

Innovative Economy and it's Challenges- The Case of Israel

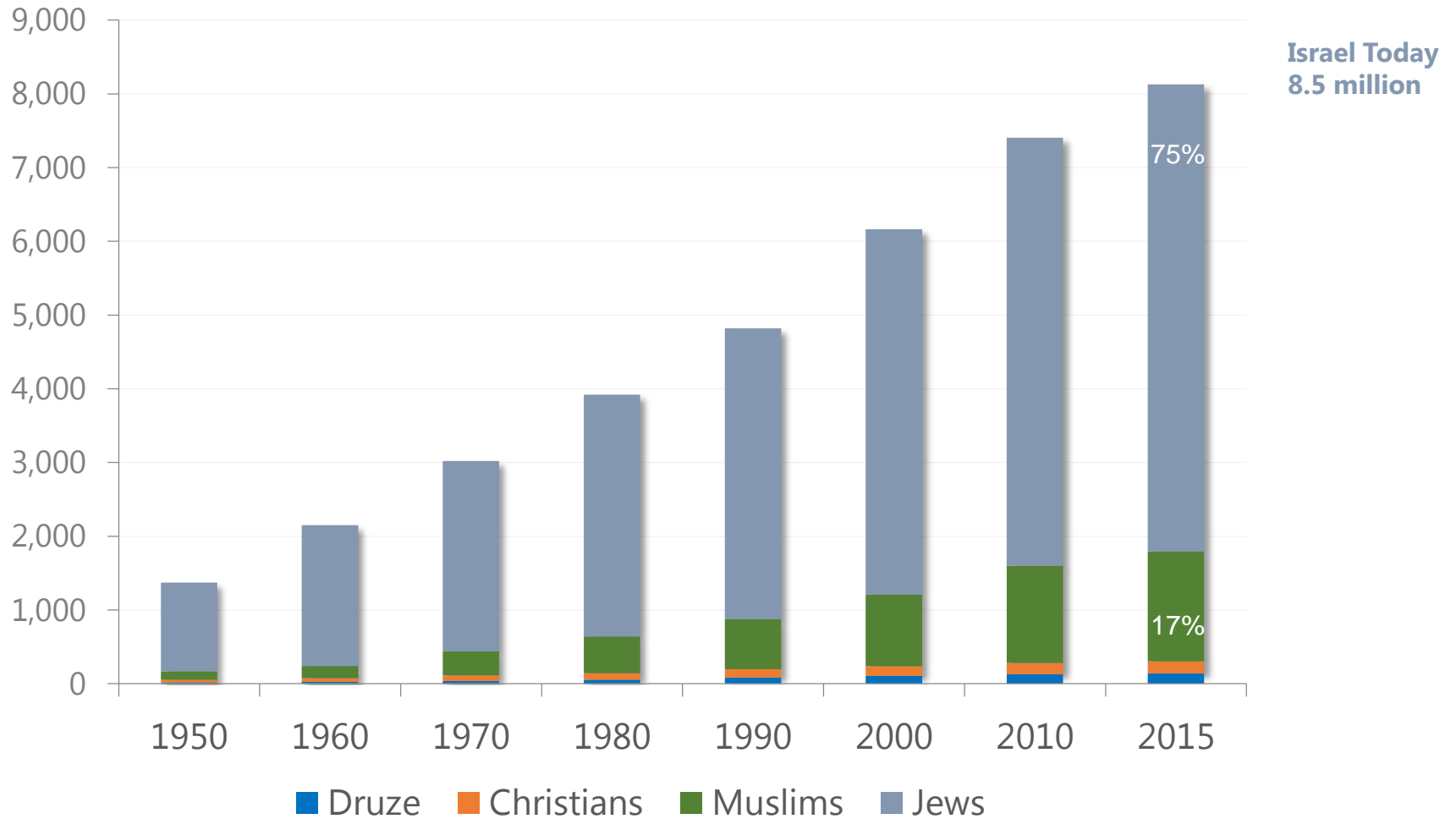


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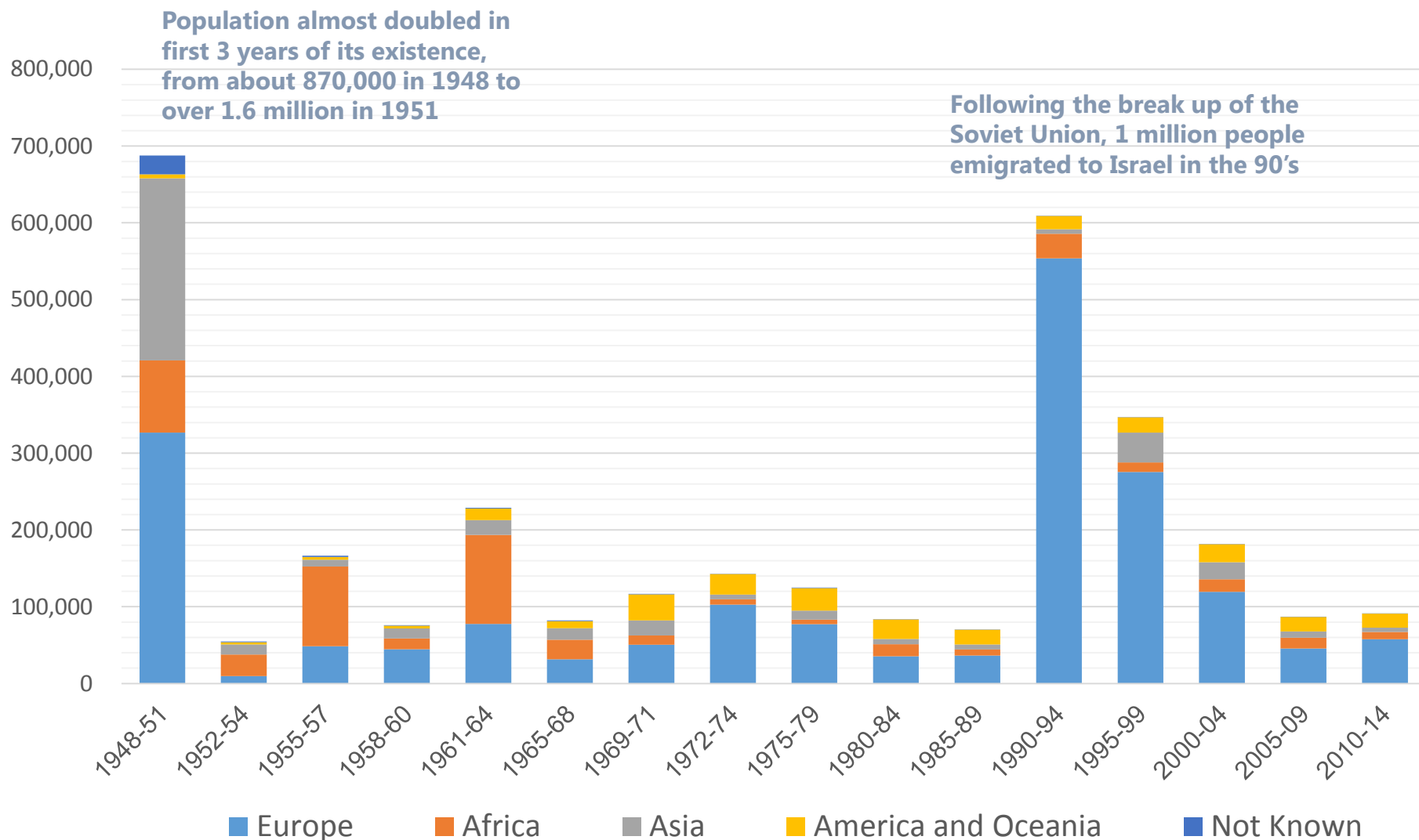
Deputy Governor of the Bank of Israel

September 11th , 2016

Israel Population by Religious Affiliation



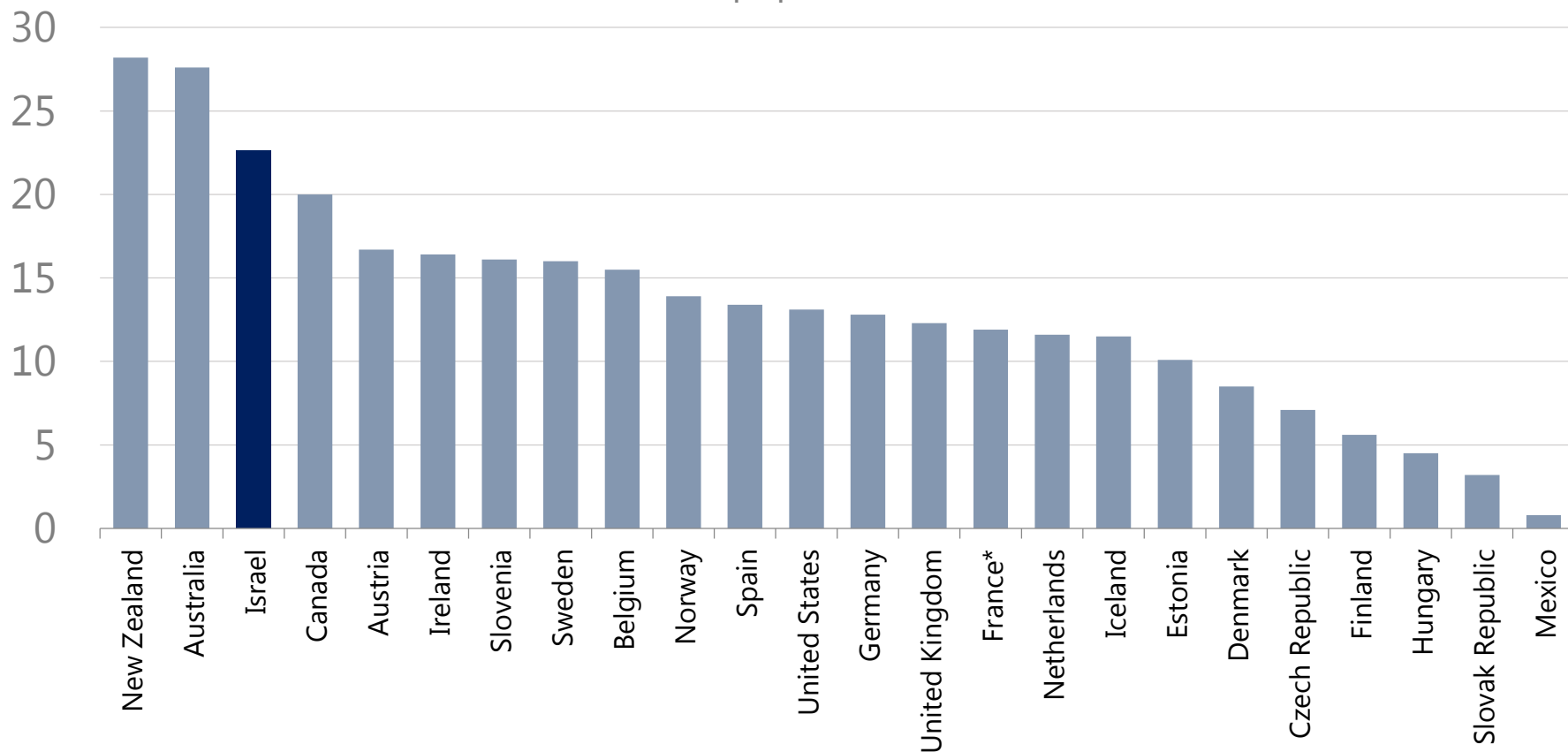
Immigrants by Period of Immigration and Last Continent of Residence



Israel's Population is Diverse, Growing and Young by OECD Standards – Foreign Born Population

Foreign-born population

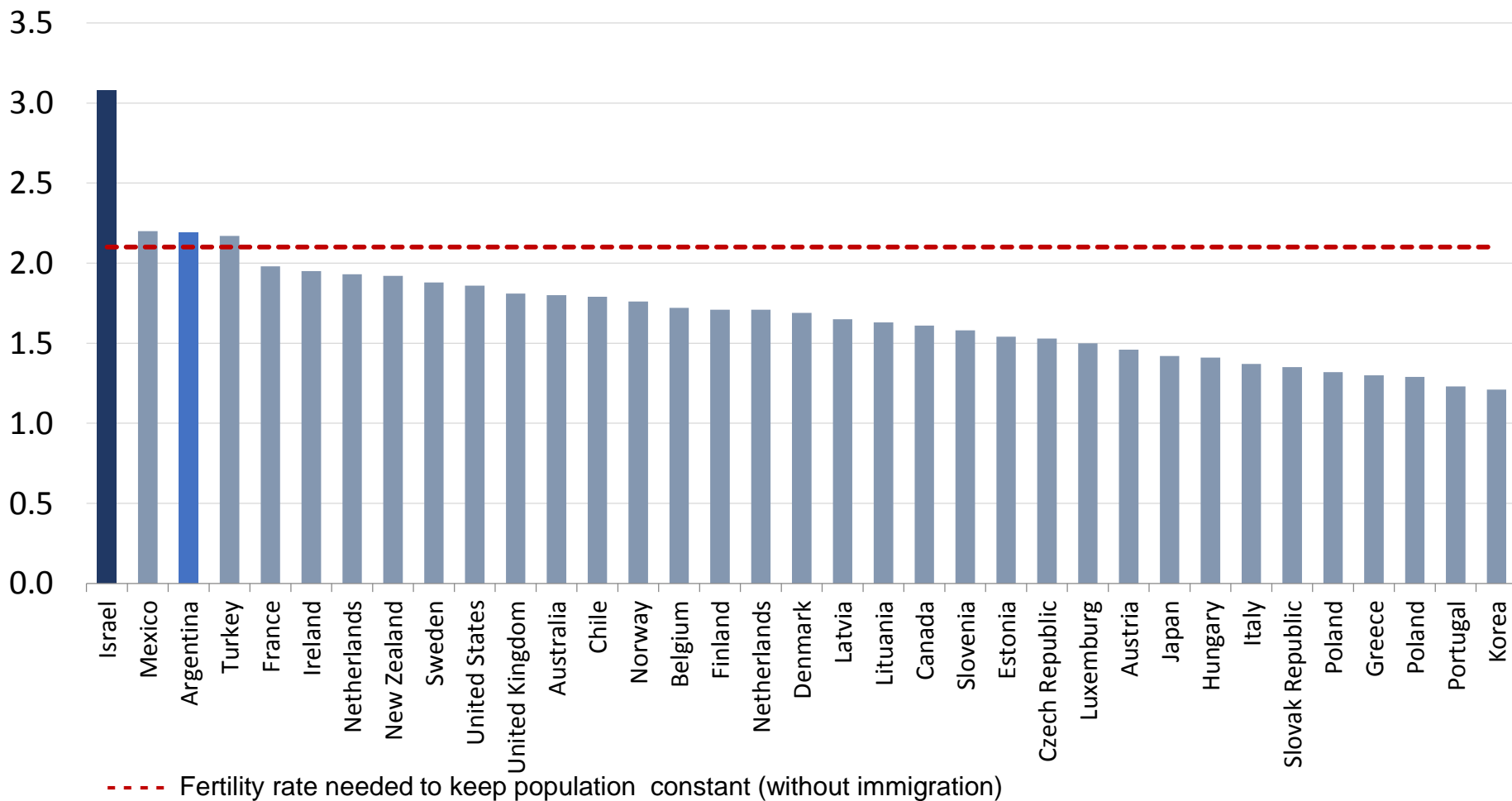
Total % of population, 2013



* 2012 data

Israel's Population is Diverse, Growing and Young by OECD Standards – Fertility Rates

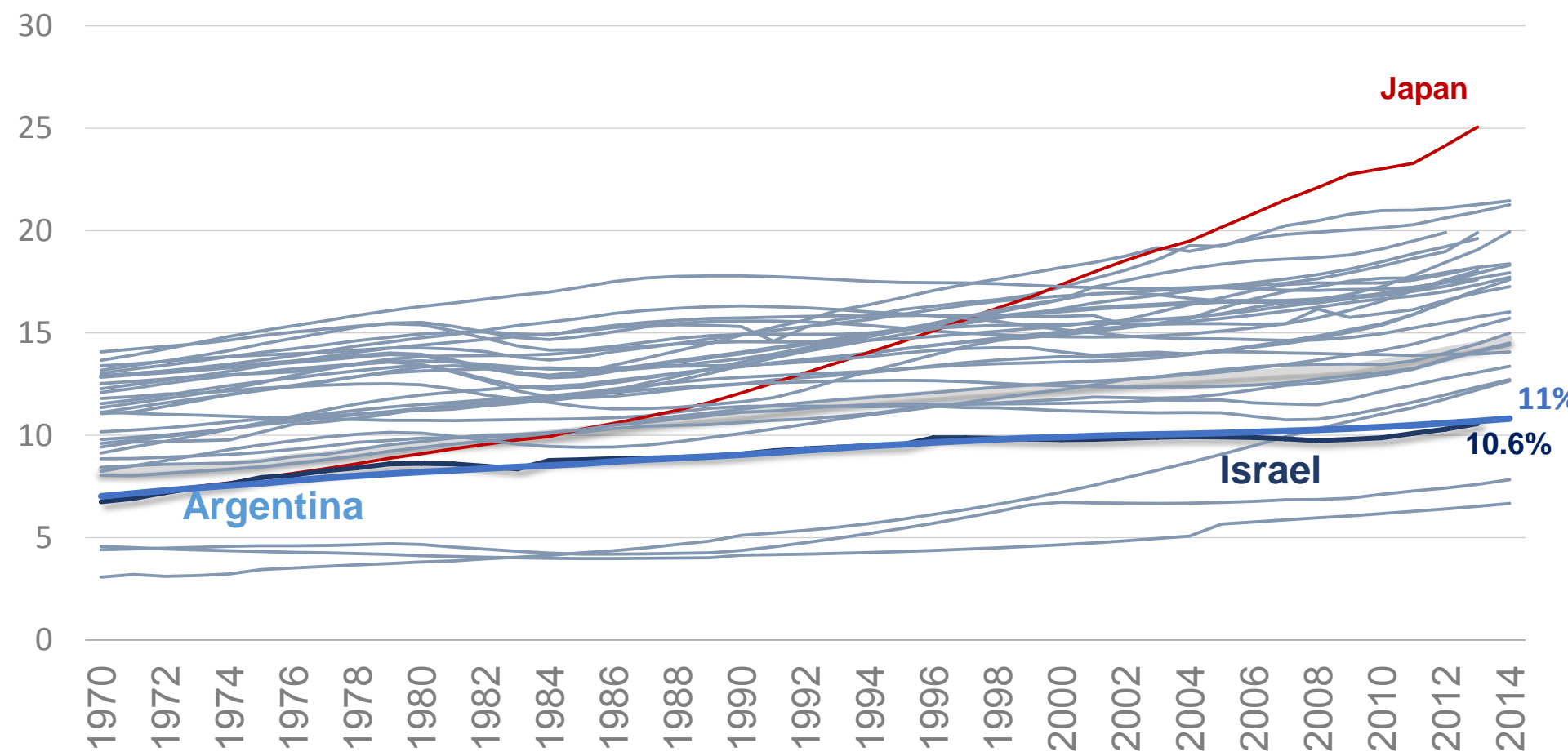
Fertility rate, 2014



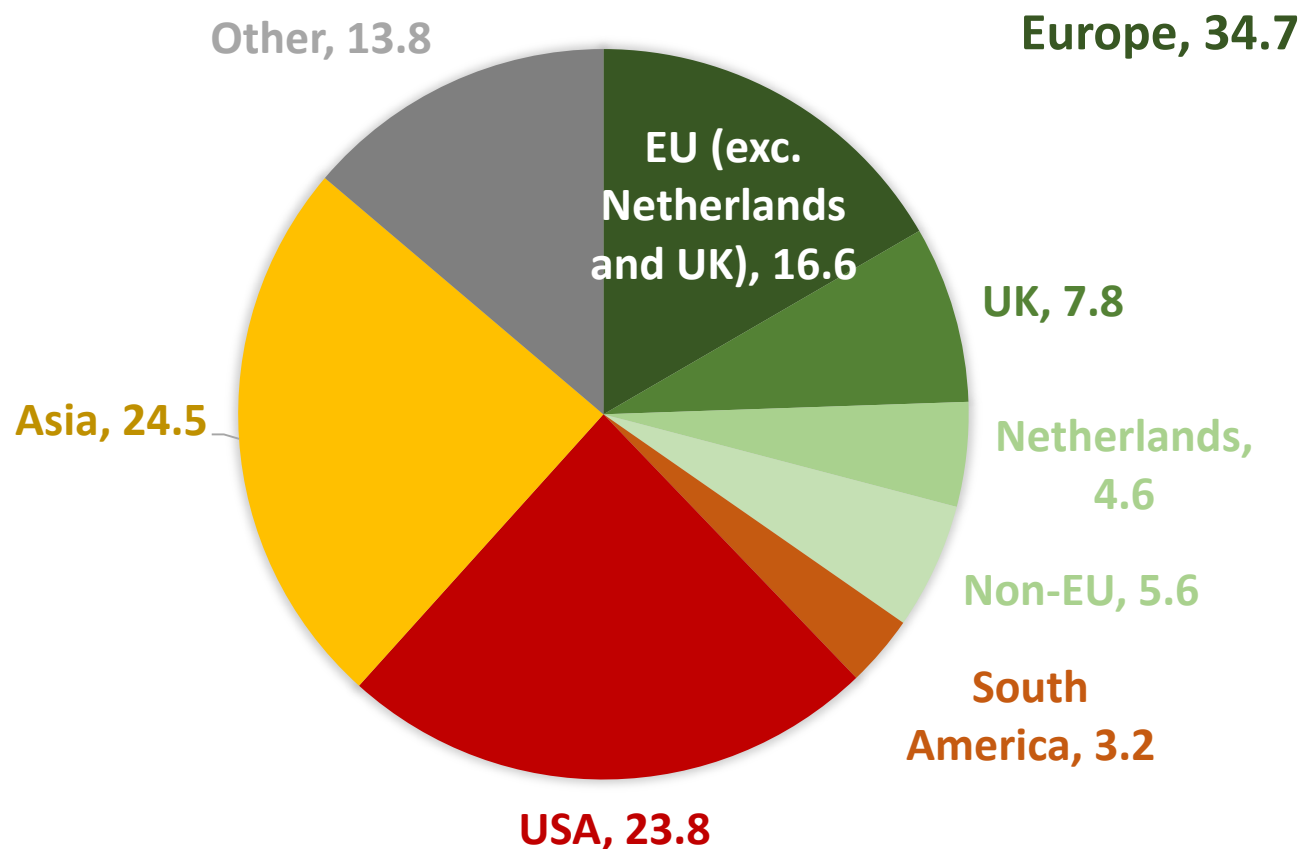
Israel's Population is Diverse, Growing and Young by OECD Standards – Share of Elderly

Elderly Population

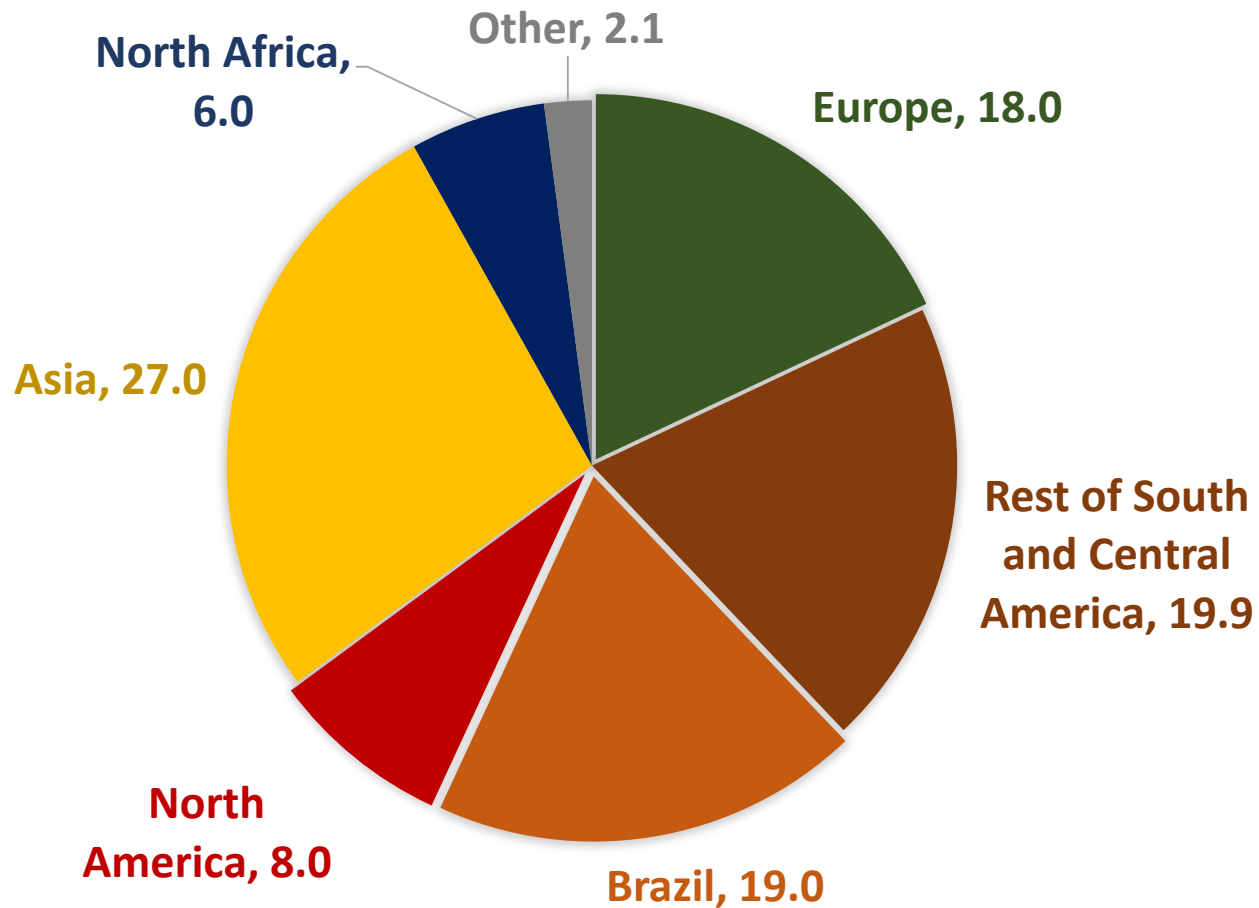
Total, % of population, 1970-2014



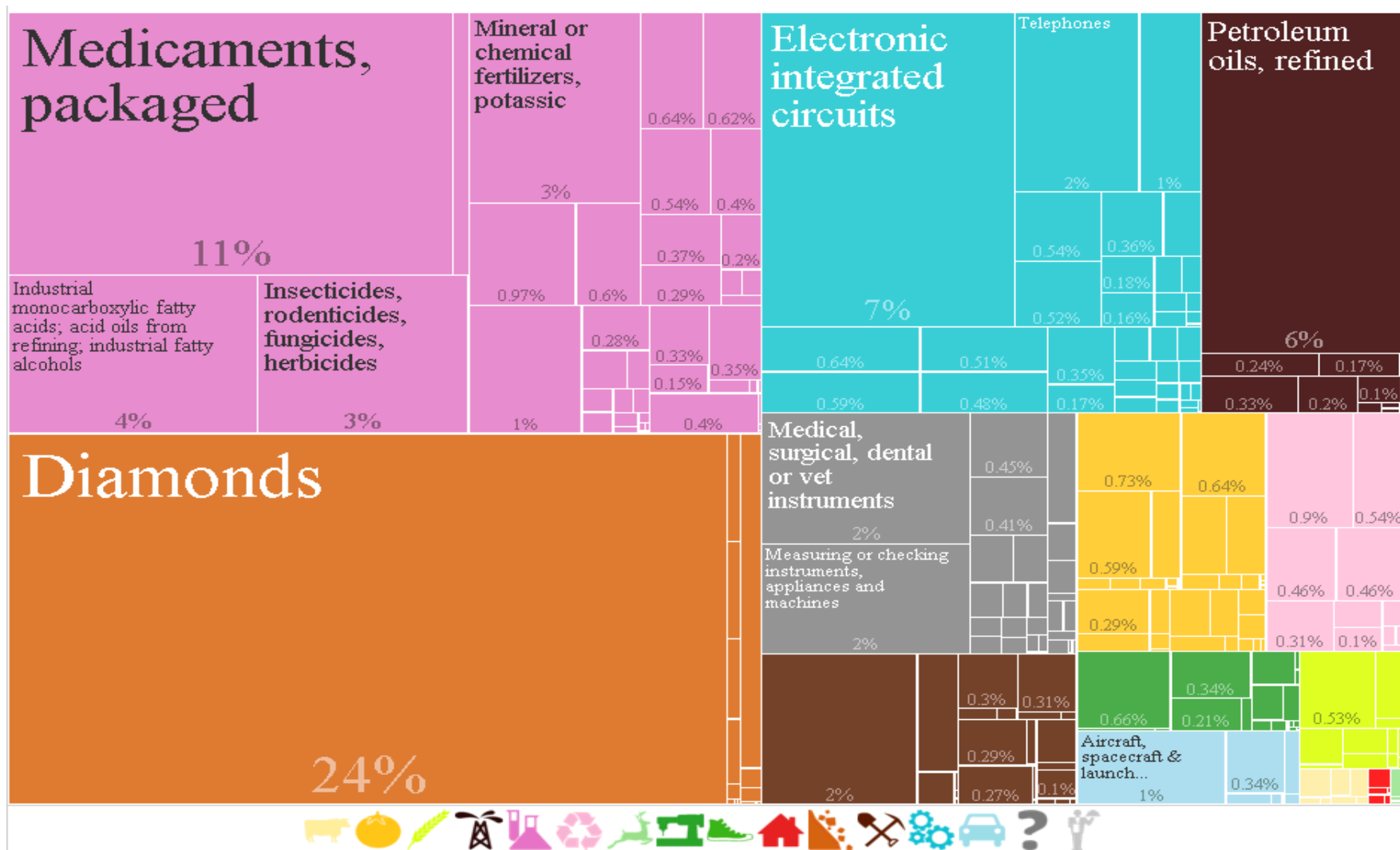
Geographical Composition of Israel's Exports Goods excluding diamonds, 2015



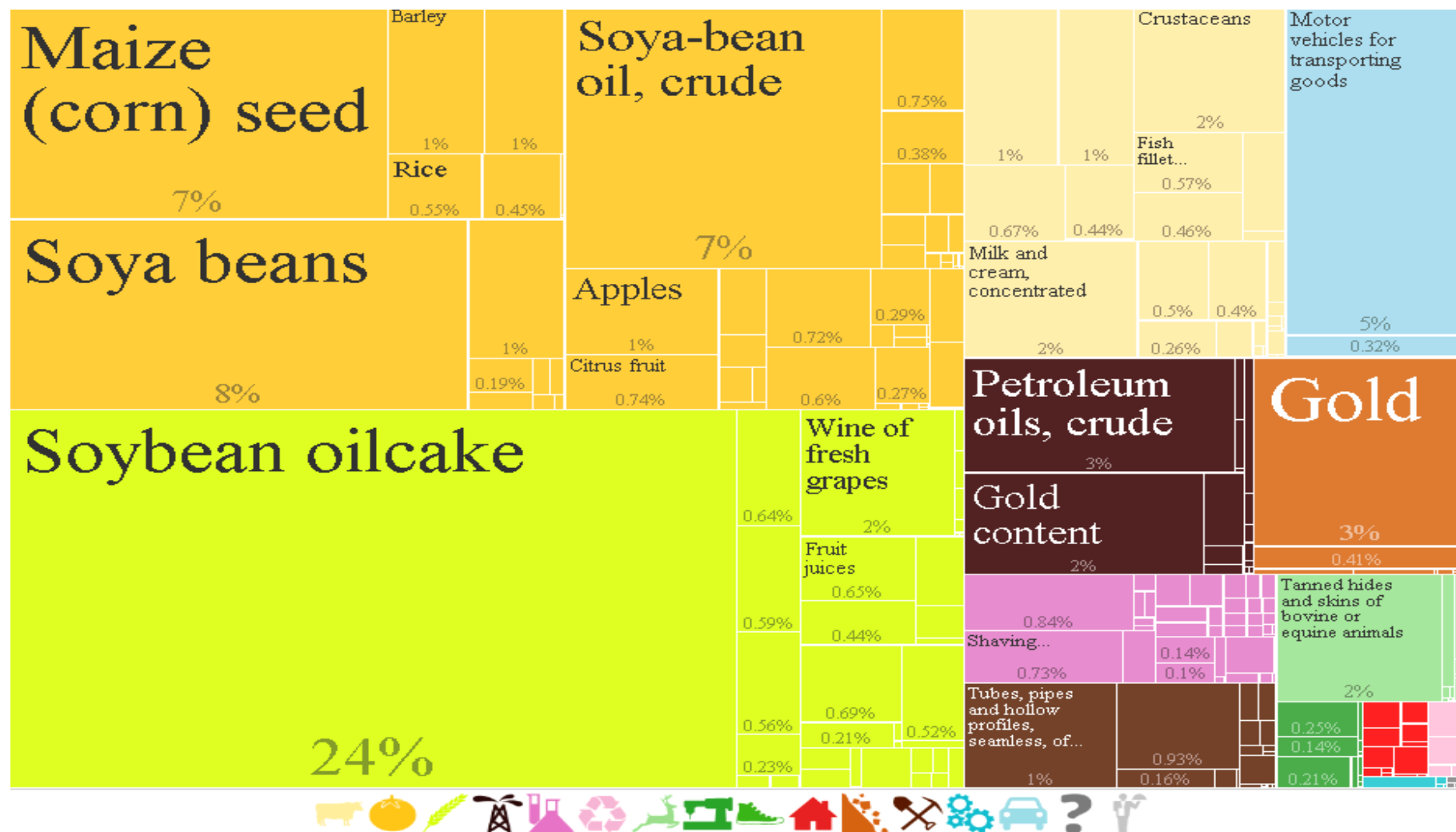
Geographical Composition of Argentina's Exports Goods, 2014



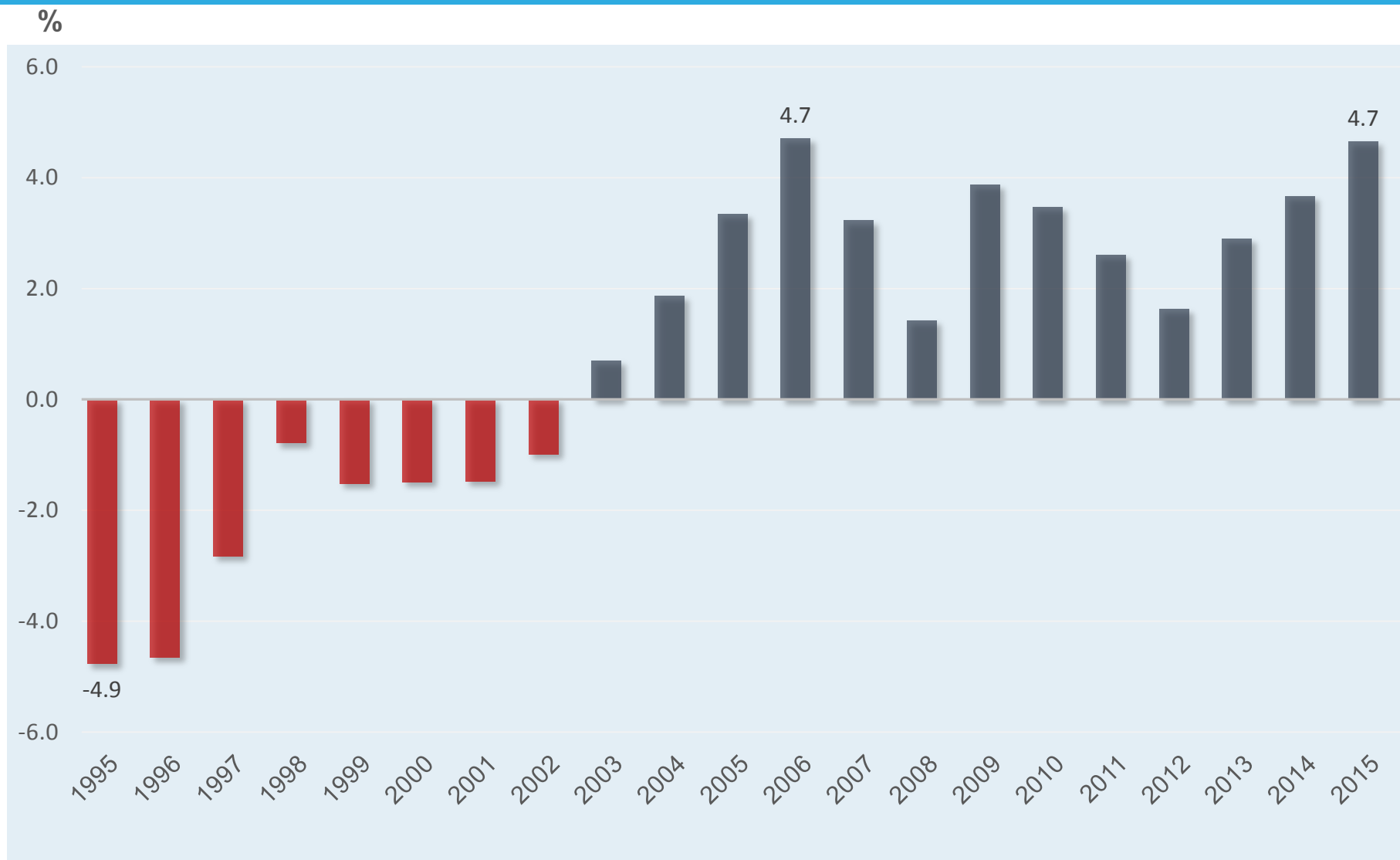
Economic Complexity: Israeli Goods Exports, 2014



Economic Complexity: Argentinian Goods Exports, 2014

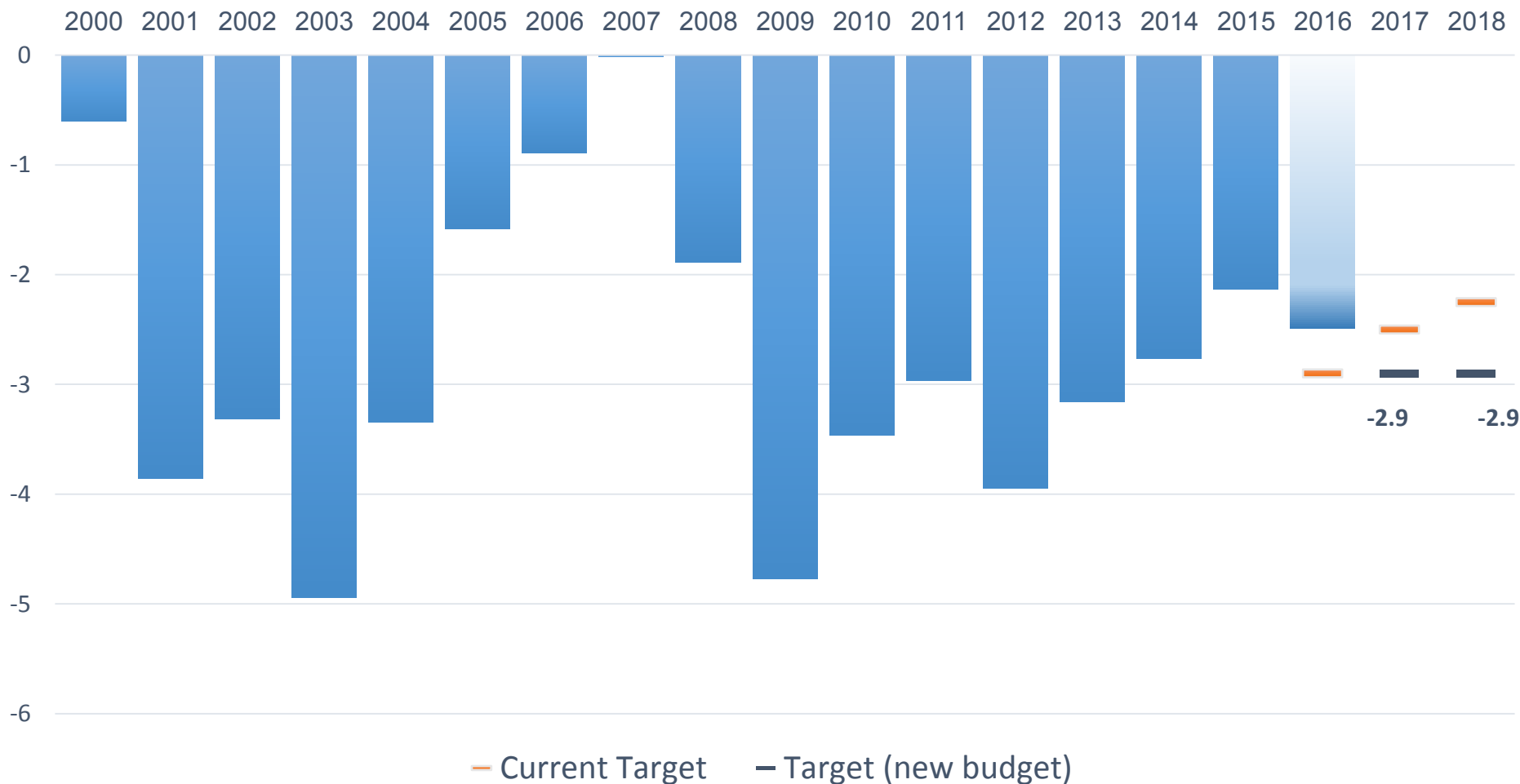


Israel Current Account % GDP 1995-2015



Government Deficit

% of GDP, 2006-2018

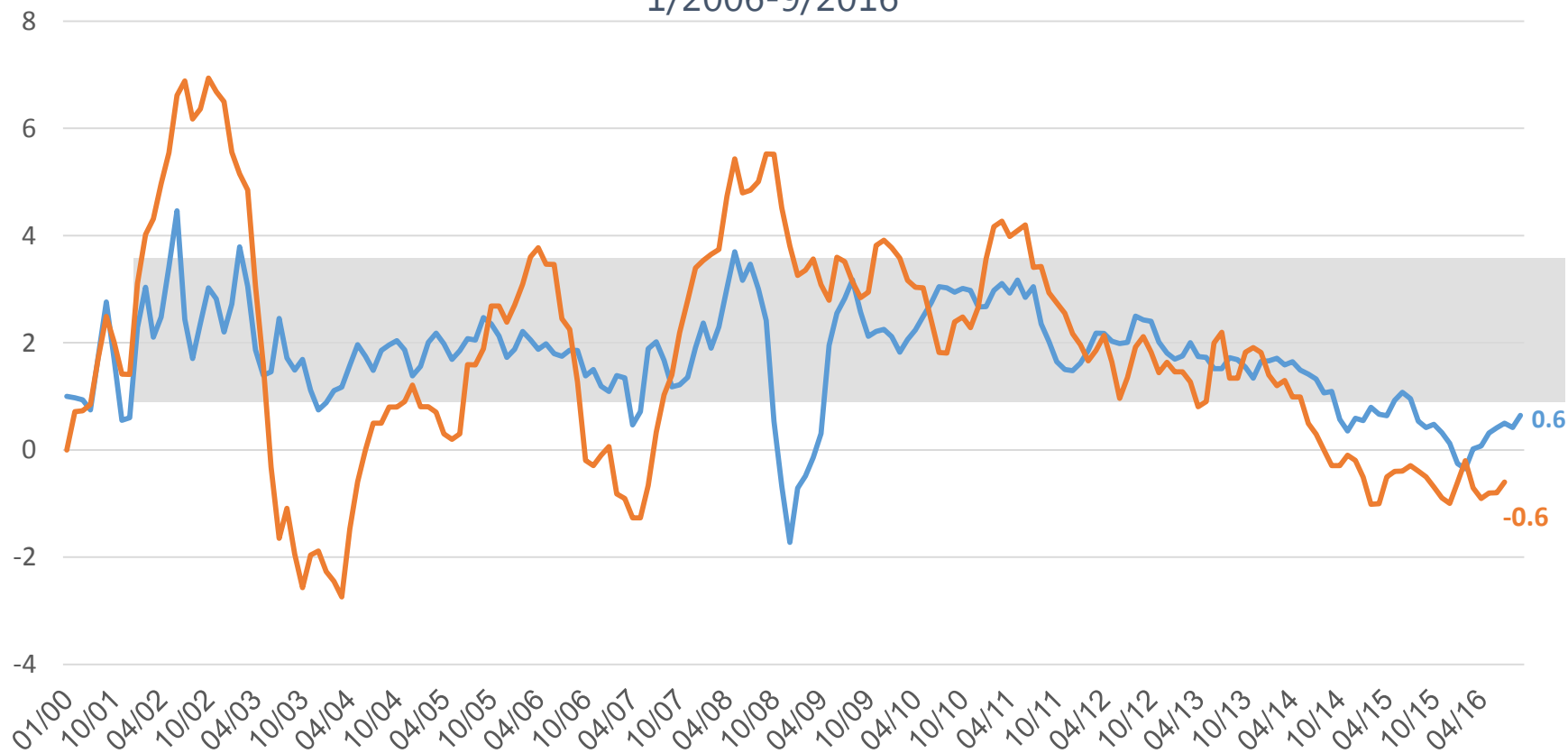


*Estimate for 2016

Drop in ST Inflation Expectations

Inflation* and Inflation Expectations**

1/2006-9/2016



* Inflation Over Past 12 Months

**Inflation Expectations for 12 months from the Capital Market

Strong Macro Economics

- **Affected by World Economy but beating at its own beat**
- **Exports accounts for 32% of GDP**
- **Current Account has been in surplus since 2000**
- **Israel is a Net Lender to the rest of the world**
- **Public Debt has been falling – but now stable**



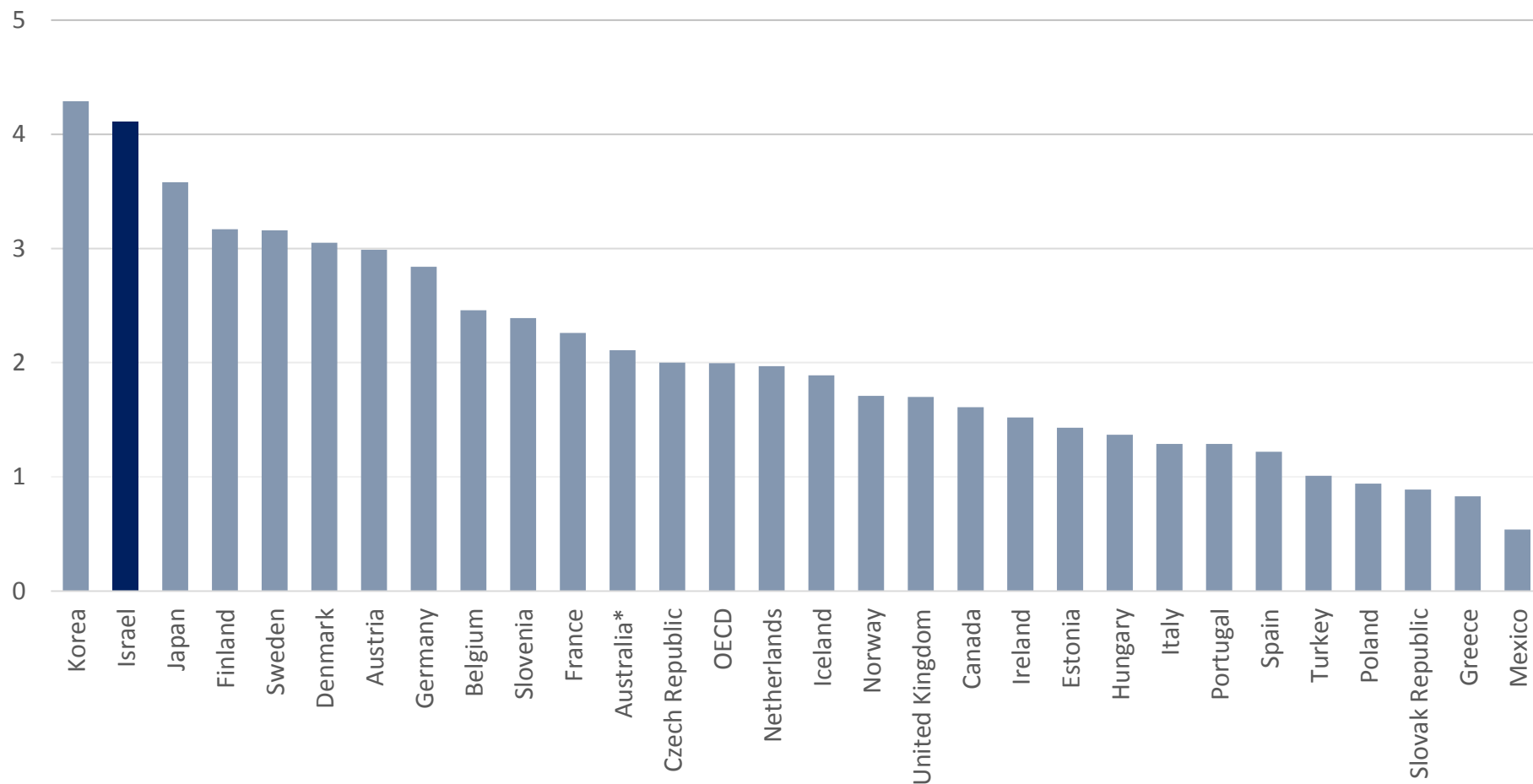
Knowledge Based Economy

- **A snapshot of Innovation in Israel**
- **The Ingredients of Israel's "Silicon Miracle"**
- **Ecosystems for Innovation: tentative lessons**

The Israeli Ecosystem of Innovation

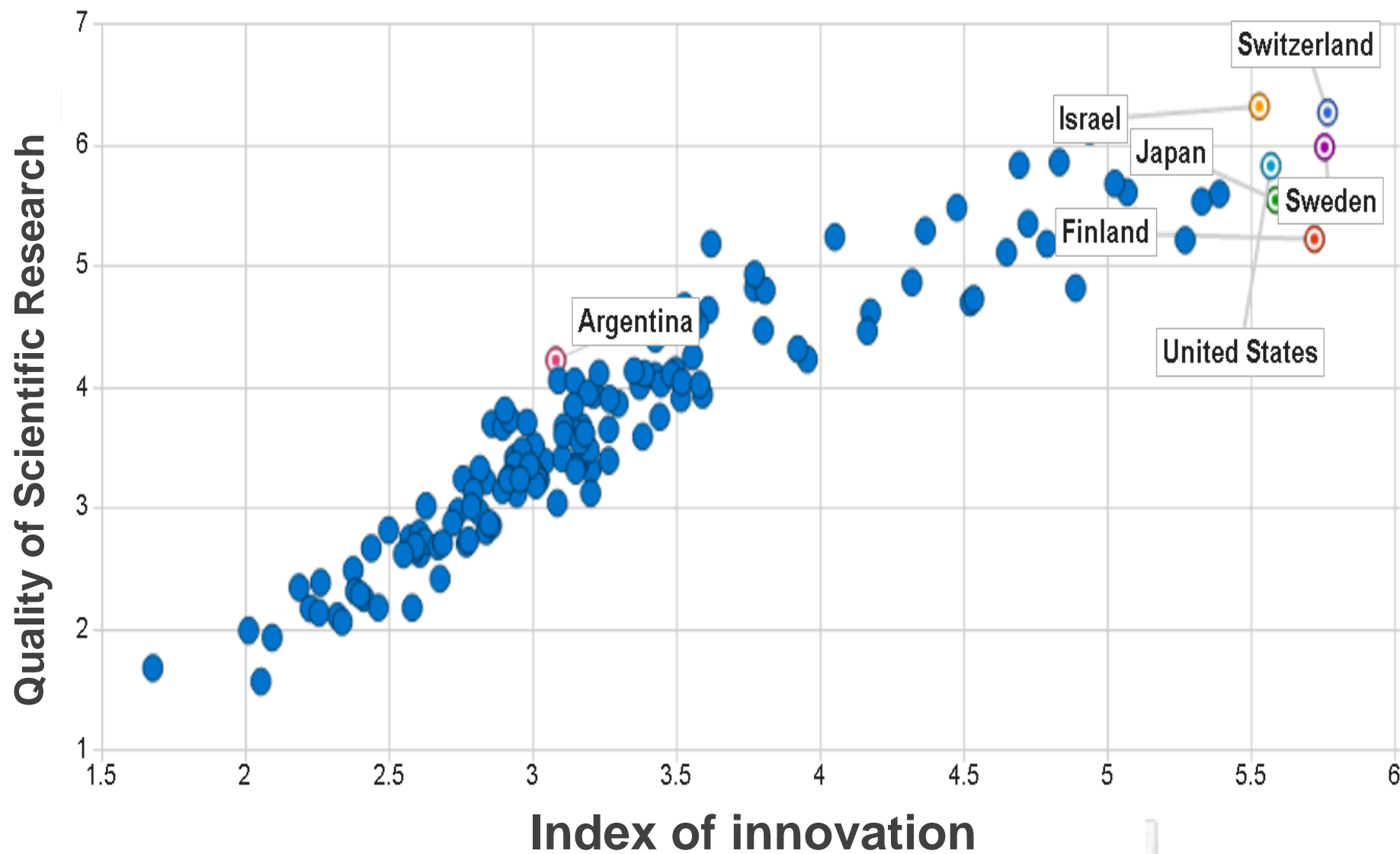
- ❑ Importance of excellence in Higher Education
- ❑ Risk Culture:
 - ❑ "Social cost" of failure is low
 - ❑ "Flat society", little importance of hierarchy
- ❑ Risk Culture: "risky money"
 - ❑ Venture capital funds
 - ❑ Angels provide more than just funds
- ❑ Government support for commercial R&D
 - ❑ Neutrality with respect to the field of innovation
 - ❑ Dynamic

R&D Expenditures as % of GDP, 2014

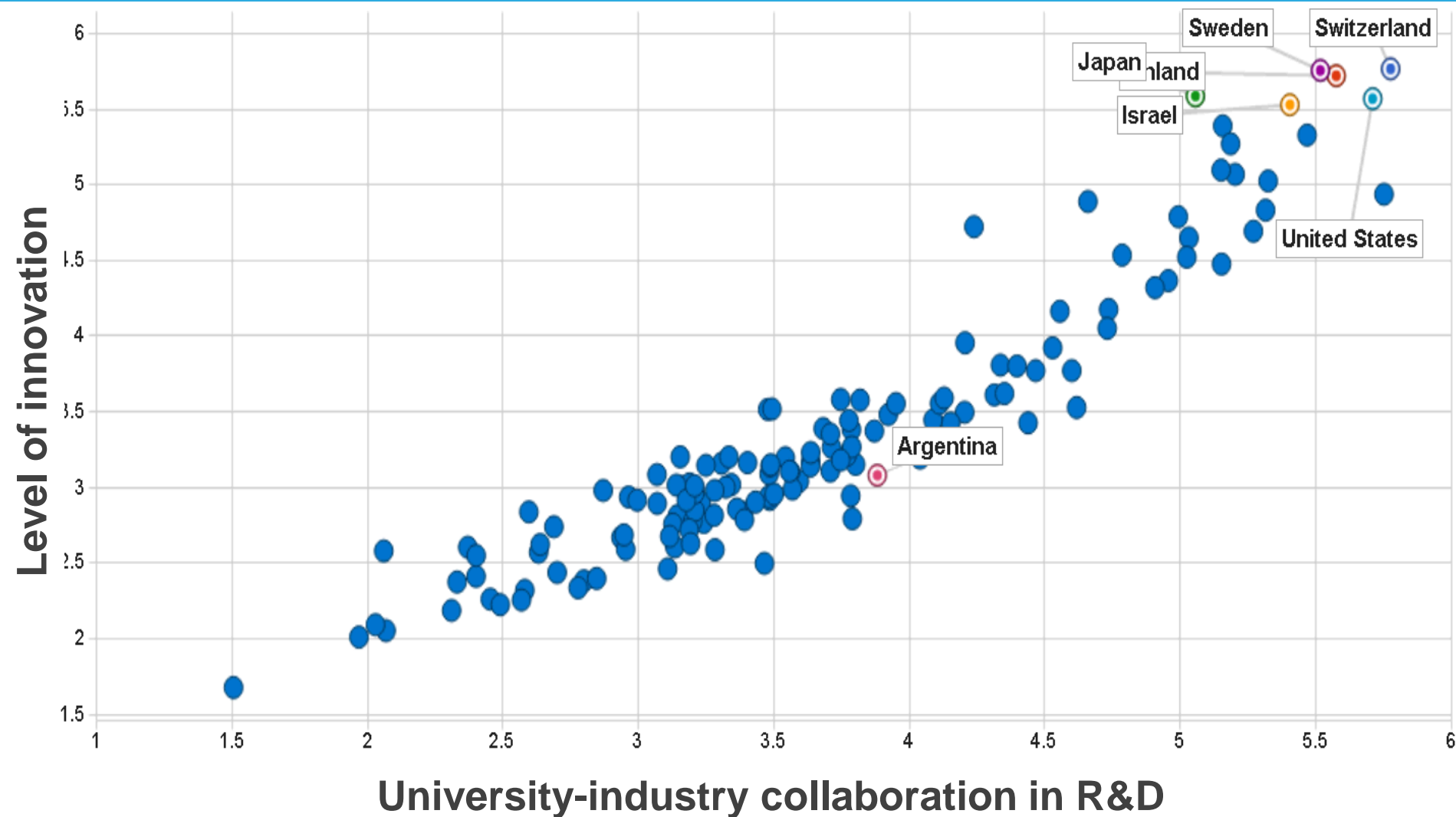


* Data of 2013

Indicators of Scientific research and innovation



University-Industry collaboration in R&D

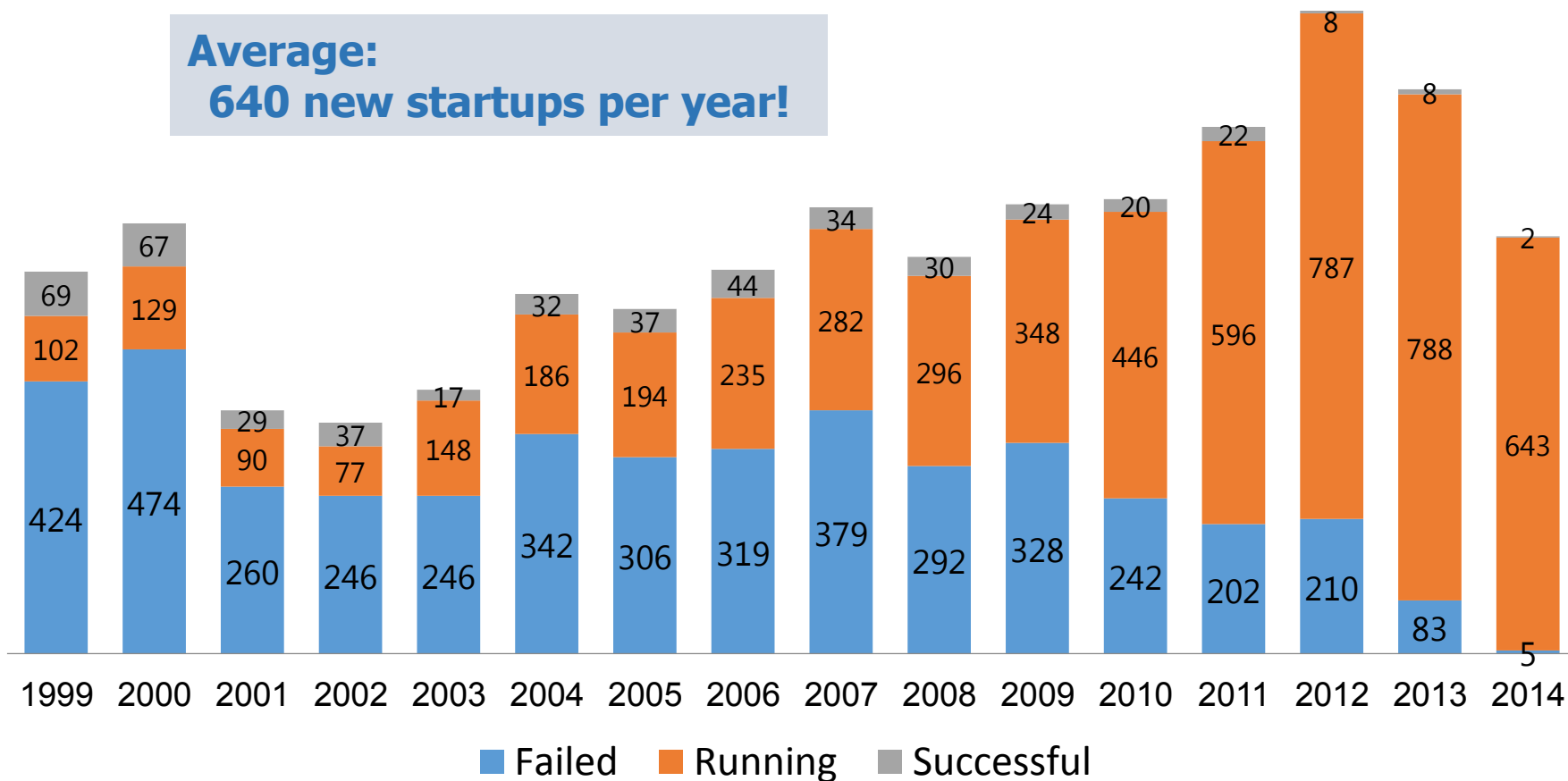


Flurry of High Tech Entrepreneurship: Taste for Risk

Number of New Start-Ups by Year 1999-2014

Israeli Startup Companies: Number of Companies by Year Established, by Success Index 1999-2014

**Average:
640 new startups per year!**



Big Prizes, Small Probabilities of Success

Of **10,185 startups** established during **1999 – 2014**
(*640 new start-ups per year!*):

| Outcome as of 2015 | Number of companies | percent |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|---------|
| Successful | 480 | 5% |
| Failed | 4,358 | 43% |
| Running (the jury still out...) | 5,347 | 52% |
| Total | 10,185 | 100% |

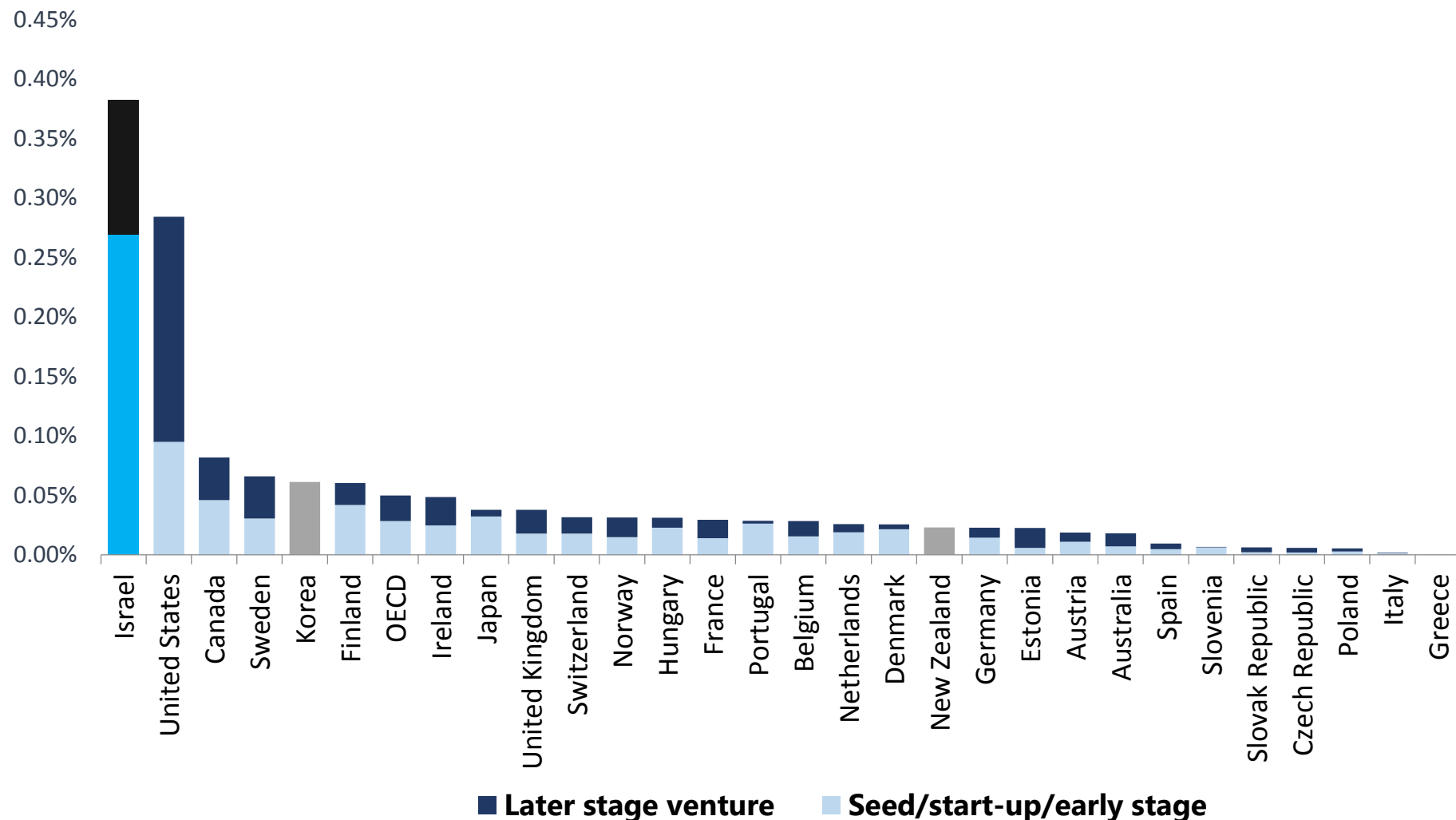
Successful companies as of 2015 **defined as:**

- Reached **100 employees** or more
- Reached annual revenues of **\$100 million** or more
- Sold for **positive return** for investors (**71%** of successes)

Cultural Aspects

- ❑ **Social “stain” of failure is low**
 - **Encourages to try new things**
- ❑ **Little hierarchy – very “flat” society**
 - **Facilitates exchange of ideas**
 - **Reduces barriers to entry**
- ❑ **Compulsory military service (silver lining)**
 - **Important “equalizer” in such a diverse society**
 - **Learn responsibility at a very early age**
 - **Learn how large organizations operate**

Venture Capital Investment as % of GDP, 2014



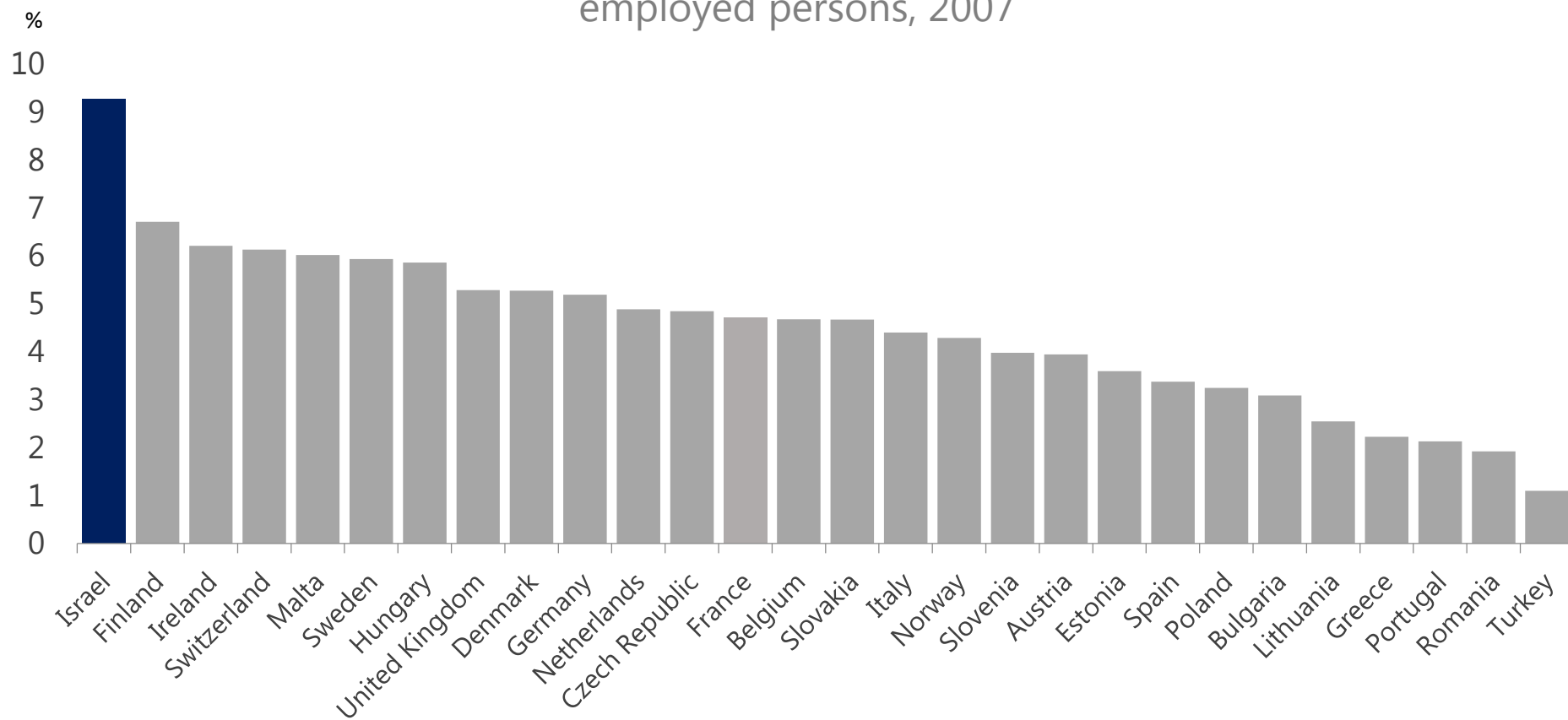


Listing of High Tech companies in NASDAQ 2014

| Region/Country of Origin | No. of companies |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| USA | 2,436 |
| Asia | 122 |
| Europe | 84 |
| Israel | 67 |
| Canada | 45 |
| Central America | 24 |
| South America | 9 |
| Australia & South Pacific | 5 |

Employed Persons in the High-Tech Sector - an International Comparison

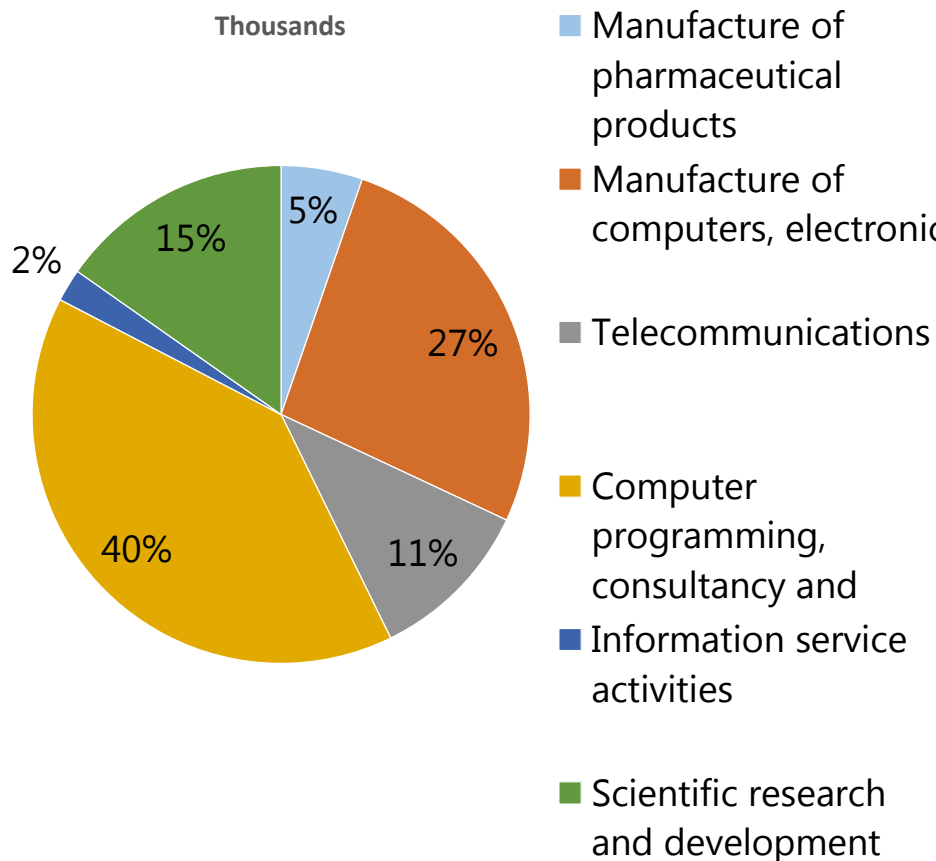
Employed persons in the high-tech sector as a percentage of all
employed persons, 2007



Employee Jobs and Average Wages per Employee Job in the High-Tech Sector, 2014

Employee Jobs

Thousands



Average Wages per Employee Job in the High-Tech Sector at Selected Industries

NIS

25,000

23,000

21,000

19,000

17,000

15,000

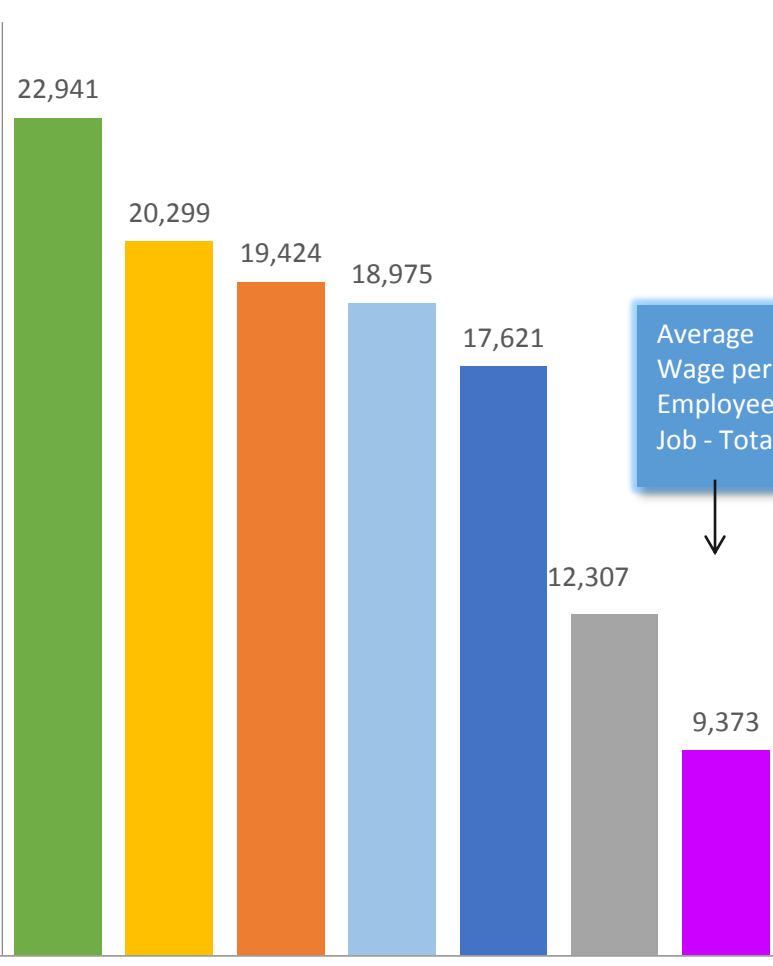
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9,000

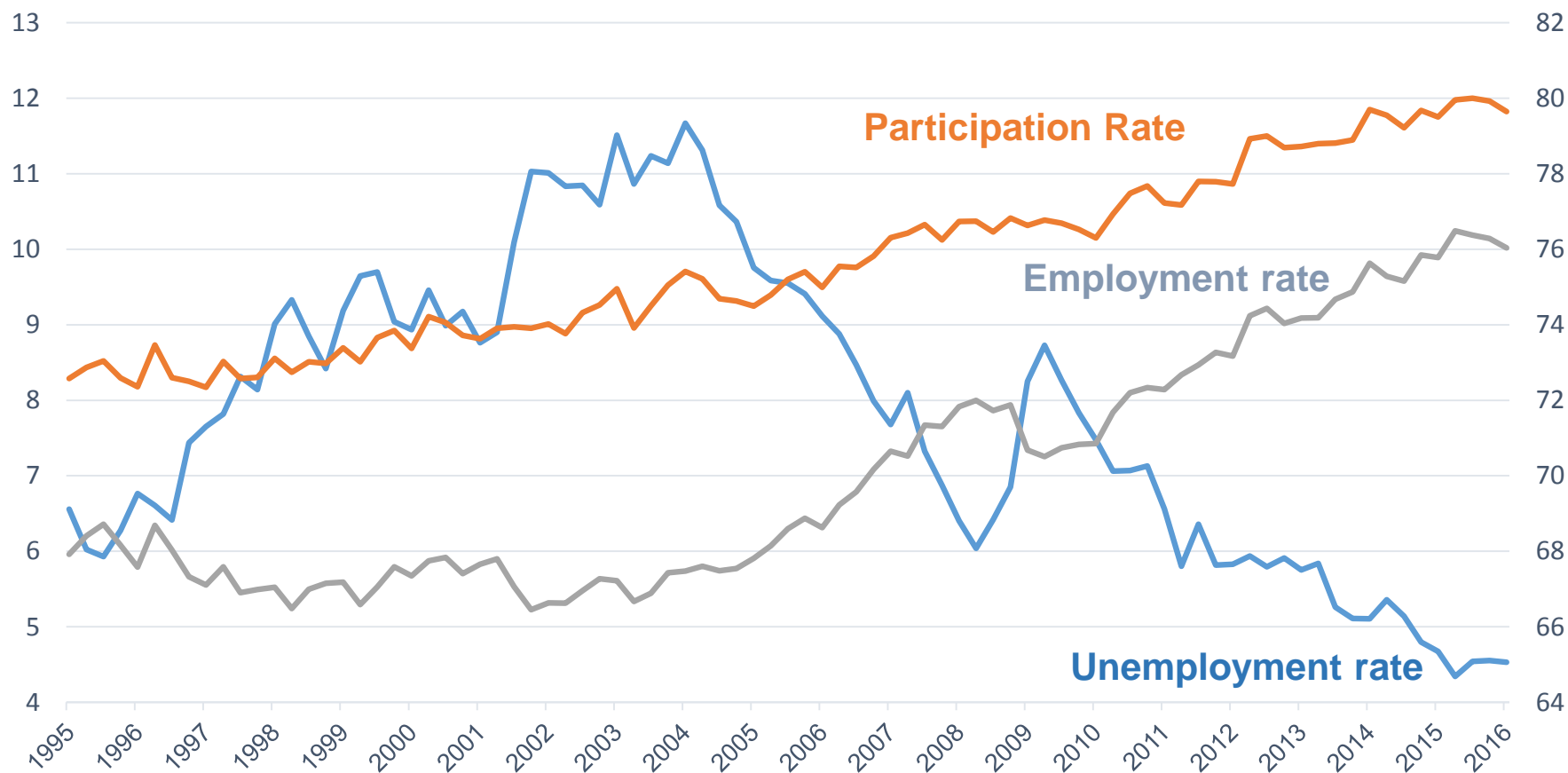
7,000

5,000



Labor Market-Main Indicators

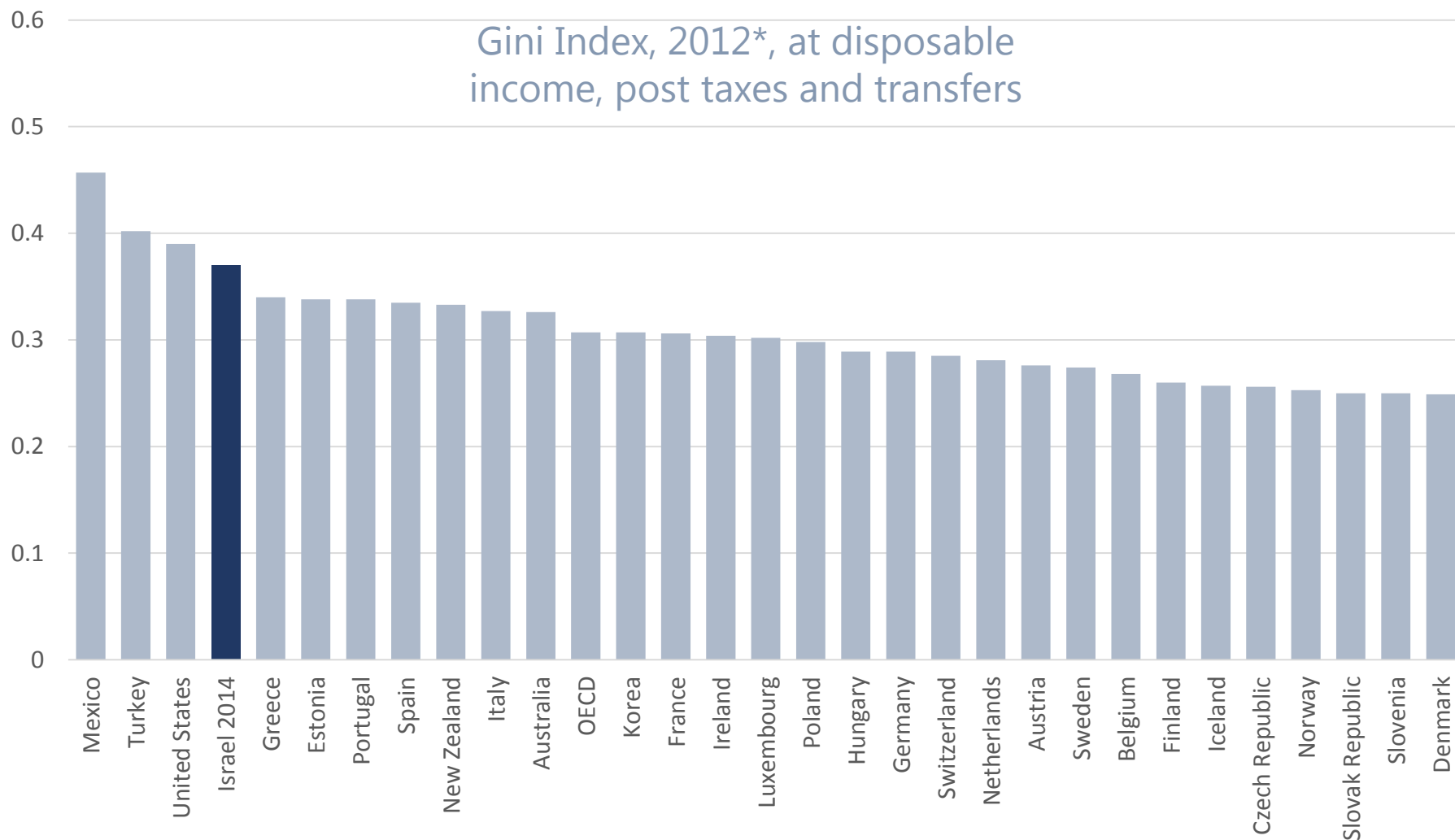
(1995-2016 Quarterly figures, 25-64 years old)



* The new survey is chained according to the old survey, seasonally adjusted and is based on the coefficients of the new survey.

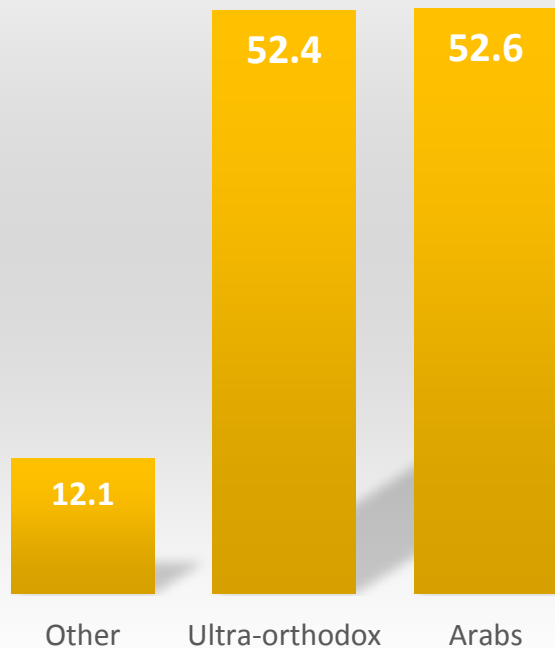
Income Inequality is High

Gini Index, 2012*, at disposable income, post taxes and transfers



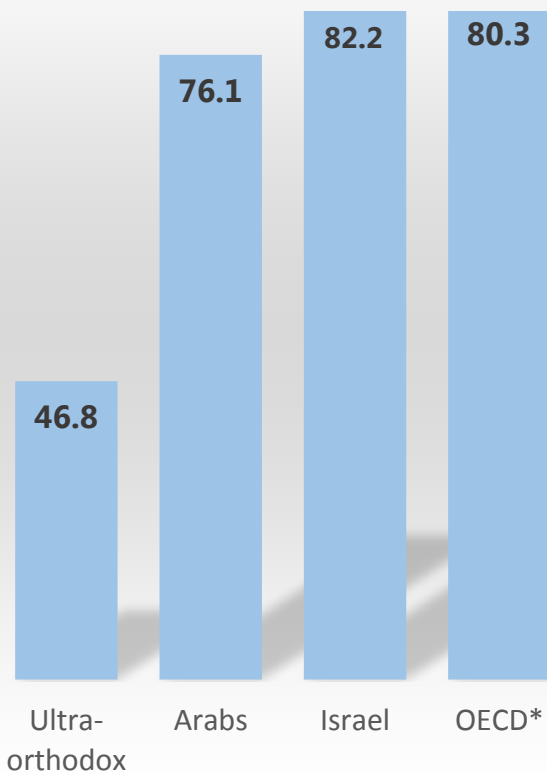
Large Pockets of Poverty Linked to low employment rate

Incidence of Poverty by group
(% of relative poverty*)



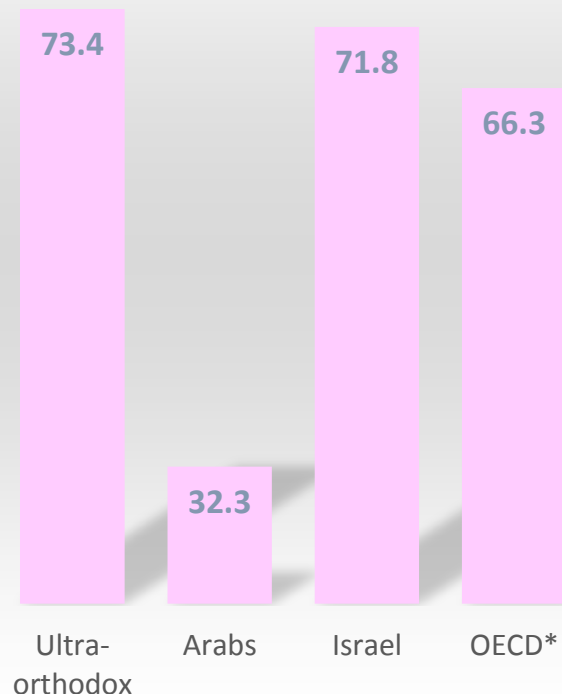
*Defined as 50% of the median household income

Men Labor rate Participation by group



*OECD data for 2014

Women Labor rate Participation by group

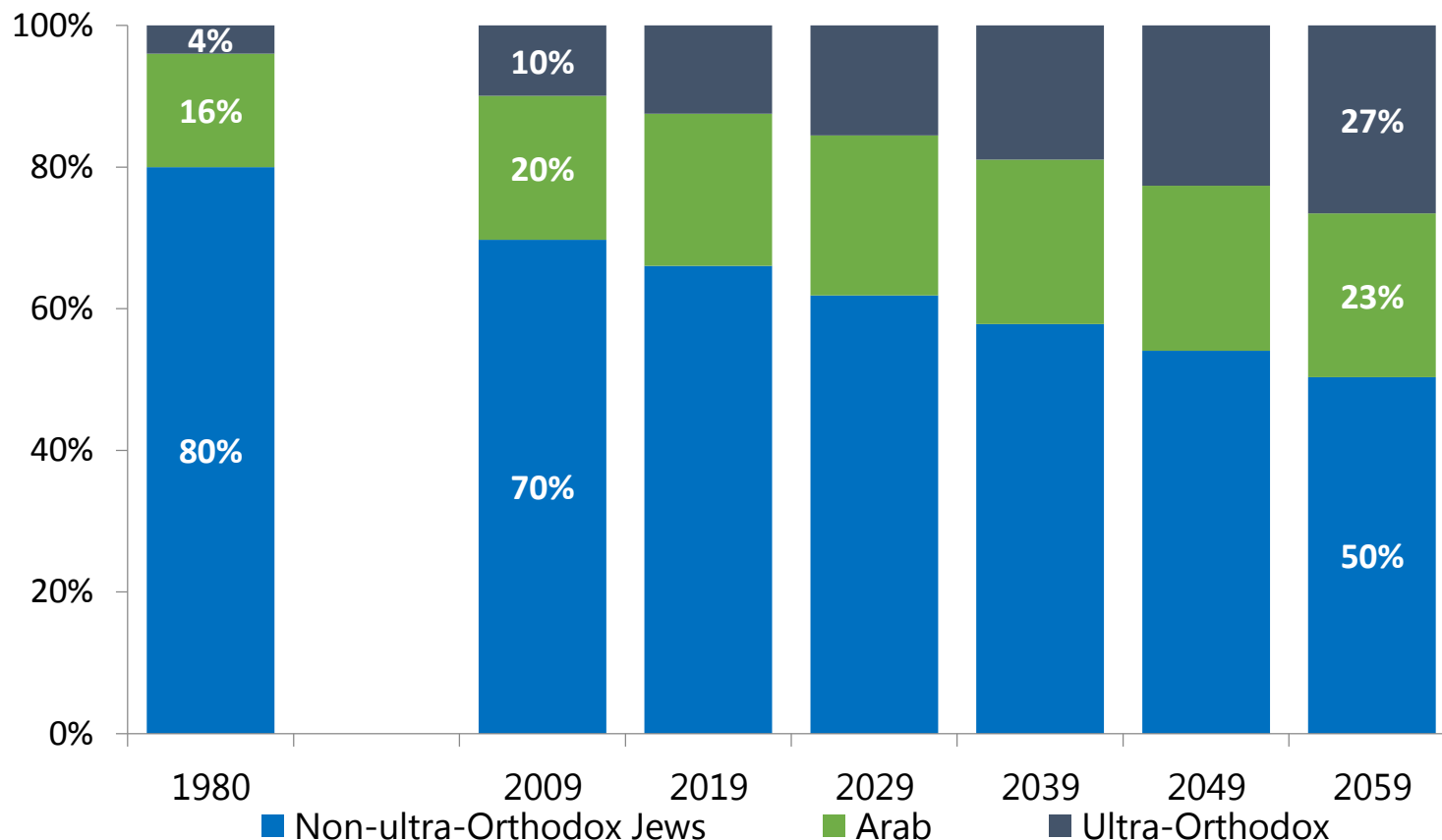


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High Fertility Combined with High Labor Participation Rate Requires Appropriate Support and Incentives

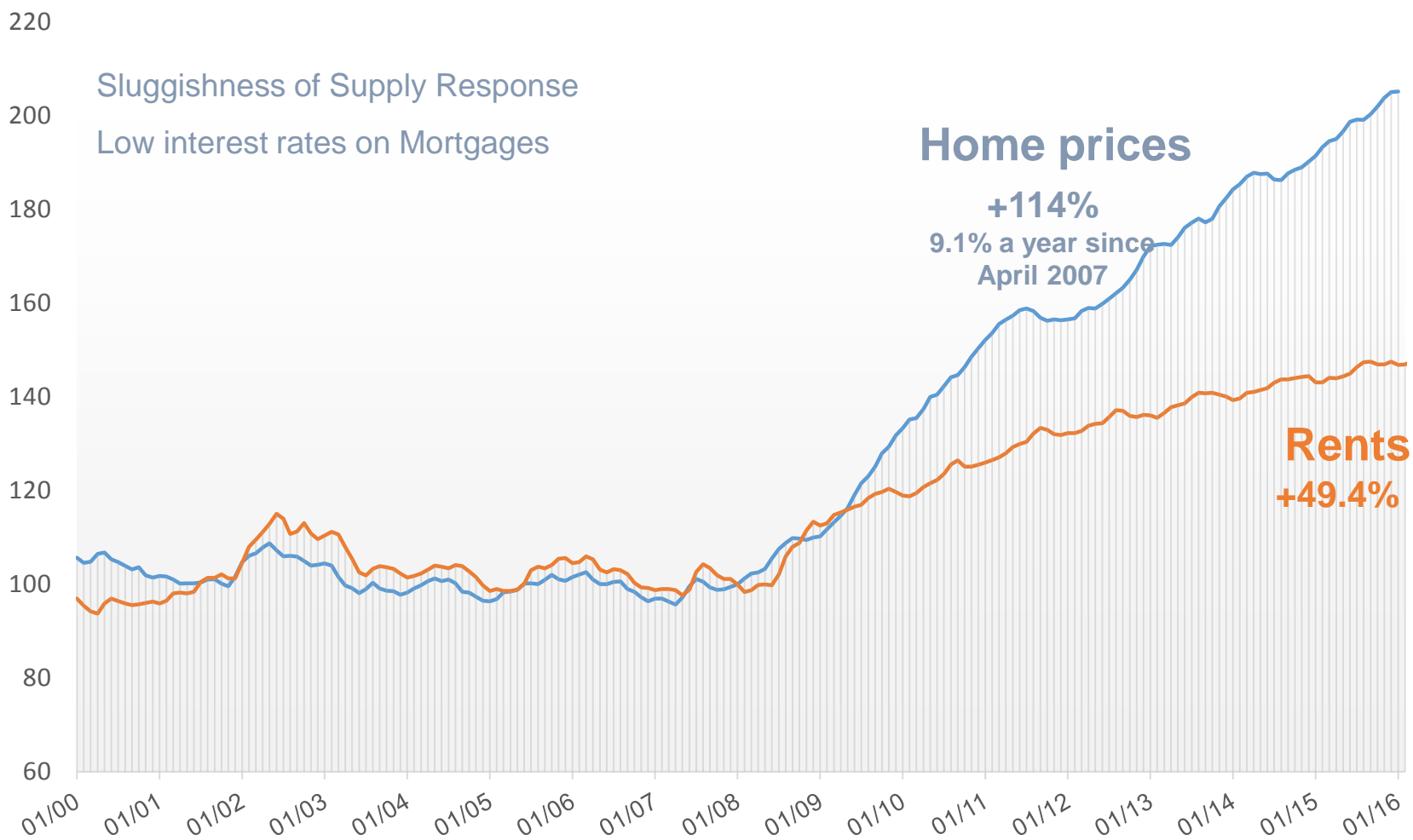
Expected demographic trends

Relative share of population groups

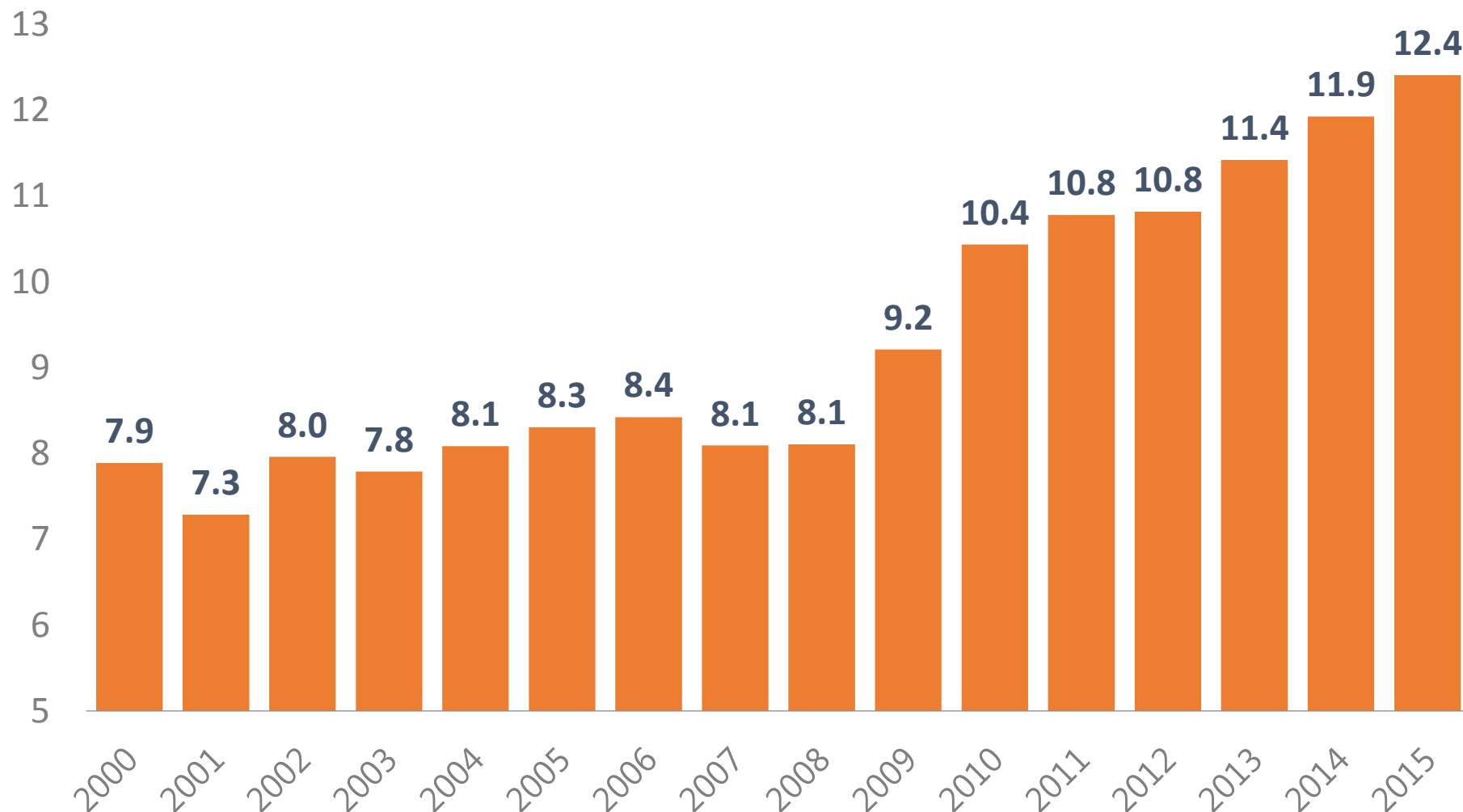


Housing Prices

nominal prices index



Number of Years of work needed to buy an apartment For someone earning the average wage and buying the “average” apartment



Summary

Comfortable macro economic environment,
but much weaker micro economic situation
with high inequality and cost of living

Moderate Economic Growth

Low inflation

No excess debt in either the private nor
public sector

Outstanding High Tech sector

.....and yet

High Inequality

High cost of Housing

Muchas Gracias