

Proportion of High School Seniors Passing Matriculation Exams, 2003-2004

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Selected findings from the report:

- In 2004, 52.2% of 17-year-olds failed to take and pass the matriculation (bagrut) exams.
- The success rate was highest in affluent localities -- 64.4%; the lowest success rate was found in Bedouin localities in the Negev -- 23.8%. The success rate in Jewish development towns was 49.8% and in Arab localities, 38.8%.
- 15.6% of the matriculation diplomas were not at the level required for university admission.
- During the last decade, the proportion of diplomas below the standard of university admission increased. In 1997, 5,261 diplomas were substandard; in 2004, their number rose to 8,463.
- There is a correlation between the average wage in a locality and the proportion of 17-year-olds passing matriculation exams.

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