

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

<i>Region</i>	<i>Total Resident Population</i>	<i>Per Cent Distribution</i>	<i>Jewish Population</i>	<i>Per Cent Distribution</i>
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		Brevard County	1,200
Phoenix	14,000	county	155	Clearwater	700
Tucson	7,000	Vallejo	400	Daytona Beach	1,200
		Ventura county	410	Fort Lauderdale	7,500
ARKANSAS				Fort Myers	300
Blytheville	100	COLORADO		Fort Pierce	270
Ft. Smith	200	Colorado Springs	650	Gainesville	170
Helena	100	Denver	26,000	Hollywood ⁶	20,000
Hot Springs	600	Pueblo	375	Jacksonville	6,000
Little Rock	1,200			Key West	170
Pine Bluff	300	CONNECTICUT		Lakeland	700
Southeast Arkansas ² ...	140	Bridgeport	14,500	Lehigh Acres	125
Wynne-Forest City	110	Bristol	250	Miami	200,000
		Colchester	525	Orlando	5,600
CALIFORNIA		Danbury	1,800	Palm Beach	
Alameda & Contra		Danielson	125	county	12,000
Costa counties ...	19,000	Greenwich	1,050	Pensacola	800
Bakersfield	850	Hartford	23,000	Port Charlotte	150
El Centro	125	Lebanon	175	Sarasota	3,720
Elsinore	250	Lower Middlesex		St. Augustine	100
Fontana	165	county ³	125	St. Petersburg	5,500
Fresno	1,450	Manchester	700	Tallahassee	500
Lancaster	100	Meriden	1,315	Tampa	5,000
Long Beach	15,000	Middletown	1,225		
Los Angeles Metro-		Milford	415	GEORGIA	
politan Area	535,000	Moodus	350	Albany	525
Merced	100	New Britain	3,000	Athens	210
Modesto	260	New Haven	20,000	Atlanta	18,000
Monterey	1,000	New London	4,500	Augusta	1,200
Oakland (incl. in Ala-		New Milford	350	Brunswick	120
meda & Contra Costa		Newtown	275	Columbus	1,000
counties)		Norwalk	5,000	Dalton	235
Ontario	300	Norwich	2,500	Fitzgerald-Cordele	125
Orange county	30,000	Putnam	110	Macon	785
Palm Springs	2,400	Rockville	525	Savannah	2,900
Pasadena	1,600	Stamford	10,500	Valdosta	160

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HAWAII		Fort Dodge	115	Attleboro	260
Honolulu	1,500	Mason City	110	Beverly	1,000
IDAHO		Muscatine	120	Boston	180,000
Boise	120	Ottumwa	150	Brockton	5,200
ILLINOIS		Sioux City	1,160	Fall River	3,300
Aurora	400	Waterloo	435	Fitchburg	300
Bloomington	250	KANSAS		Framingham	12,000
Champaign-Urbana ..	1,000	Topeka	500	Gardner	100
Chicago Metropolitan		Wichita	1,200	Gloucester	210
Area	269,000	KENTUCKY		Great Barrington	105
Danville	240	Ashland	150	Greenfield	250
Decatur	450	Hopkinsville	120	Haverhill	2,275
East St. Louis		Lexington	1,200	Holyoke	1,100
(incl. in So. Ill.)		Louisville	8,500	Hyannis	245
Elgin	675	Paducah	175	Lawrence	2,550
Galesburg	120	LOUISIANA		Leominster	1,525
Joliet	650	Alexandria	450	Lowell	2,000
Kankakee	245	Baton Rouge	1,400	Lynn	
Mattoon	125	Lafayette	600	(incl. Peabody) ..	18,800
Peoria	2,200	Lake Charles	125	Medway	140
Quincy	200	Monroe	400	Milford	245
Rock Island	2,000	New Orleans	10,500	Mills	105
Rockford	925	Shreveport	1,500	New Bedford	3,100
Southern Illinois ⁷ ..	2,000	MAINE		Newburyport	280
Springfield	1,600	Augusta	215	North Berkshire	675
Sterling-Dixon	110	Bangor	1,300	Northampton	350
Waukegan	1,200	Biddeford-Saco	375	Peabody	2,600
INDIANA		Calais	135	Pittsfield	2,400
Anderson	105	Lewiston-Auburn	750	Plymouth	250
Elkhart	245	Portland	3,500	Salem	1,050
Evansville	1,100	Waterville	220	Southbridge	105
Ft. Wayne	1,250	MARYLAND		Springfield	11,000
Gary ⁸	6,500	Annapolis	1,000	Taunton	1,200
Indianapolis	10,000	Baltimore	100,000	Webster	125
Lafayette	600	Cumberland	250	Worcester	10,000
Marion	170	Easton Park Area ⁹ ..	100		
Michigan City	350	Frederick	400		
Muncie	175	Hagerstown	220		
Richmond	110	Harford county	420		
Shelbyville	140	Montgomery			
South Bend	2,800	county ⁵	56,500		
Terre Haute	700	Prince Georges			
IOWA		county ⁵	28,000		
Cedar Rapids	330	Salisbury	220		
Council Bluffs	245	MASSACHUSETTS			
Davenport	2,000	Amherst	175		
Des Moines	3,000	Athol	230		
Dubuque	105				

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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
Mountaindale	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
NORTH CAROLINA		Oklahoma City	1,500	Mt. Pleasant	120
Asheville	1,050	Oklahoma City Zone ¹³ ..	190	New Castle	400
		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 Square	180	TEXAS		Martinsville	135
Philadelphia Metropolitan Area	325,000	Amarillo	245	Newport News	2,400
Phoenixville	300	Austin	1,000	Norfolk	10,000
Pittsburgh	45,000	Baytown	300	Petersburg	580
Pottstown	680	Beaumont	800	Portsmouth	1,925
Pottsville	870	Brownsville	160	Richmond	10,000
Punxsutawney	100	Corpus Christi	1,044	Roanoke	800
Reading	3,000	Corsicana	200	Suffolk	140
Sayre	100	Dallas	20,000	Williamsburg	120
Scranton	5,010	De Witt county ¹⁸	150	Winchester	110
Shamokin	145	El Paso	4,500		
Sharon	470	Ft. Worth	2,600	WASHINGTON	
Shenandoah	230	Galveston	630	Bellingham	120
State College	400	Houston	21,850	Bremerton	100
Stroudsburg	410	Kilgore	110	Seattle	12,780
Sunbury	160	Laredo	160	Spokane	800
Uniontown	450	Longview	160	Tacoma	700
Upper Beaver	500	Lubbock	230		
Washington	300	McAllen	280	WEST VIRGINIA	
Wayne county	210	North Texas Zone ¹⁷	175	Beckley	120
West Chester	300	Odessa	150	Bluefield-Princeton	240
Wilkes-Barre	4,735	Port Arthur	260	Charleston	1,162
Williamsport	770	San Antonio	6,500	Clarksburg	225
York	1,540	Texarkana	100	Fairmont	100
		Tyler	480	Huntington	600
		Waco	960	Morgantown	125
		Wharton	270	Parkersburg	170
RHODE ISLAND				Weirton	150
Providence (incl. rest of state)	22,000	UTAH		Wheeling	775
		Ogden	100		
		Salt Lake City	1,800	WISCONSIN	
SOUTH CAROLINA				Appleton	665
Charleston	3,000	VERMONT		Beloit	105
Columbia	2,000	Bennington	120	Eau Claire	120
Florence	370	Burlington	1,225	Fond du Lac	125
Greenville	600	Rutland	280	Green Bay	440
Orangeburg county	105	St. Johnsbury	100	Kenosha	600
Spartanburg	210			Madison	3,000
Sumter	190	VIRGINIA		Manitowoc	175
		Alexandria (incl. Falls Church, Arlington county and urbanized Fairfax county) ⁵	13,000	Marinette	170
SOUTH DAKOTA		Arlington (incl. in Alexandria)	140	Milwaukee	23,900
Sioux Falls	280	Danville	140	Oshkosh	120
TENNESSEE		Fredericksburg	140	Racine	1,100
Chattanooga	2,250	Hampton	265	Sheboygan	600
Jackson	120			Superior	265
Johnson City ¹⁵	210			Waukesha	135
Knoxville	950			Wausau	265
Memphis	9,000			WYOMING	
				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.