

**The 2017 Jewish Federation of
Greater Indianapolis Population Study:
A Portrait of the Indianapolis Jewish Community**
Ten Major Findings + 1

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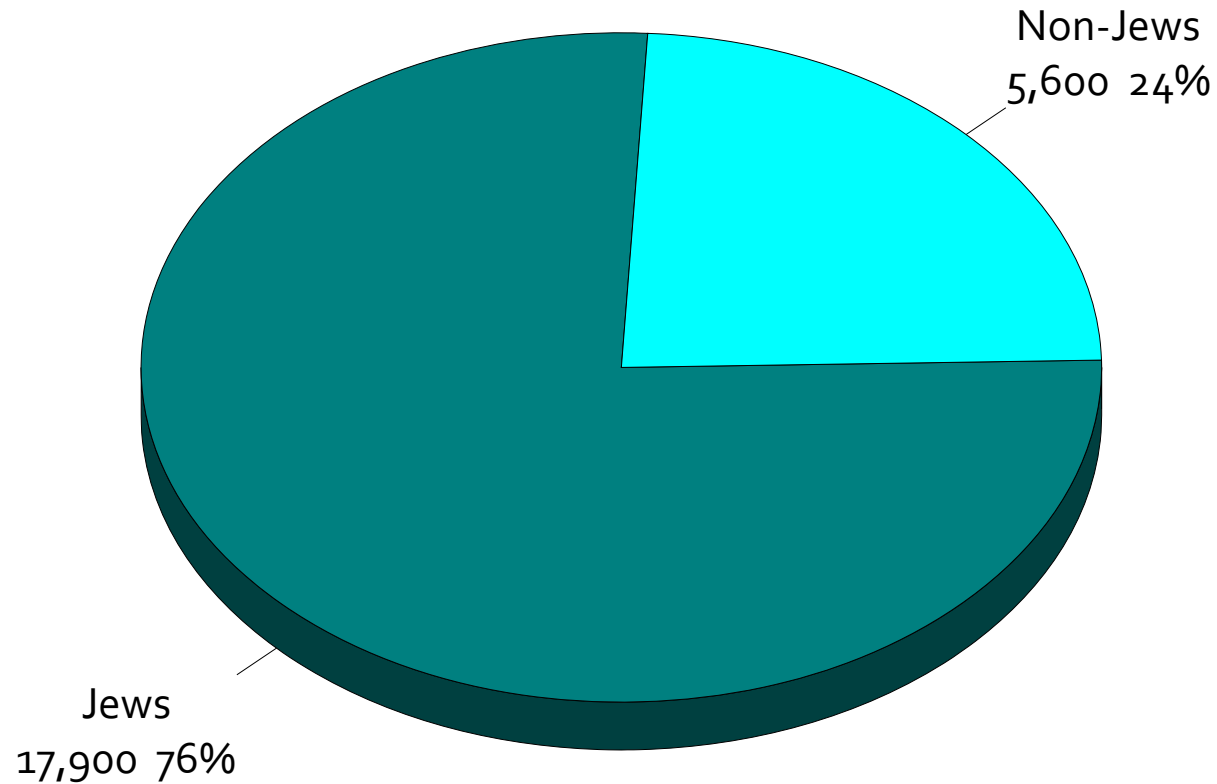
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Finding 1: Planning should assume that the Jewish population will remain relatively constant in the next years

The Jewish Community of Indianapolis

23,500 persons live in 8,500 Jewish households,
of whom 17,900 persons are Jewish



Another 3,600 Jews in the 9 surrounding counties.

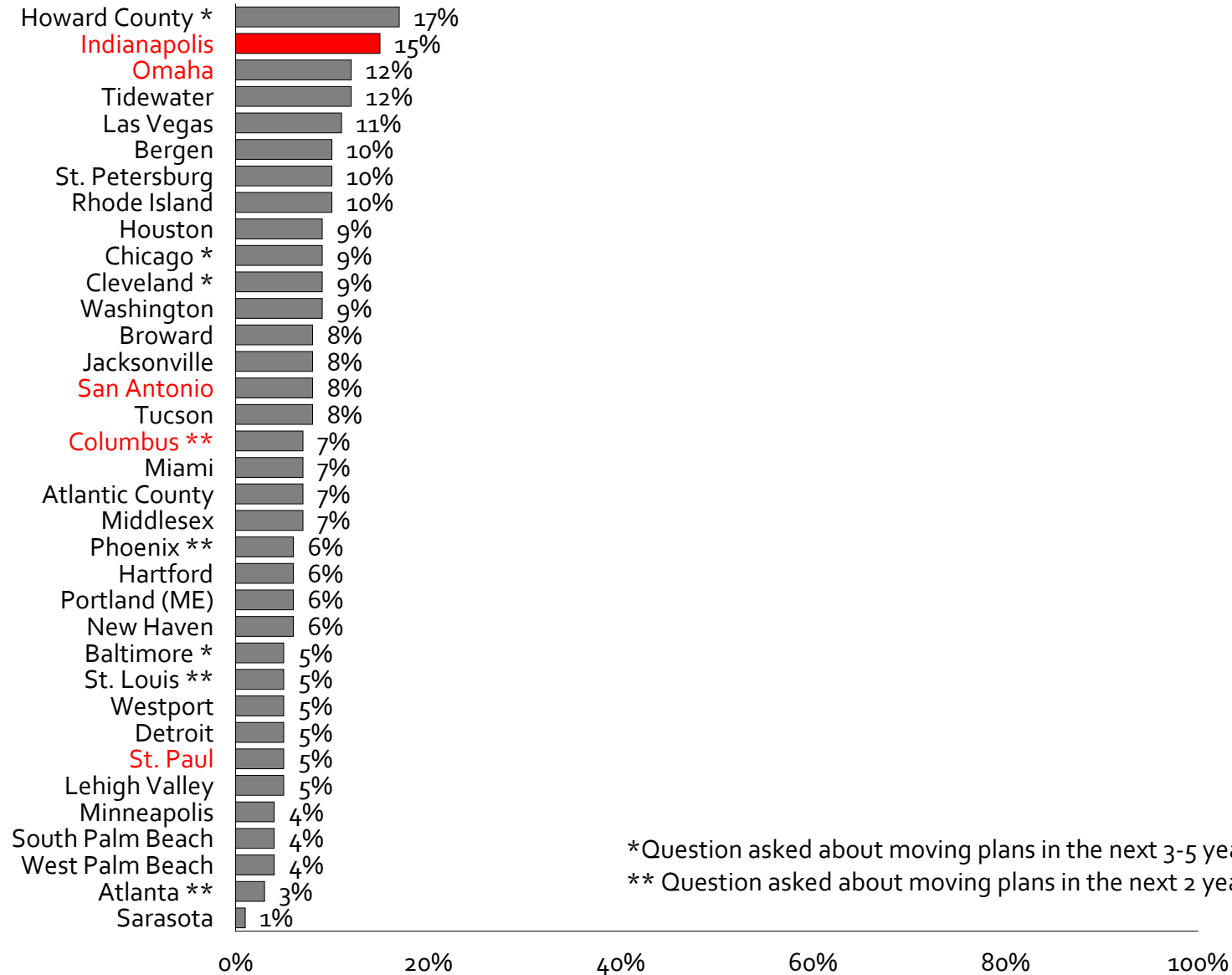
1.7% of households in Indianapolis are Jewish

Changes in the Size of the Jewish Community of Indianapolis - 2010-2017

Number of	<i>2010 Estimate</i>	<i>2017</i>	<i>Increase 2010-2017</i>
Households	8,000	8,500	500
Persons in Jewish Households	21,800	23,500	1,700
Jews	16,800	17,900	1,100

Definitely or Probably Moving Out of Local Community Within the Next Three Years

(Jewish Households)



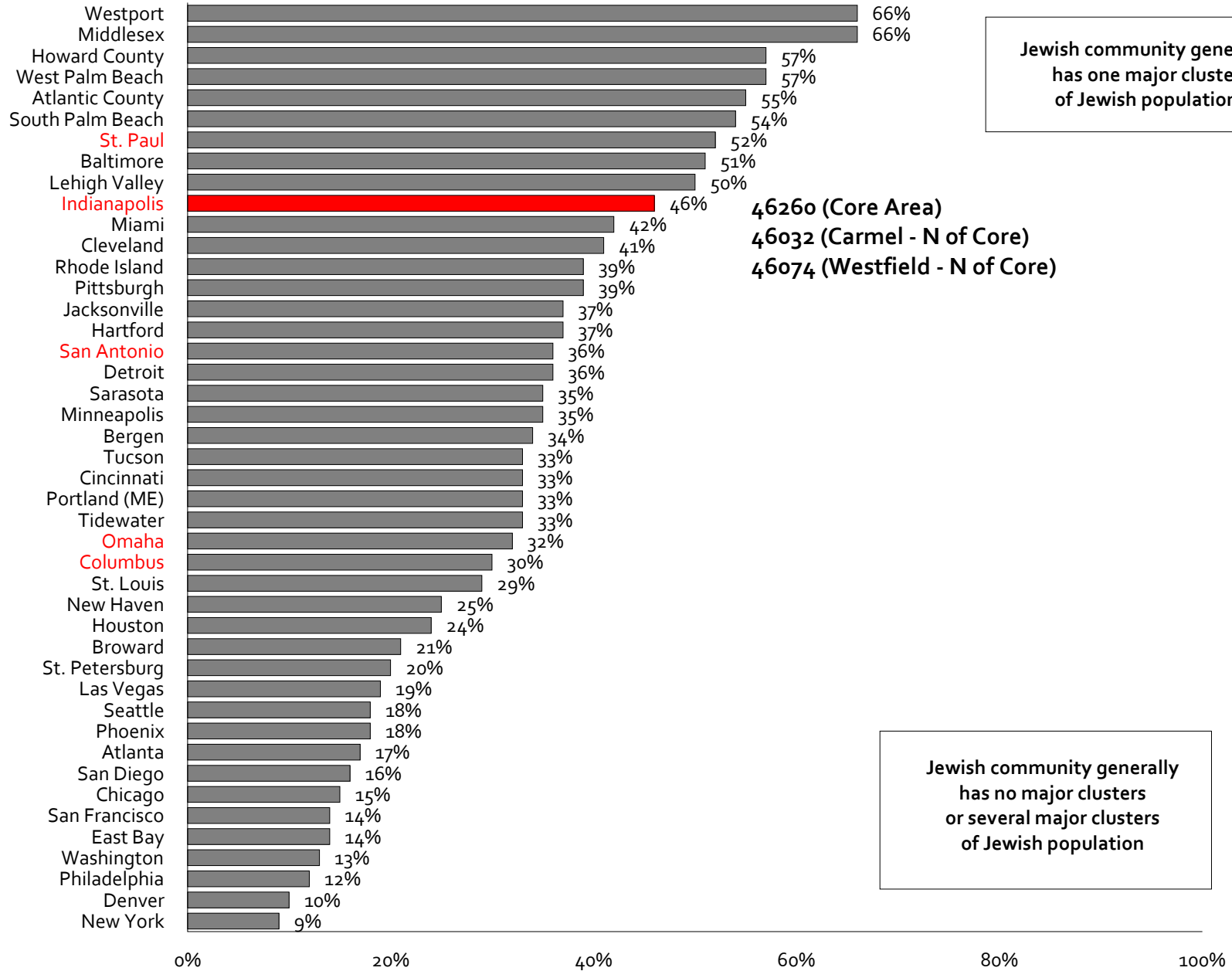
Migration of Jewish Households

- Average Annual In-Migration
 - **270** households moved in each year during the past five years
- Projected Average Annual Out-Migration
 - **100** households definitely moving out of Indianapolis each year during the next three years
 - **330** households probably moving out of Indianapolis each year during the next three years
- Projected Change
 - **the Jewish population should not change significantly in the next few years as a result of migration**

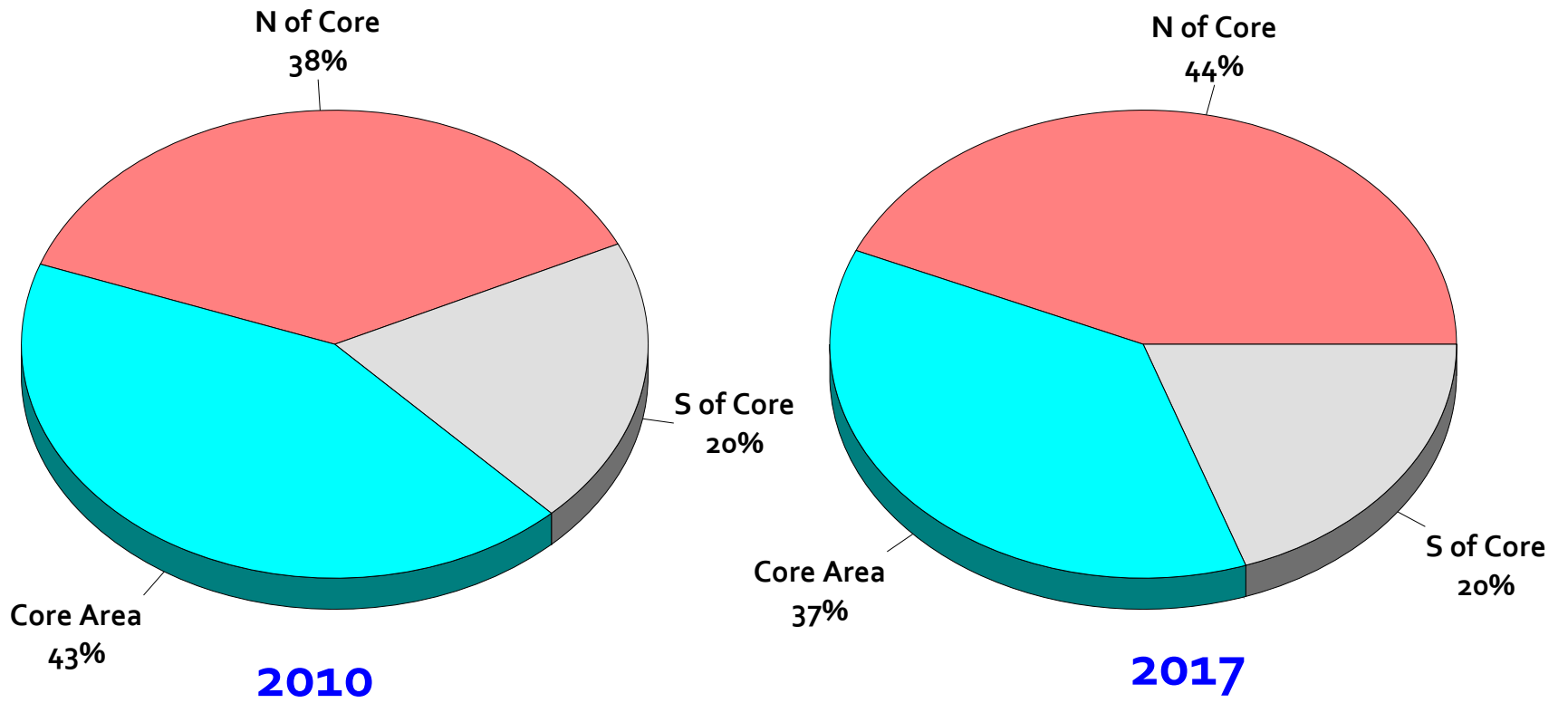
Finding 2: While there remains a significant concentration of Jews in the Core Area, a geographic shift is occurring in the Jewish population

Households in Top Three Zip Code Areas

(Jewish Households)

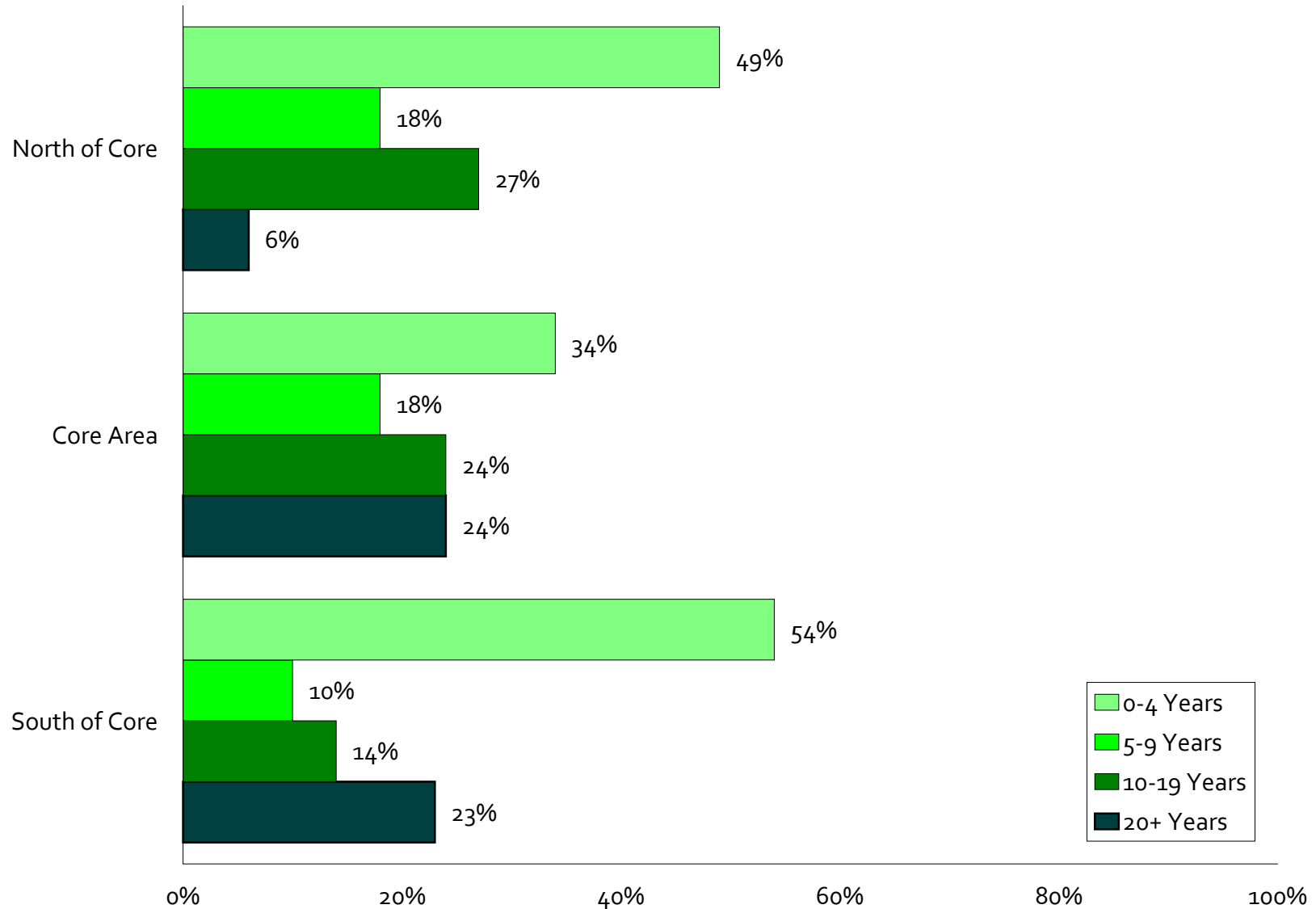


Distribution of Jewish Households, 2010 -2017



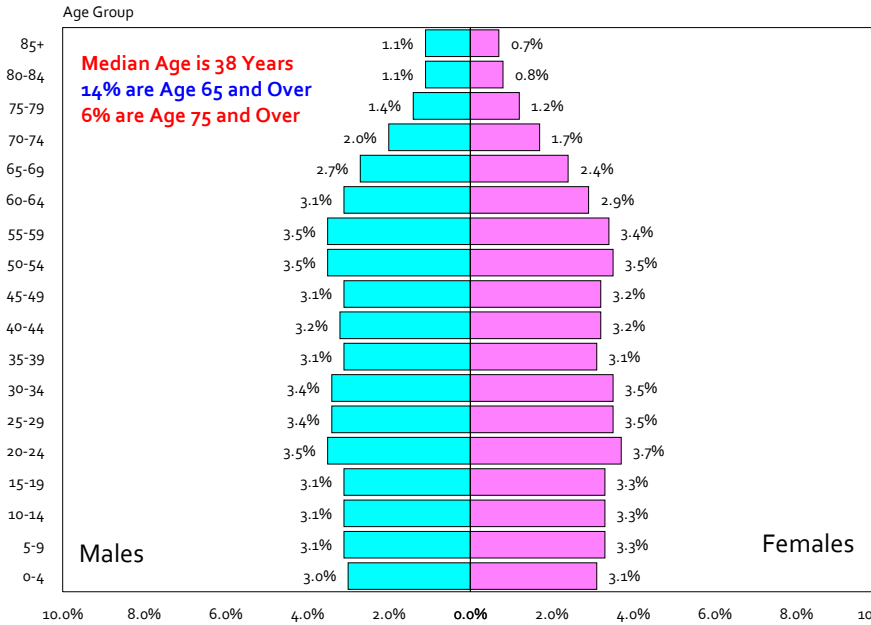
Years at Current Address by Geographic Area

(Respondents)

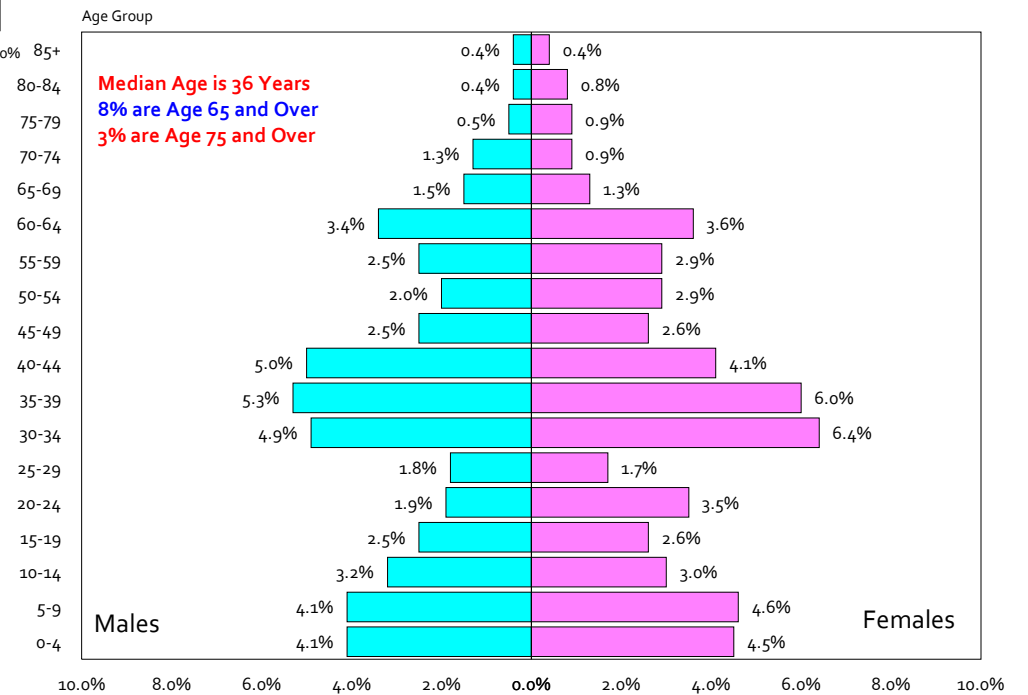


Finding 3: This is a very young Jewish community and consequently programs for children and families should receive significant priority

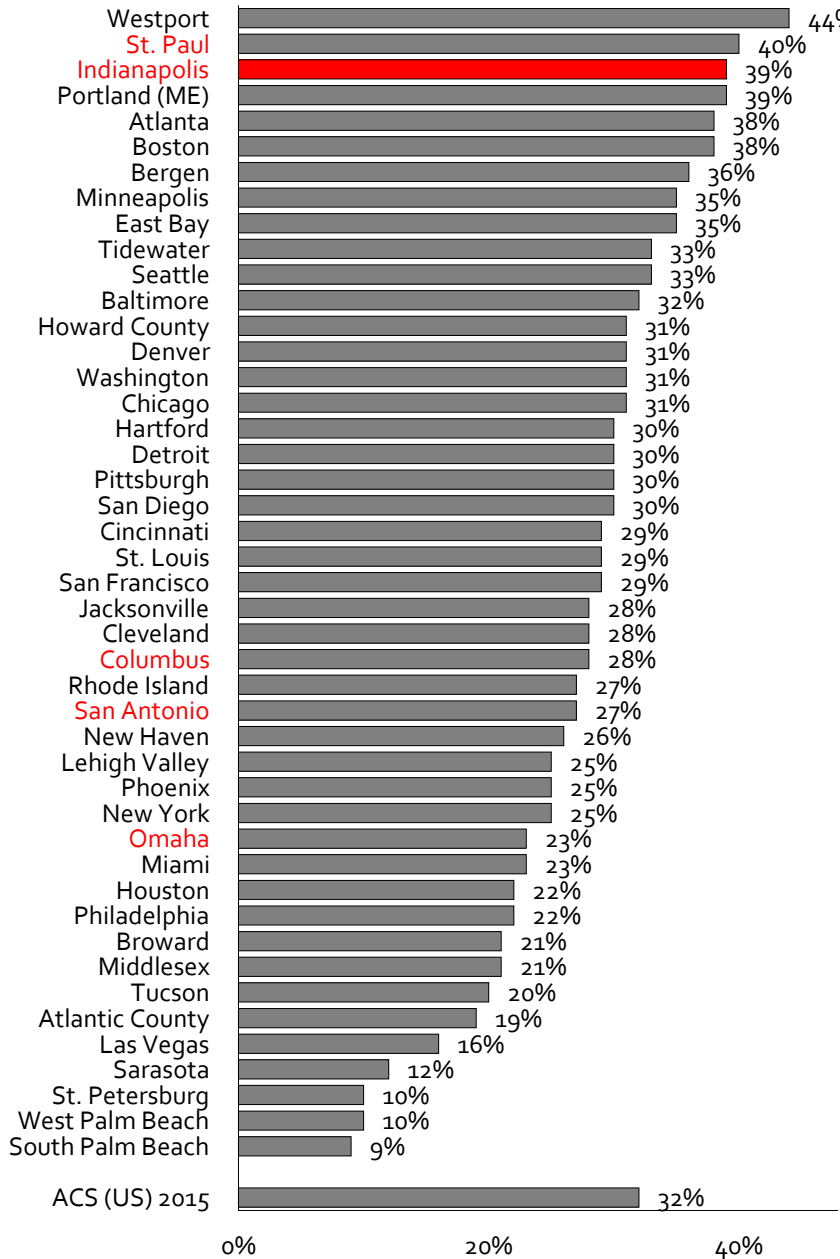
Age Distribution-All Americans - 2016



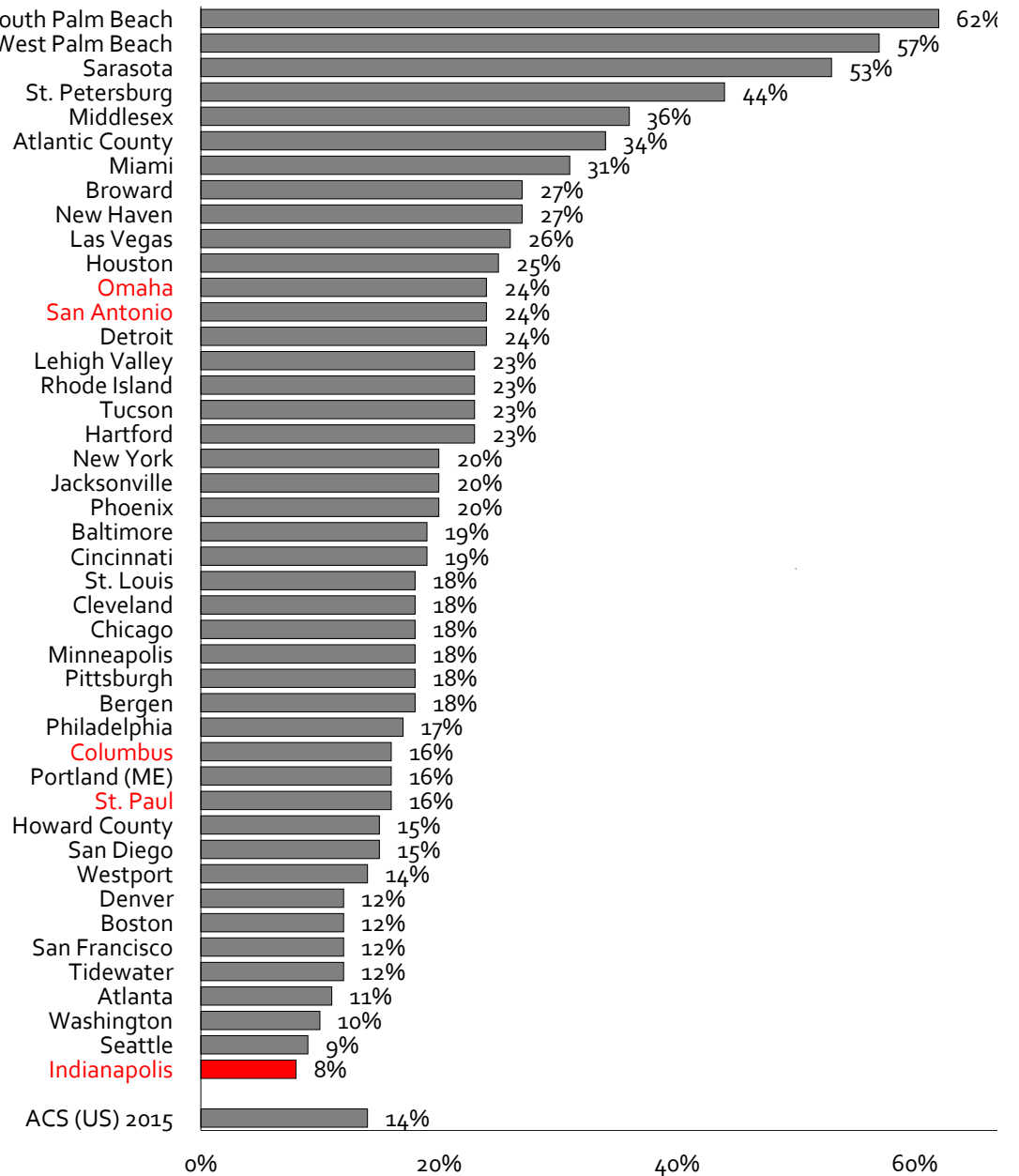
Age Distribution-Indianapolis Jewish Community



13 **Households with Children Age 0-17 at Home**
(Jewish Households)



Age 65 and Over
(Persons in Jewish Households)

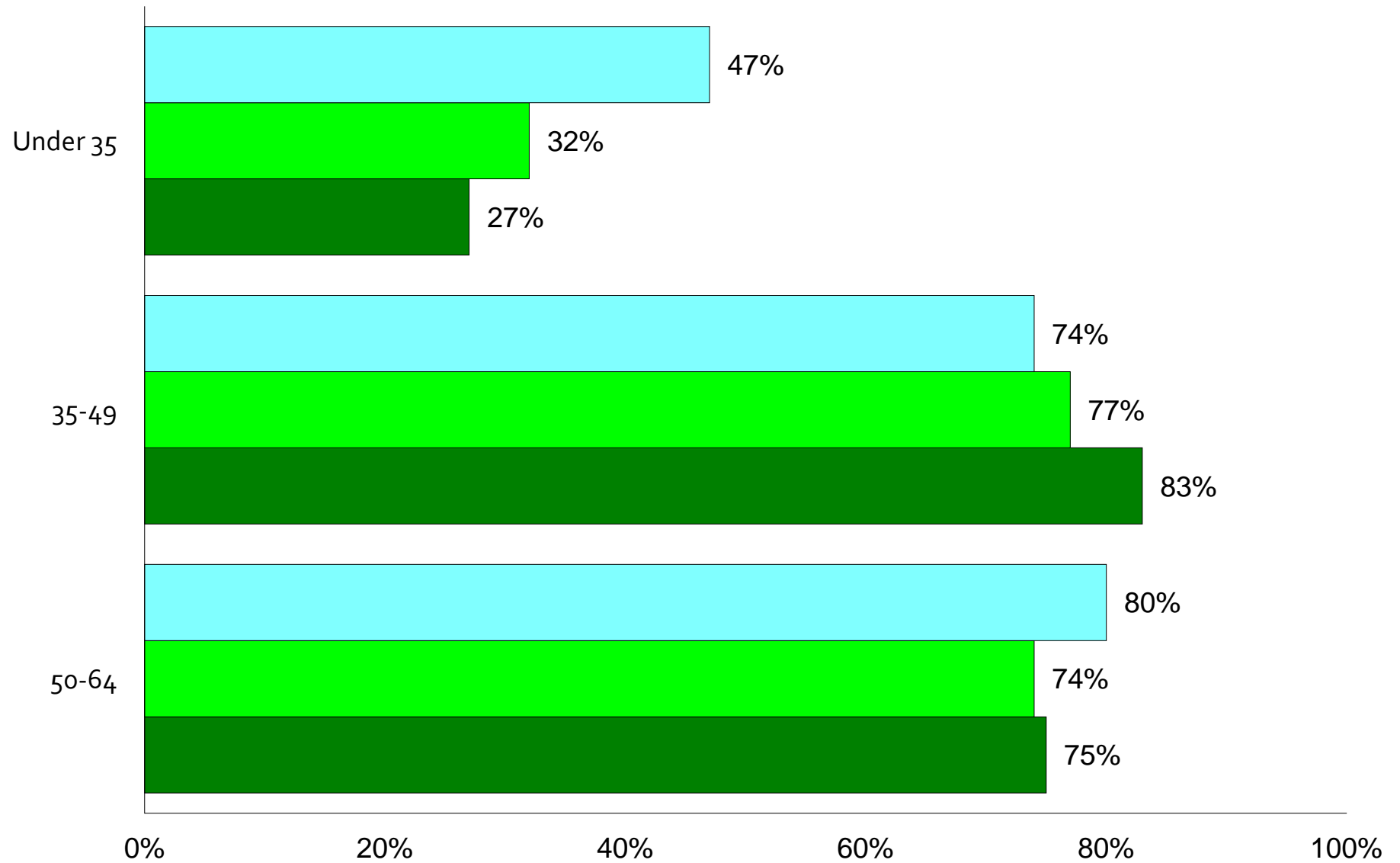


Finding 4: Young Jews are getting married later and Indianapolis has a very high percentage of single, never married

Currently Married, 1994-2014, Miami

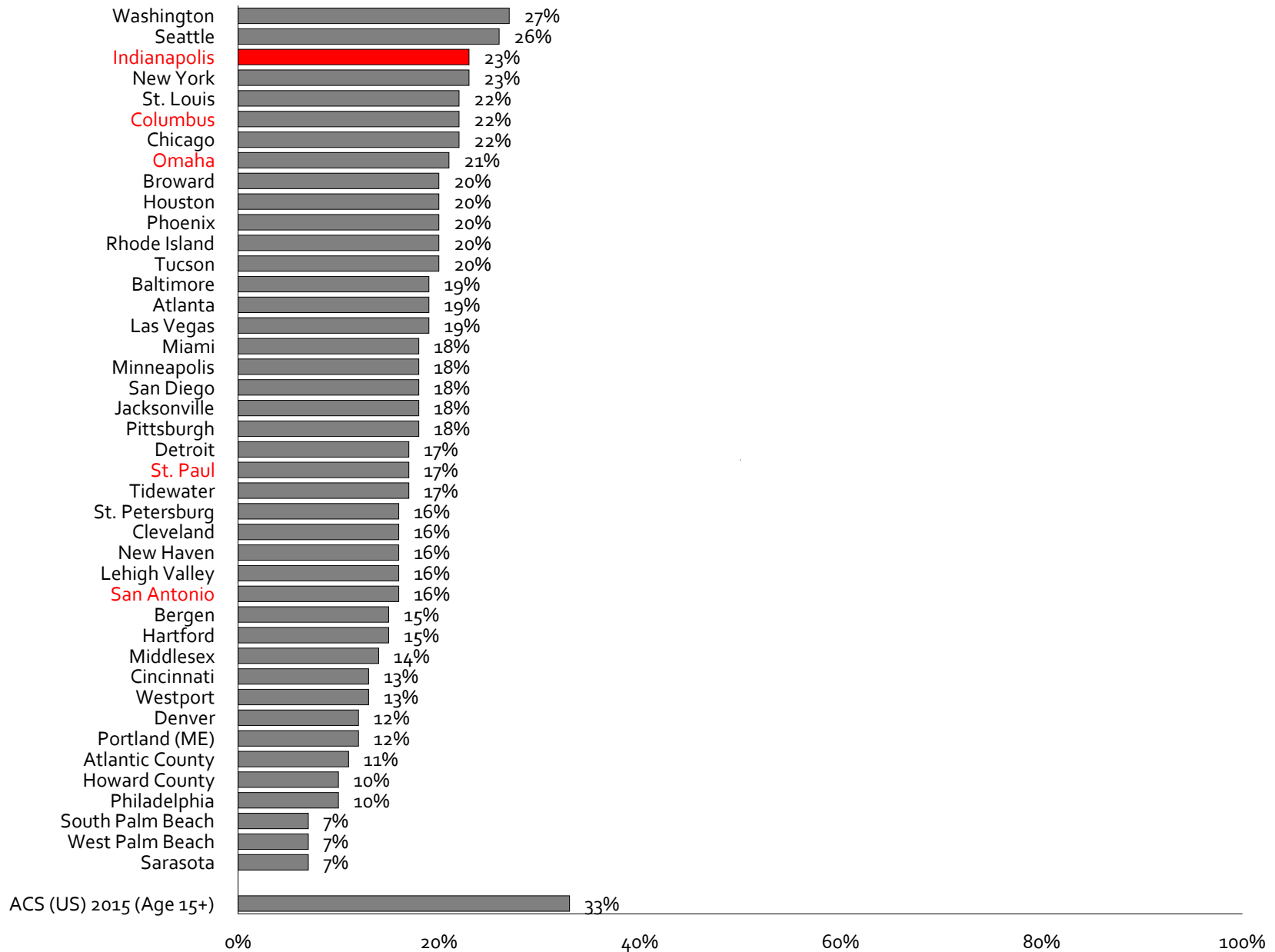
(Adults in Jewish Households)

1994 2004 2014



Single, Never Married

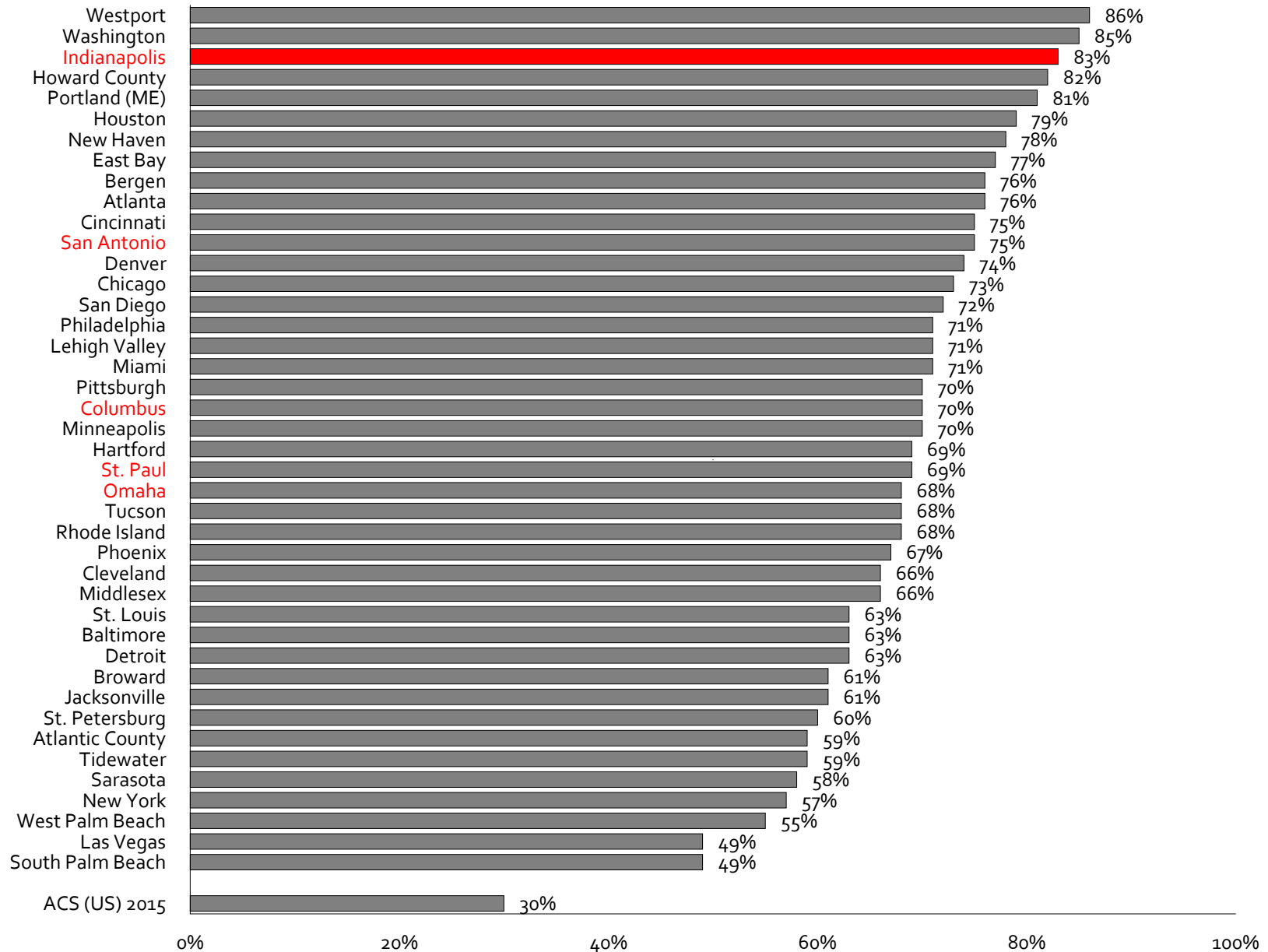
(Adults in Jewish Households)



Finding 5: This is a well educated, highly employed, high income community

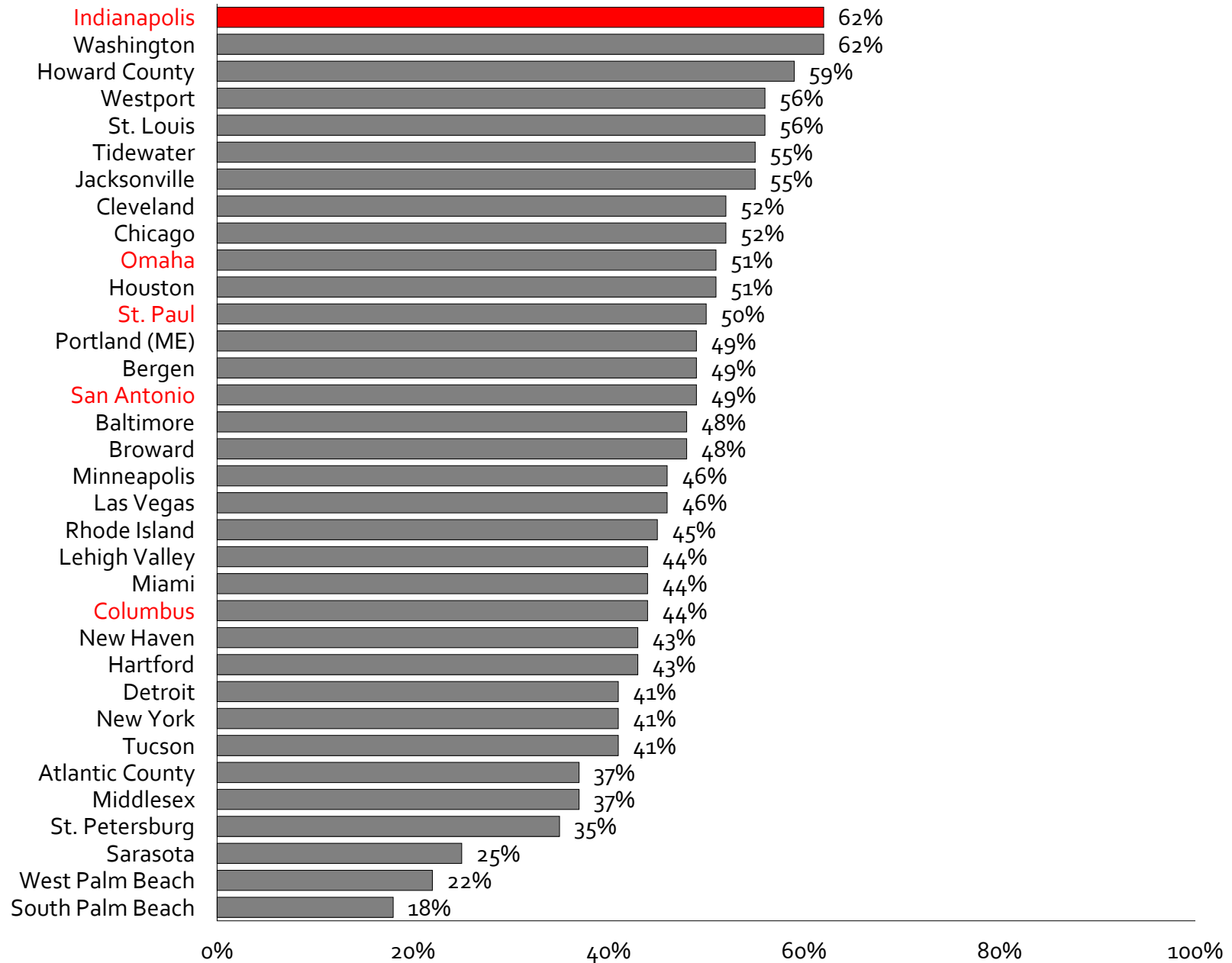
4-Year College Degree or Higher

(Adults Age 25 and Over in Jewish Households)



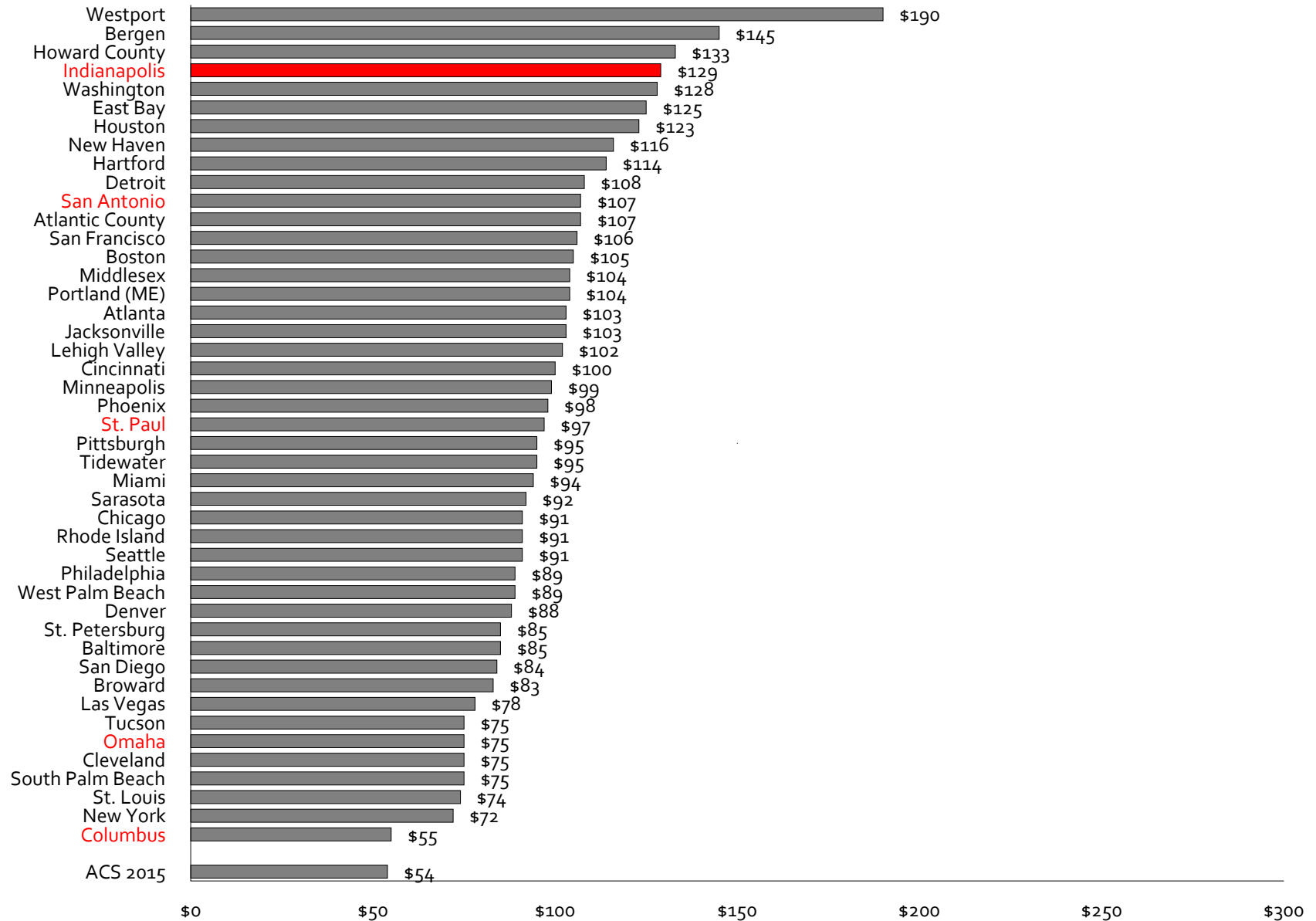
Employed Full Time

(Adults in Jewish Households)



Median Household Income

(Adjusted for inflation to 2016 dollars)
(Jewish Households)

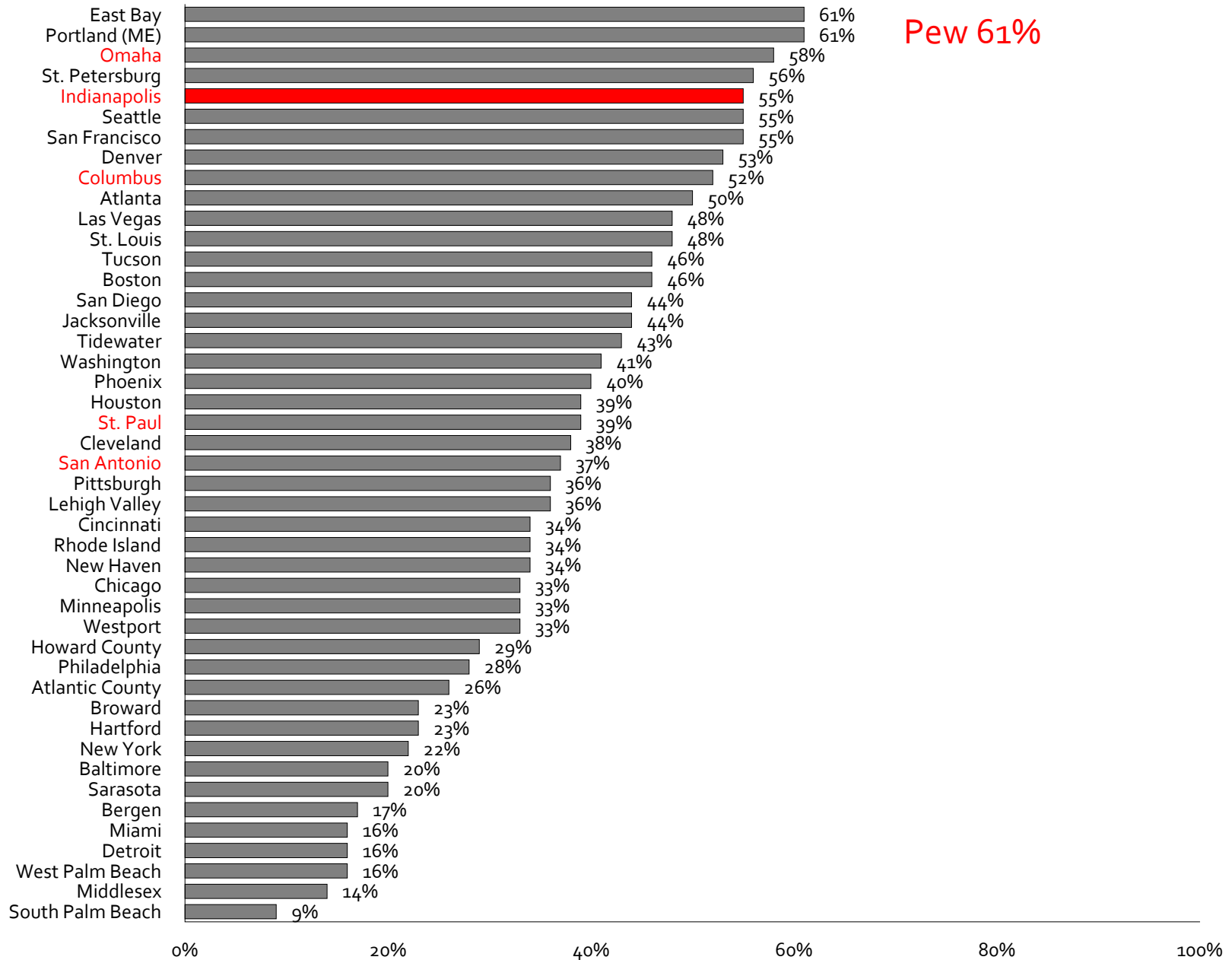


Finding 6: Intermarriage is high and synagogue membership is low. The community should increase efforts to involve intermarried couples in the community.

Intermarriage

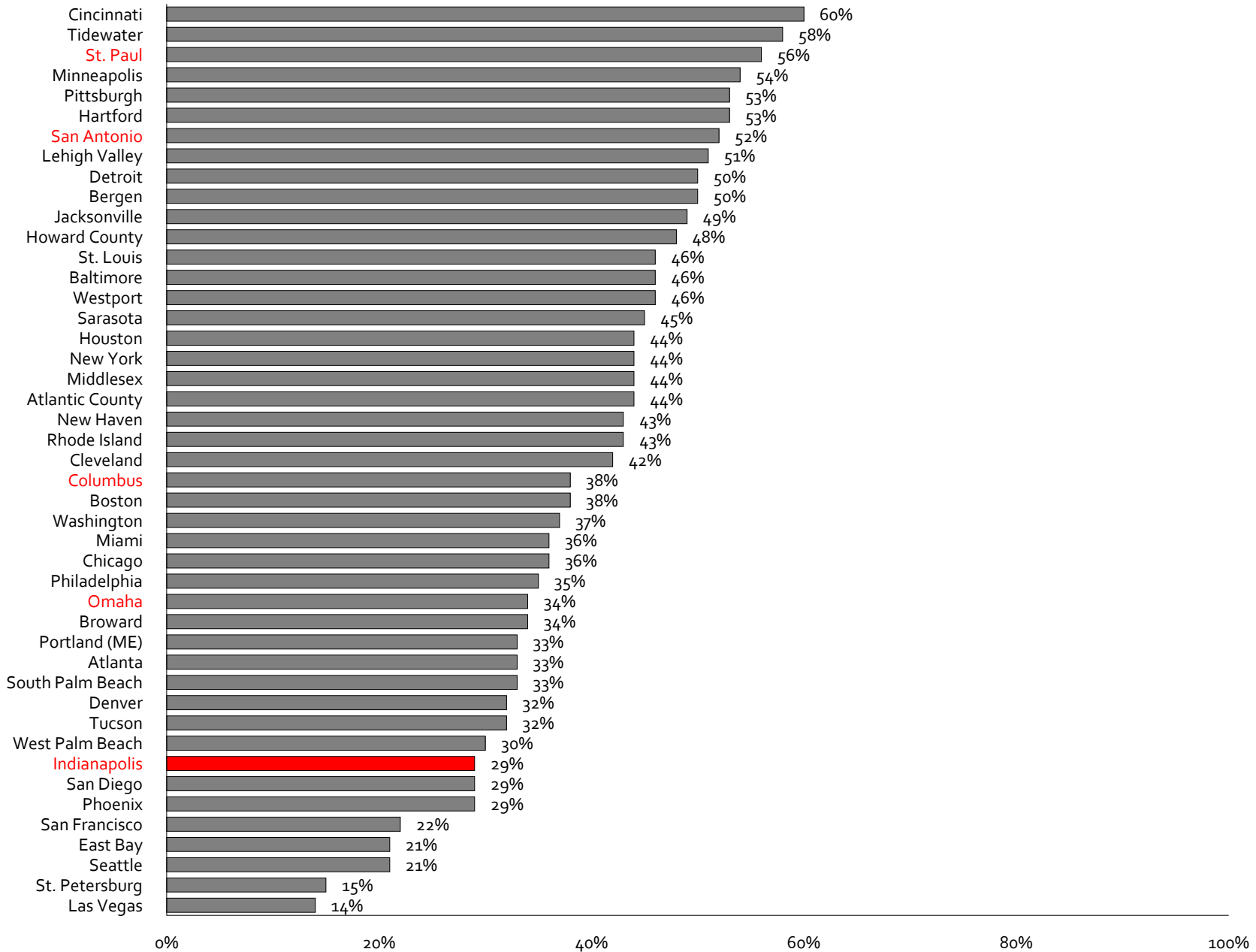
(Couples Intermarriage Rate)

Pew 61%



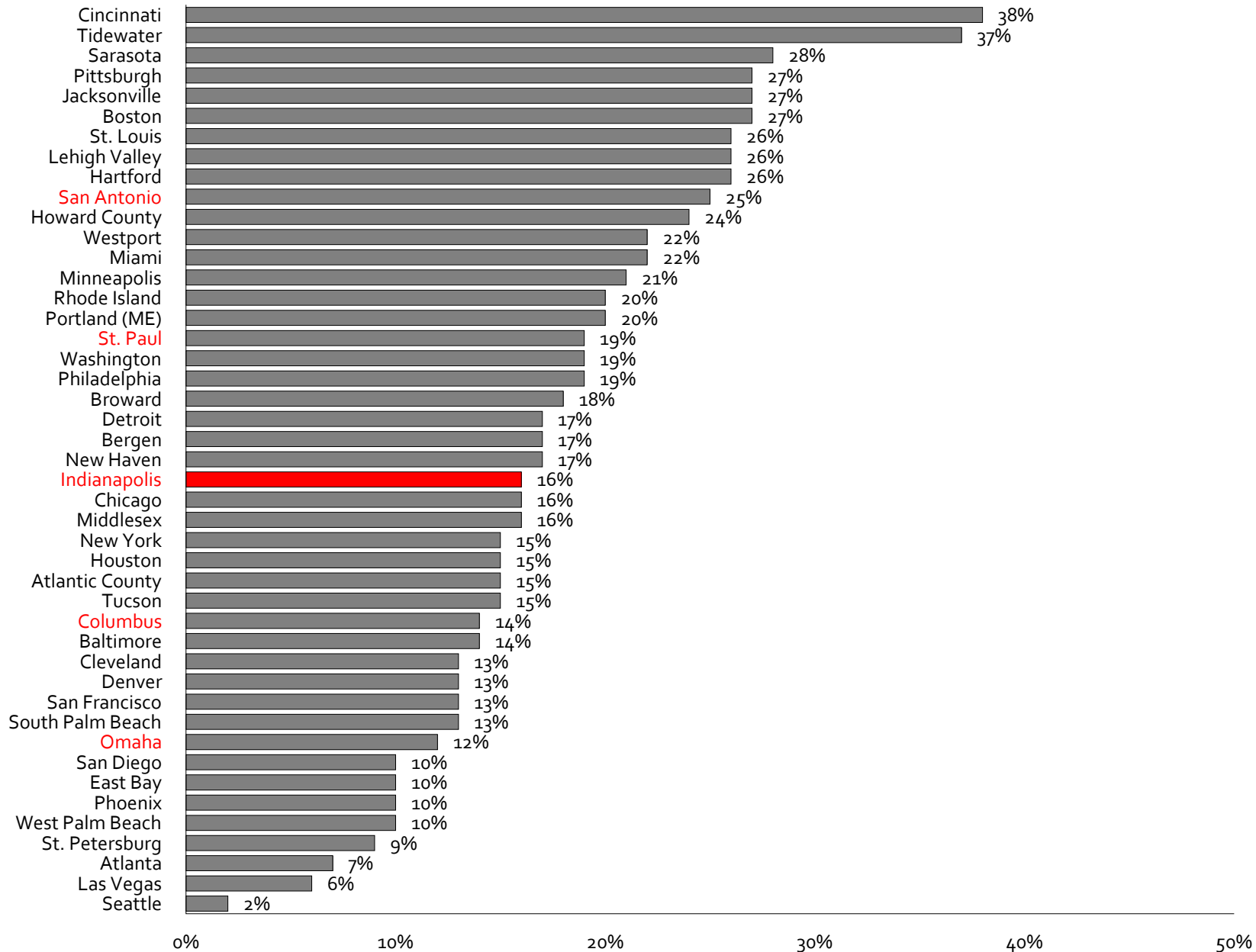
Synagogue Membership

(Jewish Households)



Synagogue Membership

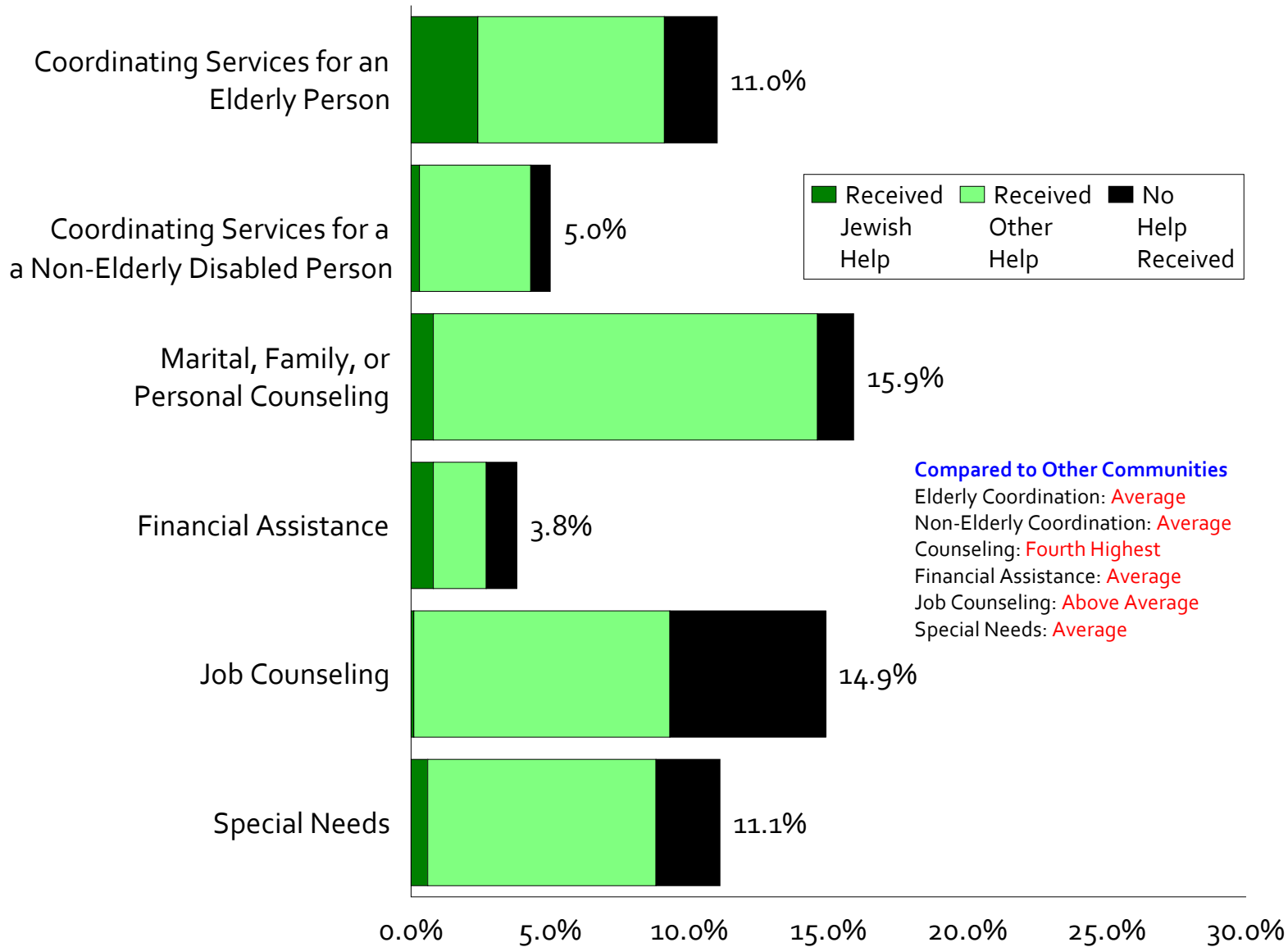
Intermarried Households



Finding 7: Social Service Are Needed in Our Community

Need for Social Services in the Past Year

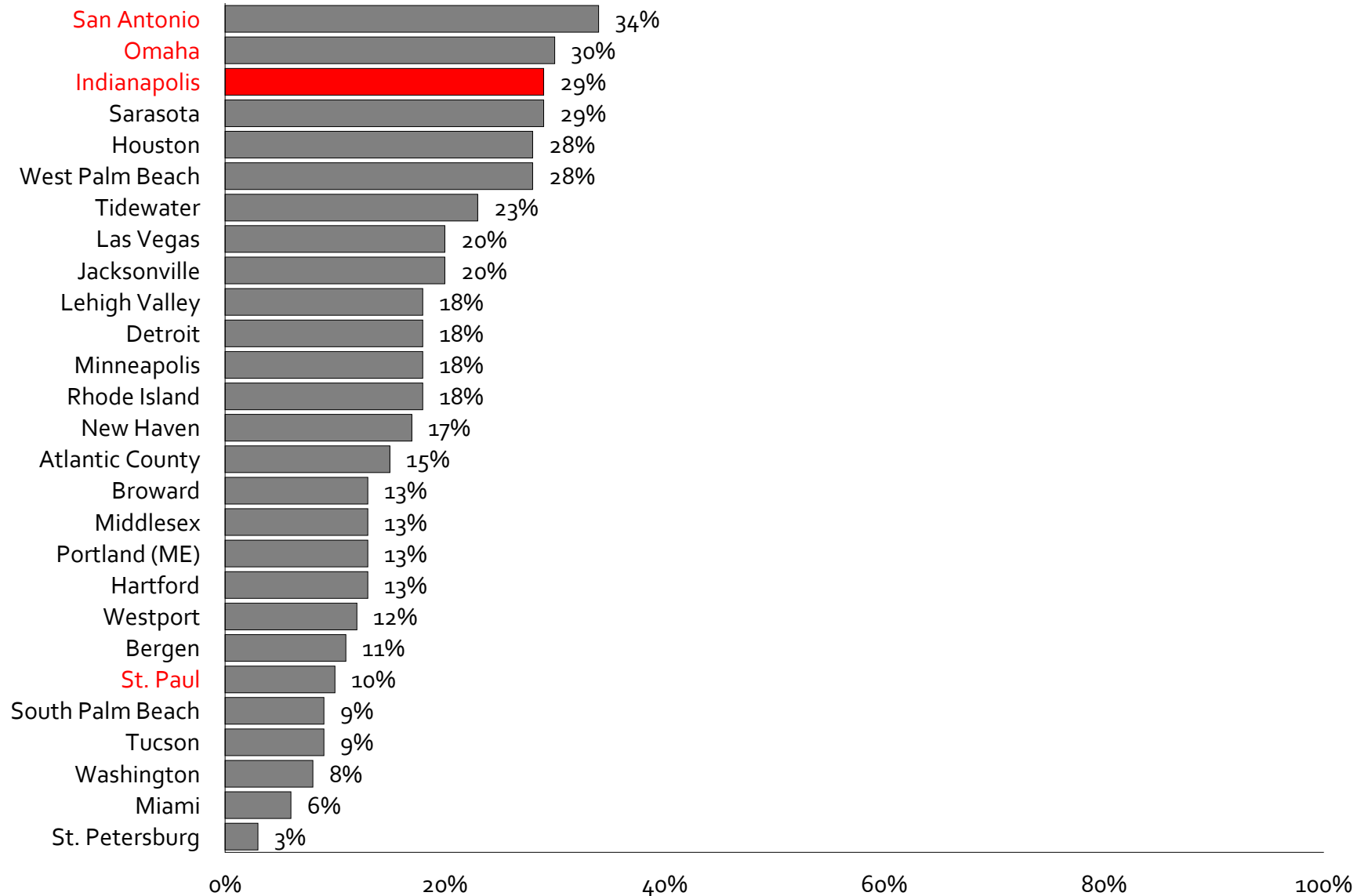
(Jewish Households, except Job Counseling-- Households Age 18-64 and Special Needs--Households with Children)



Finding 8: While Experience with Anti-Semitism is low among adults, it is high among children

Households in Which a Jewish Child Age 6-17 Experienced Anti-Semitism in the Local Community in the Past Year

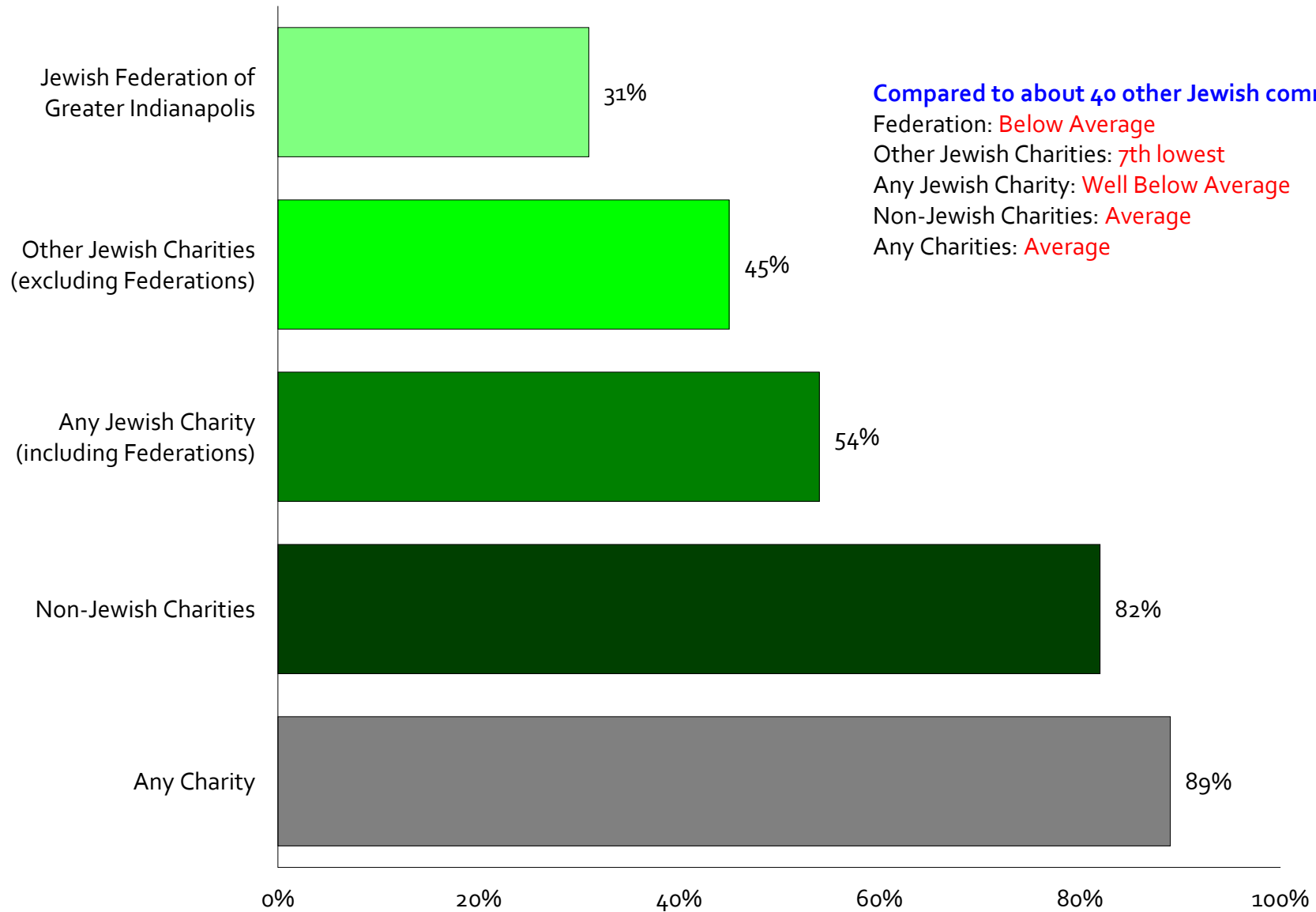
(Households with Jewish Children Age 6-17)



- **Finding 9:** Levels of philanthropic donations are average to below average

Summary of Donations

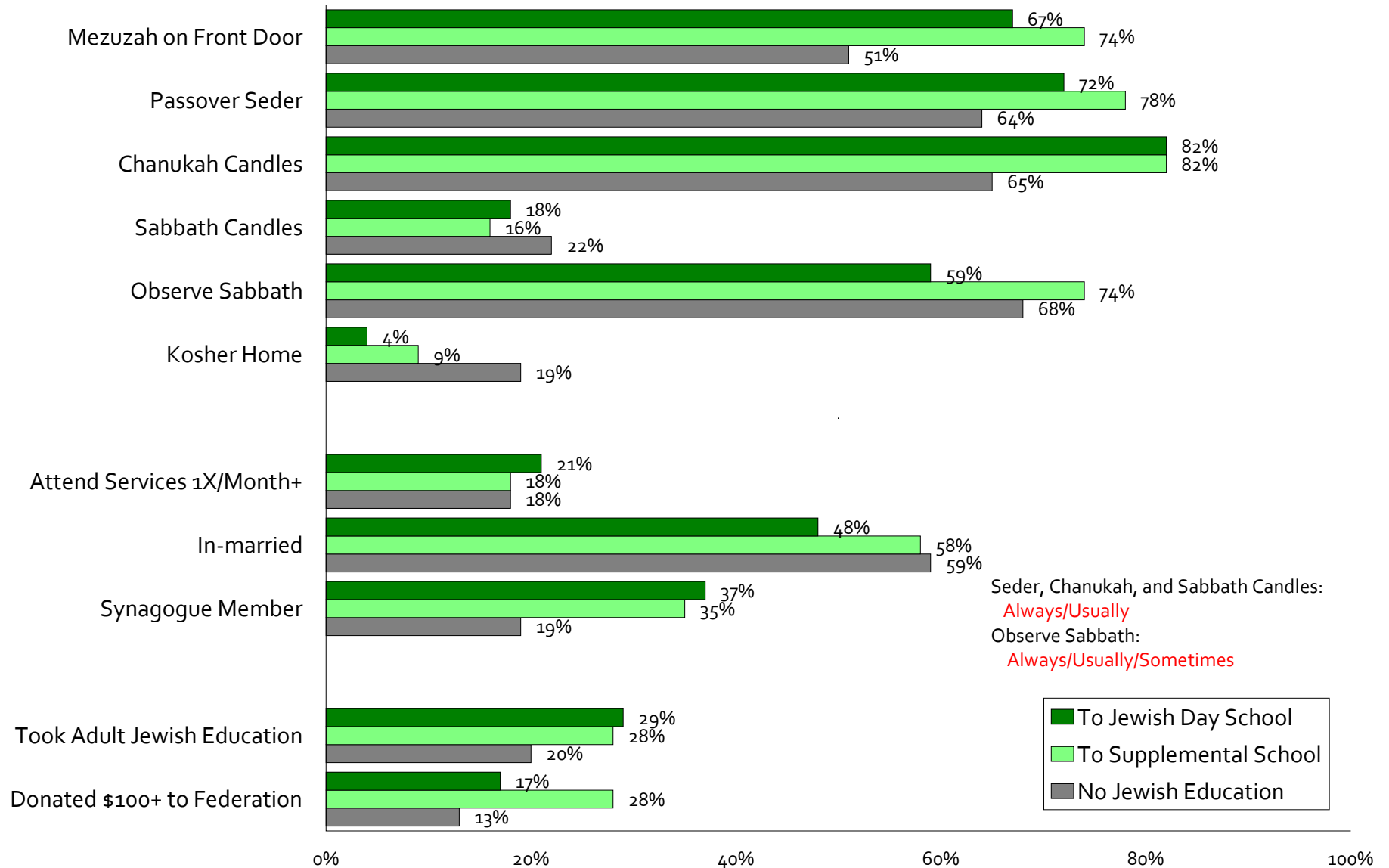
(Jewish Households)



Finding 10: Jewish education as a child, Jewish Overnight Camp as a Child, Teenage Youth Group, Hillel/Chabad in College, and Israel Trips Correlate with Jewish behaviors as adults

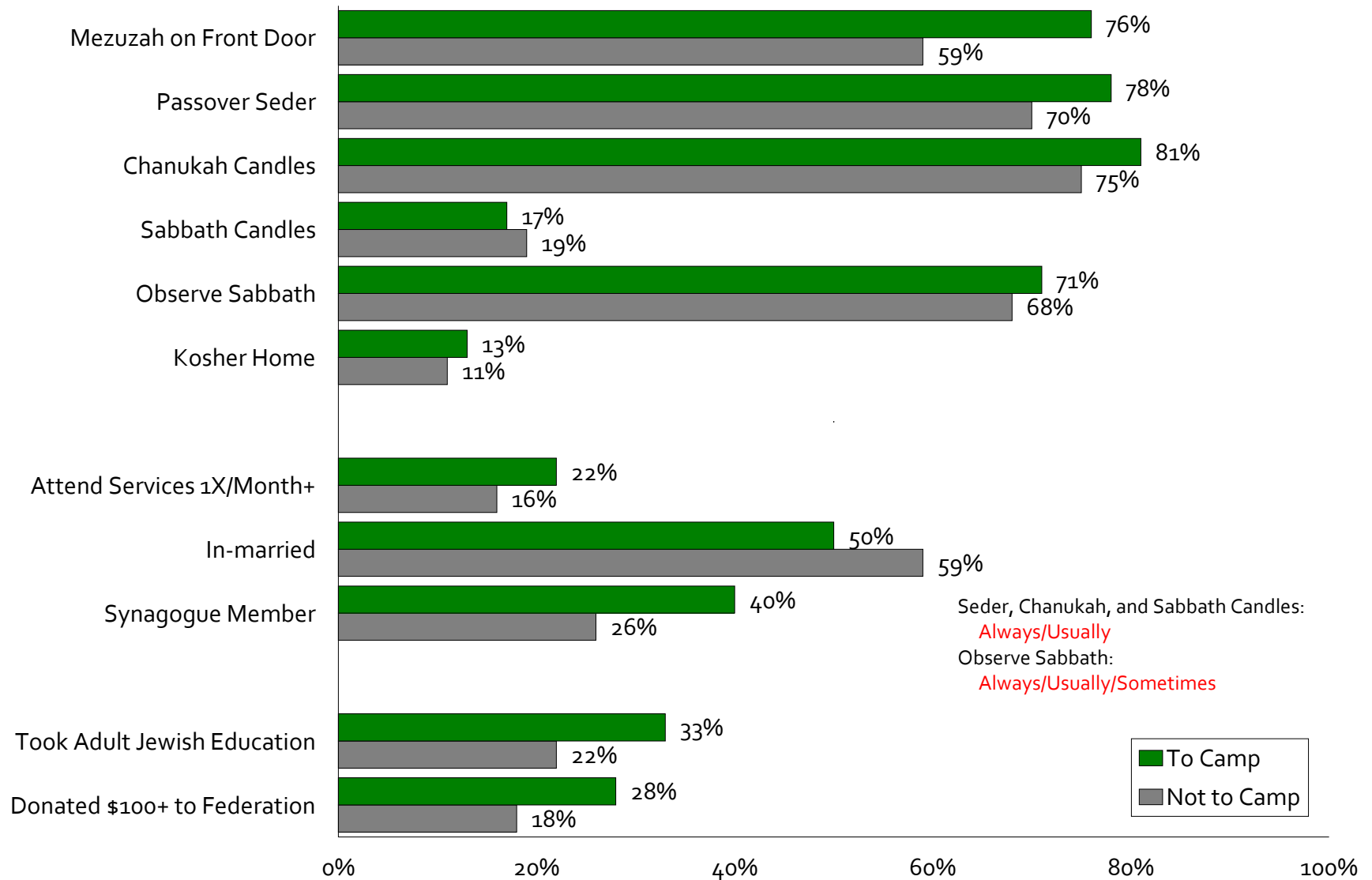
Households in Which The Respondent Received Some Formal Jewish Education as a Child

Correlation with Adult Jewish Behaviors
(Households with Born or Raised Jewish Respondents)



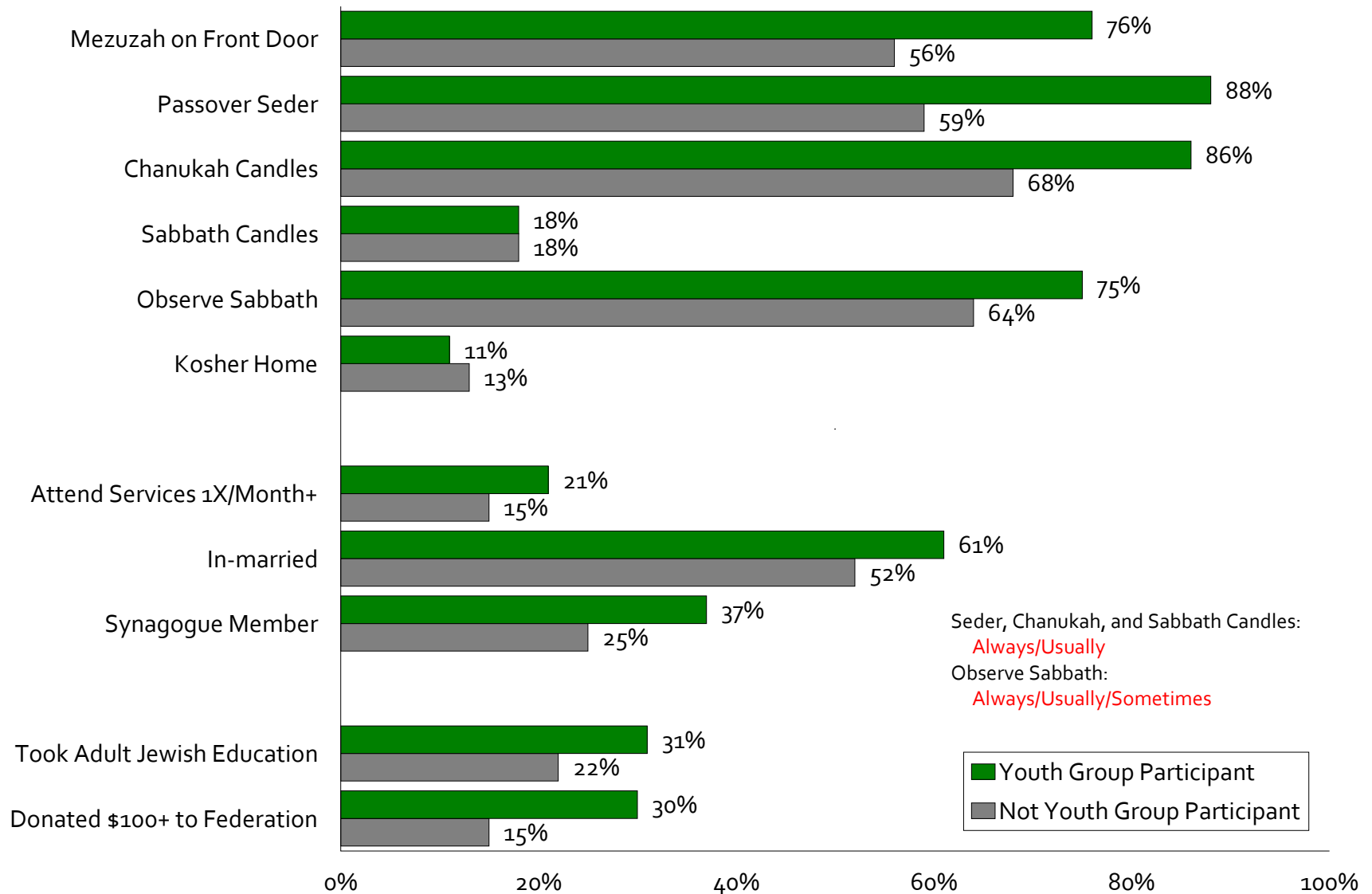
33 Households in Which The Respondent Attended or Worked at a Jewish Overnight Camp as a Child

Correlation with Adult Jewish Behaviors
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Households in Which The Respondent Participated in a Jewish Youth Group as a Teenager

Correlation with Adult Jewish Behaviors
(Households with Born or Raised Jewish Respondents)

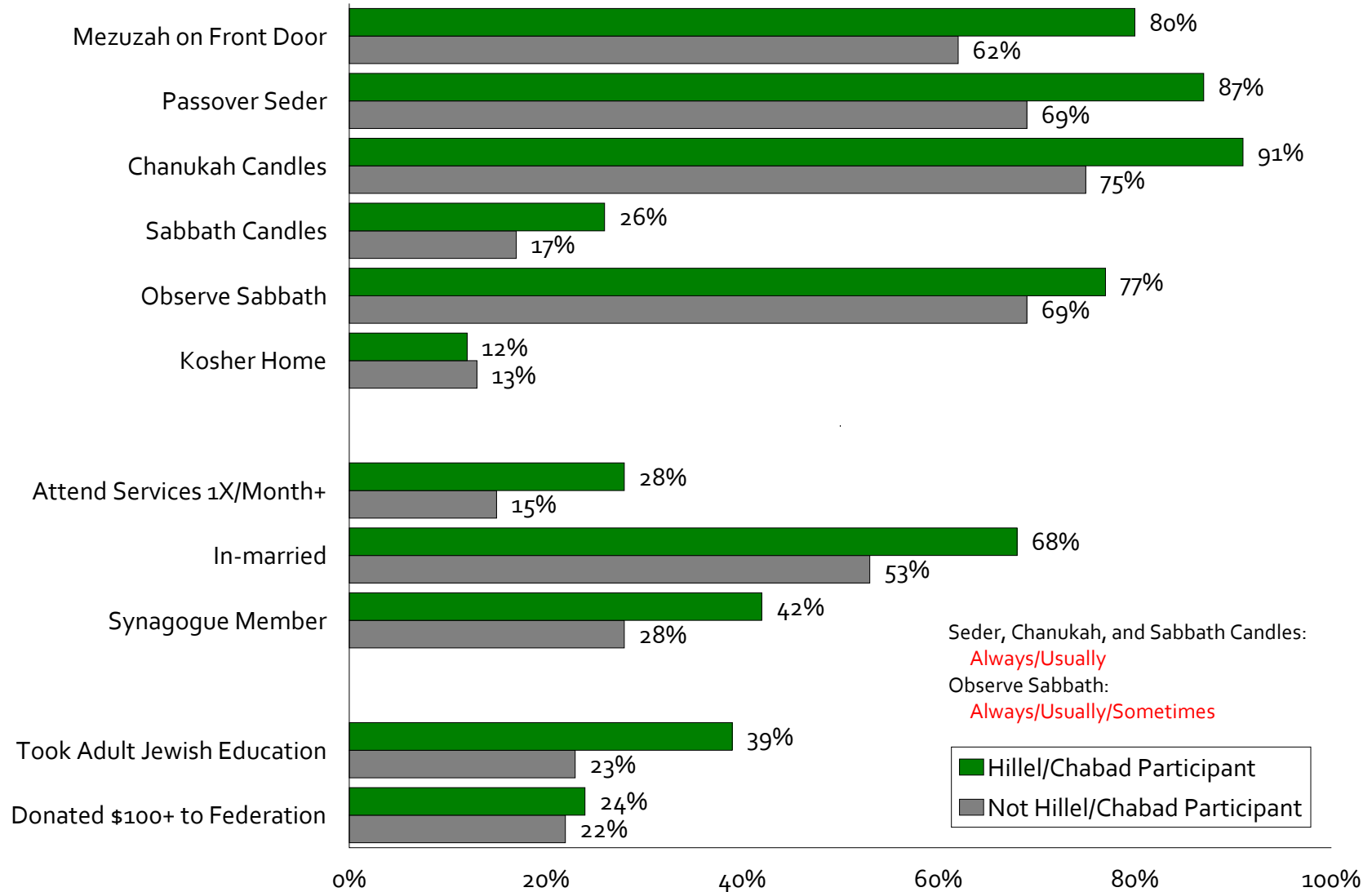


Households in Which the Respondent Participated in Hillel/Chabad While in College

(Excluding High Holidays)

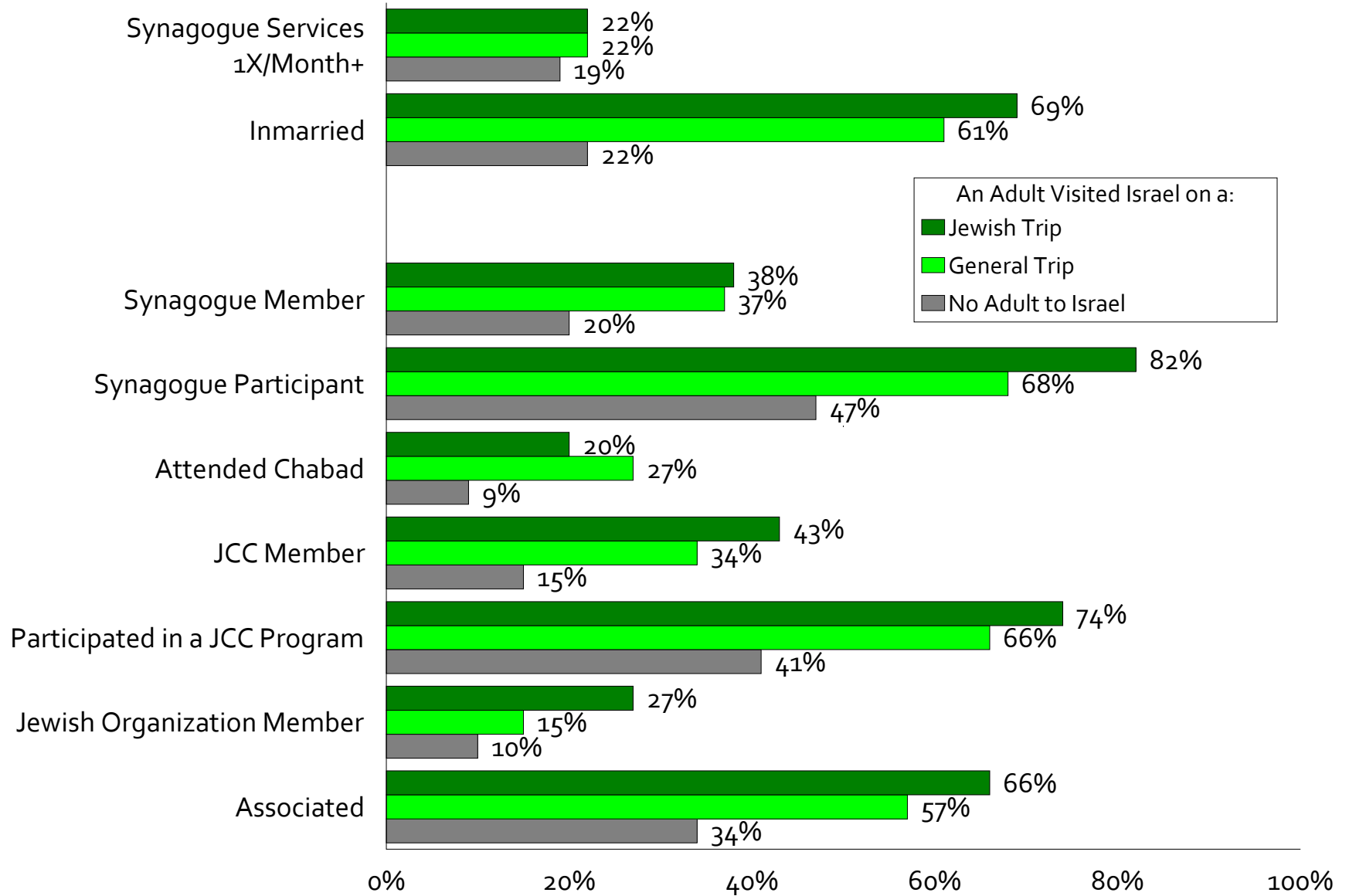
Correlation with Adult Jewish Behaviors

(Households with Born or Raised Jewish Respondents Who Attended College)



Correlation with Trips to Israel

(Jewish Households)



Finding + 1: Jews in Indianapolis remain overwhelming Democrats. They register and they vote.

Political Party

(Jewish Respondents)

95% are registered to vote and 94% voted in the 2016 presidential election

