

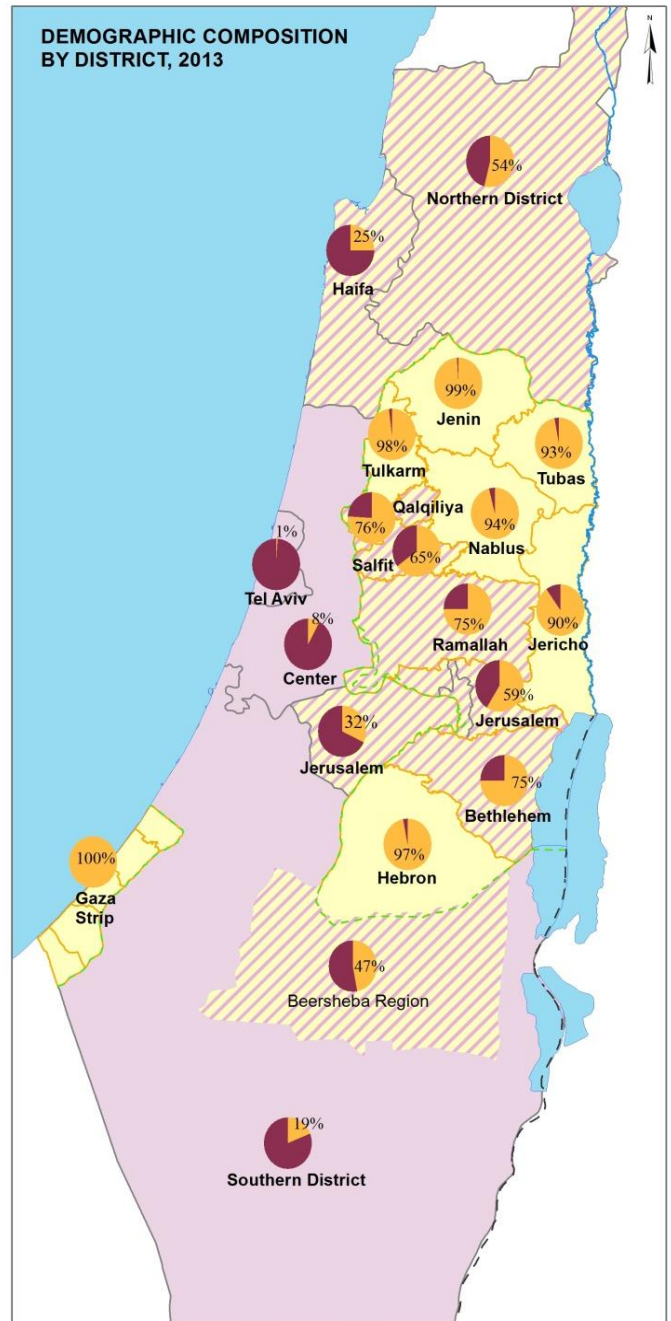
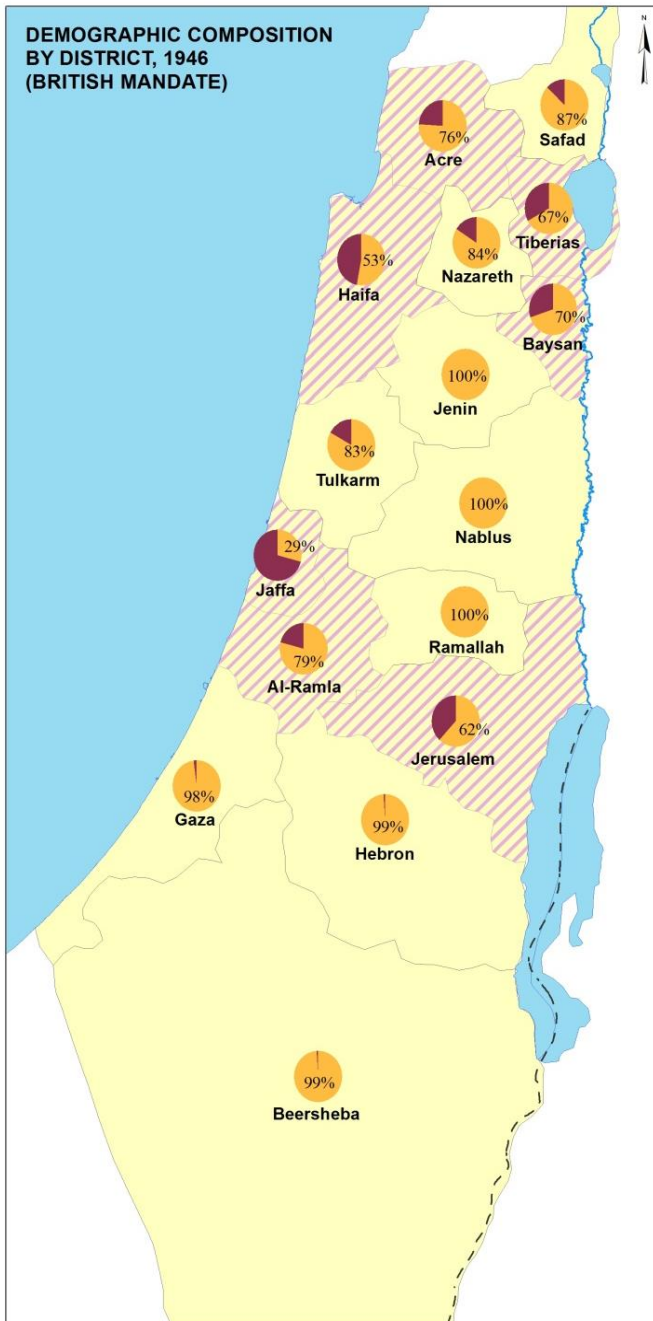
## Israeli Ethnic Cleansing and Population Transfer (1948 – present)

Israel has carried out a policy of population transfer for the purpose of exclusive Jewish Israeli domination: it has changed the demographic composition of the country by forcibly displacing indigenous Palestinians and preventing their return, and by fostering Jewish immigration and settlements.

Under the British Mandate before 1948, Palestinians were citizens and lived in Palestine. Today, 70% are refugees and internally displaced persons and approximately half of the people are in exile abroad.

Population transfer, related persecution and dispossession (ethnic cleansing) continue until today in historical Palestinian towns, such as Jaffa and Ramla, in Israel's Southern District (Naqab, Beersheba Region), and in the occupied Palestinian West Bank, especially in the southern Hebron district, the Jordan Valley, and in East Jerusalem and Israeli-proclaimed "greater Jerusalem".

**Forcible transfer of populations is a standalone crime under international law, and part of the crime of apartheid under the Rome Statute of the ICC. It gives rise to individual liability and state responsibility.**



**Population by District**

- Mainly Palestinian (more than 80%)
- Mainly Jewish-Israeli (more than 80%)
- Mixed (equal/more than 20% of each group)
- Percentage of Palestinian population

Sources: Palestineremembered.com (UN map no. 93(b), August 1950), Israeli Central Bureau of Statistics (ICBS), Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS), Open Street Map, Arab Studies Society GIS Department, OCHA-oPt, Badil.

**District Boundaries**

- British Mandate district boundaries (1946)
- Current Palestinian district boundaries/OPT
- Current Israeli district boundaries

Israel, including its Bureau of Statistics (ICBS), also maintains a district of "Judea and Samaria" (occupied West Bank) with a population of almost 100% Jewish Israeli settlers and the Palestinian population excluded.

Armistice Line demarcating Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territory