

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

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

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

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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	Carteret	700	Summit	1,830
MISSISSIPPI		Clayton	490	Toms River	1,575
Clarksdale	320	Dover	1,000	Trenton	9,900
Cleveland	280	Elizabeth (incl. Union county) ...	20,000	Vineland	2,450
Greenville	700	Englewood	10,200	Westfield	2,450
Greenwood	175	Englishtown	260	White Meadow Lake	1,225
Hattiesburg	175	Essex county (incl. western Hudson county as well as Hillside [part] and Springfield in Union county) ...	90,000	Wildwood	350
Jackson	420	Farmingdale	1,120	Willingboro	1,300
Meridian	385	Flemington	875	Woodbine	140
Natchez	140	Gloucester county	165	Woodbridge	4,550
Vicksburg	260	Hightstown	1,575	Woodbury	350
MISSOURI		Hoboken	500	NEW MEXICO	
Columbia	200	Jackson Township	300	Albuquerque	2,000
Joplin	300	Jersey City	12,000	Las Cruces	100
Kansas City	22,000	Keyport	875	Santa Fe	260
Kennett	110	Lake Hiawatha	875	NEW YORK	
Springfield	230	Lakewood	2,100	Albany	13,500
St. Joseph	625	Linden	4,200	Amenia	140
St. Louis	60,000	Lyndhurst	175	Amsterdam	595
MONTANA		Metuchen	2,275	Auburn	435
Billings	100	Millville	265	Batavia	210
NEBRASKA		Monmouth county	25,000	Beacon	315
Lincoln	1,000	Morristown	1,000	Binghamton (incl. all Broome co.) ...	3,960
Omaha	6,500	Mt. Freedom	260	Brewster	175
NEVADA		Mt. Holly	175	Buffalo	23,500
Las Vegas	7,000	Newark (incl. in Essex county)		Canandaigua	135
Reno	380	New Brunswick	13,500	Catskill	290
NEW HAMPSHIRE		Newton	315	Corning	125
Claremont	210	North Hudson county ¹¹	7,000	Cortland	440
Concord	175	Passaic	10,000	Dunkirk	200
Dover	360	Paterson (incl. Fairlawn)	26,000	Ellenville	1,450
Keene	105	Paulsboro	165	Elmira	1,400
Laconia	160	Perrineville	230	Geneva	300
Manchester	1,500			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-		Gastonia	140	Salem	200
Hurleyville	750	Goldsboro	120		
Massena	140	Greensboro	1,850	PENNSYLVANIA	
Middletown	1,920	High Point	400	Aliquippa	400
Monroe	400	Raleigh	490	Allentown	4,600
Monticello	2,400	Rocky Mount	110	Altoona	1,200
Mountandale	150	Whiteville Zone ¹²	330	Ambridge	250
Greater New		Wilmington	500	Beaver	115
York	2,381,000	Winston-Salem	440	Beaver Falls	400
New York				Berwick	120
City	1,836,000	NORTH DAKOTA		Bethlehem	960
Nassau	372,000	Fargo	700	Braddock	250
Suffolk	42,000	Grand Forks	100	Bradford	200
Westchester ..	131,000			Brownville	150
New Paltz	150	OHIO		Butler	450
Newark	220	Akron	6,500	Carbon county	125
Newburgh	4,200	Ashtabula	160	Carbondale	115
Niagara Falls	1,000	Bellaire	120	Carnegie	200
Norwich	120	Canton	2,800	Central Bucks	
Ogdensburg	135	Cincinnati	28,000	county	400
Olean	200	Cleveland	80,000	Chambersburg	200
Oneonta	125	Columbus	13,000	Chester	2,100
Oswego	100	Dayton	7,200	Coatesville	305
Parksville	140	East Liverpool	290	Connellsville	110
Pawling	105	Elyria	525	Donora	100
Plattsburg	275	Hamilton	560	Easton	1,675
Port Chester	4,500	Lima	350	Ellwood City	110
Port Jervis	560	Lorain	1,000	Erie	1,700
Potsdam	110	Mansfield	480	Farrell	150
Poughkeepsie	6,000	Marion	120	Greensburg	300
Rochester	21,500	Middletown	210	Hanover	145
Rockland County ..	25,000	New Philadelphia	140	Harrisburg	4,600
Rome	210	Newark	105	Hazleton	1,200
Saratoga Springs	525	Piqua	120	Homestead	300
Schenectady	4,500	Portsmouth	120	Indiana	120
Sharon Springs	165	Sandusky	150	Johnstown	1,000
South Fallsburg	1,100	Springfield	560	Kittanning	175
Syracuse	11,000	Steubenville	620	Lancaster	2,000
Troy	2,000	Toledo	7,500	Lebanon	650
Utica	2,800	Warren	840	Lewistown	225
Walden	200	Wooster	200	Lock Haven	140
Warwick	100	Youngstown	5,400	Lower Bucks	
Watertown	250	Zanesville	350	county ¹⁴	18,000
White Lake	425			McKeesport	2,100
Woodbourne	200	OKLAHOMA		Monessen	100
Woodridge	300	Muskogee	120	Mt. Carmel	100
		Oklahoma City	1,500	Mt. Pleasant	120
NORTH CAROLINA		Oklahoma City Zone ¹³	190	New Castle	400
Asheville	1,050	Tulsa	2,500	New Kensington	475

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Norristown	2,000	Nashville	3,800	Harrisonburg	160
North Penn	200	Oak Ridge	240	Hopewell	140
Oil City	150			Lynchburg	350
Oxford-Kennett		TEXAS		Martinsville	135
Square	180	Amarillo	245	Newport News	2,400
Philadelphia Metro-		Austin	1,000	Norfolk	10,000
politan Area	325,000	Baytown	300	Petersburg	580
Phoenixville	300	Beaumont	800	Portsmouth	1,925
Pittsburgh	45,000	Brownsville	160	Richmond	10,000
Pottstown	680	Corpus Christi	1,044	Roanoke	800
Pottsville	870	Corsicana	200	Suffolk	140
Punxsutawney	100	Dallas	20,000	Williamsburg	120
Reading	3,000	De Witt county ¹⁶	150	Winchester	110
Sayre	100	El Paso	4,500		
Scranton	5,010	Ft. Worth	2,600	WASHINGTON	
Shamokin	145	Galveston	630	Bellingham	120
Sharon	470	Houston	21,850	Bremerton	100
Shenandoah	230	Kilgore	110	Seattle	12,780
State College	400	Laredo	160	Spokane	800
Stroudsburg	410	Longview	160	Tacoma	700
Sunbury	160	Lubbock	230		
Uniontown	450	McAllen	280	WEST VIRGINIA	
Upper Beaver	500	North Texas Zone ¹⁷ ...	175	Beckley	120
Washington	300	Odessa	150	Bluefield-Princeton ...	240
Wayne county	210	Port Arthur	260	Charleston	1,162
West Chester	300	San Antonio	6,500	Clarksburg	225
Wilkes-Barre	4,735	Texarkana	100	Fairmont	100
Williamsport	770	Tyler	480	Huntington	600
York	1,540	Waco	960	Morgantown	125
		Wharton	270	Parkersburg	170
				Weirton	150
RHODE ISLAND		UTAH		Wheeling	775
Providence (incl.		Ogden	100		
rest of state)	22,000	Salt Lake City	1,800	WISCONSIN	
				Appleton	665
SOUTH CAROLINA		VERMONT		Beloit	105
Charleston	3,000	Bennington	120	Eau Claire	120
Columbia	2,000	Burlington	1,225	Fond du Lac	125
Florence	370	Rutland	280	Green Bay	440
Greenville	600	St. Johnsbury	100	Kenosha	600
Orangeburg county ...	105			Madison	3,000
Spartanburg	210	VIRGINIA		Manitowoc	175
Sumter	190	Alexandria (incl.		Marinette	170
		Falls Church,		Milwaukee	23,900
SOUTH DAKOTA		Arlington county		Oshkosh	120
Sioux Falls	280	and urbanized		Racine	1,100
		Fairfax		Sheboygan	600
TENNESSEE		county) ⁵	13,000	Superior	265
Chattanooga	2,250	Arlington (incl.		Waukesha	135
Jackson	120	in Alexandria)		Wausau	265
Johnson City ¹⁵	210	Danville	140		
Knoxville	950	Fredericksburg	140	WYOMING	
Memphis	9,000	Hampton	265	Cheyenne	280

¹Florence, Sheffield, Tuscumbia.

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.