

# 12 ESSENTIAL FACTS

## FOR UNDERSTANDING THE CURRENT ISRAEL-GAZA VIOLENCE

**1** Israel and Gaza are not separate countries. Gaza is a small territory mostly surrounded by Israel and whose borders Israel controls (directly or in the case of one crossing, indirectly).

**2** Gaza is often called an “open-air prison” -- for good reason.

**3** Muslim, Christian, and Jewish Palestinian Arabs peacefully shared the land for centuries before Israel was created.

**4** Israel was founded in 1948 by forcing non-Jewish Palestinians off the land.

**5** Israel has been taking over more Palestinian land ever since...

**6** The two “sides” are not evenly matched.

**7** Palestinians are killed at massively higher rates than Israelis, and this has always been true.

**8** Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank have often tried nonviolent resistance.

**9** Numerous respected organizations have documented Israel’s systemic human rights abuses and violations of international law.

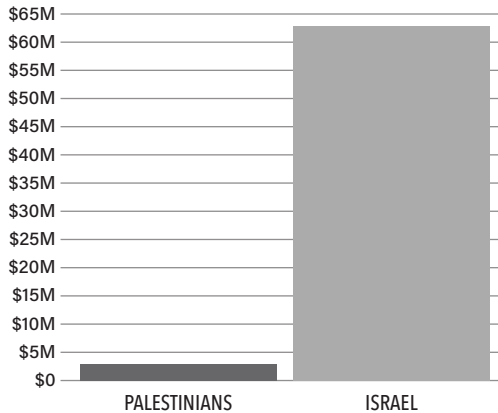
**10** Israel relies on funding and diplomatic cover from the U.S. Its actions often harm the United States

**11** On Oct. 7, hundreds broke out of Gaza, attacked Israeli soldiers & civilians, and some took hostages. Israel disseminated atrocity claims about the attack, many of them found to be without evidence and untrue.

**12** Israel immediately began indiscriminately shelling Gaza, killing and maiming massive numbers of men, women, and children.



# THE COST OF U.S. SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL



In 2024, the U.S. provided Israel more than **\$63 million** in military aid per day, while it gave Palestinians **\$3.2 million** per day in foreign (non-military) aid.



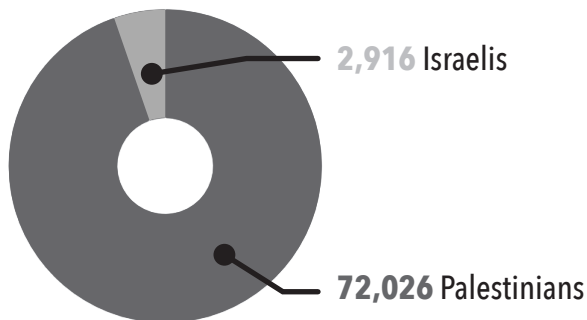
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## NUMBER OF PEOPLE KILLED SINCE 2000

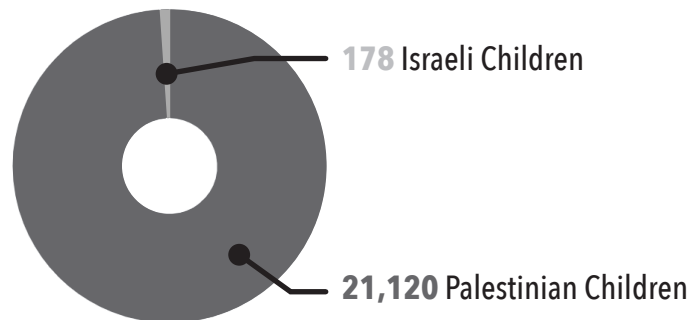
Since the start of the 2nd Palestinian Uprising on September 29, 2000 through July 31, 2025, **over 72,000 Palestinians** have been killed by Israelis while **less than 3,000 Israelis** were killed by Palestinians. These figures include **more than 21,000 Palestinian children** and **close to 200 Israeli children**.



People Killed Since September 29, 2000



Children Killed Since September 29, 2000



In addition, the prestigious medical journal Lancet reported in July 2024 that as many as **186,000 Palestinians** may have died from Israel's attacks and its policies which have caused famine and disease in Gaza. More info at: [iakn.org/Lancet](https://iakn.org/Lancet)

For sources and more information, visit [israelpalestinetimeline.org/charts](https://israelpalestinetimeline.org/charts)

Note: During this time, Palestinians held a multitude of non-violent demonstrations in the West Bank and Gaza, which were virtually always met with violence from Israeli forces. More info at: [iakn.org/nonviolent](https://iakn.org/nonviolent)