

Jewish Population in the United States, 1972

THE ESTIMATE for the United States Jewish population in 1972 was 6,115,000. This was 2.94 per cent of the general resident population (exclusive of armed forces abroad). The estimate is a summation of individual community estimates with somewhat arbitrary adjustments within states for unknown Jews. The sources for these individual community estimates were replies to questionnaires addressed to members of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds and data supplied by the National United Jewish Appeal. The limitations of this methodology have been discussed in some detail earlier (AJYB, 1972 [Vol. 73], p. 384). It should be noted that the National Jewish Population Study (NJPS) preliminary evaluation indicates a total of no less than 6,000,000. Unless completed computations will vary markedly, this figure does not differ greatly from the 1971 total estimate of 6,060,000, based on the above procedures.

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APPENDIX

TABLE 1. JEWISH POPULATION IN THE UNITED STATES, 1972

<i>State</i>	<i>Estimated Jewish Population</i>	<i>Total Resident Population</i>	<i>Estimated Jewish Per Cent of Total</i>
Alabama	9,260	3,510,000	0.26
Alaska	300	325,000	0.09
Arizona	21,000	1,945,000	1.08
Arkansas	3,340	1,978,000	0.17
California	722,085	20,468,000	3.53
Colorado	26,925	2,357,000	1.14
Connecticut	108,675	3,082,000	3.53
Delaware	9,000	565,000	1.59
Dist. of Col.	15,000	748,000	2.01
Florida	269,620	7,259,000	3.71
Georgia	27,700	4,720,000	0.59
Hawaii	1,500	809,000	0.19
Idaho	2,680	756,000	0.35
Illinois	285,420	11,251,000	2.54
Indiana	25,345	5,291,000	0.48
Iowa	9,455	2,883,000	0.33
Kansas	2,595	2,258,000	0.11
Kentucky	11,380	3,299,000	0.34
Louisiana	17,340	3,720,000	0.47
Maine	8,190	1,029,000	0.80
Maryland	187,110	4,056,000	4.61
Massachusetts	268,775	5,787,000	4.64
Michigan	96,150	9,082,000	1.06
Minnesota	35,475	3,896,000	0.91
Mississippi	5,960	2,263,000	0.26
Missouri	85,170	4,753,000	1.79
Montana	7,140	719,000	0.99
Nebraska	9,160	1,525,000	0.60
Nevada	3,380	527,000	0.64
New Hampshire	4,830	771,000	0.63
New Jersey	420,715	7,367,000	5.71
New Mexico	3,090	1,065,000	0.29
New York	2,540,940	18,366,000	13.84
North Carolina	11,495	5,214,000	0.22
North Dakota	1,955	632,000	0.31

Ohio	159,985	10,783,000	1.48
Oklahoma	8,185	2,634,000	0.31
Oregon	9,085	2,182,000	0.42
Pennsylvania	452,120	11,926,000	3.79
Rhode Island	22,570	968,000	2.33
So. Carolina	9,730	2,665,000	0.37
So. Dakota	2,065	679,000	0.30
Tennessee	18,145	4,031,000	0.45
Texas	70,950	11,649,000	0.61
Utah	1,900	1,126,000	0.17
Vermont	1,995	462,000	0.43
Virginia	42,165	4,764,000	0.89
Washington	15,990	3,443,000	0.46
West Virginia	5,945	1,781,000	0.33
Wisconsin	35,910	4,520,000	0.79
Wyoming	425	345,000	0.12
U.S. TOTAL.....	6,115,320	208,232,000	2.94

Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce; Population Estimates and Projections: Series P-25, No. 200

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

<i>Region</i>	<i>Total Resident Population</i>	<i>Per Cent Distribution</i>	<i>Jewish Population</i>	<i>Per Cent Distribution</i>
Northeast:	49,757,000	23.9	3,828,810	62.6
New England	12,099,000	5.8	415,035	6.8
Middle Atlantic	37,659,000	18.1	3,413,775	55.8
North Central:	57,552,000	27.7	748,685	12.2
East N.C.	40,927,000	19.7	602,810	9.8
West N.C.	16,626,000	8.0	145,875	2.4
South:	64,856,000	31.1	722,325	11.8
South Atlantic	31,772,000	15.3	577,765	9.4
East So. Central	13,103,000	6.3	44,745	0.7
West So. Central	19,981,000	9.6	99,815	1.6
West:	36,067,000	17.3	815,500	13.3
Mountain	8,840,000	4.2	66,540	1.1
Pacific	27,227,000	13.1	748,960	12.2
TOTALS	208,232,000	100.0	6,115,320	100.0

TABLE 3. COMMUNITIES WITH JEWISH POPULATIONS OF 100 OR MORE, 1971 (ESTIMATED)

State and City	Jewish Population	State and City	Jewish Population	State and City	Jewish Population
ALABAMA					
Anniston	145	Petaluma	320	Torrington	400
Birmingham	4,000	Pomona	300	Valley Area ⁴	1,300
Dothan	265	Riverside	215	Wallingford	440
Gadsden	185	Sacramento	4,800	Waterbury	2,800
Huntsville	650	Salinas	240	Westport	2,800
Jasper	130	San Bernardino	1,900	Willimantic	525
Mobile	1,200	San Diego	14,000	Winsed	110
Montgomery	1,800	San Francisco	75,000	DELAWARE	
Selma	210	San Jose	7,500	Wilmington (incl.	
Tri-Cities ¹	120	San Pedro	300	rest of state)	9,000
Tuscaloosa	315	Santa Barbara	415	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	
ALASKA					
Anchorage	100	Santa Cruz	400	Greater	
Fairbanks	200	Santa Maria	100	Washington ⁵	112,500
ARIZONA					
Phoenix	14,000	Santa Monica	8,000	FLORIDA	
Tucson	7,000	Santa Rosa	400	Brevard County	1,200
ARKANSAS					
Blytheville	100	Stockton	1,050	Clearwater	700
Ft. Smith	200	Sun City	100	Daytona Beach	1,200
Helena	100	Tulare and Kings		Fort Lauderdale	7,500
Hot Springs	600	county	155	Fort Myers	300
Little Rock	1,200	Vallejo	400	Fort Pierce	270
Pine Bluff	300	Ventura county	410	Gainesville	170
Southeast Arkansas ²	140	COLORADO			
Wynne-Forest City	110	Colorado Springs	650	Hollywood ⁶	20,000
CALIFORNIA					
Alameda & Contra		Denver	26,000	Jacksonville	6,000
Costa counties	19,000	Pueblo	375	Key West	170
Bakersfield	850	CONNECTICUT			
El Centro	125	Bridgeport	14,500	Lakeland	700
Elsinore	250	Bristol	250	Lehigh Acres	125
Fontana	165	Colchester	525	Miami	200,000
Fresno	1,450	Danbury	1,800	Orlando	5,600
Lancaster	100	Danielson	125	Palm Beach	
Long Beach	15,000	Greenwich	1,050	county	12,000
Los Angeles Metro-		Hartford	23,000	Pensacola	800
politain Area	535,000	Lebanon	175	Port Charlotte	150
Merced	100	Lower Middlesex		Sarasota	3,720
Modesto	260	county ³	125	St. Augustine	100
Monterey	1,000	Manchester	700	St. Petersburg	5,500
Oakland (incl. in Ala-		Meriden	1,315	Tallahassee	500
ameda & Contra Costa		Middletown	1,225	Tampa	5,000
counties)		Milford	415	GEORGIA	
Ontario	300	Moodus	350	Albany	525
Orange county	30,000	New Britain	3,000	Athens	210
Palm Springs	2,400	New Haven	20,000	Atlanta	18,000
Pasadena	1,600	New London	4,500	Augusta	1,200
		New Milford	350	Brunswick	120
		Newtown	275	Columbus	1,000
		Norwalk	5,000	Dalton	235
		Norwich	2,500	Fitzgerald-Cordele	125
		Putnam	110	Macon	785
		Rockville	525	Savannah	2,900
		Stamford	10,500	Valdosta	160

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HAWAII		Fort Dodge	115	Attleboro	260
Honolulu	1,500	Mason City	110	Beverly	1,000
IDAHO		Muscatine	120	Boston	180,000
Boise	120	Ottumwa	150	Brockton	5,200
ILLINOIS		Sioux City	1,160	Fall River	3,300
Aurora	400	Waterloo	435	Fitchburg	300
Bloomington	250	KANSAS		Framingham	12,000
Champaign-Urbana	1,000	Topeka	500	Gardner	100
Chicago Metropolitan Area	269,000	Wichita	1,200	Gloucester	210
Danville	240	KENTUCKY		Great Barrington	105
Decatur	450	Ashland	150	Greenfield	250
East St. Louis (incl. in So. Ill.)	675	Hopkinsville	120	Haverhill	2,275
Elgin	120	Lexington	1,200	Holyoke	1,100
Galesburg	650	Louisville	8,500	Hyannis	245
Joliet	245	Paducah	175	Lawrence	2,550
Kankakee	125	LOUISIANA		Leominster	1,525
Mattoon	2,200	Alexandria	450	Lowell	2,000
Peoria	200	Baton Rouge	1,400	Lynn (incl. Peabody)	18,800
Quincy	2,000	Lafayette	600	Medway	140
Rock Island	925	Lake Charles	125	Milford	245
Rockford	2,000	Monroe	400	Mills	105
Southern Illinois ⁷	1,600	New Orleans	10,500	New Bedford	3,100
Springfield	110	Shreveport	1,500	Newburyport	280
Sterling-Dixon	1,200	MAINE		North Berkshire	675
Waukegan		Augusta	215	Northampton	350
INDIANA		Bangor	1,300	Peabody	2,600
Anderson	105	Biddeford-Saco	375	Pittsfield	2,400
Elkhart	245	Calais	135	Plymouth	250
Evansville	1,100	Lewiston-Auburn	750	Salem	1,050
Ft. Wayne	1,250	Portland	3,500	Southbridge	105
Gary ⁸	6,500	Waterville	220	Springfield	11,000
Indianapolis	10,000	MARYLAND		Taunton	1,200
Lafayette	600	Annapolis	1,000	Webster	125
Marion	170	Baltimore	100,000	Worcester	10,000
Michigan City	350	Cumberland	250	MICHIGAN	
Muncie	175	Easton Park Area ⁹	100	Ann Arbor	1,150
Richmond	110	Frederick	400	Battle Creek	245
Shelbyville	140	Hagerstown	220	Bay City	700
South Bend	2,800	Harford county	420	Benton Harbor	880
Terre Haute	700	Montgomery county ⁵	56,500	Detroit	80,000
IOWA		Prince Georges county ⁵	28,000	Flint	2,685
Cedar Rapids	330	Salisbury	220	Grand Rapids	1,500
Council Bluffs	245	MASSACHUSETTS		Iron county	160
Davenport	2,000	Amherst	175	Iron Mountain	105
Des Moines	3,000	Athol	230	Jackson	360
Dubuque	105			Kalamazoo	650
				Lansing	1,000
				Marquette county	175
				Mt. Clemens	420
				Muskegon	525

<i>State and City</i>	<i>Jewish Population</i>	<i>State and City</i>	<i>Jewish Population</i>	<i>State and City</i>	<i>Jewish Population</i>
Saginaw	350	NEW JERSEY		Perth Amboy	3,200
South Haven	315	Atlantic City (incl. Atlantic county)	10,000	Pine Brook	225
MINNESOTA		Bayonne	8,500	Plainfield	7,500
Austin	125	Belmar	770	Princeton	1,050
Duluth	1,230	Bergen county ¹⁰	100,000	Rahway	960
Hibbing	155	Boonton	175	Riverside	125
Minneapolis	21,850	Bridgeton	515	Salem	230
Rochester	110	Burlington	140	Somerset county	2,600
St. Paul	10,000	Camden	18,230	South River	700
Virginia	175	Camden	18,230	Summit	1,830
MISSISSIPPI		Carteret	700	Toms River	1,575
Clarksdale	320	Clayton	490	Trenton	9,900
Cleveland	280	Dover	1,000	Vineland	2,450
Greenville	700	Elizabeth (incl. Union county)	20,000	Westfield	2,450
Greenwood	175	Englewood	10,200	White Meadow Lake	1,225
Hattiesburg	175	Englishtown	260	Wildwood	350
Jackson	420	Essex county (incl. western Hudson county as well as Hillside [part] and Springfield in Union county)	90,000	Willingboro	1,300
Meridian	385	Farmingdale	1,120	Woodbine	140
Natchez	140	Flemington	875	Woodbridge	4,550
Vicksburg	260	Gloucester county	165	Woodbury	350
MISSOURI		Hightstown	1,575	NEW MEXICO	
Columbia	200	Hoboken	500	Albuquerque	2,000
Joplin	300	Jackson Township	300	Las Cruces	100
Kansas City	22,000	Jersey City	12,000	Santa Fe	260
Kennett	110	Keyport	875	NEW YORK	
Springfield	230	Lake Hiawatha	875	Albany	13,500
St. Joseph	625	Lakewood	2,100	Amenia	140
St. Louis	60,000	Linden	4,200	Amsterdam	595
MONTANA		Lyndhurst	175	Auburn	435
Billings	100	Metuchen	2,275	Batavia	210
NEBRASKA		Millville	265	Beacon	315
Lincoln	1,000	Monmouth county	25,000	Binghamton (incl. all Broome co.)	3,960
Omaha	6,500	Morristown	1,000	Brewster	175
NEVADA		Mt. Freedom	260	Buffalo	23,500
Las Vegas	7,000	Mt. Holly	175	Canandaigua	135
Reno	380	Newark (incl. in Essex county)		Catskill	290
NEW HAMPSHIRE		New Brunswick	13,500	Corning	125
Claremont	210	Newton	315	Cortland	440
Concord	175	North Hudson county ¹¹	7,000	Dunkirk	200
Dover	360	Passaic	10,000	Ellenville	1,450
Keene	105	Paterson (incl. Fairlawn)	26,000	Elmira	1,400
Laconia	160	Paulsboro	165	Geneva	300
Manchester	1,500	Perrineville	230	Glens Falls	780
Nashua	320			Gloversville	1,400
Portsmouth	480			Herkimer	185
				Highland Falls	105
				Hornell	100
				Hudson	470

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Ithaca	960	Chapel Hill	230	OREGON	
Jamestown	185	Charlotte	2,500	Corvallis	140
Kingston	2,300	Durham	350	Eugene	360
Liberty	2,100	Fayetteville	480	Portland	7,800
Loch Sheldrake- Hurleyville	750	Gastonia	140	Salem	200
Massena	140	Goldsboro	120	PENNSYLVANIA	
Middletown	1,920	Greensboro	1,850	Aliquippa	400
Monroe	400	High Point	400	Allentown	4,600
Monticello	2,400	Raleigh	490	Altoona	1,200
Mountaineale	150	Rocky Mount	110	Ambridge	250
Greater New York	2,381,000	Whiteville Zone ¹²	330	Beaver	115
New York City	1,836,000	Wilmington	500	Beaver Falls	400
Nassau	372,000	Winston-Salem	440	Berwick	120
Suffolk	42,000	NORTH DAKOTA		Bethlehem	960
Westchester	131,000	Fargo	700	Braddock	250
New Paltz	150	Grand Forks	100	Bradford	200
Newark	220	OHIO		Brownville	150
Newburgh	4,200	Akron	6,500	Butler	450
Niagara Falls	1,000	Ashtabula	160	Carbon county	125
Norwich	120	Bellaire	120	Carbondale	115
Ogdensburg	135	Canton	2,800	Carnegie	200
Olean	200	Cincinnati	28,000	Central Bucks county	400
Oneonta	125	Cleveland	80,000	Chambersburg	200
Oswego	100	Columbus	13,000	Chester	2,100
Parksville	140	Dayton	7,200	Coatesville	305
Pawling	105	East Liverpool	290	Connellsville	110
Plattsburg	275	Elyria	525	Donora	100
Port Chester	4,500	Hamilton	560	Easton	1,675
Port Jervis	560	Lima	350	Ellwood City	110
Potsdam	110	Lorain	1,000	Erie	1,700
Poughkeepsie	6,000	Mansfield	480	Farrell	150
Rochester	21,500	Marion	120	Greensburg	300
Rockland County ..	25,000	Middletown	210	Hanover	145
Rome	210	New Philadelphia	140	Harrisburg	4,600
Saratoga Springs	525	Newark	105	Hazleton	1,200
Schenectady	4,500	Piqua	120	Homestead	300
Sharon Springs	165	Portsmouth	120	Indiana	120
South Fallsburg	1,100	Sandusky	150	Johnstown	1,000
Syracuse	11,000	Springfield	560	Kittanning	175
Troy	2,000	Steubenville	620	Lancaster	2,000
Utica	2,800	Toledo	7,500	Lebanon	650
Walden	200	Warren	840	Lewistown	225
Warwick	100	Wooster	200	Lock Haven	140
Watertown	250	Youngstown	5,400	Lower Bucks county ¹⁴	18,000
White Lake	425	Zanesville	350	McKeesport	2,100
Woodbourne	200	OKLAHOMA		Monessen	100
Woodridge	300	Muskogee	120	Mt. Carmel	100
NORTH CAROLINA		Oklahoma City	1,500	Mt. Pleasant	120
Asheville	1,050	Oklahoma City Zone ¹³	190	New Castle	400
		Tulsa	2,500	New Kensington	475

<i>State and City</i>	<i>Jewish Population</i>
Norristown	2,000
North Penn	200
Oil City	150
Oxford-Kennett Square	180
Philadelphia Metropolitan Area	325,000
Phoenixville	300
Pittsburgh	45,000
Pottstown	680
Pottsville	870
Punxsutawney	100
Reading	3,000
Sayre	100
Scranton	5,010
Shamokin	145
Sharon	470
Shenandoah	230
State College	400
Stroudsburg	410
Sunbury	160
Uniontown	450
Upper Beaver	500
Washington	300
Wayne county	210
West Chester	300
Wilkes-Barre	4,735
Williamsport	770
York	1,540

RHODE ISLAND
 Providence (incl. rest of state) 22,000

SOUTH CAROLINA
 Charleston 3,000 |

Columbia	2,000
Florence	370
Greenville	600
Orangeburg county	105
Spartanburg	210
Sumter	190

SOUTH DAKOTA
 Sioux Falls 280 |

TENNESSEE
 Chattanooga 2,250 |

Jackson	120
Johnson City ¹⁵	210
Knoxville	950
Memphis	9,000

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Nashville	3,800
Oak Ridge	240
TEXAS	
Amarillo	245
Austin	1,000
Baytown	300
Beaumont	800
Brownsville	160
Corpus Christi	1,044
Corsicana	200
Dallas	20,000
De Witt county ¹⁶	150
El Paso	4,500
Ft. Worth	2,600
Galveston	630
Houston	21,850
Kilgore	110
Laredo	160
Longview	160
Lubbock	230
McAllen	280
North Texas Zone ¹⁷	175
Odessa	150
Port Arthur	260
San Antonio	6,500
Texarkana	100
Tyler	480
Waco	960
Wharton	270

UTAH
 Ogden 100 |

Salt Lake City	1,800
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VERMONT
 Bennington 120 |

Burlington	1,225
Rutland	280
St. Johnsbury	100

VIRGINIA
 Alexandria (incl. Falls Church, Arlington county and urbanized Fairfax county)⁵ 13,000 |

Arlington (incl. in Alexandria)	140
Danville	140
Fredericksburg	140
Hampton	265

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Harrisonburg	160
Hopewell	140
Lynchburg	350
Martinsville	135
Newport News	2,400
Norfolk	10,000
Petersburg	580
Portsmouth	1,925
Richmond	10,000
Roanoke	800
Suffolk	140
Williamsburg	120
Winchester	110

WASHINGTON
 Bellingham 120 |

Bremerton	100
Seattle	12,780
Spokane	800
Tacoma	700

WEST VIRGINIA
 Beckley 120 |

Bluefield-Princeton	240
Charleston	1,162
Clarksburg	225
Fairmont	100
Huntington	600
Morgantown	125
Parkersburg	170
Weirton	150
Wheeling	775

WISCONSIN
 Appleton 665 |

Beloit	105
Eau Claire	120
Fond du Lac	125
Green Bay	440
Kenosha	600
Madison	3,000
Manitowoc	175
Marinette	170
Milwaukee	23,900
Oshkosh	120
Racine	1,100
Sheboygan	600
Superior	265
Waukesha	135
Wausau	265

WYOMING
 Cheyenne 280 |

¹Florence, Sheffield, Tusculmbia.

²Towns in Chicot, Desha, Drew counties.

³Centerbrook, Chester, Clinton, Deep River, Essex, Killingworth, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook, Saybrook, Westbrook.

⁴Ansonia, Derby-Shelton, Seymour.

⁵Greater Washington includes urbanized portions of Montgomery and Prince Georges counties, Md.: Arlington county, Fairfax county (urbanized portion); Falls Church; Alexandria, Va.

⁶Includes winter residents.

⁷Towns in Alexander, Bond, Clayton, Clinton, Crawford, Edwards, Effingham, Fayette, Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Jersey, Johnson, Lawrence, Mascoupin, Madison, Marion, Massac, Montgomery, Perry, Pope, Pulaski, Randolph, Richmond, St. Clair, Saline, Union, Wabash, Washington, Wayne, White, Williamson counties.

⁸Includes East Chicago, Hammond, Whiting.

⁹Towns in Caroline, Kent, Queen Annes, Talbot counties.

¹⁰Population for county was computed independently of towns within its borders.

¹¹Guttenberg, North Bergen, Seacaucus, Union City, Weehawken, West New York.

¹²Burgaw, Clinton, Dunn, Elizabethtown, Fairmont, Jacksonville, Lumberton, Tabor City, Wallace, Warsaw; and Dillon, Loris, Marion, Mullins, S.C.

¹³Towns in Alfalfa, Beckham, Cadelo, Canadian, Cleveland, Custer, Jackson, Kingfisher, Kiowa, Lincoln, Logan, Oklahoma, Payne, Roger Mills, Tilman, Washita counties.

¹⁴Bensalem Township, Bristol, Langhorne, Levittown, New Hope, Newtown, Pendel, Warrington, Yardley.

¹⁵Includes Kingsport and Bristol (including the portion of Bristol in Virginia).

¹⁶Includes communities also in Colorado, Fayette, Gonzales and LaVaca counties.

¹⁷Denison, Gainesville, Greenville, Paris, Sherman.