	8,300	8,400
2030	22,100	21,400	22,900	23,500	11,400	11,000	11,800	12,000	7,300	7,100	7,500	7,600
2031	19,900	19,100	20,700	21,100	10,200	9,800	10,700	10,800	6,600	6,300	6,800	6,800
2032	17,700	16,900	18,600	18,800	9,100	8,700	9,600	9,600	5,800	5,600	6,100	6,000
2033	15,600	14,800	16,500	16,600	8,100	7,600	8,500	8,400	5,100	4,800	5,400	5,300
2034	13,700	12,800	14,600	14,500	7,000	6,600	7,500	7,400	4,500	4,200	4,800	4,600
2035	11,800	11,000	12,800	12,500	6,100	5,700	6,600	6,400	3,900	3,600	4,200	4,000
2036	10,200	9,300	11,000	10,700	5,200	4,800	5,700	5,500	3,300	3,000	3,600	3,400
2037	8,600	7,800	9,500	9,100	4,400	4,000	4,900	4,600	2,800	2,500	3,100	2,900
2038	7,200	6,500	8,000	7,600	3,700	3,300	4,100	3,900	2,300	2,100	2,600	2,400
2039	6,000	5,300	6,700	6,300	3,100	2,700	3,500	3,200	1,900	1,700	2,200	2,000
2040	4,900	4,200	5,600	5,100	2,500	2,200	2,900	2,600	1,500	1,300	1,800	1,600

	Table A2. Population Projections 2025-2040 by Regions/Countries (cont'd).											
		Former Soviet Union	1		Russian Federation	1	Ukraine					
Year	Population	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	Population	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	Population	Lower Bound	Upper Bound			
2025	24,500	24,300	24,700	15,300	15,200	15,400	6,200	6,100	6,200			
2026	21,600	21,300	22,000	13,500	13,300	13,700	5,500	5,400	5,500			
2027	18,900	18,500	19,300	11,800	11,500	12,000	4,800	4,700	4,900			
2028	16,300	15,800	16,900	10,100	9,800	10,500	4,200	4,000	4,300			
2029	14,000	13,400	14,600	8,700	8,300	9,000	3,600	3,400	3,700			
2030	11,800	11,200	12,400	7,300	6,900	7,700	3,000	2,900	3,200			
2031	9,900	9,200	10,500	6,100	5,700	6,500	2,600	2,400	2,700			
2032	8,100	7,500	8,800	5,000	4,600	5,400	2,100	2,000	2,300			
2033	6,600	6,000	7,200	4,100	3,700	4,400	1,700	1,600	1,900			
2034	5,300	4,800	5,900	3,300	2,900	3,600	1,400	1,300	1,500			
2035	4,200	3,700	4,700	2,600	2,300	2,900	1,100	1,000	1,200			
2036	3,300	2,900	3,800	2,000	1,700	2,300	900	800	1,000			
2037	2,500	2,200	3,000	1,500	1,300	1,800	700	600	800			
2038	1,900	1,600	2,300	1,200	1,000	1,400	500	400	600			
2039	1,400	1,200	1,700	900	700	1,100	400	300	500			
2040	1,000	800	1,300	600	500	800	300	200	300			

Table A2. Population Projections 2025-2040 by Regions/Countries (cont'd).											
		Eastern Europe		Hungary							
Year	Population	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	Population	Lower Bound	Upper Bound					
2025	5,300	5,200	5,300	3,100	3,100	3,200					
2026	4,700	4,600	4,900	2,800	2,800	2,900					
2027	4,300	4,100	4,400	2,500	2,400	2,700					
2028	3,800	3,600	4,000	2,300	2,200	2,400					
2029	3,300	3,100	3,600	2,000	1,900	2,200					
2030	2,900	2,700	3,200	1,800	1,600	1,900					
2031	2,500	2,300	2,800	1,500	1,400	1,700					
2032	2,200	1,900	2,500	1,300	1,200	1,500					
2033	1,900	1,600	2,100	1,100	1,000	1,300					
2034	1,600	1,300	1,800	1,000	800	1,100					
2035	1,300	1,100	1,600	800	700	1,000					
2036	1,100	900	1,300	700	600	800					
2037	900	700	1,100	600	400	700					
2038	700	600	900	400	300	600					
2039	600	400	700	400	300	500					
2040	400	300	600	300	200	400					

Table A3. Projections for Claims Conference Article 2, CEEF, and Hardship Fund Supplemental Compensation Programs, 2025-2040											
		Article 2 & CEEF			Hardship Fund Supplementa	al					
Year	Population	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	Population	Lower Bound	Upper Bound					
2025	36,200	36,000	36,500	127,600	127,200	128,000					
2026	32,700	32,100	33,100	116,600	115,800	117,400					
2027	29,200	28,500	29,900	105,700	104,600	106,700					
2028	26,000	25,100	26,800	95,000	93,600	96,300					
2029	22,900	21,900	23,800	84,600	83,100	86,200					
2030	20,000	19,000	20,900	74,700	73,000	76,400					
2031	17,300	16,300	18,300	65,300	63,400	67,100					
2032	14,800	13,800	15,800	56,500	54,600	58,400					
2033	12,500	11,600	13,500	48,300	46,400	50,300					
2034	10,500	9,600	11,500	40,900	39,000	42,800					
2035	8,700	7,800	9,600	34,200	32,300	36,000					
2036	7,100	6,300	8,000	28,200	26,500	30,000					
2037	5,700	5,000	6,500	23,000	21,300	24,700					
2038	4,600	3,900	5,300	18,400	16,900	20,000					
2039	3,600	3,000	4,200	14,600	13,200	16,000					
2040	2,800	2,300	3,300	11,300	10,100	12,600					



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