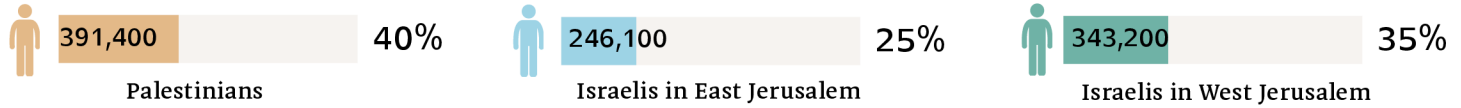


East Jerusalem in Numbers

2026 Population | Land

East Jerusalem is an area of about 72,000 dunams of the West Bank, annexed by Israel in 1967 and incorporated into Jerusalem. This included Jordanian Jerusalem as well as lands of Palestinian villages and suburbs adjacent to the city. Upon annexation, some 69,000 Palestinians (26% of the city's residents at the time) lived in East Jerusalem, in approximately 12,000 housing units.

Population 2023

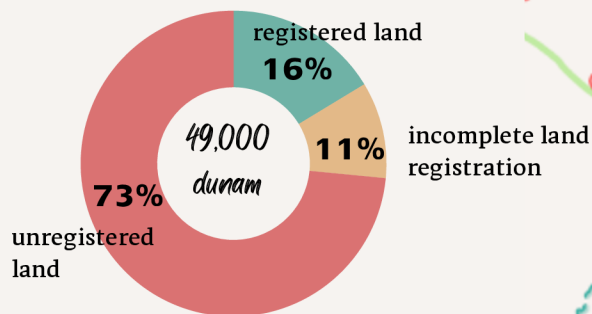


source: [Jerusalem Statistical Yearbook 2025](#), Tables C/4, C/5

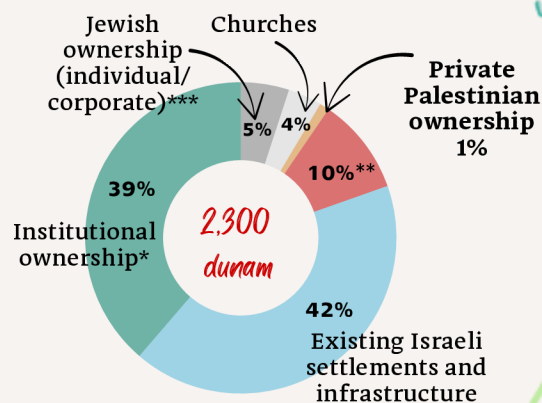
Land

After annexing East Jerusalem, Israel used extensive land expropriations to construct Israeli settlement - neighborhoods on the Palestinian side of the Green Line. In the remaining areas, Israel froze all previous Jordanian land registration procedures. In 2018, settlement of land title (SOLT) procedures in East Jerusalem were reopened. From 2018 to 2025 approximately 2,300 dunams have been registered.

Land Status 1967-2018

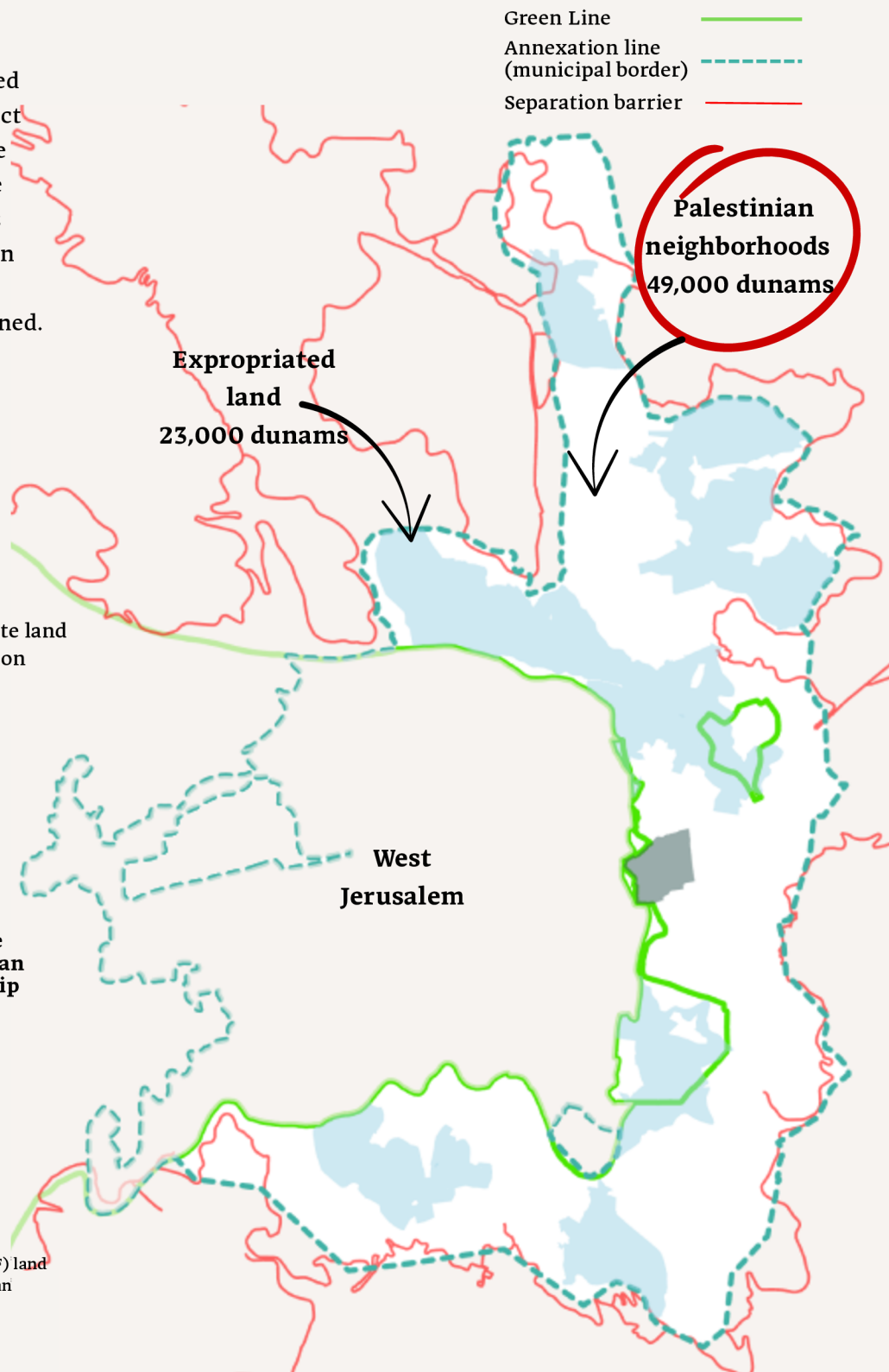


Land Registration 2018-2025



* Includes: State, Municipal and Jewish National Fund (JNF) land
 ** Disputed land. Usually managed by the General Custodian
 *** Often with clear link to the settlement enterprise

sources: [Survey of Israel](#); official Land Registry records



East Jerusalem in Numbers

2026 Planning | Building | Demolitions

Since the neighborhood zoning plans for East Jerusalem constrain development, private landowners initiate residential zoning plans. These are typically small-scale plans involving only a limited number of housing units, yet they serve as an essential lifeline for the constrained housing market. At the end of 2022, a new proof of ownership protocol was introduced, aligned with SOLT procedures, significantly slowing down all Palestinian private planning and building efforts.

Housing Units 2023



These figures are based on property tax (arnona) data from the Jerusalem Municipality and therefore include housing units that were built without permits; they do not cover most of the housing units located on the Palestinian side of the separation barrier. Source: [Jerusalem Statistical Yearbook 2025](#), Table 1/16

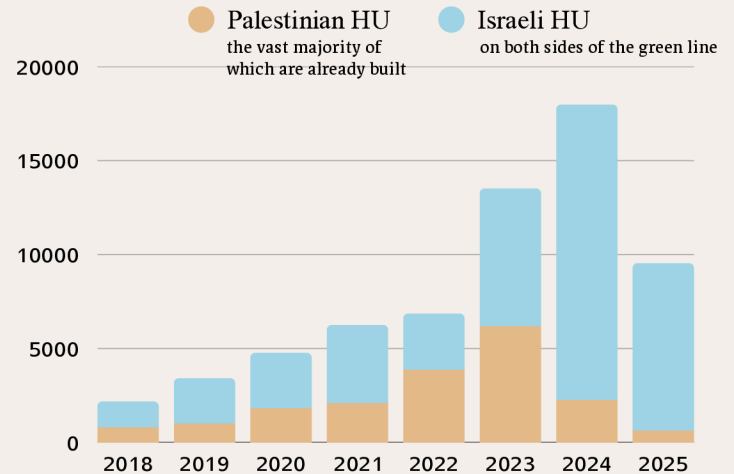
Housing Plans in East Jerusalem

Palestinian Plans Passing Preliminary Stage

	registered land	incomplete land registration	un-registered land	total
2022	15	14	99	128*
2023	14	36	0	50
2024	12	14	7	33
2025	9	19	11	39

*The annual average between 2018-2022 was 140 new plans each year.

Housing Units (HU) in Approved Plans



The new proof-of-ownership protocols lead to stark drop in both the opening of new planning files, as well as the approval of housing units for Palestinians in Jerusalem; similar protocols render the implementation of planned units virtually impossible.

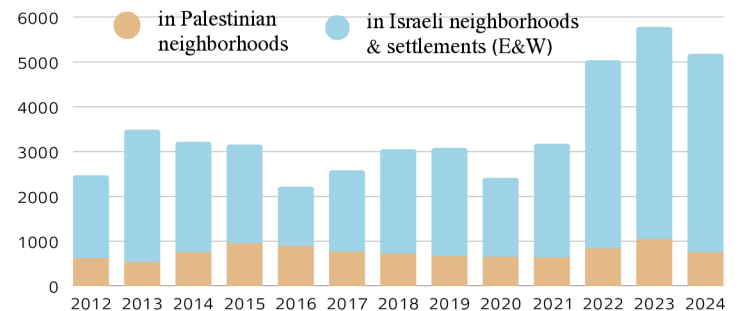
source: Analysis of official Planning Administration data: "Blue Lines"

Construction of Housing Units (East&West)

Based on Central Bureau of Statistics data regarding building starts for housing. Data on building permits is unavailable.

source: [Jerusalem Statistical Yearbook 2025](#), Table 1/7

Until 2020, this data included unpermitted construction. From 2021, data excludes unpermitted construction and retroactive legalizations.



Home Demolitions (East Jerusalem)

These figures include residential buildings as well as other types of structures.

Self-demolitions are carried out to avoid the heavy costs imposed on homeowners when the state demolishes.

Home demolition data: [OCHA oPt](#);

Self-demolition data: Provided by the Jerusalem Municipality in response to a Freedom of Information request 2012-2022. No available data for the following years.

