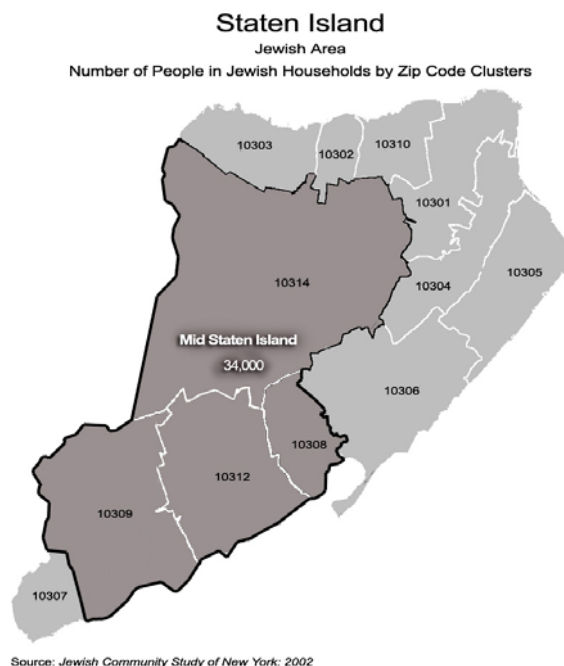


Highlights from *Jewish Community Study of New York: 2002* – Staten Island



OVERVIEW:

Although home to the smallest number of individuals residing in Jewish households in any of the eight counties, Staten Island is one of the fastest growing counties.

Table 1A: Jewish Population of Staten Island, 1991 – 2002

	1991	2002	Percent Change 1991 - 2002
Jewish Households	11,000	18,400	64%
Jews	33,000	41,600	27%
People in Jewish Households (including non-Jews)	37,000	52,000	41%
People in Jewish Households in Staten Island as a Percent of All People in Staten Island	10%	12%	2%

A significant majority of the county’s Jewish population is clustered in four zip codes located in Mid Staten Island, with the remaining population dispersed throughout the remaining zip codes.

Table 1B: Population and Households Estimates, Staten Island, 2002

	Mid Staten Island	Remainder, Staten Island	All of Staten Island
Households			
All Households (U.S. Census, 2000)	70,300	86,000	156,300
Jewish Households	11,300	7,100	18,400
Jewish Households as a Percent of All Households in the Area	16%	8%	12%
Jewish Households in Area as a Percent of All Jewish Households in Staten Island	61%	39%	100%

	Mid Staten Island	Remainder, Staten Island	All of Staten Island
People			
All People (U.S. Census, 2000)	202,000	241,700	443,700
People in Jewish Households	34,000	18,000	52,000
People in Jewish Households as a Percent of All People in Area	17%	7%	12%
People in Jewish Households in Area as a Percent of All People in Jewish Households in Staten Island	65%	35%	100%
Jewish People			
Jews	29,500	12,100	41,600
Jews as a Percent of All People in Area	15%	5%	9%
Jews in Area as a Percent of All Jews Residing in Staten Island	71%	29%	100%
Russian-Speaking Jews			
Russian-Speaking Jewish Households	2,200	1,800	4,000
People in Russian-Speaking Jewish Households	7,800	3,500	11,400
Russian-Speaking Jewish Households as a Percent of All Jewish Households in Area	20%	24%	22%
People in Russian-Speaking Jewish Households as a Percent of All People in Jewish Households in Area	23%	20%	22%
Russian-Speaking Jewish Households on Staten Island as a Percent of All Russian-Speaking Jewish Households in the Eight-County Area	n/a	n/a	4%
People in Russian-Speaking Jewish Households on Staten Island as a Percent of All Russian-Speaking Jewish Households in the Eight-County Area	n/a	n/a	5%

DEMOGRAPHICS

Staten Island's Jewish population is demographically distinct from the other counties in its very small proportion of seniors. There is a higher than average proportion of married respondents in Staten Island as compared to overall in the eight counties.

Table 2: Age, Marital Status, and Household Structure, Principal Area of Jewish Residence in Staten Island, Staten Island, and Eight-County New York Area 2002

	Mid Staten Island	All of Staten Island		Eight-County New York Area
		People	%	
Age Structure (Percent of All People in Jewish Households)				
0 – 17	23%	12,500	24%	23%
18 – 39	29%	16,100	31%	27%
40 – 64	40%	19,200	37%	32%
65 – 74	5%	2,100	4%	9%
75+	4%	2,100	4%	10%
Marital Status (Percent of All Respondents)				
Married	75%	n/a	64%	57%
Never Married	8%	n/a	14%	20%
Separated/Divorced	4%	n/a	13%	9%
Widowed	12%	n/a	9%	12%
Living Together	1%	n/a	1%	2%
Household Structure (Percent of All Jewish Households)		Households	%	
Children 17 and Under in Household*	35%	7,000	38%	28%
No Children 17 and Under and No Seniors in Household	49%	8,800	48%	39%
Senior Households with No Children 17 and Under	15%	2,600	14%	32%

*Includes some single parent and multi-generational families.

INCOME LEVELS AND VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

Staten Island’s Jewish households enjoy relative economic well-being. Only 9% are under 150% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines (compared to 16% overall in the eight-county area) and only 18% earn less than \$35,000 per year, compared to 31% overall.

Table 3: Income Levels and Vulnerable Populations, Principal Areas of Jewish Residence in Staten Island, 2002

	Mid Staten Island	All of Staten Island		Eight-County New York Area
		Households	%	
Household Income (Percent of Households)				
Under \$35,000	16%	3,300	18%	31%
\$35,000 – \$49,999	25%	4,200	23%	14%
\$50,000 – \$99,999	33%	5,900	32%	24%
\$100,000 – \$149,999	14%	3,100	17%	15%
\$150,000 and above	13%	2,000	11%	17%
Subjective Assessment of Financial Status (Percent of Households)				
Cannot Make Ends Meet/Just Managing	43%		40%	36%
Have Enough	47%		44%	38%
Have Extra Money/Wealthy	10%		16%	26%
Poverty/Near Poverty				
Percent of Jewish Households Who Are Poor or Near Poor	7%		9%	15%
Isolated Seniors (Percent of Respondents)				
65 – 74 Living Alone	6%		30%	33%
75+ Living Alone	48%		44%	55%

JEWISH CONNECTIONS

Staten Island Jewish residents are low on most Jewish indicators; they are less likely to belong to a synagogue and less likely to say that “being Jewish is very important”. Although a smaller proportion of Staten Island respondents identify as Orthodox than overall in the eight counties, the denominational profile of Staten Island respondents resembles that over the overall eight-county area. The borough-wide intermarriage rate is slightly higher than the eight-county rate.

Table 4: Jewish Connections, Principal Areas of Jewish Residence in Staten Island, 2002

	Mid Staten Island	All of Staten Island	Eight-County New York Area
Denomination			
Orthodox	14%	10%	19%
Conservative	33%	26%	26%
Reform	23%	33%	29%
Non-Denominational – “Just Jewish”	21%	17%	15%
Secular/No Religion	10%	14%	10%
Jewish Affiliations & Participation			
Household Belongs to a Synagogue	40%	33%	43%
Household Belongs to Other Jewish Organization (including JCC)	17%	12%	28%

	Mid Staten Island	All of Staten Island	Eight-County New York Area
Household Attended Jewish Cultural Event or Jewish Museum in the Last Year	48%	51%	62%
Percent of Respondents Who Have Ever Traveled to Israel	39%	32%	50%
Percent of Respondents Who Have Accessed Jewish Websites	34%	35%	37%
Feeling Connected			
Respondent Said That Being Jewish is "Very Important"	58%	59%	65%
Respondent Feels Part of a Jewish Community	58%	51%	65%
Jewish Practices			
Household Member Attends Seder	71%	71%	77%
Respondent Fasts on Yom Kippur	79%	70%	65%
Household Member Lights Shabbat Candles	25%	20%	31%
Keeps a Kosher Home	26%	19%	28%
Jewish Education (Percent of Jewish Children Ages 6-17)			
None	*	15%	16%
Supplementary School (Past and/or Current)	*	66%	15%
Day School (Past and/or Current)	*	18%	50%
Types of Marriages (Percent of Marriages)			
Inmarriage	69%	66%	72%
Conversionary Marriages	6%	5%	7%
Intermarriage	25%	29%	22%

* The principal researchers were able to estimate the percentage of Jewish children with no Jewish education, with supplementary school education, and with day school education on the county level. It was not feasible to estimate Jewish education for the Jewish area profiles given the smaller numbers of interviews in small areas compared with counties.

People in Jewish households in Staten Island are more likely to contribute exclusively to non-Jewish causes (42%) than overall (29%). Thirty-two percent of Staten Island households contribute to a combination of Jewish and non-Jewish causes, which is lower than the eight-county area overall (41%). Twenty percent of Staten Island Jewish households contribute to UJA-Fejderation, lower than overall in the eight counties (28%).

Table 5: Philanthropy, Staten Island 2002

	Mid Staten Island	All of Staten Island		Eight-County New York Area
Philanthropy (Percent of Households)		Households	%	
No Charitable Gift	13%	2,400	13%	12%
Non-Jewish Gifts Only	30%	7,700	42%	29%
Both Jewish and Non-Jewish Gifts	40%	5,900	32%	17%
Jewish Gifts Only	17%	2,400	13%	41%
UJA-Federation of New York (Percent of Households)				
Percent Contributed to UJA-Federation of New York	23%	3,700	20%	28%