

Comparison for the 1947 Palestine Partition Plan and Israel's 1949 Armistice Lines

If the borders suggested by the UN for two states had been accepted, Israel would have comprised some 5,600 square kilometers less. Put differently, because the Independence War changed realities on the ground, the Jewish state of Israel increased in size from 14,900 square kilometers (as designated in the 1947 Partition Plan) to the 20,500 square kilometers established by the 1949 armistice lines. The first Arab-Israel war resulted in Israel expanding its size by 37% beyond the designated 1947 UN partition lines.

