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JEWISH STATISTICS

The statistics of Jews in the world rests largely upon estimates. In some English colonies, in Russia, Austria-Hungary, Germany and a few other countries official figures purporting to be accurate are furnished. In the main, however, the figures rest upon estimates repeated and added to by one statistical authority after another. In spite of the unsatisfactory methods by which the figures are reached, there are certain checks which warrant the statement that the numbers given are approximately correct. The totals, moreover, do not represent a maximum, as most of the figures (excepting those for England, Russia and the United States) are based on the census of 1890 and 1891.

THE UNITED STATES

As the census of the United States has, in accordance with the spirit of American institutions, taken no heed of the religious convictions of American citizens, whether native-born or naturalized, all statements concerning the number of Jews living in this country are based upon estimate, though several of the estimates have been most conscientiously made.

In 1818 Mordecai M. Noah estimated the Jewish population at.	3,000
In 1826 Isaac C. Harby estimated	6,000
In 1840 American Almanac.....	15,000
In 1848 M. A. Berk	50,000
In 1880 Wm. B. Hackenburg.....	230,257
In 1888 Isaac Markens.....	400,000
In 1897 David Sulzberger	937,800

JEWISH IMMIGRATION INTO THE UNITED STATES, 1885-1899

	New York	Philadelphia	Baltimore
1885.....	18,535	1,076
1886.....	27,348	2,310
1887.....	25,788	1,680
1888.....	29,602	1,761
1889.....	22,674	1,288
1890.....	32,321	1,982
1891.....	62,574	4,984	1,581
1892.....	52,134	3,039	5,152
1893.....	25,678	5,324	1,941

	New York	Philadelphia	Baltimore
1894.....	16,381	3,825	1,902
1895.....	27,065	2,791	2,221
1896.....	23,802	2,499	1,817
1897.....	17,278	1,752	1,654
1898.....	22,921	2,079	2,409
To July, 1899.....	12,909	1,463
	417,010	36,390	20,140
Immigration for 1881-1884.....			74,310
New York, 1885-1899.....			417,010
Philadelphia, 1885-1899.....			36,390
Baltimore, 1885-1899.....			20,140

Total 547,850

If we add this immigration to the estimate of Mr. Hackenburg made in 1880, we secure a total of 778,107, without making any allowance for the natural increase in 20 years, nor for the immigration through Canada and other ports of the United States than New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore.

The following tentative estimate by States is given, being based with a few modifications on the tables of Mr. D. Sulzberger:

Alabama.....	6,000	Missouri.....	35,000
Arizona.....	2,000	Montana.....	2,500
Arkansas.....	4,000	Nebraska.....	2,000
California.....	35,000	Nevada.....	2,500
Colorado.....	10,500	New Hampshire.....	1,000
Connecticut.....	6,000	New Jersey.....	25,000
N. and S. Dakota.....	3,500	New Mexico.....	2,000
Delaware.....	3,000	New York.....	400,000
District of Columbia...	3,500	North Carolina.....	12,000
Florida.....	2,500	Ohio.....	50,000
Georgia.....	7,000	Oregon.....	6,000
Idaho.....	2,000	Pennsylvania.....	95,000
Illinois.....	95,000	Rhode Island.....	3,500
Indiana.....	25,000	South Carolina.....	8,000
Iowa.....	5,000	Tennessee.....	15,000
Kansas.....	3,500	Texas.....	15,000
Kentucky.....	12,000	Utah.....	5,000
Louisiana.....	20,000	Vermont.....	1,000
Maine.....	5,000	Virginia.....	18,000
Maryland.....	35,000	Washington.....	2,800
Massachusetts.....	20,000	West Virginia.....	6,000
Michigan.....	9,000	Wisconsin.....	10,000
Minnesota.....	6,000	Wyoming.....	1,000
Mississippi.....	5,000	Total.....	1,043,800

THE BRITISH EMPIRE

England, Wales	97,850	India	17,194
Scotland	2,060	Cape Colony	3,009
Ireland	1,779	Gibraltar	1,000
Australasia	15,268	Malta	173
Canada and British Columbia	6,414	Aden	2,826
Barbadoes	21	Cyprus	127
Trinidad	31	Hong Kong	143
Jamaica	*200	Straits Settlement	535
		Total	148,130

GENERAL JEWISH STATISTICS

The United States ...	1,043,800	Orange Free State ...	113
The British Empire ..	148,130	Persia	25,000
Abyssinia (Falashas) .	120,000	Peru	498
Argentine Republic ..	6,735	Portugal	300
Austria-Hungary	1,860,106	Roumania	300,000
Belgium	4,000	†Russia	5,700,000
Costa Rica	35	Servia	4,652
Denmark	4,080	South African Republic	10,000
France	72,000	Spain	2,500
Algeria	43,500	Sweden and Norway ..	3,402
Tunis	45,000	Switzerland	8,069
Germany	567,884	Tripolis	†60,000
Greece	5,792	Turkey	†350,000
Italy	38,000	Bulgaria	16,290
Morocco	150,000	Egypt	25,200
Netherlands	97,324	Turkistan and Afghan-	
Surinam	1,250	istan	14,000
Curacao	831	Total	10,728,491

* This number is a mere estimate. Neither the Statesman's Year Book, nor the Handbook of Jamaica, nor Mr. Joseph Jacobs gives any figures for Jamaica.

† In 1896, 15,831 Jews were drafted into the Russian army.

‡ The Statesman's Year Book gives 466,361 Jews in the Ottoman Empire. In some of the figures, however, the statement is "Jews, etc." On the other hand the Jews of Salonika are not counted. They probably form a community as large as that of Constantinople.