YOUNG ADULTS IN THE ISRAEL-HAMAS WAR How have young adults aged 18-34 been affected by the war?

This question was examined in an online self-reported survey conducted from January 23 to February 8, 2024, approximately three and a half months after the outbreak of the war. The survey was carried out among a sample of 701 young adults representing the Jewish and Arab population in Israel. **The study was commissioned by the Youth Authority in the Ministry of the Negev, Galilee, and National Resilience.**

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2,276,900 Young adults aged 18-34

53%

of the civilians and soldiers killed were aged 18-29* *Up to the 150th day of the war; Roda et al., 2024

41%

or both

of the respondents

family members,

who were harmed

their house destroyed)

were either affected themselves, or had

friends or acquaintances

(killed / injured / kidnapped /

Their proportion in the population

17.1%

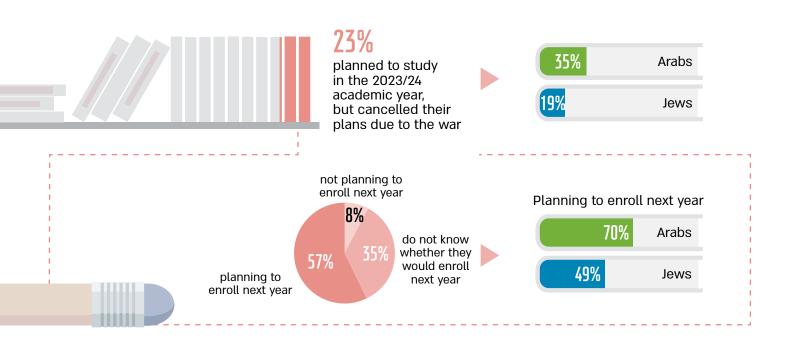
25% reported being directly affected

(injured / evacuated /



their house or other property destroyed / they or their partner was drafted / were in a community infiltrated by terrorists or at one of the parties in the area)

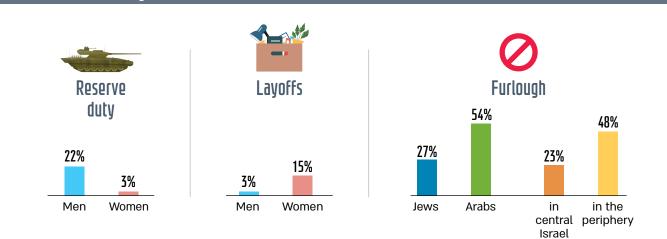
Education -



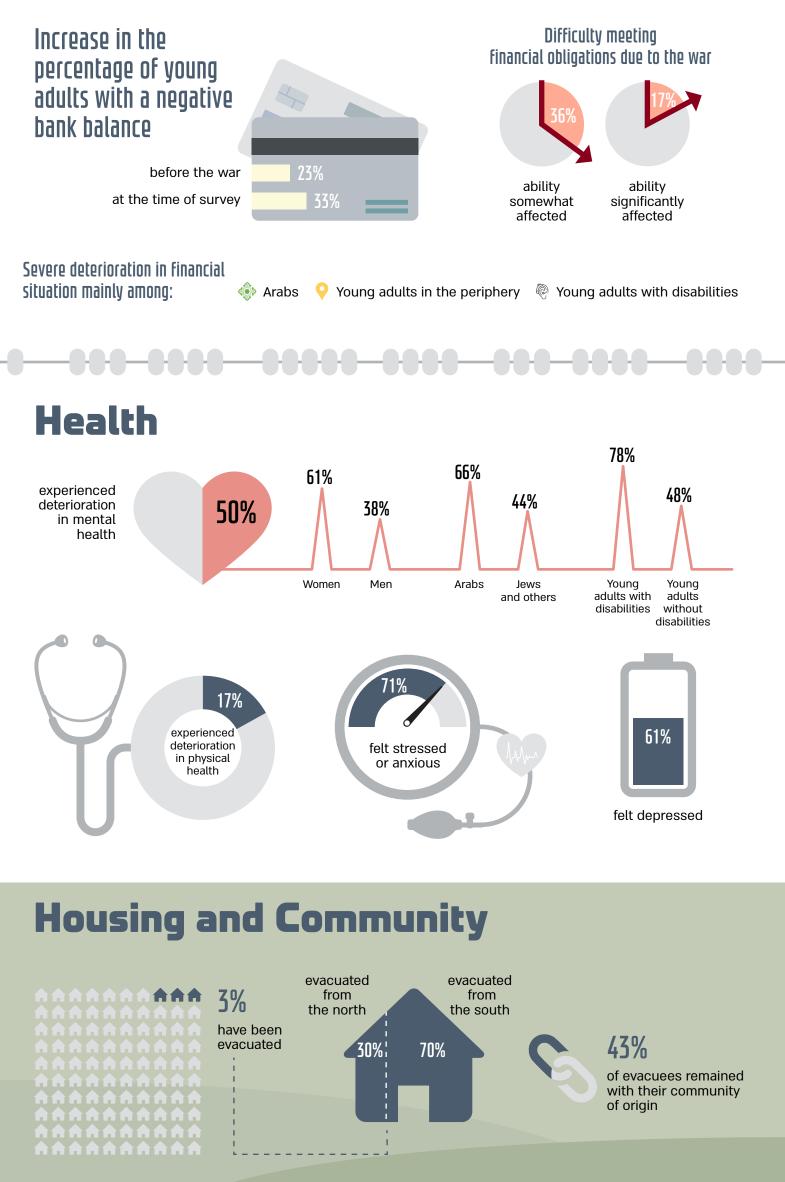
Employment 28% had to leave their jobs*

(furloughed / dismissed / closed their business / drafted / could not arrive at work due to the security situation) *including temporary leaving

Reasons for not working:

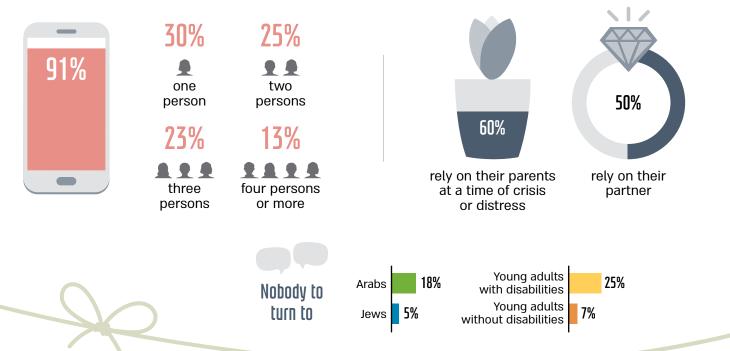


Financial Situation



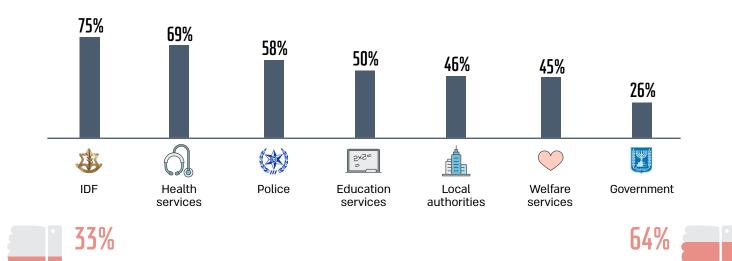
Support Systems

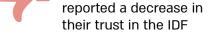
Almost all young adults have at least one person to turn to in times of crisis



Trust in Political and Public Institutes

The young adult's level of trust in the government was the lowest





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reported a decrease in their trust in the government

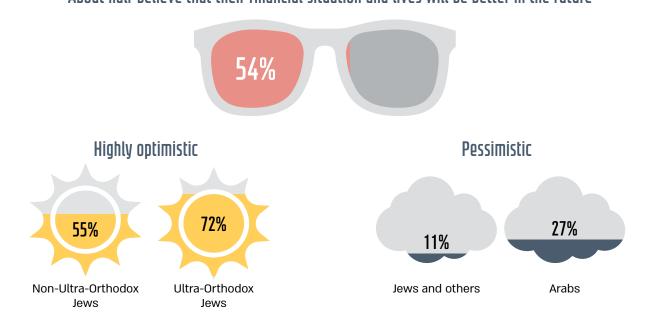
Low level of trust
 Arabs

 particularly among:

 Young adults with disabilities

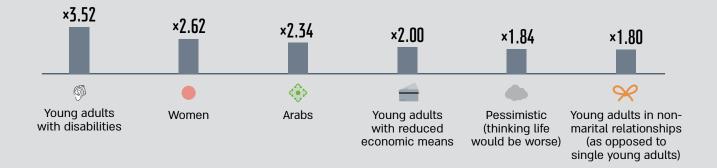
High level of trust among: 🕱 Ultra-Orthodox Jews

About half believe that their financial situation and lives will be better in the future



Vulnerable Groups

The likelihood of experiencing mental health deterioration following the war



Young adults are a key part of the future of society and constitute the engine of its economic growth. Over the past four years, they have faced two major crises: the COVID-19 pandemic and the Israel-Hamas war.

For the past several months, they have borne the burden of defending the country out of a sense of mission, exhibiting impressive resilience. However, the accumulated impact of the events tends to erode it. The research findings point to the damages of the war in many life areas: education, employment, health and more. They point to the need for a comprehensive response that is focused on the needs of young adults and that will help them return to their life trajectories. To this end, a dedicated budget is needed in order to provide assistance that will improve the condition of young adults in the short and long term and will expedite their recovery. Special attention should also be directed toward groups at greater risk of being affected, and effort should be invested in tailoring the solutions to their needs.

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