

FAQs on American Jews Comparative Tables: American Jewish Demography

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FAQ Series, U. S. Jewish Community Studies:
Community, Year of Study, and Principal Investigator(s)**

<i>Community</i>¹	Year of Study	Principal Investigator(s)
Atlanta	2006	Jacob Ukeles & Ron Miller
Atlantic County	2004	Ira Sheskin
Baltimore	2010	Jacob Ukeles & Ron Miller
Bergen	2001	Ira Sheskin
Boston	2005	Leonard Saxe et al.
Broward County	1999	Ira Sheskin
Buffalo	1995	Goldhaber Research Associates
Charlotte	1997	Ira Sheskin
Chicago*	2000	Peter Friedman
Cincinnati	2008	Jacob Ukeles & Ron Miller
Cleveland*	1996	Lauren Raff & Gary Tobin
Columbus	2001	Lewis Horner & Erik Stewart
Denver/Boulder	2007	Jacob Ukeles & Ron Miller
Detroit	2005	Ira Sheskin
Harrisburg	1994	Ira Sheskin
Hartford	2000	Ira Sheskin
Howard County (MD)	1999	Jacob Ukeles & Ron Miller
Jacksonville	2002	Ira Sheskin
Las Vegas	2005	Ira Sheskin
Lehigh Valley (PA)	2007	Ira Sheskin
Los Angeles	1997	Pini Herman

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Martin-St. Lucie	2004	Ira Sheskin
MetroWest (NJ)	1998	Michael Rappeport
Miami	2004	Ira Sheskin
Middlesex County (NJ)	2008	Ira Sheskin
Milwaukee*	1996	Ira Sheskin
Minneapolis	2004	Ira Sheskin
Monmouth	1997	Ira Sheskin
New Haven	2010	Ira Sheskin
New York*	2002	Jacob Ukeles & Ron Miller
Orlando	1993	Ira Sheskin
Palm Springs	1998	Jacob Ukeles & Ron Miller
Philadelphia	2009	Etienne Phipps
Phoenix	2002	Jacob Ukeles & Ron Miller
Pittsburgh	2002	Jacob Ukeles & Ron Miller
Portland (ME)	2007	Ira Sheskin
Rhode Island	2002	Ira Sheskin
Richmond	1994	Ira Sheskin
Rochester	2010	Jocelyn Goldberg-Schaible
San Antonio	2007	Ira Sheskin
San Diego	2003	Jacob Ukeles & Ron Miller
San Francisco	2004	Bruce Phillips
Sarasota	2001	Ira Sheskin
Seattle	2000	Pini Herman & Bruce Phillips
South Palm Beach	2005	Ira Sheskin
St. Louis	1995	Gary Tobin
St. Paul	2004	Ira Sheskin
St. Petersburg	1994	Ira Sheskin
Tidewater	2001	Ira Sheskin

Community¹	Year of Study	Principal Investigator(s)
Tucson	2002	Ira Sheskin
Washington (DC)	2003	Ira Sheskin
West Palm Beach	2005	Ira Sheskin
Westport (CT)	2000	Ira Sheskin
Wilmington	1995	Ira Sheskin
York (PA)	1999	Ira Sheskin

¹For a detailed description of the geographic extent of each community, please consult the community reports available under “U. S. Study Archive: Communities” on the Data Bank website: www.jewishdatabank.org .

In general, the study areas correspond to the local Jewish federation's service area, although the Denver/Boulder study (for example) focused on a seven-county area (Adams, Arapahoe, Aurora, Boulder, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson counties), and not the entire state.

In reality, there is not one community where the study area is defined by the legal limits of the city name appearing in these tables. Study areas range in size from the better part of a county to multi-county areas.

A number of American Jewish communities are not included in this table, and in the FAQ series data, because they have either not conducted a Jewish community study, or the study that was completed did not utilize random digit dialing (RDD) methodology in their sampling design. Excluded communities had estimates which relied solely on Jewish community lists (“Federation,” “JCC,” etc.) and/or distinctive Jewish name methodology (DJNs) based on local directories. The North American Jewish Data Bank has archived many of these studies, but does not include them in these FAQ tables.

Almost all of the communities listed above, and included in the FAQ series, have had random digit dialing (RDD) as at least part of their sampling design and Jewish population estimate procedures. Rochester, 2010, conducted an online survey, but had had an RDD study in 1996, which had been conducted by Dr. Ira Sheskin; the 2010 Study is included given its effort to comprehensively study the community via the Internet by utilizing serious efforts to include Jewish persons without Internet access.

* Communities followed by an asterisk [*] are currently conducting a Jewish community study.