



הלשכה המרכזית לסטטיסטיקה  
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## **Security Commitments of researchers and research institutions**

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***It's All in the Numbers***

# Topics to be covered

- Legal framework
- Remote Access - MUC
- Research Room
- Draft legislation

# Legal Framework

- MUC (Remote Access)
  - Under authority to publish
  - Manner that doesn't enable identification
    - Household and individual data
    - Statistical Data Control
    - Trusted researchers/recognized institutions
    - Contractual undertaking with researcher
    - Protected environment

# Legal Framework

- Research Room
  - Under authority to cooperate with State Agencies
  - Identifiable data – including businesses
  - Special sworn employees
    - Volunteers at ICBS
    - Subject to Criminal Law and Statistics Ordinance for breach of confidentiality
  - Contract with researcher and assistants

# Legal Framework

- MUC – contractual obligations regarding confidentiality
  - Only civil/administrative sanctions
- Research Room – contractual obligations and statutory obligations
  - Civil/administrative and criminal sanctions

# MUC Confidentiality Obligations

- To preserve confidentiality in accordance with Statistics Ordinance and Protection of Privacy Law
- To refrain from identifying, or attempting to identify, individual units or claiming that an individual unit was identified
- To refrain from record linking, or attempting record linking
- To refrain from publishing results that enable identification
- To make use of the RA system according to guidelines and instructions
- To carry out all instructions regarding computer security and confidentiality

# Research Room Confidentiality Obligations

- Similar obligations as for RA MUC
- Ensure obligations carried out by research assistants – who are signed on confidentiality declaration
- Declaration of confidentiality according to S. 117 of the Criminal Law (criminal sanctions)
- Declaration of confidentiality according to S. 10 of the Statistics Ordinance (criminal sanctions)

# Bank of Israel

- Bank of Israel RA Research Room
  - Overall contract with Bank
  - Individual contract with researchers
  - Bank responsible for researchers
- Bank of Israel special MUC
  - One contract with Bank for specific research
  - Researchers signed on confidentiality statement



# Draft Legislation

- Allows for research on identifiable data
- By authorized researchers from recognized institutions
- Subject to criminal sanctions in Statistics Ordinance
  - Researcher
  - Head of research institute

Thank you for your attention