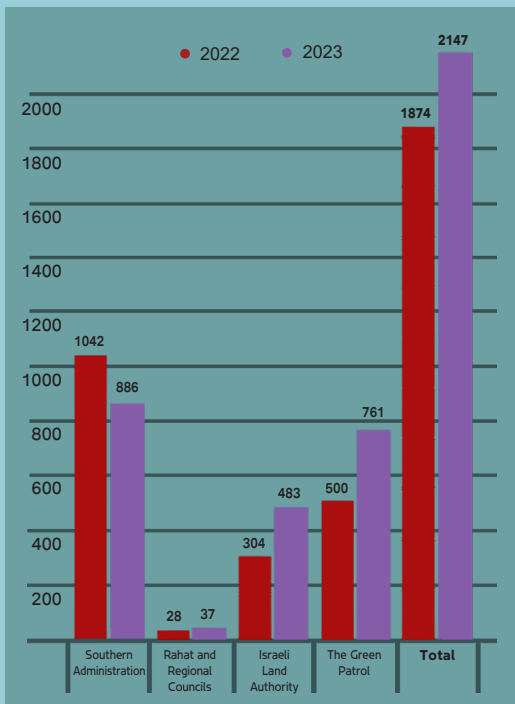


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Number of demolition orders by enforcement agency



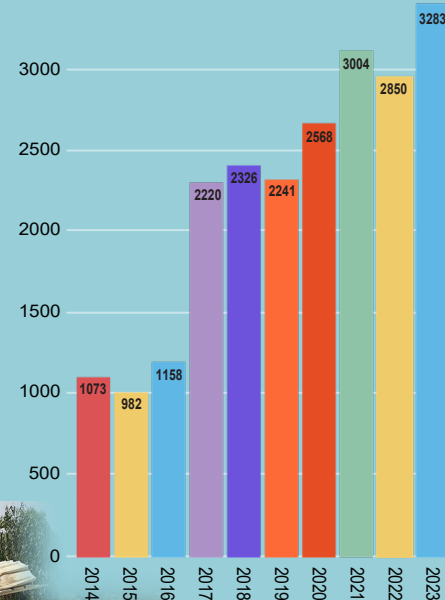
All the enforcement bodies increased the number of demolition orders they issued by about 14.5% except for the Enforcement Authority which decreased the number from 1,042 to 886, a decrease of about 17.6%. However, the total number of warrants issued by all enforcement bodies increased from 1,874 in 2022 to 2,147 in 2023, an increase of 17.7%. Some attribute this increase to a Rafael system, which came into use in 2023, scans a large area, and issues demolition orders.

Total number of demolitions 2014 - 2023

A record number of structure demolitions in Bedouin communities was recorded in 2023.

A significant increase of over 15.2% in building demolitions in Bedouin communities in the Negev was recorded in 2023.

The total number of demolitions in 2023 was 3,283 compared to 2,850 in 2022, more than 3 times the number of demolitions recorded in 2014 (1,073).



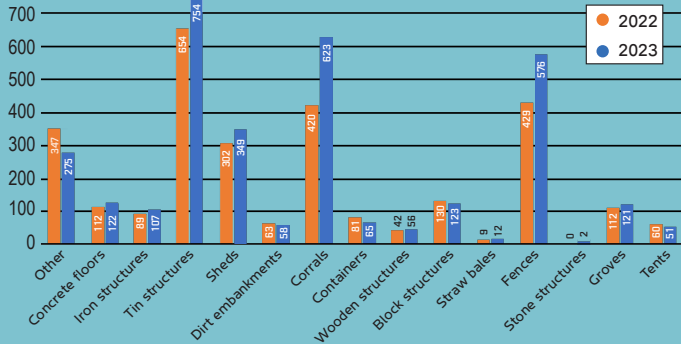
Demolitions in Ramat Beka 2023

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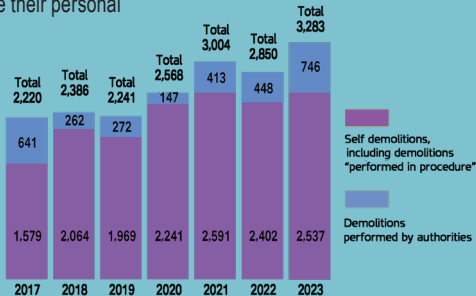
Demolitions by type of structure



Self demolitions vs. Demolitions by authorities

The residents of the recognized and unrecognized Bedouin villages are forced, for lack of choice, to destroy their homes after receiving a demolition order, in order to avoid high fines for the demolition, a traumatic relationship with the authorities and the police, as well as to save their personal belongings and recyclable materials.

The number of demolitions by authorities in 2023 was 746 - a 66.5% increase over the number of demolitions by authorities in 2022 (448).



Demolitions are the main device that economically impoverishes a population, most of whose children live below the poverty line, and the State continues to offer no solutions.

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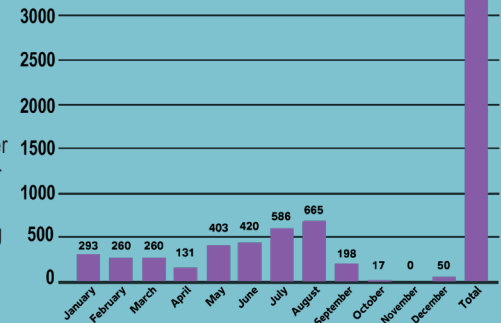
Demolitions 2023 by month

In just 9 months (between January and October) the government recorded an increase of more than 15% in home and structures demolitions in the Bedouin community in the Negev, compared to the previous year.

A total of 3283 buildings were demolished - a new record.

An average of 9 homes were demolished every day!

What led to the "moderation" in the number of demolitions was the war that "hindered" the authorities from continuing their determination to demolish homes and structures in the Negev.



State instigated planned illegality and demolitions

More than 35 unrecognized villages do not have approved city building plans, and only a few plans have been approved for the 11 villages that have been recognized by the State in the last twenty years. The result is that most of the residents in these villages have no possibility of receiving building permits. As such, most of the buildings are considered "illegal" and are under constant threat of demolition, and the State of Israel is actively demolishing and destroying many of them every day.

It should be noted that in the first six months of 2024 State authorities have adopted policies of massive demolition efforts in which hundreds of structures, including tens of residential homes, are destroyed in a single day.

Only recognition of the villages and the initiation of cooperative and communal planning and building procedures will create trust among the members of the Bedouin community and restore its relations with the State.