

## JEWISH STATISTICS

The statistics of Jews in the world rest largely upon estimates. In Russia, Austria-Hungary, Germany, and a few other countries, official figures are obtainable. In the main, however, the numbers given are based upon estimates repeated and added to by one statistical authority after another.

For the statistics given below various authorities have been consulted, among them the "Statesman's Year Book" for 1907, the English "Jewish Year Book" for 5667, "The Jewish Encyclopedia," *Jüdische Statistik*, and the *Alliance Israélite Universelle* reports. Some of the statements rest upon the authority of competent individuals, as for South Africa and Curaçoa. A comparison with last year's statistics will show that for several countries the figures have been changed.

### THE UNITED STATES

#### ESTIMATES

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 estimates.

The Jewish population was estimated

In 1818 by Mordecai M. Noah at.....	3,000
In 1824 by Solomon Etting at.....	6,000
In 1826 by Isaac C. Harby at.....	6,000
In 1840 by the American Almanac at.....	15,000
In 1848 by M. A. Berk at.....	50,000
In 1880 by Wm. B. Hackenburg at.....	230,257
In 1888 by Isaac Markens at.....	400,000
In 1897 by David Sulzberger at.....	937,800

#### DISTRIBUTION

The following table by States presents two sets of estimates. In the left-hand column is given the estimated Jewish population of each State for 1905 as it appears in the "Jewish Encyclopedia," Vol. XII, pp. 371-374, in the article "United States." In the right-hand column are the estimates made up from figures furnished by correspondents who interested themselves in the

DIRECTORY OF JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES compiled for this issue of the AMERICAN JEWISH YEAR BOOK. One of the entries in the *questionnaires* sent to congregations and organizations of whatever sort inquired into the "Number of Jewish Residents (Souls) in the Town." By this means a series of estimates was gathered, among which choice had to be made of the one which might reasonably be supposed to be based upon a sufficient acquaintance with local conditions to make it acceptable.

In some cases there happily was complete agreement among correspondents whose positions in their communities presumably rendered them competent to judge. Thus the necessity for a further exercise of judgment seemed removed. In other cases the variations were wide, even extreme, ranging in one city from 75,000 down to 30,000. For such cases certain warranted instances suggested a gauge, not infallible, by any means, but also not without some claims to reliability, in so far as confidence can be placed in figures not the result of an actual count. In a general way, this gauge consists in the number, the character, and the duplication of organizations,—the number of the congregations and the character and duplication of charitable societies and institutions, regardless, in a measure, of the size of the official membership of each or of all combined.

The figures provided by correspondents were for the most part, however, only from towns having organized communal life. Of the Jews scattered and isolated in country and village districts they take little account, though the few data that incidentally strayed in from small towns that had been addressed under the impression that they were Jewishly organized in one way or another, seemed to justify certain modifications, such as, for instance, the reduction of the Jewish population of Arizona to 500 from the 2000 hitherto quoted in the AMERICAN JEWISH YEAR BOOK.

At this point, in making up the State estimate from the aggregate of town estimates, the exercise of judgment was again necessitated, this time based upon a more or less intimate and accurate knowledge of conditions prevailing in the various States. Unfortunately, the hope of reaching a valid conclusion was removed still further, due to the fact that an appreciable number of organized towns had failed to make returns.

The above statement of the method pursued in compiling the right-hand column, headed "Est. Jew. Pop. 1907," will enable the investigator to use the figures there arrayed with the proverbial grain of salt. A limited means of testing, and either assenting to or deviating from, the results reached, is afforded in the Directory itself, in which he will find the number accepted for each town directly under the name of the town.

STATES	Est. Jew. Pop. 1905	Est. Jew. Pop. 1907
	"The Jewish Encyclopedia" Vol. XII, pp. 371-374 Article, "United States"	Compiled from statements of individual correspondents of the AMERICAN JEWISH YEAR BOOK
Alabama.....	7,000	7,000
Alaska.....	.....	.....
Arizona.....	.....	500
Arkansas.....	3,085	3,085
California.....	28,000	42,000
Colorado.....	5,800	6,500
Connecticut.....	8,500	22,000
Delaware.....	1,500	1,600
District of Columbia.....	3,500	5,100
Florida.....	3,000	3,000
Georgia.....	7,000	9,300
Hawaiian Islands.....	100	100
Idaho.....	300	300
Illinois.....	100,000	110,000
Indiana.....	25,000	12,000
Iowa.....	5,000	6,000
Kansas.....	3,000	1,500
Kentucky.....	12,000	10,000
Louisiana.....	12,000	12,000
Maine.....	5,000	5,000
Maryland.....	26,500	41,000
Massachusetts.....	60,000	90,000
Michigan.....	16,000	16,000
Minnesota.....	13,000	13,000
Mississippi.....	3,000	3,300
Missouri.....	50,000	52,000
Montana.....	2,500	1,500
Nebraska.....	3,800	6,500
Nevada.....	300	300
New Hampshire.....	1,000	1,000
New Jersey.....	40,000	70,000
New Mexico.....	800	800
New York.....	820,000	905,000
North Carolina.....	6,000	1,500
North Dakota.....	.....	1,000
Ohio.....	50,000	85,000
Oklahoma.....	.....	1,000
Oregon.....	6,000	6,000
Pennsylvania.....	115,000	150,000
Philippine Islands.....	.....	100
Porto Rico.....	.....	100
Rhode Island.....	1,500	12,000
South Carolina.....	2,500	2,500
South Dakota.....	250	300
Tennessee.....	7,000	10,000
Texas.....	17,500	16,000
Utah.....	1,000	1,000
Vermont.....	700	1,000
Virginia.....	15,000	10,000
Washington.....	2,800	5,500
West Virginia.....	1,500	1,500
Wisconsin.....	15,000	15,000
Wyoming.....	.....	300
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	1,608,435	1,777,185

IMMIGRATION <sup>1</sup>

The total Jewish immigration to the United States, through the ports of New York, Philadelphia, and Baltimore, from 1881 to June 30, 1907, is stated to have been 1,247,535.

The immigration at the same ports from July 1, 1906, to June 30, 1907, was as follows:

	Port of New York				Totals at New York	Port of Philadelphia Totals	Port of Baltimore Totals	Totals at three Ports
	Austrians	Roumanians	Russians	Others				
July.....	2,363	423	12,304	154	15,244	1,124	1,163	17,531
August.....	2,193	360	10,335	137	13,025	870	1,133	15,028
September..	2,433	410	11,344	204	14,391	1,312	1,191	16,894
October.....	797	199	4,809	93	5,898	403	322	6,623
November...	2,181	412	8,735	152	11,480	671	781	12,932
December...	2,491	404	8,667	139	11,701	598	571	12,870
January.....	1,171	309	4,802	84	6,966	526	347	7,299
February....	1,105	209	4,399	89	5,802	324	373	6,499
March.....	1,419	243	4,964	119	6,745	364	617	8,226
April.....	681	58	2,396	80	3,215	282	134	3,631
May.....	3,143	401	8,025	224	11,793	776	615	13,184
June.....	2,877	559	8,351	221	11,808	1,104	544	13,466
	22,654	3,987	89,131	1,696	117,468	8,854	7,791	134,113

To make this statement of immigration for the fiscal year 1906-1907 complete to the extent of available reports, 389 should be added for the port of Galveston, Texas, the figure furnished by the North German Lloyd Steamship Company.

For the preceding year, 1905-1906, the total number of immigrants at the three principal ports was: New York, 133,764; Philadelphia, 9066; Baltimore, 8016; in all, 150,846.

The above figures relating to immigration have been furnished the AMERICAN JEWISH YEAR BOOK through the courtesy of Mr. Lee K. Frankel, Manager of the United Hebrew Charities of New York; Mr. Louis Edward Levy, President of the Association for Protection of Jewish Immigrants, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mr. S. Baroway, Agent of the Hebrew Benevolent Society, Baltimore, Md.; and Mr. Morris D. Waldman, General Agent of the Jewish Immigrants' Information Bureau, Galveston, Texas.

<sup>1</sup> For a more detailed statement of Jewish immigration into the United States than here follows, see the AMERICAN JEWISH YEAR BOOK for 5660, pp. 283-4.

## THE BRITISH EMPIRE

British Isles .....	228,707	Gibraltar .....	2,000
Australasia .....	17,403	Malta .....	173
Canada and British Columbia .....	40,000	Aden .....	3,059
Barbadoes .....	21	Cyprus .....	119
Trinidad .....	31	Hong Kong .....	143
Jamaica .....	2,400	Straits Settlements...	535
India .....	18,228		
South Africa.....	48,820	Total.....	361,639

## GENERAL JEWISH STATISTICS

United States .....	1,777,185	Netherlands .....	103,988
British Empire.....	361,639	Curaçoa .....	1,000
Abyssinia (Fala- shas) .....	120,000	Surinam .....	1,158
Argentine Republic..	30,000	Norway .....	642
Austria-Hungary <sup>1</sup> ..	2,076,378	Persia .....	49,500
Belgium .....	12,000	Peru .....	498
Bosnia, Herzegovina..	8,213	Roumania .....	250,000
Brazil .....	3,000	Russia .....	5,215,805
China .....	300	Servia .....	5,729
Costa Rica.....	43	Spain .....	2,500
Cuba .....	4,000	Sweden .....	3,402
Denmark .....	3,476	Switzerland .....	12,264
France .....	90,000	Turkey <sup>2</sup> .....	463,686
Algeria .....	63,000	Bulgaria .....	33,717
Tunis .....	62,540	Egypt .....	30,578
Germany <sup>2</sup> .....	586,948	Tripoli .....	18,660
Greece .....	5,792	Crete .....	1,150
Italy .....	52,115	Turkestan and Af-	
Luxembourg .....	1,201	ghanistan .....	14,000
Mexico .....	8,972	Venezuela .....	411
Morocco .....	109,712	Total.....	11,585,202

<sup>1</sup> 851,378 in Hungary.<sup>2</sup> 392,322 in Prussia.<sup>3</sup> 78,000 in Palestine.