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# JEWISH POPULATION OF BROWARD COUNTY 2008



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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

**T**his 2008 study updates the *Jewish Community Study of Broward County* (Broward) completed by this author for the Jewish Federation of Broward County in 1997. This study uses a DJN methodology to update the size and geographic distribution of the Jewish population. No telephone interviewing was completed and this study does NOT substitute for the full community study that is needed in this community. See the Methodology Section at the end of this report.

☞ In 2008, 206,700 persons live in 100,000 Jewish households in Broward. Of the 206,700 persons in Jewish households, 185,800 persons (90%) are Jewish. In 1997, 269,100 persons lived in 133,000 Jewish households in Broward. Of the 269,100 persons in Jewish households, 240,400 persons (89%) were Jewish.

☞ From 1997-2008, the number of Jewish households decreased by 33,000 households and the number of persons in Jewish households decreased by 62,400 persons. The number of Jews, including Jews in institutions without their own telephone numbers, decreased by 54,700 Jews (23%), from 241,000 Jews in 1997 to 186,300 Jews in 2008. Most of the decrease in the Jewish population from 1997-2008 occurred in the past five years.

☞ In 2008, 51,800 Jews live in West Central Broward; 39,000 Jews, in Southwest Broward; 29,000 Jews, in North Central Broward; 27,600 Jews, in Southeast Broward; 23,500 Jews, in Northwest Broward; and 14,900 Jews, in East Broward. Thus, 28% of Jews live in West Central Broward; 21%, in Southwest Broward; 16%, in North Central Broward; 15%, in Southeast Broward; 13%, in Northwest Broward; and 8%, in East Broward.

☞ The number of persons in Jewish households decreased from 274,800 persons in 1990 to 261,000 persons in 1999 (5%) and then decreased by another 21% to 206,700 persons in 2008. The number of Non-Hispanic Whites in Broward decreased by 11% from 2000-2007.

☞ The percentage of persons in Broward who live in Jewish households decreased from 18% in 1997 to 12% in 2008.

☞ The 100,000 households in 2008 constitutes 15% of all households in Broward. The 15% is the fourth highest of about 50 comparison Jewish communities.

☞ No major shift in the geographic distribution of Jewish households occurred from 1997-2008. Northwest Broward and Southwest Broward show small increases in their share of all Jewish households, while West Central Broward and North Central Broward show small decreases.

☞ Only Northwest Broward (6%) shows an increase in the number of persons in Jewish households from 1997-2008. Decreases are seen in North Central Broward (35%), West Central Broward (33%), Southeast Broward (21%), East Broward (17%), and Southwest Broward (16%).

☞ Broward is the eighth largest Jewish community in the United States and the largest Jewish community in Florida.

☞ 34% of South Florida's Jews and 27% of Florida's Jews live in Broward.

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## DEFINITION OF THE GEOGRAPHIC AREAS

**B**roward is divided into six geographic areas for the purpose of analysis. See the map on the next page.

### 1 **SOUTHEAST BROWARD (SE)**

- ☞ Includes zip codes 33004, 33009, 33019, 33020, 33021, 33023, and 33312
- ☞ Includes cities of Hallandale, Hollywood, Pembroke Park, and parts of Miramar
- ☞ Geographic Description: East of Florida's Turnpike and South of I-595

### 2 **SOUTHWEST BROWARD (SW)**

- ☞ Includes zip codes 33024, 33025, 33026, 33027, 33028, 33029, 33314, 33326, 33327, 33328, 33330, 33331, and 33332
- ☞ Includes cities of Bonaventure, Cooper City, Davie, Pembroke Pines (including condominium of Century Village), and Weston
- ☞ Geographic Description: West of Florida's Turnpike and South of I-595

### 3 **WEST CENTRAL BROWARD (WC)**

- ☞ Includes zip codes 33309, 33068, 33313, 33317, 33319, 33321, 33322, 33323, 33324, 33325, and 33351
- ☞ Includes cities of Lauderdale Lakes, North Lauderdale, Plantation, Sunrise, and Tamarac (including the condominium of Kings Point)
- ☞ Geographic Description: West of 441 (plus Lauderdale Lakes zip code), North of I-595, and South of Atlantic Boulevard

### 4 **NORTHWEST BROWARD (NW)**

- ☞ Includes zip codes 33065, 33067, 33071, 33073, and 33076
- ☞ Includes cities of Coral Springs, northern Coconut Creek, and Parkland
- ☞ Geographic Description: North of Atlantic Boulevard in the West, North of Sample Road in the East, and West of Powerline Road

### 5 **NORTH CENTRAL BROWARD (NC)**

- ☞ Includes zip codes 33063, 33066, 33069, and 33442
- ☞ Includes cities of Coconut Creek (excluding northern part) and Margate
- ☞ Includes condominiums of Century Village, Palm Aire, and Wynmoor Village

### 6 **EAST BROWARD (E)**

- ☞ Includes zip codes 33060, 33062, 33064, 33301, 33304, 33305, 33306, 33308, 33311, 33315, 33316, 33334, and 33441
- ☞ Includes city of Fort Lauderdale
- ☞ Geographic Description: East of I-95 and North of State Road 84 to the Palm Beach County line



## CURRENT SIZE OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

**T**able 1 shows that 206,700 persons live in 100,000 Jewish households in Broward. Of the 206,700 persons in Jewish households, 185,800 persons (90%) are Jewish. In addition to the 206,700 persons in Jewish households, about 500 Jewish persons live in institutions without their own telephone numbers. Thus, in total, the Jewish community, including Jews in institutions without their own telephone numbers, contains about 207,200 persons and 186,300 Jews.

Of the 206,700 persons in Jewish households, 15,900 persons live in part-year households and 190,800 persons live in full-year households.

In **Northwest Broward**, 28,100 persons live in 9,700 Jewish households. 84% of persons in Jewish households are Jewish. Thus, 23,500 Jews live in Northwest Broward. The part-year population is negligible in this area.

In **North Central Broward**, 30,500 persons live in 18,800 Jewish households. 95% of persons in Jewish households are Jewish. Thus, 29,000 Jews live in North Central Broward. 18% of Jews live in part-year households.

In **East Broward**, 17,500 persons live in 9,500 Jewish households. 85% of persons in Jewish households are Jewish. Thus, 14,900 Jews live in East Broward. 17% of Jews live in part-year households.

In **West Central Broward**, 56,600 persons live in 29,200 Jewish households. 92% of persons in Jewish households are Jewish. Thus, 51,800 Jews live in West Central Broward. 7% of Jews live in part-year households.

In **Southeast Broward**, 30,200 persons live in 15,000 Jewish households. 91% of persons in Jewish households are Jewish. Thus, 27,600 Jews live in Southeast Broward. 9% of Jews live in part-year households.

In **Southwest Broward**, 43,900 persons live in 17,800 Jewish households. 89% of persons in Jewish households are Jewish. Thus, 39,000 Jews live in Southwest Broward. 4% of Jews live in part-year households.

Note: Although most percentages presented in the tables are shown to the nearest tenth and most numbers are shown to the nearest integer, it should be noted that all percentages and numbers are estimates. Most percentages in the text are rounded to the nearest integer and most numbers are rounded to the nearest 100. Thus, the reader may notice small differences in the percentages and numbers of households and persons shown in various parts of this report due to rounding. At times, also due to rounding, the reported percentages may not sum to 100% and the reported numbers may not sum to the appropriate numerical total. However, the convention employed shows the total as 100% or the appropriate numerical total.

<b>TABLE 1 CURRENT SIZE OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY</b>					
	<b>Percentage of Households</b>	<b>Number of Households</b>	<b>Average Household Size</b>	<b>Number of Persons in Jewish Households</b>	<b>Number of Jews</b>
<b>NORTHWEST BROWARD</b>					
Part-Year Households	0.0%	0	NA	0	0
Full-Year Households	9.7%	9,700	2.8939	28,071	23,523
All NW Broward	9.7%	9,700	2.8939	28,071	23,523
<b>NORTH CENTRAL BROWARD</b>					
Part-Year Households	3.2%	3,200	1.6765	5,365	5,225
Full-Year Households	15.6%	15,600	1.6121	25,149	23,816
All NC Broward	18.8%	18,800	1.6231	30,514	29,041
<b>EAST BROWARD</b>					
Part-Year Households	1.4%	1,400	1.8378	2,573	2,460
Full-Year Households	8.1%	8,100	1.8445	14,940	12,401
All E Broward	9.5%	9,500	1.8434	17,512	14,861
<b>WEST CENTRAL BROWARD</b>					
Part-Year Households	2.2%	2,200	1.7777	3,911	3,813
Full-Year Households	27.0%	27,000	1.9494	52,634	47,950
All WC Broward	29.2%	29,200	1.9367	56,552	51,763
<b>SOUTHEAST BROWARD</b>					
Part-Year Households	1.3%	1,300	1.9048	2,476	2,476
Full-Year Households	13.7%	13,700	2.0230	27,715	25,082
All SE Broward	15.0%	15,000	2.0134	30,201	27,558

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<b>SOUTHWEST BROWARD</b>					
Part-Year Households	0.8%	800	2.0000	1,600	1,600
Full-Year Households	17.0%	17,000	2.4850	42,245	37,429
All SW Broward	17.8%	17,800	2.4652	43,881	39,029
<b>ALL BROWARD</b>					
Part-Year Households	8.9%	8,900	1.7893	15,925	15,574
Full-Year Households	91.1%	91,100	2.0939	190,754	170,201
All Broward	100.0%	100,000	2.0673	206,731	185,775

## GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF THE JEWISH POPULATION

**T**able 2 shows that 29% of *Jewish households* in Broward live in West Central Broward; 19%, in North Central Broward; 18%, in Southwest Broward; 15%, in Southeast Broward; 10%, in Northwest Broward; and 10%, in East Broward.

The geographic distribution of *persons in Jewish households* and of *Jews* are somewhat different from the distribution of Jewish households due to variations among the geographic areas in average household size and in the percentage of persons in Jewish households who are Jewish.

<b>TABLE 2 GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF THE JEWISH POPULATION</b>						
<b>Geographic Area</b>	<b>Jewish Households</b>		<b>Persons in Jewish Households</b>		<b>Jews in Jewish Households</b>	
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
NW Broward	9,700	9.7%	28,071	13.6%	23,523	12.7%
NC Broward	18,800	18.8	30,514	14.8	29,041	15.6
E Broward	9,500	9.5	17,512	8.5	14,861	8.0
WC Broward	29,200	29.2	56,552	27.4	51,763	27.9
SE Broward	15,000	15.0	30,201	14.6	27,558	14.8
SW Broward	17,800	17.8	43,881	21.2	39,029	21.0
All Broward	100,000	100.0%	206,731	100.0%	185,775	100.0%

## CHANGES IN THE JEWISH POPULATION, 1940-2008

**T**able 3 shows the estimated changes in the population in Jewish households in Broward from 1940-2008. The estimates of the number of households going back in time are calculated using counts of Distinctive Jewish Names (DJNs) in old telephone directories. The estimates of average household size are based upon the 1997 *Jewish Community Study of Broward County* completed for the Jewish Federation of Broward County, the 1990 *Jewish Federation of South Broward County Community Study* completed for the South Broward Jewish Federation, and US Census data on household size in Broward (for both Jewish and non-Jewish households).

The number of persons in Jewish households in Broward increased significantly from 1940-1990 and then decreased from 1990-2008.

**From 1997-2008**, the number of Jewish households decreased by 33,000 households and the number of persons in Jewish households decreased by 62,400 persons. The significant decrease (23%) in the number of persons in Jewish households from 1997-2008 is likely due, in part, to the following:

❶ In the 1997 *Jewish Community Study of Broward County*, the median age of persons in Jewish households was 59 years. 46% of persons in Jewish households were age 65 and over, and 29% (76,900 persons) were age 75 and over. Thus, the number of Jewish deaths in Broward from 1997-2008 was likely much greater than the number of Jewish births.

❷ While we have collected no data on Jewish migration to Broward since 1997, it is clear that a large number of Jewish households moving to South Florida are moving to Palm Beach County based on the Jewish community studies completed for the Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County and the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County in 2005.

Note that data for two intermediate years between 1997 and 2008 (1999 and 2003) suggest that most of the decrease in Jewish population from 1997-2008 occurred in the past five years.

From 1997-2008, the number of Jews, including Jews in institutions without their own telephone numbers, decreased by 54,700 Jews (23%), from 241,000 Jews in 1997 to 186,300 Jews in 2008.

Some of the numbers and percentages from the 1997 *Jewish Community Study of Broward County* have been rounded in this report or modified slightly based upon new information.

**TABLE 3  
PERSONS IN JEWISH HOUSEHOLDS, 1940-2008**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of Households</b>	<b>Average Household Size</b>	<b>Persons in Jewish Households</b>	<b>% Increase/ (Decrease)</b>
1940	500	2.100	1,050	
1950	1,100	2.100	2,310	120%
1960	4,700	2.100	9,870	327%
1970	18,500	2.100	38,850	294%
1980	84,800	2.050	173,840	347%
1987	122,600	2.050	251,330	45%
1990	135,900	2.022	274,790	9%
1994	131,900	2.022	266,702	(3%)
1996	132,400	2.023	267,845	0%
<b>1997</b>	<b>133,000</b>	<b>2.023</b>	<b>269,059</b>	0%
1999	129,000	2.023	260,967	(3%)
2003	122,000	2.023	246,806	(5%)
<b>2008</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>2.067</b>	<b>206,700</b>	(16%)

## CHANGES IN THE PERCENTAGE OF THE BROWARD POPULATION LIVING IN JEWISH HOUSEHOLDS, 1940-2008

**T**able 4 shows the percentage of persons in Broward who live in Jewish households from 1940-2008. The percentage increased from 1940-1990, although the most significant change occurred in the 1970s, when the percentage increased from 6% to 17%. During the 1980s, the percentage who live in Jewish households continued to increase to 22%. The percentage then decreased in the 1990s, falling to 17% in 1999. Due to the significant decrease in Jewish population from 1999-2008, a period during which the total Broward population continued to increase, the percentage of persons in Broward who live in Jewish households decreased to 12% in 2008.

<b>TABLE 4 PERCENTAGE OF THE BROWARD POPULATION LIVING IN JEWISH HOUSEHOLDS, 1940-2008</b>			
<b>Year</b>	<b>Persons in Jewish Households</b>	<b>Total Broward Population</b>	<b>Percentage of Broward Population Living in Jewish Households</b>
1940	1,050	39,794	2.6%
1950	2,310	83,933	2.8%
1960	9,870	333,946	3.0%
1970	38,850	620,100	6.3%
1980	173,840	1,018,300	17.1%
1987	251,330	1,176,837	21.4%
1990	274,790	1,255,488	21.9%
1994	266,702	1,387,250	19.2%
1996	267,845	1,442,665	18.6%
<b>1997</b>	<b>269,059</b>	<b>1,476,860</b>	<b>18.2%</b>
1999	260,967	1,535,468	17.0%
2003	246,806	1,711,269	14.4%
<b>2008</b>	<b>206,700</b>	<b>1,759,591 *</b>	<b>11.7%</b>

\* This is from the 2007 *American Community Survey* since the 2008 data are not yet available.  
Source: Author for *Persons in Jewish Households*; *Decennial Census* and *American Community Survey* for *Total Broward Population*

## PERCENTAGE JEWISH

**T**able 5 shows three measures of the percentage of the Jewish population that have been calculated with respect to the Broward Jewish community.

❶ **Percentage of Jewish Households.** The number of Jewish households divided by the total number of households (both Jewish and non-Jewish) in the local community in the year of the study.

❷ **Percentage of the Population in Jewish Households.** The number of persons in Jewish households divided by the total number of persons (both Jewish and non-Jewish) in the local community in the year of the study.

❸ **Percentage of Jews.** The number of Jews (both in households and institutions) divided by the total number of persons (both Jewish and non-Jewish) in the local community in the year of the study. (Note that the number of Jews in institutions is added to the number of Jews in households in communities for which this information is available.)

The 100,000 Jewish households in 2008 constitute 15.1% of the estimated 661,119 *households* in Broward. The 206,700 persons in Jewish households constitute 11.7% of the estimated 1,759,591 *persons* in Broward. The 186,300 Jews constitute 10.6% of the estimated 1,759,591 *persons* in Broward.

**Comparisons with Other Jewish Communities.** Table 5 shows that the 15.1% of Jewish households is the fourth highest of about 50 comparison Jewish communities and compares to 48.6% in South Palm Beach, 16.7% in West Palm Beach, and 6.5% in Miami. The 15.1% compares to 21.2% in 1997 and 2.7% nationally.

✓ According to the 2007 *American Community Survey*, 65% of persons in Broward are White, 24% are Black, 3% are Asian, and 8% are other races or of mixed race. 23% of persons are Hispanic, and 48% are Non-Hispanic White. Thus, Jews constitute about 22% of the Non-Hispanic White population.

✓ In Broward, from 2000-2007:

- 1) the White population decreased from 1,145,287 to 1,141,266 (0% decrease)
- 2) the Black population increased from 333,304 to 427,008 (28% increase)
- 3) the Asian population increased from 36,581 to 51,400 (41% increase)
- 4) the Hispanic population increased from 271,652 to 411,769 (52% increase)
- 5) the Non-Hispanic White population decreased from 941,674 to 839,245 (11% decrease)

For comparative purposes, number of persons in Jewish households decreased by 21% from 1999-2008, and the number of Non-Hispanic Whites decreased by 11% from 2000-2007.

**TABLE 5  
PERCENTAGE JEWISH  
COMPARISON WITH OTHER COMMUNITIES**

<b>Community</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Percentage of Jewish Households ①</b>	<b>Percentage of the Population in Jewish Households ②</b>	<b>Percentage of Jews ③</b>
<b>S Palm Beach</b>	2005	48.6%	41.5%	39.8%
<b>Broward</b>	<b>1997</b>	<b>21.2%</b>	<b>18.2%</b>	<b>16.3%</b>
<b>W Palm Beach</b>	2005	16.7%	13.5%	12.2%
<b>BROWARD</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>15.1%</b>	<b>11.7%</b>	<b>10.6%</b>
New York	2002	15.0%	14.3%	12.1%
Monmouth	1997	12.2%	12.1%	10.9%
Westport	2000	9.7%	10.1%	8.5%
Middlesex	2008	8.9%	7.4%	6.8%
Bergen	2001	8.6%	8.9%	8.1%
Essex-Morris	2008	8.4%	7.4%	6.1%
Palm Springs	1998	7.9%	5.7%	5.1%
Los Angeles	1997	7.6%	6.6%	5.5%
Howard County	1999	7.2%	8.1%	6.5%
Philadelphia	1997	7.1%	6.7%	5.8%
Washington	2003	6.8%	6.3%	5.1%
Atlantic County	2004	6.8%	6.1%	5.3%
<b>Miami</b>	2004	6.5%	5.0%	4.7%
Baltimore	1999	6.1%	6.4%	5.9%
Las Vegas	2005	6.0%	5.0%	3.8%
Hartford	2000	4.7%	4.3%	3.8%
Denver	2007	4.6%	4.4%	3.2%

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<b>Community</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b><i>Percentage of Jewish Households</i> ①</b>	<b>Percentage of the Population in Jewish Households ②</b>	<b>Percentage of Jews ③</b>
San Diego	2003	4.5%	4.1%	3.1%
Atlanta	2006	4.3%	NA	NA
Phoenix	2002	4.0%	NA	NA
Pittsburgh	2002	4.0%	NA	NA
Tucson	2002	3.9%	3.3%	2.6%
St. Louis	1995	3.9%	NA	NA
Rochester	1999	3.8%	3.6%	2.9%
Sarasota	2001	3.3%	2.9%	2.6%
Wilmington	1995	3.2%	3.3%	2.6%
St. Petersburg	1994	3.0%	3.4%	2.9%
Buffalo	1995	3.0%	3.3%	2.7%
Minneapolis	2004	3.0%	3.2%	2.6%
Martin-St. Lucie	1999	3.0%	NA	NA
Seattle	2000	2.9%	NA	NA
Columbus	2001	2.7%	3.0%	2.1%
Rhode Island	2002	2.3%	2.2%	1.8%
Portland (ME)	2007	2.2%	2.5%	1.7%
Richmond	1994	2.2%	NA	NA
Orlando	1993	2.0%	2.0%	1.6%
Milwaukee	1996	2.0%	1.9%	1.6%
Detroit	2005	1.9%	2.0%	1.8%

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PERCENTAGE JEWISH  
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<b>Community</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b><i>Percentage of Jewish Households</i> ❶</b>	<b><i>Percentage of the Population in Jewish Households</i> ❷</b>	<b><i>Percentage of Jews</i> ❸</b>
Harrisburg	1994	1.8%	1.8%	1.5%
Cincinnati	2008	1.7%	1.9%	1.5%
Charlotte	1997	1.7%	1.7%	1.3%
Lehigh Valley	2007	1.7%	1.5%	1.3%
St. Paul	2004	1.6%	1.5%	1.2%
Jacksonville	2002	1.5%	1.4%	1.1%
Tidewater	2001	1.4%	1.4%	1.1%
San Antonio	2007	0.9%	0.8%	0.6%
York	1999	0.6%	0.6%	0.5%
San Francisco	2004	NA	14.0%	10.0%
Boston	2005	NA	9.1%	7.2%
Chicago	2000	NA	6.2%	5.1%
Nationally (NJPS)	2000	2.7%	2.3%	1.8%

Note: See page 13 for an explanation of ❶, ❷, and ❸.

## GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF JEWISH HOUSEHOLDS BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA, 1997 AND 2008

**T**able 6 shows that the geographic distribution of Jewish households in Broward has changed modestly since 1997. Small increases are seen in Northwest Broward (2.8 percentage points) and Southwest Broward (1.8 percentage points), and small decreases are seen in West Central Broward (3.6 percentage points) and North Central Broward (2.8 percentage points).

In general, note that no major geographic shift in Jewish households occurred in Broward from 1997-2008.

<b>TABLE 6 GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF JEWISH HOUSEHOLDS, 1997 AND 2008</b>				
<b>Geographic Area</b>	<b>1997</b>		<b>2008</b>	
	<b>Number of Jewish Households</b>	<b>Percentage Distribution</b>	<b>Number of Jewish Households</b>	<b>Percentage Distribution</b>
NW Broward	9,200	6.9%	9,700	9.7%
NC Broward	28,700	21.6	18,800	18.8
E Broward	11,400	8.6	9,500	9.5
WC Broward	43,600	32.8	29,200	29.2
SE Broward	18,900	14.2	15,000	15.0
SW Broward	21,300	16.0	17,800	17.8
All Broward	133,000	100.0%	100,000	100.0%

## CHANGES IN THE NUMBER OF PERSONS IN JEWISH HOUSEHOLDS BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA, 1997-2008

**T**able 7 shows that the number of Jewish households in Broward decreased from 133,000 households to 100,000 households from 1997-2008 and the number of persons in Jewish households decreased by 23% from 269,100 persons in 1997 to 206,700 persons in 2008.

The number of Jewish households in **Northwest Broward** increased from 9,200 households to 9,700 households from 1997-2008. The number of persons in Jewish households increased by 6% from 26,600 persons in 1997 to 28,100 persons in 2008.

The number of Jewish households in **North Central Broward** decreased from 28,700 households to 18,800 households from 1997-2008. The number of persons in Jewish households decreased by 35% from 46,600 persons in 1997 to 30,500 persons in 2008.

The number of Jewish households in **East Broward** decreased from 11,400 households to 9,500 households from 1997-2008. The number of persons in Jewish households decreased by 17% from 21,100 persons in 1997 to 17,500 persons in 2008.

The number of Jewish households in **West Central Broward** decreased from 43,600 households to 29,200 households from 1997-2008. The number of persons in Jewish households decreased by 33% from 84,500 persons in 1997 to 56,600 persons in 2008.

The number of Jewish households in **Southeast Broward** decreased from 18,900 households to 15,000 households from 1997-2008. The number of persons in Jewish households decreased by 21% from 38,000 persons in 1997 to 30,200 persons in 2008.

The number of Jewish households in **Southwest Broward** decreased from 21,300 households to 17,800 households from 1997-2008. The number of persons in Jewish households decreased by 16% from 52,500 persons in 1997 to 43,900 persons in 2008.

Thus, only Northwest Broward shows an increase in Jewish households and persons in Jewish households from 1997-2008.

**Table 7** also shows the median age of persons in Jewish households in each geographic area from the 1997 study.

<b>TABLE 7 CHANGES IN THE NUMBER OF PERSONS IN JEWISH HOUSEHOLDS BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA, 1997-2008</b>					
<b>Year</b>	<b>Median Age of Persons in Jewish Households (years)</b>	<b>Number of Jewish House- holds</b>	<b>Number of Persons in Jewish Households</b>	<b>Increase/(Decrease) in Persons in Jewish Households</b>	
				<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>NORTHWEST BROWARD</b>					
1997	37.9	9,200	26,557		
2008	NA	9,700	28,071	1,514	5.7%
<b>NORTH CENTRAL BROWARD</b>					
1997	75.8	28,700	46,628		
2008	NA	18,800	30,514	(16,114)	(34.6)%
<b>EAST BROWARD</b>					
1997	58.3	11,400	21,085		
2008	NA	9,500	17,512	(3,573)	(16.9)%
<b>WEST CENTRAL BROWARD</b>					
1997	65.5	43,600	84,487		
2008	NA	29,200	56,552	(27,935)	(33.1)%
<b>SOUTHEAST BROWARD</b>					
1997	54.6	18,900	38,025		
2008	NA	15,000	30,201	(7,824)	(20.6)%
<b>SOUTHWEST BROWARD</b>					
1997	46.8	21,300	52,459		
2008	NA	17,800	43,881	(8,578)	(16.4)%
<b>ALL BROWARD</b>					
1997	59.4	133,000	269,059		
2008	NA	100,000	206,731	(62,328)	(23.2)%

## COMPARISONS WITH OTHER JEWISH COMMUNITIES

**T**able 8 shows that, with 186,300 Jews, Broward is the eighth largest Jewish community in the United States and the largest Jewish community in Florida. (Note, however, that Palm Beach County as a whole (South Palm Beach and West Palm Beach combined) has more Jews than Broward.)

**Table 9** shows the Jewish population in all communities in Florida. Broward has the largest Jewish population in both Florida and South Florida. The 186,300 Jews compares to 131,300 Jews in South Palm Beach, 124,250 Jews in West Palm Beach, and 113,300 Jews in Miami. (Note that Palm Beach County as a whole contains 255,550 Jews.)

34% of South Florida's Jews and 27% of Florida's Jews live in Broward.

**TABLE 8**  
**25 LARGEST AMERICAN JEWISH COMMUNITIES**

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Community</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Number of Jews</b>
1	New York	NY	1,412,000
2	Los Angeles	CA	519,200
3	Chicago	IL	270,500
4	San Francisco	CA	227,800
5	Washington, DC		215,600
6	Boston	MA	210,500
7	Philadelphia	PA	206,100
<b>8</b>	<b>BROWARD *</b>	<b>FL</b>	<b>186,300</b>
9	South Palm Beach *	FL	131,300
10	West Palm Beach *	FL	124,250
11	Atlanta	GA	119,800
12	Miami *	FL	113,300
13	East Bay	CA	100,000
14	Baltimore	MD	91,400
15	Essex-Morris	NJ	91,000
16	Rockland County	NY	90,000
17	San Diego	CA	89,000
18	Bergen County	NJ	83,700
19	Phoenix	AZ	82,900
20	Cleveland	OH	81,500
21	Detroit	MI	72,000
22	Monmouth County *	NJ	70,000
23	Las Vegas	NV	67,500
24	San Jose	CA	63,000
25	Orange County	CA	60,000

\*A significant number of Jews in these communities live in part-year households (live in the community for 3-7 months of the year).

Note: Includes Jews in institutions without their own telephone numbers where such data are available.

Source: Ira M. Sheskin and Arnold Dashefsky, "Jewish Population of the United States, 2008," *American Jewish Year Book 2008*, Volume 108 (David Singer and Lawrence Grossman, Editors) (New York: The American Jewish Committee).

**TABLE 9  
JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN FLORIDA**

Community	Number of Jews		Number of Persons in Jewish Part-Year and Full-Year Households
	Full Year	Part Year and Full Year	
* St. Petersburg (1994)	24,200	25,700	30,200
* Orlando (1993) <sup>1</sup>	20,600	21,000	25,900
Tampa	20,000	20,000	NA
* Jacksonville (2002)	12,800	13,000	16,200
* Sarasota (2001)	12,200	15,500	17,500
Lee County (Fort Myers)	8,000	8,000	NA
* Martin-St. Lucie (2004)	5,800	6,650	7,700
Brevard County	5,000	5,000	NA
Naples	4,200	4,200	NA
Daytona Beach	4,000	4,000	NA
Gainesville	2,500	2,500	NA
Tallahassee	2,200	2,200	NA
Fort Pierce	1,060	1,060	NA
Lakeland	1,000	1,000	NA
Pasco County	1,000	1,000	NA
Pensacola	975	975	NA
Key West	650	650	NA
Marion County (Ocala)	500	500	NA
Vero Beach	400	400	NA
Winter Haven	300	300	NA
Crystal River	100	100	NA
Other Communities	100	100	NA
Total (Excluding South Florida)	127,585	133,835	NA

**TABLE 9  
JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN FLORIDA**

Community	Number of Jews		Number of Persons in Jewish Part-Year and Full-Year Households
	<i>Full Year</i>	Part Year and Full Year	
<b>SOUTH FLORIDA</b>			
* <b>BROWARD (2008)</b>	<b>170,700</b>	<b>186,300</b>	<b>206,700</b>
* <b>Miami (2004)</b>	107,300	113,300	121,300
* <b>South Palm Beach (2005)</b>	107,600	131,300	136,800
* <b>West Palm Beach (2005)</b>	101,400	124,250	137,300
Total South Florida	487,000	555,150	602,100
Total Florida	614,585	688,985	NA
* Total Palm Beach County	209,000	255,550	274,100

\* Data are based upon a scientific community study. Dates in parentheses indicate the date of the most recent scientific community study or update study.

<sup>1</sup> Data have been updated from a 1993 study based upon information from the Orlando Jewish Federation.

Notes:

- 1) Full-year households live in Florida for 8-12 months of the year.
- 2) Part-year households live in Florida for 3-7 months of the year.
- 3) For communities without scientific community studies, the number of part-year Jews and the number of persons in Jewish households are not available. Numbers in italics in the *Number of Jews: Part Year and Full Year* column are repeated from the *Number of Jews: Full Year* column because no estimate of part-year Jews is available for these communities.

Source: Ira M. Sheskin and Arnold Dashefsky, "Jewish Population of the United States, 2008," *American Jewish Year Book 2008*, Volume 108 (David Singer and Lawrence Grossman, Editors) (New York: The American Jewish Committee).

## METHODOLOGY

This 2008 study has used a method employing Distinctive Jewish Names (DJNs) to update the size and geographic distribution of the Jewish population of Broward since 1997. No telephone interviewing was completed as part of this study. The results of this study should be considered to be generally indicative of changes in the Broward Jewish community since the last study in 1997.

In 1997, a major Jewish community study using Random Digit Dialing (RDD) was completed, which estimated 133,000 households and 269,100 persons in Jewish households in Broward. The estimate of the number of Jewish households for 2008 is based upon a count of households with one of 31 DJNs in the 2008 CD-ROM telephone directory, calculating a ratio between the RDD estimate of Jewish households in 1997 and the number of households with a DJN in the 1997 CD-ROM telephone directory and applying this ratio to the number of households with a DJN in the 2008 CD-ROM telephone directory.<sup>1</sup>

An adjustment was then made to allow for the fact that almost no households were cell phone-only in 1997. Based on a conversation with Lisa Christensen of Survey Sampling in Fairfield, Connecticut, who does cell phone sampling for the Gallup Poll, about 17.6% of American households are cell phone-only as of 2008. Because 46% of persons in Jewish households in Broward were age 65 and over in 1997, and few persons in that age group are cell phone-only, we assumed the cell phone-only rate in Broward to be about 10% in 2008.

The following assumptions are made in deriving the 2008 Jewish population estimate using this methodology: ❶ the percentage of Jewish households with telephones remained constant from 1997-2008; ❷ the percentage of Jewish households with unlisted telephone numbers remained constant from 1997-2008; ❸ the percentage of Jewish households with a DJN remained constant from 1997-2008; and ❹ the number of Sephardic, Israeli, Hispanic, and Former Soviet Union (FSU) households (who tend not to have DJNs) remained constant from 1997-2008.<sup>2</sup> The current study also assumes that the average household size, the percentage of part-year households, and the percentage of persons in Jewish households who are Jewish in each of the six geographic areas remained constant from 1997-2008 ❺.

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<sup>1</sup> See Ira M. Sheskin, "A Methodology for Examining the Changing Size and Spatial Distribution of a Jewish Population: A Miami Case Study," in *Shofar, Special Issue: Studies in Jewish Geography* (Neil G. Jacobs, Special Guest Editor), Fall, 1998 (Vol. 17, No. 1), pp. 97-116.

<sup>2</sup> In 1997, only 4.7% of households contained a Sephardic Jew; 2.4%, an Israeli; and 1.9%, a Hispanic Jew; and only 0.2% of households were from the FSU (these groups are not mutually exclusive). Thus, the effect of changes in the number of households in these groups from 1997-2008 is probably not significant (although doubtlessly, the Hispanic percentage increased).

Assumption number ❶ is quite reasonable as the number of Jews without telephone numbers is negligible. No information is available on assumption ❷, but there is no reason to believe that any significant change has occurred.

As to assumption ❸, the percentage of Jewish households with a DJN has probably decreased because it is likely that the percentage of intermarried women in the community has increased, although Table 10 suggests that increases in intermarriage in South Florida are minimal.

The effect of changes in the number of Sephardic, Israeli, Hispanic, and FSU households (assumption ❹) is minimal since these are not large groups in Broward County. Counts of Russian and Israeli first names in CD-ROM telephone directories suggest no change in the number of Israelis and an increase in the number of FSU households.

As to assumption ❺, see Table 10 suggesting that even over a relatively long period of time, these values do not tend to change significantly.

**TABLE 10**  
**CHANGES IN ESTIMATION PARAMETERS IN NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES**

Community	Year of		Intermarriage Rate	Average Household Size	% Jewish in Jewish Households	Part-Year Households
	Earlier Study	Later Study				
Miami	1994	2004	7% to 9%	2.19 to 2.25	93% to 93%	6% to 7%
South Palm Beach	1995	2005	3% to 5%	1.89 to 1.87	96% to 96%	25% to 19%
West Palm Beach	1999	2005	6% to 9%	1.92 to 1.99	93% to 90%	22% to 18%