

World Jewish Population

THE 1982 AMERICAN JEWISH YEAR BOOK (AJYB) CONTAINED new estimates of the Jewish population in various countries of the world at the end of 1980, as well as background information and analysis. The statistical tables are reprinted here, without the accompanying text. Changes have been made in one respect only. While the estimates for Jews in the 1982 AJYB related to the end of 1980, the data for the general population of the respective countries reproduced the United Nations estimates as of mid-year 1979. This time the updated United Nations estimates as of mid-year 1980 have been used for the total population,¹ and the proportion of Jews per 1,000 of the respective country's total population has been recomputed accordingly.

The 1984 AJYB will present updated and, where necessary, revised Jewish population estimates for the countries of the world at the end of 1982.

In Tables 4-8 the following rating of the Jewish population estimates has been given: (A) base figure derived from countrywide census or reliable Jewish population survey; updated on the basis of full or partial information on Jewish population movements in intervening period; (B) base figure derived from somewhat less accurate countrywide Jewish population investigation; partial information on population movements in intervening period; (C) base figure derived from less recent sources and/or partial geographical coverage of Jewish population in country; updating according to demographic information illustrative of regional demographic trends; and (D) base figure essentially conjectural; no reliable updating procedure. In categories (A) and (B) the year for which the principal base figure was obtained is also reported. The time elapsed since that date provides an additional yardstick to assess reliability of data.

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¹United Nations, Department of International Economic and Social Affairs, Statistical Office, *Population and Vital Statistics Report: Data Available as of January 1, 1982*. (ST/ESA/STAT/SER. A/139).

TABLE 1. WORLD JEWISH POPULATION, 1970-1980 (ROUGH ESTIMATES)

	In Thousands			Per Cent		% Change
	1970	1975	1980	1970	1980	1970-1980
Diaspora	10,242	10,020	9,745	79.9	74.8	- 4.8
Israel	2,582	2,959	3,283	20.1	25.2	+ 27.1
World	12,824	12,979	13,028	100.0	100.0	+ 1.6

TABLE 2. CHANGES IN WORLD JEWISH POPULATION, 1970-1980
(ROUGH ESTIMATES)

Type of Change	1971-1980	1971-1975	1976-1980
	In Thousands		
Diaspora, total change	- 497	- 222	- 275
Natural and affiliative	- 280	- 82	- 198
Net <i>aliyah</i>	- 217	- 140	- 77
Israel, total change	+ 701	+ 377	+ 324
Natural	+ 484	+ 237	+ 247
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World, total change ^a	+ 204	+ 155	+ 49

^aI.e., natural change in Diaspora and Israel, affiliative change in Diaspora.

TABLE 3. ESTIMATED JEWISH POPULATION, BY CONTINENTS AND MAJOR GEOGRAPHICAL REGIONS, 1980

Region	Number	Per Cent
America, Total ^a	6,491,950	49.8
North ^b	5,998,000	46.1
Central	44,050	0.3
South	449,200	3.4
Europe, Total ^a	2,969,500	22.8
West	1,119,500	8.6
East & Balkans ^c	1,848,500	14.2
Asia, Total	3,327,900	25.5
Israel	3,282,700	25.2
Rest ^c	45,200	0.3
Africa, Total	164,550	1.3
North	21,050	0.2
South	109,550	0.8
Rest ^d	33,950	0.3
Oceania	74,000	0.6
World	13,027,900	100.0

^aIncluding "Other countries."

^bU.S.A. and Canada.

^cThe Asian territories of USSR and Turkey are included in "East Europe and Balkans."

^dIncluding Ethiopia.

TABLE 4. ESTIMATED JEWISH POPULATION DISTRIBUTION IN THE AMERICAS, 1980

Country	Total Population	Jewish Population	Jews per 1,000 Population	Accuracy Rating
Canada	23,941,000	308,000	12.9	A 1971
U.S.A.	227,658,000	5,690,000	25.0	B 1971
Total Northern America		5,998,000		
Bahamas	237,000	500	2.1	B 1970
Costa Rica	2,245,000	2,500	1.1	C
Cuba	9,833,000	1,000	0.1	D
Dominican Republic	5,431,000	200	0.0	D
El Salvador	4,813,000	350	0.1	C
Guatemala	7,262,000	1,100	0.2	C
Haiti	5,009,000	150	0.0	D
Jamaica	2,192,000	250	0.1	D
Mexico	71,911,000	35,000	0.5	C
Netherlands Antilles	266,000	700	2.6	C
Panama	1,837,000	2,000	1.1	C
Trinidad	1,139,000	300	0.3	D
Total Central America ^a		44,050		
Argentina	27,064,000	242,000	8.9	B 1960
Bolivia	5,600,000	1,000	0.2	C
Brazil	123,032,000	110,000	0.9	B 1960
Chile	11,104,000	25,000	2.2	D
Colombia	27,093,000	7,000	0.3	B 1977
Ecuador	8,354,000	1,000	0.1	D
Paraguay	3,067,000	700	0.2	C
Peru	17,780,000	5,000	0.3	C
Surinam	389,000	500	1.3	C
Uruguay	2,899,000	40,000	13.8	D
Venezuela	13,913,000	17,000	1.2	D
Total Southern America ^a		449,200		
Other		700		
Total		6,491,950		

^aTotal of countries reported in detail.

TABLE 5. ESTIMATED JEWISH POPULATION DISTRIBUTION IN EUROPE, 1980

Country	Total Population	Jewish Population	Jews per 1,000 Population	Accuracy Rating
Austria	7,505,000	8,000	1.1	A 1971
Belgium	9,857,000	33,000	3.3	C
Bulgaria	8,862,000	3,500	0.4	B 1965
Czechoslovakia	15,312,000	9,000	0.6	D
Denmark	5,123,000	7,000	1.4	C
Finland	4,779,000	1,200	0.2	A 1976
France	53,713,000	535,000	10.0	B 1972-78
Germany, East	16,737,000	1,000	0.1	D
Germany, West	61,561,000	33,500	0.5	A 1970
Gibraltar	33,000	550	16.7	A 1970
Great Britain	55,945,000	390,000	7.0	C
Greece	9,559,000	5,000	0.5	A 1978
Hungary	10,713,000	65,000	6.1	D
Ireland	3,401,000	2,000	0.6	B 1971
Italy	57,042,000	32,000	0.6	B 1965
Luxembourg	358,000	750	2.1	A 1971
Netherlands	14,144,000	27,000	1.9	B 1966
Norway	4,086,000	900	0.2	A 1970
Poland	35,578,000	5,000	0.1	D
Portugal	9,933,000	600	0.1	C
Rumania	22,201,000	33,000	1.5	B 1977-79
Spain	37,430,000	12,000	0.3	D
Sweden	8,311,000	15,000	1.8	C
Switzerland	6,373,000	21,000	3.3	A 1970
Turkey ^a	44,438,000	22,000	0.5	B 1965
USSR ^a	265,542,000	1,700,000	6.4	B 1979
Yugoslavia	22,344,000	5,000	0.2	B 1971-72
Other		1,500		
Total		2,969,500		

^aIncluding Asian regions.

TABLE 6. ESTIMATED JEWISH POPULATION DISTRIBUTION IN ASIA, 1980

Country	Total Population	Jewish Population	Jews per 1,000 Population	Accuracy Rating
Hong Kong	5,068,000	250	0.0	D
India	663,596,000	4,500	0.0	B 1971
Iran	37,447,000	32,000	0.8	C
Iraq	13,084,000	200	0.0	D
Israel	3,921,700 ^a	3,282,700	837.1	A 1980
Japan	116,782,000	700	0.0	D
Lebanon	3,161,000	200	0.1	D
Philippines	48,400,000	200	0.0	D
Singapore	2,391,000	450	0.2	D
Syria	8,979,000	4,500	0.5	D
Yemen	5,926,000	1,200	0.2	D
Other		1,000		
Total		3,327,900		

^aEnd 1980.

TABLE 7. ESTIMATED JEWISH POPULATION DISTRIBUTION IN AFRICA, 1980

Country	Total Population	Jewish Population	Jews per 1,000 Population	Accuracy Rating
Algeria	18,594,000	300	0.0	D
Egypt	42,201,000	250	0.0	D
Ethiopia	31,065,000	32,000	1.0	B 1976
Kenya	16,402,000	450	0.0	D
Morocco	20,242,000	18,000	0.9	B 1970
South Africa	29,285,000	108,000	3.7	A 1970-74
Tunisia	6,369,000	2,500	0.4	D
Zaire	28,291,000	200	0.0	D
Zambia	5,834,000	300	0.1	D
Zimbabwe	7,360,000	1,550	0.2	C
Other		1,000		
Total		164,550		

TABLE 8. ESTIMATED JEWISH POPULATION DISTRIBUTION IN OCEANIA, 1980

Country	Total Population	Jewish Population	Jews per 1,000 Population	Accuracy Rating
Australia	14,616,000	70,000	4.8	A 1971-76
New Zealand	3,100,000	4,000	1.3	A 1971
Total		74,000		

TABLE 9. COUNTRIES WITH LARGEST JEWISH POPULATION (100,000 JEWS AND ABOVE), 1980

Rank	Country	Jewish Population	% of Total Jewish Population:	
			In the Diaspora	In the World
1	United States	5,690,000	58.4	43.7
2	Israel	3,282,700	-	25.2
3	Soviet Union	1,700,000	17.4	13.1
4	France	535,000	5.5	4.1
5	Great Britain	390,000	4.0	3.0
6	Canada	308,000	3.2	2.4
7	Argentina	242,000	2.5	1.9
8	Brazil	110,000	1.1	0.8
9	South Africa	108,000	1.1	0.8
Total 8 Largest Diaspora Communities		9,083,000	93.2	69.7
Total 9 Largest World Communities		12,365,700	-	94.9