



Regional Knowledge Center East Galilee – Newsletter

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➤ **The situation of evacuation from East Galilee:**

12,148 residents of the Eastern Galilee cluster are evacuated to hotels.

28,445 are evacuated in the community (not staying in hotels).

➤ **Employment and economy:**

In September 2023, 3786 job seekers were in the East Galilee Cluster

In September 2024, 7591 job seekers were in the East Galilee Cluster; of these, 1395 were academics.

A total of 101% increase in job seekers

➤ **Follow-up study of teenagers:**

Dr. Ayala Cohen, head of the East Galil Regional Knowledge Center, and Dr. Dafna Gross-Manos - both members of the senior faculty in the Department of Social Work at Tel Hai Academic College are currently completing a study in which girls and boys aged 13-16 from non-evacuee communities, who were students of Intermediate in the past school year. The goal is to bring the voices of teenagers to decision-makers regarding the planning and design of services and mentors for teenagers and to understand their unique point of view, which usually needs to receive the attention it deserves.

- In various areas of life - 70-80% of the youth expressed positive feelings.
- Only 34% of the participants believe that the State of Israel manages to ensure the security of its citizens,
- Only 20% believe that the State of Israel is capable of taking care of their mental well-being.
- Only 25% believe that the State of Israel manages to ensure the quality of life of its citizens.

The results of the entire study will be published later.

➤ **State of Business survey:**

The Knowledge Center surveyed 129 small, medium, and large business owners in August (78% of the survey participants were small businesses).

Below are some of the findings:



81% of the participants reported decreased business income since the beginning of the war. Half of them reported a decrease of 65% or more!

80% think that the business will not be able to continue operating during the next months to a moderate to great extent.

42% of the survey participants reported that at least 41% of the company's employees were forced out or fired due to the war.