

Jewish Population in the United States, 1996

BASED ON LOCAL COMMUNITY COUNTS—the method for identifying and enumerating Jewish population that serves as the basis of this report—the estimated size of the American Jewish community in 1996 was 5.9 million. This is about 6 percent more than the 5.5 million “core” Jewish population estimated in the Council of Jewish Federations’ 1990 National Jewish Population Survey (NJPS).¹

The difference, small though it is, between the national and aggregated local figures is partly explained by the lag in data gathering and reporting on the local level. As more local communities conduct studies over the next few years, declines and increases that have already occurred will be documented, and the updated statistics may show national and regional patterns more in line with NJPS findings. However, since there are definitional issues, as well as a lack of uniformity in local research, which often relies on outdated lists for population projections, the aggregate counts may never exactly match the NJPS national totals.

The demographic results of the NJPS suggested that the population was growing slightly due to an excess of Jewish births over Jewish deaths during the late 1980s. However, extrapolation from the age structure suggests that for the mid-1990s, zero population growth in numbers is being realized, with a balance between the annual numbers of births and deaths. At the same time, some growth in number is achieved through Jewish immigration into the United States. The most obvious example is that of Jews from the former Soviet Union, for whom the annual quota is currently set at 40,000.

The NJPS used a scientifically selected sample to project a total number for the United States, but could not provide accurate information on the state and local levels. Therefore, as in past years, in this article we have based local, state, and regional population figures on the usual estimating procedures.

While the Jewish federations are the chief reporting bodies, their service areas vary in size and may represent several towns, one county, or an aggregate of several counties. In some cases we have subdivided federation areas to reflect the more natural geographic boundaries. Some estimates, from areas without federations, have been provided by local rabbis and other informed Jewish community leaders. In still other cases, the figures that have been updated are from past estimates provided by United Jewish Appeal field representatives. Finally, for smaller communities where no recent estimates are available, figures are based on

¹See Barry A. Kosmin et al., *Highlights of the CJF 1990 National Jewish Population Survey* (Council of Jewish Federations, New York, 1991).

extrapolation from older data. The estimates are for the resident Jewish population, including those in private households and in institutional settings. Non-Jewish family members have been excluded from the total.

The state and regional totals shown in Appendix tables 1 and 2 are derived by summing the individual estimates shown in table 4 and then making three adjustments. First, communities of less than 100 are added. Second, duplicated counts within states are eliminated. Third, communities whose population resides in two or more states (e.g., Kansas City and Greater Washington, D.C.) are distributed accordingly.

Because population estimating is not an exact science, the reader should be aware that in cases where a figure differs from last year's, the increase or decrease did not come about suddenly but occurred over a period of time and has just now been substantiated. Similarly, the results of a completed local demographic study often change the previously reported Jewish population figure. This should be understood as either an updated calculation of gradual demographic change or a correction of a faulty older estimate.

In determining Jewish population, communities count both affiliated and non-affiliated residents who are "core" Jews as defined in NJPS.²

In most cases, counts are made by households, with that number multiplied by the average number of self-defined Jewish persons per household. Similarly to NJPS, most communities also include those born and raised as Jews but who at present consider themselves as having no religion. As stated above, non-Jews living in Jewish households, primarily the non-Jewish spouses and non-Jewish children, are not included in the 1996 estimates presented in the appendix below.

Local Population Changes

A recent demographic study in Atlanta, Georgia, revealed a Jewish population increase of more than 7,000, resulting in an estimate of 77,300.

A new study in Delaware indicated that the statewide Jewish population increased by 4,000—from 9,500 to 13,500. The Wilmington area was stable, with most of the growth occurring in the Newark area and to a lesser extent in Kent (which includes Dover) and Sussex counties. Newark, home of the University of Delaware and of MBNA, the credit-card bank that is the second-largest employer in the state, also offers a greater range of affordable housing than the older Jewish areas of Wilmington.

Richmond, Virginia's increase of 3,000 was attributed to ongoing growth that was substantiated in the community's recently completed demographic study. As in past years, most of the other communities reporting growth were in the South

²Born Jews who report adherence to Judaism, Jews by choice, and born Jews without a current religion ("secular Jews").

and West: Sarasota, Florida; Long Beach, California; Howard County, Maryland (which includes Columbia); Brevard County, Florida (which includes Melbourne, Titusville, and Vero Beach); Salt Lake City, Utah; Nashville, Tennessee; and Dallas, Texas. The increase in Lawrence, Kansas, from 100 to 450, reflects both a correction of a faulty older estimate and actual population growth.

A recent demographic study confirmed that Milwaukee, Wisconsin's Jewish population had decreased by nearly 7,000 to 21,300. A loss of 5,000 was reported in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Staff at the Jewish Federation attribute the decline to deaths or relocation to Florida among the disproportionately large elderly population in the community, as well as to the effects of a general population decrease in the area. Smaller decreases were reported in New York: Utica, Kingston, and Poughkeepsie; in Virginia: Blacksburg and Roanoke; in Fresno, California; in Alexandria, Louisiana; and in Atlantic County, New Jersey.

The ten metropolitan areas with the largest Jewish populations are listed in rank order in table 3. Cumulatively, these communities account for over 73 percent of the U.S. Jewish population. The numbers and rankings are the same as was reported in the 1995 *AMERICAN JEWISH YEAR BOOK*, which included a table showing the top 40 metropolitan areas. In the coming year, several large communities—including Philadelphia, Los Angeles, and Boston—will be completing demographic studies. Based on their findings, a full ranking of the 40 will be provided in the 1998 volume.

A geographic breakdown of Jewish population according to U.S. Census regions shows 21.4 percent of the Jewish population living in the South, and more specifically, 18.4 percent in the South Atlantic region. Ten years ago, 18.4 percent and 15.5 percent, respectively, of the U.S. Jewish population lived in these areas. These increases are mainly at the expense of the Northeast, whose Jewish population declined in the period from 53.2 percent to 47.6 percent.

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APPENDIX

TABLE 1. JEWISH POPULATION IN THE UNITED STATES, 1996

State	Estimated Jewish Population	Total Population*	Estimated Jewish Percent of Total
Alabama	9,000	4,253,000	0.2
Alaska	3,000	604,000	0.5
Arizona	72,000	4,218,000	1.7
Arkansas	1,700	2,484,000	0.1
California	921,000	31,589,000	2.9
Colorado	51,500	3,747,000	1.4
Connecticut	97,000	3,275,000	3.0
Delaware	13,500	717,000	1.9
District of Columbia	25,500	554,000	4.6
Florida	644,000	14,166,000	4.5
Georgia	84,000	7,201,000	1.2
Hawaii	7,000	1,187,000	0.6
Idaho	500	1,163,000	(z)
Illinois	268,000	11,830,000	2.3
Indiana	18,000	5,803,000	0.3
Iowa	6,000	2,842,000	0.2
Kansas	14,500	2,565,000	0.6
Kentucky	11,000	3,860,000	0.3
Louisiana	16,500	4,342,000	0.4
Maine	7,500	1,241,000	0.6
Maryland	212,000	5,042,000	4.2
Massachusetts	268,000	6,074,000	4.4
Michigan	107,000	9,549,000	1.1
Minnesota	42,000	4,610,000	0.9
Mississippi	1,400	2,697,000	0.1
Missouri	62,000	5,324,000	1.2
Montana	800	870,000	0.1
Nebraska	7,000	1,637,000	0.4
Nevada	21,000	1,530,000	1.4
New Hampshire	9,500	1,148,000	0.8
New Jersey	435,000	7,945,000	5.5
New Mexico	9,000	1,685,000	0.5
New York	1,652,000	18,136,000	9.1
North Carolina	21,500	7,195,000	0.3

State	Estimated Jewish Population	Total Population*	Estimated Jewish Percent of Total
North Dakota	600	641,000	0.1
Ohio	129,000	11,151,000	1.2
Oklahoma	5,400	3,278,000	0.2
Oregon	19,500	3,141,000	0.6
Pennsylvania	325,000	12,072,000	2.7
Rhode Island	16,000	990,000	1.6
South Carolina	9,000	3,673,000	0.2
South Dakota	400	729,000	0.1
Tennessee	18,000	5,256,000	0.3
Texas	112,500	18,724,000	0.6
Utah	4,300	1,951,000	0.2
Vermont	5,700	585,000	1.0
Virginia	74,500	6,618,000	1.1
Washington	34,000	5,431,000	0.6
West Virginia	2,200	1,828,000	0.1
Wisconsin	28,500	5,123,000	0.6
Wyoming	500	480,000	0.1
U.S. TOTAL	**5,900,000	262,755,000	2.2

N.B. Details may not add to totals because of rounding.

*Resident population, July 1, 1995. (Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, *Current Population Reports*, series P-25, no. 1106.)

**Exclusive of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, which previously reported Jewish populations of 1,500 and 350, respectively.

(z) Figure is less than 0.1 and rounds to 0.

TABLE 2. DISTRIBUTION OF U.S. JEWISH POPULATION BY REGIONS, 1996

Region	Total Population	Percent Distribution	Jewish Population	Percent Distribution
Northeast	51,466,000	19.6	2,816,000	47.6
New England	13,312,000	5.1	404,000	6.8
Middle Atlantic	38,153,000	14.5	2,412,000	40.8
Midwest	61,804,000	23.5	682,000	11.5
East North Central ..	43,456,000	16.5	550,000	9.3
West North Central .	18,348,000	7.0	132,000	2.2
South	91,890,000	35.0	1,264,000	21.4
South Atlantic	46,995,000	17.9	1,088,000	18.4
East South Central ..	16,066,000	6.1	39,000	0.7
West South Central ..	28,828,000	11.0	136,000	2.3
West	57,596,000	21.9	1,145,000	19.4
Mountain	15,645,000	6.0	159,000	2.7
Pacific	41,951,000	16.0	985,000	16.7
TOTALS	262,755,000	100.0	5,900,000	100.0

N.B. Details may not add to totals because of rounding.

TABLE 3. TOP TEN RANK-ORDERED METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS, BY JEWISH POPULATION, 1996

Metro Area	Estimated Jewish Population	Jewish % of Total Population	% Share of U.S. Jewish Population
1. New York-Northern NJ-Long Island*	1,937,000	10.6	32.9
2. Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside*	590,000	3.9	10.0
3. Miami-Ft. Lauderdale*	382,000	11.5	6.5
4. Philadelphia-Wilmington-Trenton*	280,000	4.7	4.8
5. Chicago-Gary-Lake County*	263,000	3.2	4.5
6. Boston-Lawrence-Salem*	235,000	5.6	4.0
7. San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose*	216,000	3.4	3.7
8. Washington, DC-MD-VA	166,000	4.1	2.8
9. W. Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach	151,000	16.8	2.6
10. Baltimore	105,000	4.3	1.8

Sources: General population estimates, U.S. Bureau of the Census, 1992. Designations for the metropolitan areas are in accordance with the 1990 U.S. Census boundary definitions. Areas marked * = CMSA (Consolidated Metropolitan Statistical Area); otherwise unit is PMSA (Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area). Jewish figures are for 1994.

TABLE 4. COMMUNITIES WITH JEWISH POPULATIONS OF 100 OR MORE, 1996
(ESTIMATED)

State and City	Jewish Population	State and City	Jewish Population	State and City	Jewish Population
ALABAMA		**Little Rock 1,250		Oakland (incl. in Alameda County, under S.F. Bay Area)	
*Birmingham	5,200	CALIFORNIA		Ontario (incl. in Pomona Valley)	
Decatur (incl. in Florence total)		***Antelope Valley . 700		Orange County 75,000	
Dothan	150	Aptos (incl. in Santa Cruz total)		Palmdale (incl. in Antelope Valley)	
Florence	150	Bakersfield-Kern County 2,200		Palm Springs^N . . . 9,850	
Huntsville	750	Berkeley (incl. in Contra Costa County, under S.F. Bay Area)		Palo Alto (incl. in South Peninsula, under S.F. Bay Area)	
**Mobile	1,100	Carmel (incl. in Monterey Peninsula)		Pasadena (incl. in L.A. Metro Area total)	
**Montgomery	1,300	*Chico 500		Petaluma (incl. in Sonoma County, under S.F. Bay Area)	
Sheffield (incl. in Florence total)		Corona (incl. in Riverside total)		Pomona Valley^N . 6,750	
Tuscaloosa	300	*Eureka 500		*Redding area 150	
Tuscumbia (incl. in Florence total)		Fairfield 800		Redwood Valley . . . 200	
ALASKA		Fontana (incl. in San Bernardino total)		Riverside 2,000	
*Anchorage	1,600	*Fresno 1,700		Sacramento^N . . . 21,300	
*Fairbanks	540	Lancaster (incl. in Antelope Valley)		Salinas 750	
Juneau	285	Long Beach (also incl. in Los Angeles total) ^N		San Bernardino area 3,000	
Kenai Peninsula	200	. . . . . 14,500		*San Diego 70,000	
Ketchikan (incl. in Juneau total)		Los Angeles Metro Area 490,000		San Francisco Bay Area^N 210,000	
ARIZONA		*Merced County . . . 190		Alameda County 32,500	
Cochise County	260	*Modesto 500		Contra Costa County 22,000	
*Flagstaff	350	Monterey Peninsula 2,300		Marin County . 18,500	
Lake Havasu City	200	Moreno Valley (incl. in Riverside total)		N. Peninsula . . 24,500	
*Phoenix	50,000	Murietta Hot Springs 550		San Francisco . 49,500	
Prescott	250	*Napa County 950		San Jose 33,000	
Sierra Vista (incl. in Cochise County)					
*Tucson	20,000				
Yuma	125				
ARKANSAS					
Fayetteville	150				
Hot Springs	130				

^NSee Notes below. *Includes entire county. **Includes all of 2 counties. ***Figure not updated.

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Sonoma County	9,000	Greeley (incl. in Fort Collins total)		Rockville (incl. in Hartford total)	
S. Peninsula . . .	21,000	Loveland (incl. in Fort Collins total)		Shelton (incl. in Valley area)	
*San Jose (listed under S.F. Bay Area)		Pueblo	250	Southington (incl. in Meriden total)	
*San Luis Obispo . .	1,450	Steamboat Springs	160	Stamford/New Canaan	9,600
*Santa Barbara . . .	4,500	Telluride	125	Storrs (incl. in Willimantic total)	
*Santa Cruz	4,000	**Vail	500	Torrington area . . .	580
Santa Maria	700			Valley area ^N	550
Santa Monica (also incl. in Los Angeles total)	8,000	CONNECTICUT		Wallingford (also incl. in Meriden total) .	500
Santa Rosa (incl. in Sonoma County, under S.F. Bay Area)		Bridgeport ^N	10,250	Waterbury ^N	2,700
Sonoma County (listed under S.F. Bay Area)		Bristol (incl. in Hartford total)		Westport (incl. in Norwalk total)	
South Lake Tahoe .	150	Cheshire (incl. in Meriden total)		Willimantic area . . .	700
*Stockton	1,000	Colchester	300		
***Sun City	200	Danbury ^N	3,500		
Tulare and Kings counties	300	***Danielson	100	DELAWARE	
Ukiah (incl. in Redwood Valley total)		Darien (incl. in Stamford total)		Dover (incl. in Kent and Sussex counties totals)	
Vallejo area	900	Greenwich	3,900	Kent and Sussex counties	1,600
*Ventura County . .	9,000	Hartford ^N	26,000	Newark area	4,300
Visalia (incl. in Tulare and Kings counties total)		Hebron (incl. in Colchester total)		Wilmington area .	7,600
		Lebanon (incl. in Colchester total)			
		Lower Middlesex County ^N	1,650	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	
		Manchester (incl. in Hartford total)		Greater Washington	165,000
COLORADO		Meriden ^N	3,000		
Aspen	450	Middletown	1,300	FLORIDA	
Boulder (incl. in Denver total)		New Britain (incl. in Hartford total)		Arcadia (incl. in Port Charlotte-Punta Gorda total)	
Breckenridge (incl. in Vail total)		New Haven ^N	24,000	Boca Raton-Delray Beach (listed under Southeast Fla.)	
Colorado Springs	1,500	New London ^N	4,000	Brevard County . . .	5,200
Denver ^N	46,000	New Milford area . .	600	***Crystal River . . .	100
Eagle (incl. in Vail total)		Newtown (incl. in Danbury total)		**Daytona Beach . . .	2,500
Evergreen (also incl. in Denver total)	250	Norwalk ^N	9,500	Ft. Lauderdale (listed under Southeast Fla.)	
*Fort Collins	1,000	Norwich (also incl. in New London total)			
*Grand Junction . . .	250		1,750		

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**Ft. Myers	5,000	Delray Beach)		*Champaign-Urbana		
Ft. Pierce	1,060	67,000	1,300	
Gainesville	1,600	***Stuart-Port St. Lucie		Chicago Metro Area ^N		
Hollywood-S. Broward County (listed under Southeast Fla.)		(portion also incl. in Ft. Pierce total)	3,000	.....	261,000
**Jacksonville	7,300	Tallahassee	1,640	**Danville	100	
Key West	500	*Tampa	15,000	*Decatur	110	
Lakeland	1,000	Venice (incl. in Sarasota total)		DeKalb	180	
*Miami-Dade County (listed under Southeast Fla.)		*Vero Beach	300	East St. Louis (incl. in S. Ill.)		
Naples-Collier County		Winter Haven	300	Elgin ^N	600	
.....	3,500			Freeport (incl. in Rockford total)		
New Port Richey (incl. in Pasco County total)		GEORGIA			*Joliet	500
Ocala-Marion County		Albany	190	Kankakee	100	
.....	500	Athens	400	*Peoria	800	
Orlando ^N	21,000	Atlanta Metro Area		Quad Cities ^N	1,200	
Palm Beach County (listed under Southeast Fla.)		.....	77,300	**Quincy	105
Pasco County	1,000	Augusta ^N	1,400	Rock Island (incl. in Quad Cities)		
**Pensacola	650	Brunswick	100	Rockford ^N	1,100	
Pinellas County	24,200	**Columbus	1,000	Southern Illinois ^N		
**Port Charlotte-Punta Gorda	900	**Dalton	180	.....	730
*St. Petersburg-Clearwater (incl. in Pinellas County)		Macon	900	*Springfield	1,060	
**Sarasota	16,500	*Savannah	2,800	Waukegan	400	
Southeast Florida		**Valdosta	100			
.....	532,300			INDIANA		
Boca Raton-Delray Beach	83,300	HAWAII		Bloomington	1,000	
Ft. Lauderdale ^N	174,000	Hilo	280	Elkhart (incl. in South Bend total)		
Hollywood-S. Broward County ^N	63,000	Honolulu (includes all of Oahu)	6,400	Evansville	400	
Miami-Dade County	145,000	Kauai	100	**Ft. Wayne	950	
Palm Beach County (excl. Boca Raton-		Maui	210	**Gary-Northwest		
				Indiana	2,220	
		IDAHO		**Indianapolis	10,000	
		**Boise	220	**Lafayette	700	
		Lewiston (incl. in Moscow total)		*Michigan City	300	
		Moscow	100	Muncie	160	
		ILLINOIS		South Bend ^N	2,000	
		Aurora area	500	*Terre Haute	250	
		Bloomington-Normal	230			
		Carbondale (incl. in S. Ill. total)		IOWA		
				Ames (also incl. in Des Moines total)	200	
				Cedar Rapids	420	

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Council Bluffs (also incl. in Omaha, Neb. total)	150	Lewiston-Auburn	500	Clinton (incl. in Worcester County)	
Davenport (incl. in Quad Cities, Ill.)		Portland	3,900	Fall River area	1,100
*Des Moines	2,800	Rockland area	180	Falmouth (incl. in Cape Cod)	
*Iowa City	1,200	Southern Maine (incl. Portland) ^N	5,500	Fitchburg (also incl. in Worcester County total)	300
**Sioux City	520	*Waterville	200	Framingham (incl. in Boston total)	
*Waterloo	170			Gardner (incl. in Athol total)	
KANSAS		MARYLAND		Gloucester (also incl. in Lynn total)	450
Kansas City (incl. in Kansas City, Mo.)		Annapolis area	1,800	Great Barrington (incl. in Pittsfield total)	
Lawrence	450	**Baltimore	94,500	*Greenfield	1,100
Manhattan	150	Columbia (incl. in Howard County total)		Haverhill	800
*Topeka	500	Cumberland	265	Holyoke	600
Wichita ^N	1,300	*Frederick	900	*Hyannis (incl. in Cape Cod)	
KENTUCKY		*Hagerstown	325	Lawrence (incl. in Andover total)	
Covington/Newport (incl. in Cincinnati, Ohio total)		*Harford County	1,200	Leominster (also incl. in Worcester County total)	300
Lexington ^N	1,850	*Howard County	8,000	Lowell area	2,000
*Louisville	8,700	Montgomery and Prince Georges counties	104,500	Lynn-North Shore area ^N	20,000
Paducah (incl. in S. Ill.)		Ocean City	100	*Martha's Vineyard	260
LOUISIANA		Salisbury	400	New Bedford ^N	2,600
Alexandria ^N	250	Silver Spring (incl. in Montgomery County)		Newburyport	280
Baton Rouge ^N	1,500	Upper Eastern Shore ^N	130	Newton (also incl. in Boston total)	34,000
Lafayette (incl. in S. Central La.)				North Adams (incl. in N. Berkshire County)	
Lake Charles area	200	MASSACHUSETTS		North Berkshire County	400
Monroe	260	Amherst area	1,300	Northampton	850
**New Orleans	13,000	Andover ^N	3,000	Peabody (incl. in Lynn total)	
*Shreveport	870	Athol area (also incl. in Worcester County total)	300	Pittsfield-Berkshire County	3,300
***South Central La. ^N	250	Attleboro area	200		
MAINE		Beverly (incl. in Lynn total)			
Augusta	140	Boston Metro Region ^N	228,000		
Bangor	1,000	Brockton ^N	8,000		
Biddeford-Saco (incl. in S. Maine)		Brookline (also incl. in Boston total)	26,000		
Brunswick-Bath (incl. in S. Maine)		Cape Cod-Barnstable County	3,000		

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Plymouth area	500	MISSISSIPPI		Franconia (incl. in Bethlehem total)	
Provincetown (incl. in Cape Cod)		Biloxi-Gulfport . . .	140	Hanover-Lebanon .	500
Salem (incl. in Lynn total)		**Greenville	160	*Keene	300
Southbridge (also incl. in Worcester County total)	105	**Hattiesburg	130	**Laconia	270
Springfield ^N	10,000	**Jackson	550	Littleton (incl. in Bethlehem total)	
Taunton area	1,300	MISSOURI		Manchester area	4,000
Webster (also incl. in Worcester County total)	125	Columbia	400	Nashua area	1,890
Worcester area ^N	10,100	Hannibal (incl. in Quincy, Ill. total)		Portsmouth area . . .	950
*Worcester County	13,700	Kansas City Metro Area	19,100	Rochester (incl. in Dover total)	
		*St. Joseph	265	Salem (also incl. in Andover, Mass. total)	150
		**St. Louis	54,000		
		Springfield	300		
		MONTANA		NEW JERSEY	
		*Billings	240	Asbury Park (incl. in Monmouth County)	
MICHIGAN		Butte	100	**Atlantic City (incl. Atlantic and Cape May counties) .	15,000
*Ann Arbor	5,000	Helena (incl. in Butte total)		Bayonne (listed under Hudson County)	
Bay City	150	*Kalispell	150	Bergen County (also incl. in Northeastern N.J. total)	83,700
Benton Harbor area	450	Missoula	200	Bridgeton	200
**Detroit Metro Area	94,000	NEBRASKA		Bridgewater (incl. in Somerset County)	
*Flint	1,800	Grand Island-Hastings (incl. in Lincoln total)		Camden (incl. in Cherry Hill total)	
*Grand Rapids	1,600	Lincoln	800	Cherry Hill-Southern N.J. ^N	49,000
**Jackson	200	Omaha ^N	6,500	Edison (incl. in Middlesex County)	
*Kalamazoo	1,100	NEVADA		Elizabeth (incl. in Union County)	
Lansing area	2,100	Carson City (incl. in Reno total)		Englewood (incl. in Bergen County)	
Midland	120	*Las Vegas	20,000	Essex County ^N (also incl. in Northeastern N.J. total)	76,200
Mt. Clemens (incl. in Detroit total)		**Reno	1,400	East Essex	10,800
Mt. Pleasant ^N	100	Sparks (incl. in Reno total)			
*Muskegon	220	NEW HAMPSHIRE			
*Saginaw	160	Bethlehem	100		
MINNESOTA		Claremont area . . .	140		
**Duluth	485	Concord	450		
*Minneapolis	31,500	Dover area	600		
Rochester	550	Exeter (incl. in Portsmouth total)			
*St. Paul	9,200				
Winona (incl. in La Crosse, Wis. total)					

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Livingston	12,600	New Brunswick (incl. in Middlesex County)		NEW MEXICO	
North Essex	15,600	Northeastern N.J. ^N	358,000	*Albuquerque	6,000
South Essex	20,300	Ocean County (also incl. in Northeastern N.J. total)	9,500	Las Cruces	525
West Orange-Orange	16,900	Passaic County (also incl. in Northeastern N.J. total)	15,000	Los Alamos	250
*Flemington	1,250	Passaic-Clifton (also incl. in Passaic County total)	8,000	Rio Rancho (incl. in Albuquerque total)	
Freehold (incl. in Monmouth County)		Paterson (incl. in Passaic County)		Santa Fe	1,500
Gloucester (incl. in Cherry Hill-Southern N.J. total)		Perth Amboy (incl. in Middlesex County)		Taos	300
Hoboken (listed under Hudson County)		Phillipsburg (incl. in Easton, Pa. total)			
Hudson County (also incl. in Northeastern N.J. total)	12,340	Plainfield (incl. in Union County)		NEW YORK	
Bayonne	1,700	Princeton area	3,000	*Albany	12,000
Hoboken	1,100	Somerset County (also incl. in Northeastern N.J. total)	11,000	Amenia (incl. in Poughkeepsie-Dutchess County)	
Jersey City	6,000	Somerville (incl. in Somerset County)		Amsterdam	150
North Hudson County ^N	3,500	Sussex County (also incl. in Northeastern N.J. total)	4,100	*Auburn	115
Jersey City (listed under Hudson County)		Toms River (incl. in Ocean County)		Beacon (incl. in Poughkeepsie-Dutchess County)	
Lakewood (incl. in Ocean County)		Trenton ^N	6,000	*Binghamton (incl. all Broome County)	2,600
Livingston (incl. in Essex County)		Union County (also incl. in Northeastern N.J. total)	30,000	Brewster (incl. in Putnam County)	
Middlesex County ^N (also incl. in Northeastern N.J. total)	51,000	Vineland ^N	1,950	*Buffalo	26,000
Monmouth County (also incl. in Northeastern N.J. total)	33,600	Warren County	400	Canandaigua (incl. in Geneva total)	
Morris County (also incl. in Northeastern N.J. total)	33,500	Wayne (incl. in Passaic County)		Catskill	200
Morristown (incl. in Morris County)		Wildwood	425	Corning (incl. in Elmira total)	
Mt. Holly (incl. in Cherry Hill-Southern N.J. total)		Willingboro (incl. in Cherry Hill-Southern N.J. total)		*Cortland	150
Newark (incl. in Essex County)				Dunkirk	100
				Ellenville	1,600
				Elmira ^N	950
				Fleischmanns	120
				Fredonia (incl. in Dunkirk total)	
				Geneva area	310
				Glens Falls ^N	800
				*Gloversville	380
				*Herkimer	180
				Highland Falls (incl. in Orange County)	
				*Hudson	500
				*Ithaca area	1,700

Jewish		Jewish		Jewish	
State and City	Population	State and City	Population	State and City	Population
Jamestown	100	in Orange County		Wilmington total)	
Kingston ^N	4,300	total)	560	Raleigh-Wake County	
Kiryas Joel (also incl.		Potsdam	200	. . . . .	5,500
in Orange County		*Poughkeepsie-Dutchess		Whiteville (incl. in	
total)	10,000	County	2,500	Wilmington total)	
Lake George (incl. in		Putnam County . .	1,000	Wilmington area .	1,200
Glens Falls total)		**Rochester	22,500	Winston-Salem . . .	485
***Liberty (also incl. in		Rockland County			
Sullivan County total)		. . . . .	83,100		
.	2,100	Rome	150	NORTH DAKOTA	
Middletown (incl. in		Saratoga Springs . .	600	Fargo	500
Orange County)		**Schenectady . . .	5,200	Grand Forks	130
Monroe (incl. in		Seneca Falls (incl. in			
Orange County)		Geneva total)		OHIO	
Monticello (also incl.		South Fallsburg (also		**Akron	5,500
in Sullivan County		incl. in Sullivan		Athens	100
total)	2,400	County total) . .	1,100	Bowling Green (also	
Newark (incl. in		Sullivan County . .	7,425	incl. in Toledo total)	
Geneva total)		Syracuse ^N	9,000	. . . . .	120
Newburgh (incl. in		Troy area	800	Butler County	900
Orange County)		Utica ^N	1,100	**Canton	1,580
New Paltz (incl. in		Walden (incl. in Orange		Cincinnati ^N	23,000
Kingston total)		County)		**Cleveland ^N	65,000
New York Metro Area ^N		Watertown	120	*Columbus	15,600
.	1,450,000	Woodstock (incl. in		**Dayton	5,500
Bronx	83,700	Kingston total)		Elyria	175
Brooklyn	379,000			Fremont (incl. in	
Manhattan	314,500	NORTH CAROLINA		Sandusky total)	
Queens	238,000	Asheville ^N	1,300	Hamilton (incl. in	
Staten Island	33,700	**Chapel Hill-Durham		Butler County)	
Nassau County		. . . . .	3,100	*Lima	185
.	207,000	Charlotte ^N	6,000	Lorain	600
Suffolk County		Elizabethtown (incl. in		Mansfield	180
.	100,000	Wilmington total)		Marietta (incl. in	
Westchester County		*Fayetteville	320	Parkersburg, W. Va.	
.	94,000	Gastonia	210	total)	
Niagara Falls	150	Greensboro	120	Marion	125
Olean	120	*Greensboro	2,500	Middletown (incl. in	
**Oneonta	300	Greenville	240	Butler County)	
Orange County		*Hendersonville . . .	200	New Philadelphia	
.	15,000	**Hickory	110	(incl. in Canton total)	
Pawling	105	High Point (incl. in		Norwalk (incl. in	
Plattsburg	260	Greensboro total)		Sandusky total)	
***Port Jervis (also incl.		Jacksonville (incl. in		Oberlin (incl. in	
				Elyria total)	

State and City	Jewish Population	State and City	Jewish Population	State and City	Jewish Population
Oxford (incl. in Butler County)		Chester (incl. in Phila. total)		Pittsburgh ^N	40,000
Sandusky	130	*Chester County (also incl. in Phila. total)		Pottstown	650
Springfield	200	.....	4,000	Pottsville	225
*Steubenville	140	Coatesville (incl. in Chester County)		*Reading	2,200
Toledo ^N	6,000	Easton (incl. in Lehigh Valley total)		*Scranton	3,200
Warren (also incl. in Youngstown total)	600	*Erie	850	Shamokin (incl. in Sunbury total)	
Wooster	135	Farrell (incl. in Sharon total)		Sharon (also incl. in Youngstown, Ohio total)	260
Youngstown ^N	4,000	Greensburg (also incl. in Pittsburgh total)		State College	550
*Zanesville	100	.....	425	Stroudsburg	400
OKLAHOMA		**Harrisburg	7,000	Sunbury ^N	200
Norman (also incl. in Oklahoma City total)		Hazleton area	300	Tamaqua (incl. in Hazleton total)	
.....	350	Honesdale (incl. in Wayne County)		Uniontown area	250
**Oklahoma City	2,400	Jeannette (incl. in Greensburg total)		Upper Beaver County	
*Tulsa	2,750	**Johnstown	400	.....	180
OREGON		Lancaster area	2,500	**Washington (also incl. in Pittsburgh total)	
Ashland (incl. in Medford total)		*Lebanon	350	.....	175
Bend	175	Lehigh Valley		***Wayne County	500
Corvallis	175	.....	8,500	Waynesburg (incl. in Washington total)	
Eugene	3,000	Lewisburg (incl. in Sunbury total)		West Chester (also incl. in Chester County)	
Grants Pass (incl. in Medford total)		Lock Haven (incl. in Williamsport total)		.....	300
**Medford	1,000	McKeesport (incl. in Pittsburgh total)		Wilkes-Barre ^N	
Portland	14,000	New Castle	200	.....	3,200
**Salem	530	Norristown (incl. in Philadelphia total)		**Williamsport	350
PENNSYLVANIA		**Oil City	100	York	1,500
Allentown (incl. in Lehigh Valley total)		Oxford-Kennett Square (incl. in Chester County)		RHODE ISLAND	
*Altoona	525	Philadelphia area ^N		Cranston (incl. in Providence total)	
Ambridge ^N	250	.....	250,000	Kingston (incl. in Washington County)	
Beaver Falls (incl. in Upper Beaver County)		Phoenixville (incl. in Chester County)		Newport-Middletown	
Bethlehem (incl. in Lehigh Valley total)		Pike County	300	.....	700
Bucks County (lower portion) ^N	14,500			Providence area	14,200
*Butler	175			Washington County	
*Chambersburg	125			.....	1,200
				Westerly (incl. in Washington County)	

State and City	Jewish Population	State and City	Jewish Population	State and City	Jewish Population
Longview-Kelso (incl. in Portland, Ore. total)		Clarksburg	110	La Crosse	120
*Olympia	450	Fairmont (incl. in Clarksburg total)		*Madison	4,500
***Port Angeles	100	Huntington ^N	300	Milwaukee ^N	21,300
Pullman (incl. in Moscow, Idaho total)		Morgantown	160	Oshkosh area	170
*Seattle ^N	29,300	Parkersburg	130	*Racine	375
Spokane	1,300	**Wheeling	275	Sheboygan	140
*Tacoma	1,250			Waukesha (incl. in Milwaukee total)	
Tri Cities ^N	300	WISCONSIN		Wausau ^N	240
Vancouver (incl. in Portland, Ore. total)		Appleton area	400		
**Yakima	110	Beloit	150	WYOMING	
		Fond du Lac (incl. in Oshkosh total)		Casper	100
WEST VIRGINIA		Green Bay	320	Cheyenne	230
Bluefield-Princeton	200	Janesville (incl. in Beloit total)		Laramie (incl. in Cheyenne total)	
*Charleston	950	*Kenosha	180		

Notes

CALIFORNIA

Long Beach—includes in Los Angeles County: Long Beach, Signal Hill, Cerritos, Lakewood, Rosmoor, and Hawaiian Gardens. Also includes in Orange County: Los Alamitos, Cypress, Seal Beach, and Huntington Harbor.

Palm Springs—includes Palm Springs, Desert Hot Springs, Cathedral City, Palm Desert, and Rancho Mirage.

Pomona Valley—includes Alta Loma, Chino, Claremont, Cucamonga, La Verne, Montclair, Ontario, Pomona, San Dimas, and Upland. Portion also included in Los Angeles total.

Sacramento—includes Yolo, Placer, El Dorado, and Sacramento counties.

San Francisco Bay Area—North Peninsula includes northern San Mateo County. South Peninsula includes southern San Mateo County and towns of Palo Alto and Los Altos in Santa Clara County. San Jose includes remainder of Santa Clara County.

COLORADO

Denver—includes Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Denver, and Jefferson counties.

CONNECTICUT

Bridgeport—includes Monroe, Easton, Trumbull, Fairfield, Bridgeport, Shelton, Stratford, and part of Milford.

Danbury—includes Danbury, Bethel, New Fairfield, Brookfield, Sherman, Newtown,

Redding, Ridgefield, and part of Wilton; also includes some towns in neighboring Putnam County, New York.

Hartford — includes most of Hartford County and Vernon, Rockville, Ellington, and Tolland in Tolland County, and Meriden area of New Haven County.

Lower Middlesex County — includes Branford, Guilford, Madison, Clinton, Westbrook, Old Saybrook, Old Lyme, Durham, and Killingworth. Portion of this area also included in New London and New Haven totals.

Meriden — includes Meriden, Southington, Cheshire, and Wallingford. Most included in Hartford total and a portion also included in New Haven and Waterbury totals.

New Haven — includes New Haven, East Haven, Guilford, Branford, Madison, North Haven, Hamden, West Haven, Milford, Orange, Woodbridge, Bethany, Derby, Ansonia, and Cheshire.

New London — includes central and southern New London County. Also includes part of Lower Middlesex County and part of Windham County.

Norwalk — includes Norwalk, Weston, Westport, East Norwalk, Darien, Wilton, part of Georgetown, and part of New Canaan.

Valley Area — includes Ansonia, Derby, Shelton, Oxford, Seymour, and Beacon Falls. Portion also included in Bridgeport and New Haven totals.

Waterbury — includes Bethlehem, Cheshire, Litchfield, Middlebury, Morris, Southbury, Naugatuck, Prospect, Plymouth, Roxbury, Southbury, Southington, Thomaston, Torrington, Washington, Watertown, Waterbury, Oakville, Woodbury, and Wolcott.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Greater Washington — includes Montgomery and Prince Georges counties in Maryland; Arlington County, Fairfax County, Falls Church, and Alexandria in Virginia.

FLORIDA

Ft. Lauderdale — includes Ft. Lauderdale, Pompano Beach, Deerfield Beach, Tamarac, Margate, Coral Springs, and other towns in northern Broward County.

Hollywood — includes Hollywood, Hallandale, Cooper City, Dania, Davie, Pembroke Pines, and other towns in southern Broward County.

Orlando — includes all of Orange and Seminole counties, southern Volusia County, and northern Osceola County.

GEORGIA

Augusta — includes Burke, Columbia, and Richmond counties and part of Aiken County, South Carolina.

ILLINOIS

Chicago -- includes all of Cook and DuPage counties and a portion of Lake County.

Elgin—includes northern Kane County, southern McHenry County, and western edge of Cook County.

Quad Cities—includes Rock Island and Moline (Illinois), Davenport and Bettendorf (Iowa).

Rockford—includes Winnebago, Boone, and Stephenson counties.

Southern Illinois—includes lower portion of Illinois below Carlinville, adjacent western portion of Kentucky, and adjacent portion of southeastern Missouri.

INDIANA

South Bend—includes St. Joseph and Elkhart counties and part of Berrien County, Michigan.

KANSAS

Wichita—includes Sedgwick County and towns of Salina, Dodge City, Great Bend, Liberal, Russell, and Hays.

KENTUCKY

Lexington—includes Fayette, Bourbon, Scott, Clark, Woodford, Madison, Pulaski, and Jessamine counties.

LOUISIANA

Alexandria—includes towns in Allen, Grant, Rapides, and Vernon parishes.

Baton Rouge—includes E. Baton Rouge, Ascension, Livingston, St. Landry, Iberville, Pointe Coupee, and W. Baton Rouge parishes.

South Central—includes Abbeville, Lafayette, New Iberia, Crowley, Opelousas, Houma, Morgan City, Thibodaux, and Franklin.

MAINE

Southern Maine—includes York, Cumberland, and Sagadahoc counties.

MARYLAND

Upper Eastern Shore—includes towns in Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Annes, and Talbot counties.

MASSACHUSETTS

Andover—includes Andover, N. Andover, Boxford, Lawrence, Methuen, Tewksbury, Dracut, and town of Salem, New Hampshire.

Boston Metropolitan Region—includes all towns south and west of Boston within approximately 30 miles, and all towns north of Boston within approximately 20 miles. All towns formerly part of Framingham area are now included in Boston total.

Brockton—includes Avon, Brockton, Easton, Bridgewater, Whitman, and West Bridgewater. Also included in Boston total.

Lynn—includes Lynn, Saugus, Nahant, Swampscott, Lynnfield, Peabody, Salem, Marblehead, Beverly, Danvers, Middleton, Wenham, Topsfield, Hamilton, Manchester, Ipswich, Essex, Gloucester, and Rockport. Also included in Boston total.

New Bedford—includes New Bedford, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, and Mattapoisett.

Springfield—includes Springfield, Longmeadow, E. Longmeadow, Hampden, Wilbraham, Agawam, and W. Springfield.

Worcester—includes Worcester, Northborough, Westborough, Shrewsbury, Boylston, W. Boylston, Holden, Paxton, Leicester, Auburn, Millbury, and Grafton. Also included in the Worcester County total.

MICHIGAN

Mt. Pleasant—includes towns in Isabella, Mecosta, Gladwin, and Gratiot counties.

NEBRASKA

Omaha—includes Douglas and Sarpy counties. Also includes Pottawatomie County, Iowa.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Laconia—includes Laconia, Plymouth, Meredith, Conway, and Franklin.

NEW JERSEY

Cherry Hill—includes Camden, Burlington, and Gloucester counties.

Essex County—East Essex includes Belleville, Bloomfield, East Orange, Irvington, Newark, and Nutley in Essex County, and Kearney in Hudson County. North Essex includes Caldwell, Cedar Grove, Essex Fells, Fairfield, Glen Ridge, Montclair, North Caldwell, Roseland, Verona, and West Caldwell. South Essex includes Maplewood, Milburn, Short Hills, and South Orange in Essex County, and Springfield in Union County.

Middlesex County—includes in Somerset County: Kendall Park, Somerset, and Franklin; in Mercer County: Hightstown; and all of Middlesex County.

Northeastern N.J.—includes Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Middlesex, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Union, Hunterdon, Sussex, Monmouth, and Ocean counties.

North Hudson County—includes Guttenberg, Hudson Heights, North Bergen, North Hudson, Secaucus, Union City, Weehawken, West New York, and Woodcliff.

Somerset County—includes most of Somerset County and a portion of Hunterdon County.

Trenton—includes most of Mercer County.

Union County—includes all of Union County except Springfield. Also includes a few towns in adjacent areas of Somerset and Middlesex counties.

Vineland—includes most of Cumberland County and towns in neighboring counties adjacent to Vineland.

NEW YORK

Elmira—includes Chemung, Tioga, and Schuyler counties. Also includes Tioga and Bradford counties in Pennsylvania.

Glens Falls—includes Warren and Washington counties, lower Essex County, and upper Saratoga County.

Kingston—includes eastern half of Ulster County.

New York Metropolitan Area—includes the five boroughs of New York City, Westchester, Nassau, and Suffolk counties. For a total Jewish population of the New York metropolitan region, please include Fairfield County, Connecticut; Rockland, Putnam, and Orange counties, New York; and Northeastern New Jersey.

Syracuse—includes Onondaga County, western Madison County, and most of Oswego County.

Utica—southeastern third of Oneida County.

NORTH CAROLINA

Asheville—includes Buncombe, Haywood, and Madison counties.

Charlotte—includes Mecklenburg County. Also includes Lancaster and York counties in South Carolina.

OHIO

Cincinnati—includes Hamilton and Butler counties. Also includes Boone, Campbell, and Kenton counties in Kentucky.

Cleveland—for a total Jewish population of the Cleveland metropolitan region, please include Elyria, Lorain, and Akron totals.

Toledo—includes Fulton, Lucas, and Wood counties. Also includes Monroe and Lenawee counties, Michigan.

Youngstown—includes Mahoning and Trumbull counties. Also includes Mercer County, Pennsylvania.

PENNSYLVANIA

Ambridge—includes lower Beaver County and adjacent areas of Allegheny County. Also included in Pittsburgh total.

Bucks County (lower portion)—includes Bensalem Township, Bristol, Langhorne, Levittown, New Hope, Newtown, Pennel, Trevoise, Warrington, Yardley, Richboro, Feasterville, Middletown, Southampton, and Holland. Also included in Philadelphia total.

Philadelphia—includes Philadelphia City; Montgomery, Delaware, Chester, and Bucks

counties. For a total Jewish population of the Philadelphia metropolitan region, please include the Cherry Hill, Salem, and Trenton areas of New Jersey, and the Wilmington area of Delaware.

Pittsburgh—includes all of Allegheny County and adjacent portions of Washington, Westmoreland, and Beaver counties.

Sunbury—includes Shamokin, Lewisburg, Milton, Selingsgrove, and Sunbury.

Wilkes-Barre—includes all of Luzerne County except southern portion, which is included in Hazleton totals.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Sumter—includes towns in Sumter, Lee, Clarendon, and Williamsburg counties.

TEXAS

Amarillo—includes Canyon, Childress, Borger, Dumas, Memphis, Pampa, Vega, and Hereford in Texas, and Portales, New Mexico.

Houston—includes Harris, Montgomery, and Ft. Bend counties, and parts of Brazoria and Galveston counties.

McAllen—includes Edinburg, Harlingen, McAllen, Mission, Pharr, Rio Grande City, San Juan, and Weslaco. Portion of Harlingen also included in Brownsville total.

Waco—includes McLennan, Coryell, Bell, Falls, Hamilton, and Hill counties.

VIRGINIA

Fredericksburg—includes towns in Spotsylvania, Stafford, King George, and Orange counties.

Newport News—includes Newport News, Hampton, Williamsburg, James City, York County, and Poquoson City.

Richmond—includes Richmond City, Henrico County, and Chesterfield County.

Staunton—includes towns in Augusta, Page, Shenandoah, Rockingham, Bath, and Highland counties.

Winchester—includes towns in Winchester, Frederick, Clarke, and Warren counties, Virginia; and Hardy and Jefferson counties, West Virginia.

WASHINGTON

Seattle—includes King County and adjacent portions of Snohomish and Kitsap counties.

Tri Cities—includes Pasco, Richland, and Kennewick.

WEST VIRGINIA

Huntington—includes nearby towns in Ohio and Kentucky.

WISCONSIN

Milwaukee—includes Milwaukee County, eastern Waukesha County, and southern Ozaukee County.

Wausau—includes Stevens Point, Marshfield, Antigo, and Rhinelander.

The National Jewish Population Surveys (NJPS) completed in the United States in 1971, [1] 1990, [2] and 2000 [3] each garnered significant attention among many institutions that supply direct services to Jews, and among leaders providing guidance concerning the condition of the American Jewish community nationally.Â This chapter goes beyond asking whether a Jewish identity can exist independently of religion in the contemporary United States. American Jews have already answered that question in the affirmative. Christianity is the dominant religion in the United States accounting for about 70% of the religious landscape. Judaism is the second-largest religion in the country, however, it accounts for only 1.90% of the population. New York State has the largest Jewish population by percentage of the state's population at 7%, followed by New Jersey with 6%, and Washington, D.C. with 5%. The remaining states have population accounting for 3% or less of the state's population. States With the Largest Jewish Populations. New York - 7%. New York State plays host to the largest percentage of people