
CHAPTER 5 | QUEENS

Forest Hills/Rego Park/Kew Gardens Area

**Kew Gardens Hills/Jamaica/Fresh
Meadows Area**

Flushing/Bay Terrace/Little Neck Area

Long Island City/Astoria/Elmhurst Area

The Rockaways

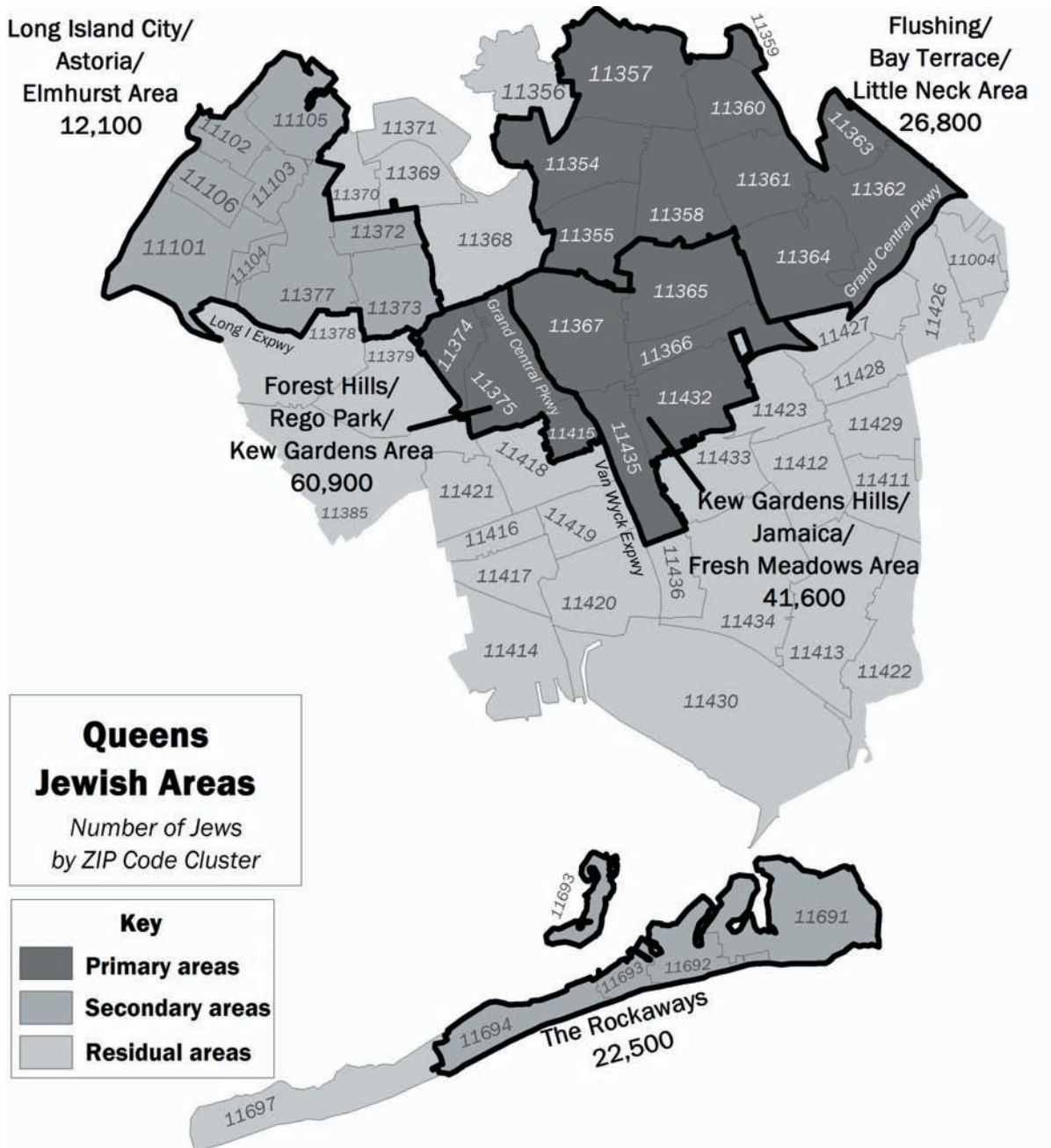


Exhibit 21: Queens: Population and Household Estimates by Area, 2011

Primary Area**	All Households (Census)*	Jewish Households	Jewish Households as a Percent of All Households	Jews	Jews in Area as a Percent of Jews in County	All People (Census)*	People in Jewish Households	People in Jewish Households as a Percent of All People in Area
Primary Area**								
Forest Hills/Rego Park/Kew Gardens Area	60,500	29,700	49%	60,900	31%	131,700	66,100	50%
Kew Gardens Hills/Jamaica/Fresh Meadows Area	71,100	15,400	22%	41,600	21%	211,300	43,300	21%
Flushing/Bay Terrace/Little Neck Area	119,900	16,300	14%	26,800	14%	324,300	29,600	9%
Secondary Area**								
Long Island City/Astoria/Elmhurst Area	175,000	8,900	5%	12,100	11%	462,000	17,000	4%
The Rockaways	38,700	6,500	17%	22,500	6%	110,900	23,500	22%
Queens Residual Areas**	312,600	19,800	6%	33,900	17%	995,100	43,200	4%
TOTAL, QUEENS	777,800	96,600	12%	197,800	100%	2,235,300	222,700	10%

Sources: Jewish Community Study of New York: 2011 and 2010 U.S. Census data.

Note: All data is rounded to the nearest hundred for presentation.

* The 2010 U.S. Census-based county household and population totals in this table differ slightly from the county totals listed in exhibit 1-13 in the *Jewish Community Study of New York: 2011 Comprehensive Report* either due to small rounding differences or because Jewish areas in this chart are based on clusters of ZIP codes and some ZIP codes cross county boundaries. Please note that when such boundary-crossing ZIP codes occur, the population's numbers are included in only one county.

** Primary areas are clusters of ZIP codes with at least 90 interviews corresponding to a population of at least 25,000 Jewish residents (and a margin of error below 14); this chapter includes complete profiles of the Jewish population in these areas. Secondary areas have smaller concentrations of Jewish residents with approximately 50 interviews (and margins of error above 14); their descriptions are limited to the population estimates in the table above. Residual areas consist of the population residing outside the areas described above.

QUEENS: COUNTY OVERVIEW

Demography and Jewish Characteristics

The Jewish demographic decline in Queens that was documented in 2002 appears to have reversed. From 2002 to 2011, the number of Jewish households in Queens increased 11% and the number of Jews in Queens increased 6%. A substantial proportion (17%) of the Queens Jewish population resides in the residual areas, outside of the denser Jewish population centers. The 2011 survey also found that approximately 1 in 5 Jews (19%) in this residual area characterize themselves as “partially Jewish,” “Jewish and something else,” or “half-Jewish.”

Over the past nine years, an interesting realignment has taken place in the county’s age distribution. There are fewer children in Queens households in 2011 (17%) than in the overall eight-county area (23%). In Queens, individuals ages 40 to 64 make up the largest age category at 39% and is the category that has experienced the greatest growth since 2002, when the rate was 29%. Correspondingly, and in terms of household structure, the largest proportion (43%) of Queens households are those without children under age 18 and no seniors; however, this county-level, thumbnail demographic picture actually masks the very diverse age distributions in its three main Jewish neighborhoods. Specifically, the Kew Gardens Hills/Jamaica/Fresh Meadows area skews younger and has a substantial population of Orthodox and of Bukharian Jews; the Forest Hills/Rego Park/Kew Gardens area has a substantial concentration of middle-aged people; and the Flushing Bay Terrace/Little Neck area has a primarily senior population. Nearly a quarter (24%) of Queens Jewish households include a Russian speaker, which is both higher than the 2011 eight-county overall proportion (15%) and an increase from the 2002 Queens rate (20%), and 9% include a Holocaust survivor.

People in Need

Although the data indicates that Queens is an economically challenged area, there are also some harbingers of a possible economic recovery. Fifty-two percent of Queens households have annual incomes of under \$50,000 as compared with 42% overall, and 50% state that they cannot make ends meet or are just managing, compared with 42% overall. Signs of economic improvement include a 29% decrease in the percentage of households that are poor (from 24% in 2002 to 17% in 2011) and the growth of the proportion of Queens Jewish households earning in excess of \$100,000 annually, from 16% in 2002 to 20% in 2011. In Queens, 52% of individuals ages 75 and over live alone, which is similar to the eight-county rate (53%), and the proportion of seniors who need help with activities of daily living is also comparable to the overall rate (26% in Queens and 24% overall).

Jewish Engagement, Connections, and Education

The Jewish denominational picture is somewhat different in Queens than elsewhere because the proportion identifying as Conservative has held fairly steady over the past nine years, decreasing just slightly from 32% in 2002 to 28% in 2011. (In fact, Queens has the highest proportion of Conservative-identified Jews after Nassau County.) Since 2002, in Queens there has been a substantial decrease in the proportion that identifies as Reform (from 25% to 15%) and a substantial increase in the proportion identifying as secular or having no religion (from 8% to 27%, which is equivalent to the overall rate). Regarding Jewish connections and Jewish ritual behavior, Queens presents a mixed picture, possibly due to the presence of substantial numbers of Orthodox and Conservative Jews and also a large population of Jews with no religion. In general, levels of Jewish connection in Queens have weakened slightly since 2002 yet are currently comparable to or slightly below the overall eight-county rates; for example, the 2011 proportion of synagogue membership in Queens is 42%, decreasing slightly from 46% in 2002 and comparable to the 2011 eight-county rate (44%). Similarly, the 2011 Queens rate of having ever been to Israel (45%) is slightly below the county's 2002 rate (48%) and also slightly below the overall 2011 rate (49%). Although since 2002 there has been a similar drop-off in the level of Jewish holiday observance and Jewish ritual observance in Queens, the rates tend to be somewhat higher than the overall 2011 rates, including seder attendance (72% in Queens and 69% overall), lighting Shabbat candles (38% in Queens and 33% overall), and keeping a kosher home (42% in Queens and 32% overall). In Queens, the percentage of children ages 5 to 17 that have attended a Jewish day school has increased from 51% to 61% over the past nine years. Twenty-two percent of marriages in Queens are intermarriages, almost the same as in 2002, when the intermarriage rate was 20%, and equivalent to the overall 2011 rate.

Philanthropy

Queens's philanthropic profile is very similar to that of the overall eight-county area: 60% of its Jewish households report donating to Jewish causes, with 43% donating to a combination of Jewish and non-Jewish causes and 17% donating exclusively to Jewish causes. Since 2002, the proportion of Queens Jewish households that donate to Jewish causes including UJA-Federation of New York has remained about the same: 26% of Queens Jewish households reported donating to UJA-Federation in 2002 and 24% donated in 2011, which is equivalent to the overall rate.

Exhibit 22: **Queens: Jewish Population Estimates, 1991, 2002, and 2011**

Population Estimates	1991	2002	2011
Jewish Households	112,000	86,900	96,600
Jews	233,000	185,800	197,800
People in Jewish Households (including non-Jews)	258,000	220,500	222,700
People in Jewish Households as a Percent of All People in County	13%	10%	10%

Exhibit 22a: **Queens: Demography and Social Characteristics, 2011**

Age Distribution	Percent of All People in Jewish Households
0–17	17%
18–39	21%
40–64	39%
65–74	8%
75+	15%

Marital Status	Percent of All Respondents
Married	49%
Partnered	3%
Never Married	19%
Separated or Divorced	13%
Widowed	16%

	Percent of Households
Russian-Speaking Jewish Households	24%
Households With a Holocaust Survivor	9%

Exhibit 22a (continued): **Queens: Demography and Social Characteristics, 2011**

Household Composition (Percent of Households)

Households With Children 17 and Younger	20%
Households With Only Adults 18–64	43%
Households With Seniors 65+ (no children 17 and younger)	38%

Annual Household Income	Percent of Households
Under \$50,000	52%
\$50,000–\$99,999	28%
\$100,000–\$149,000	11%
\$150,000+	9%

Home Ownership	Percent of Households
Own	45%
Rent	56%

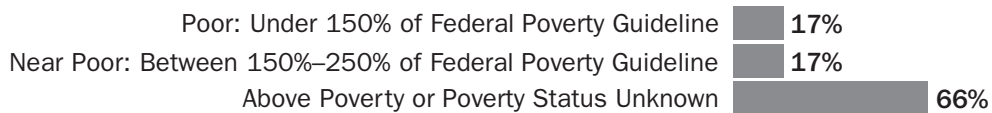
Employment Status by Gender	Percent of Respondents and Spouses Ages 18–64
Employed Males*	80%
Employed Females*	72%

* Includes full-time, part-time, and self-employed.

Exhibit 22b: **Queens: People In Need, 2011**

Subjective Assessment of Household Financial Condition	Percent of Households
Cannot Make Ends Meet or Just Managing	50%
Have Enough	33%
Have Extra Money or Wealthy	18%

Poverty (Percent of Households)



Vulnerable Seniors	Percent of Senior Households
Need Help With Activities of Daily Living	26%

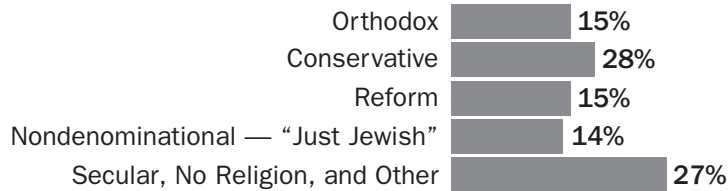
Isolated Seniors	Percent of Seniors in Age Group
Ages 65 to 74 Living Alone	43%
Ages 75+ Living Alone	52%

Seeking Assistance for Human-Service Needs	Number of Households*
Assistance for Household Member’s Serious or Chronic Illness	21,500
Help With Food or Housing	7,300
Help Finding a Job or Choosing an Occupation	10,900
Services for an Adult With a Disability	13,700
Homecare Services for an Older Adult in the Household	3,200
Help for a Child With a Physical, Developmental, or Learning Disability or Other Special Needs	2,700

* We are reporting absolute numbers rather than percentages for this variable because, due to filtering, the information is based on a small amount of data and we believe that local areas are most interested in actual numbers.

Exhibit 22c: **Queens: Jewish Engagement, Connections, and Education, 2011**

Denomination (Percent of Respondents)



Jewish Affiliations and Participation

Percent

Synagogue Member, Anyone in Household	42%
JCC: Anyone in Household Went to a Program in Past Year	26%
Jewish Organization, Belong/Regularly Participate, Anyone in Household	24%
Jewish Museum or Jewish Cultural Event, Respondent Went in Past Year	43%
Respondent Has Ever Traveled to Israel	45%
Respondent Feels Very Attached to Israel	52%
Respondent’s Closest Friends Are Mostly Jewish	53%

Feeling Connected

Percent of Respondents

Being Jewish Is Very Important	63%
Being Part of Jewish Community Is Very Important	48%
Feels Part of a Jewish Community — A Lot	34%
Wish Knew More About Being Jewish	27%

Jewish-Engagement Level³⁴

Percent

High	41%
Moderate	21%
Low	38%

34 These percentages are based on the Index of Jewish Engagement as defined on page 118 of the *Jewish Community Study of New York: 2011 Comprehensive Report*. This summary classification consists of 12 items: attending a program or event at a Jewish community center or YM-YWHA; belonging to a synagogue; belonging to a Jewish organization; usually or always attending a Passover seder; usually or always lighting Sabbath candles; usually or always lighting Chanukah candles; feeling it’s very important to be part of a Jewish community; regularly talking about Jewish-related topics with Jewish friends; feeling a lot a part of a Jewish community; volunteering for Jewish organizations or causes; having closest friends who are mostly Jewish; and contributing to any Jewish charity, including UJA-Federation of New York. Households with high scores affirmed seven or more items, with moderate scores affirmed four to six items, and with low scores affirmed three or fewer items.

Exhibit 22c (continued): **Queens: Jewish Engagement, Connections, and Education, 2011**

Jewish Practices and Behaviors	Percent
Household Member Attends Seder — Usually + Always	72%
Chanukah Candles Lit in Household — Usually + Always	68%
Yom Kippur, Respondent Fasts All Day	65%
Sabbath Candles Lit Friday Night in Household — Usually + Always	38%
Kosher Household	42%
Shabbat Meal, Respondent Participates — Sometimes + Regularly	48%
Respondent Talks Regularly About Jewish-Related Topics With Jewish Friends	47%
Respondent Studies Informally, Alone, With Friend, or With Teacher	35%

Jewish Education	Percent of Jewish Children Ages 5–17
Day School — Current or Previous	61%
Supplemental School — Current or Previous	14%
Tutoring or Other Type of Jewish Education — Current or Previous	9%
None Ever	15%

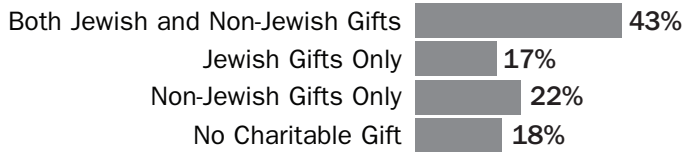
	Number of Jewish Children Ages 0–4*
Jewish Preschool or Daycare Program	4,000

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In-Married and Intermarried Households	Percent of Married Couples
In-Married (including conversionary marriages)	78%
Intermarried	22%

Exhibit 22d: **Queens: Philanthropy and Volunteering, 2011**

Charitable Giving (Percent of Households)



Giving to UJA-Federation of New York

Percent of Households

Contributed to UJA-Federation	24%
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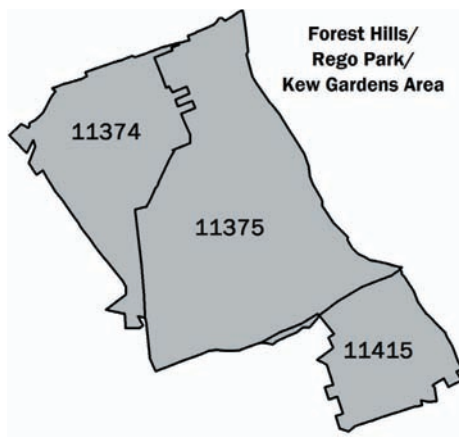
Volunteering

Percent of All Respondents Who Volunteer*

Both Jewish and Non-Jewish Organizations	44%
Jewish Organizations Only	29%
Non-Jewish Organizations Only	28%

* Asked only of respondents who said they volunteered their time for any type of charitable organization.

FOREST HILLS/REGO PARK/KEW GARDENS AREA



Demography and Social Characteristics

In the Forest Hills/Rego Park/Kew Gardens area, there are 29,700 Jewish households in which 66,100 people reside, of whom 60,900 are Jews. People in this area's Jewish households make up 50% of all the people in this area, which reflects this neighborhood's high level of Jewish density. The area's Jewish population has increased 37% since 2002.³⁵ People who identify as Sephardi (not Syrian) Jews, many of whom are Bukharian Jews,³⁶ make up 17% of the area's Jewish population. In this area, 19% of the people in Jewish households are ages 65 and over and 15% are children under age 18. In terms of household composition, the largest proportion of households in the Forest Hills/Rego Park/Kew Gardens area (49%) comprise an adult under age 65 and no children. Sixty-three percent of the residents in this area are married or partnered, which is higher than both the boroughwide and eight-county rates. Forty-four percent of this neighborhood's Jewish households include a Russian speaker, which is much higher than the overall rate of 15%, and 9% of Jewish households include a Holocaust survivor.

35 For the Jewish Community Study of New York: 2011, we added an additional ZIP code to the area — 11415 — which means that it is not comparable to the area referred to as "Rego Park/Forest Hills" in *The Jewish Community Study of New York: 2002 Geographic Profile*. Comparisons in this narrative are based on recalculations of the 2002 data to reflect the 2011 ZIP code groupings.

36 Jews who originally came from several countries in Central Asia, primarily Uzbekistan and Tajikistan, areas of the former Soviet Union.

People in Need

Multiple indicators converge to portray an economically challenged neighborhood. For example, in this area 57% of the households have annual household incomes of under \$50,000, higher than both the Queens rate (52%) and the overall rate (42%). (In fact, there are only four other primary areas with a greater percentage of households in the below-\$50,000-per-year income category.) These low incomes are accompanied by moderate poverty rates: 16% of households are poor (compared with 19% areawide) and another 26% are near poor; this may reflect a large proportion of one- or two-person households that do not qualify as poor despite low incomes. Similarly, the proportion in the Forest Hills/Rego Park/Kew Gardens area that claims they cannot make ends meet or are just managing (55%) is higher than both the Queens rate (50%) and the eight-county rate (42%). A much higher proportion in this area (64%) rent their homes compared with Queens and overall (56% and 46%, respectively). In this area, the level of employed men (84%) is above the overall average (80%), as is the level of employed women (75%, compared with 71% overall). A relatively high proportion (61%) of adults ages 75 and over live alone in this area.

Jewish Engagement, Connections, and Education

The proportion of Jewish respondents in the Forest Hills/Rego Park/Kew Gardens area that does not identify with a denomination (54%) is higher than the proportion that identifies denominationally (47%). Among those that identify with a denomination, the largest proportion identifies as Conservative (23%) followed by 13% that identify as Reform and 11% as Orthodox. Among those who do not identify denominationally, 15% refer to themselves as nondenominational or “just Jewish” and the rest (39%) refer to themselves as secular or having no religion, perhaps reflecting the sizable Russian-speaking population in this area. Markers of formal Jewish connections in this neighborhood are on par, and sometimes above, those of Queens. For example, in this area 43% belong to a synagogue, compared with 42% in Queens and 44% overall; 30% participate in programs at Jewish community centers, compared with 26% in Queens and 32% overall; and 47% have attended a Jewish cultural event in the past year, compared with 43% in Queens and 49% overall. In this area, a slightly lower percentage has traveled to Israel: 40% in this area, compared with 45% in Queens and 49% overall. Among the area’s Jewish children ages 5 to 17, 24% attend or have attended a Jewish day school. The Forest Hills/Rego Park/Kew Gardens area is characterized by one of the highest proportions of respondents (61%) who assert that being part of a Jewish community is very important to them, considerably higher than both the Queens (48%) and the overall (44%) rates, and also one of the highest proportions of respondents who indicate that being Jewish is very important to them (74%). Jewish residents in this area are also more likely to engage in an array of Jewish ritual behaviors; for example, 63% in this area sometimes or regularly participate in a Friday-night Sabbath meal, which is much higher than in Queens (48%) and much higher than in the eight-county area (46%). Consistent with these multiple indicators of strong Jewish connections, the intermarriage rate in the Forest Hills/Rego Park/Kew Gardens area is a relatively low 17%.

Philanthropy

In this area, 38% of households donate money to a combination of Jewish and non-Jewish causes, which is somewhat lower than in Queens (43%) and also lower than the eight-county rate (44%). Perhaps reflecting this neighborhood’s strong level of Jewish identification, the Forest Hills/Rego Park/Kew Gardens area has one of the region’s highest rates of giving exclusively to Jewish causes (29%) — higher than in both Queens (17%) and overall (15%). Nearly a quarter (24%) of households in the Forest Hills/Rego Park/Kew Gardens area say they contribute to UJA-Federation of New York, which is identical to the Queens rate and the eight-county rate.

Exhibit 23: Forest Hills/Rego Park/Kew Gardens Area: Jewish Population Estimates, 2002 and 2011

Population Estimates	2002	2011
Jewish Households	20,800	29,700
Jews	44,500	60,900
People in Jewish Households (including non-Jews)	47,900	66,100
People in Jewish Households as a Percent of All People in Area	35%	50%

Exhibit 23a: Forest Hills/Rego Park/Kew Gardens Area: Demography and Social Characteristics, 2011

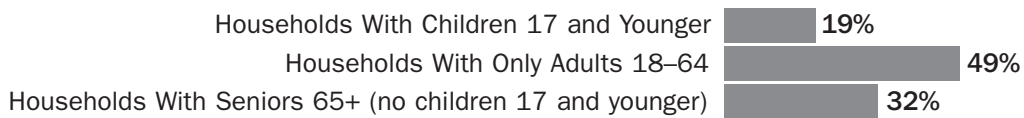
Age Distribution	Percent of All People in Jewish Households
0–17	15%
18–39	22%
40–64	43%
65–74	7%
75+	12%

Exhibit 23a (continued): **Forest Hills/Rego Park/Kew Gardens Area: Demography and Social Characteristics, 2011**

Marital Status	Percent of All Respondents
Married	59%
Partnered	4%
Never Married	18%
Separated or Divorced	11%
Widowed	9%

	Percent of Households
Russian-Speaking Jewish Households	44%

Household Composition (Percent of Households)



Annual Household Income	Percent of Households
Under \$50,000	57%
\$50,000–\$99,999	24%
\$100,000–\$149,000	11%
\$150,000+	8%

Home Ownership	Percent of Households
Own	36%
Rent	64%

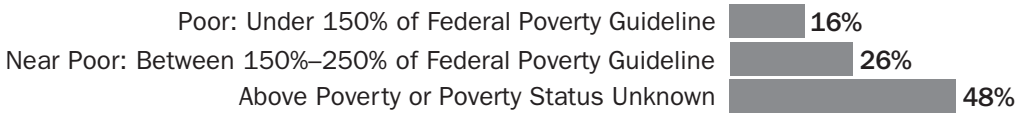
Employment Status by Gender	Percent of Respondents and Spouses Ages 18–64
Employed Males*	84%
Employed Females*	75%

* Includes full-time, part-time, and self-employed.

Exhibit 23b: **Forest Hills/Rego Park/Kew Gardens Area: People In Need, 2011**

Subjective Assessment of Household Financial Condition	Percent of Households
Cannot Make Ends Meet or Just Managing	55%
Have Enough	32%
Have Extra Money or Wealthy	13%

Poverty (Percent of Households)



Vulnerable Seniors	Percent of Senior Households
Need Help With Activities of Daily Living	19%

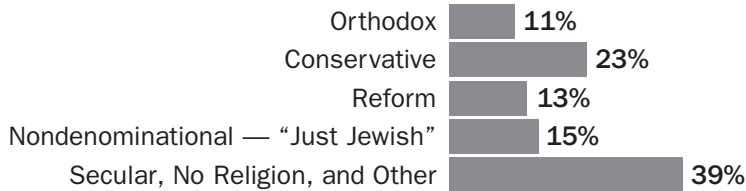
Isolated Seniors	Percent of Seniors in Age Group
Ages 65 to 74 Living Alone	44%
Ages 75+ Living Alone	61%

Seeking Assistance for Human-Service Needs	Number of Households*
Assistance for Household Member's Serious or Chronic Illness	7,900
Help With Food or Housing	1,200
Help Finding a Job or Choosing an Occupation	2,700
Services for an Adult With a Disability	2,600
Homecare Services for an Older Adult in the Household	500
Help for a Child With a Physical, Developmental, or Learning Disability or Other Special Needs	400

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Exhibit 23c: **Forest Hills/Rego Park/Kew Gardens Area: Jewish Engagement, Connections, and Education, 2011**

Denomination (Percent of Respondents)



Jewish Affiliations and Participation

Percent

Synagogue Member, Anyone in Household	43%
JCC: Anyone in Household Went to a Program in Past Year	30%
Jewish Organization, Belong/Regularly Participate, Anyone in Household	33%
Jewish Museum or Jewish Cultural Event, Respondent Went in Past Year	47%
Respondent Has Ever Traveled to Israel	40%
Respondent Feels Very Attached to Israel	57%
Respondent’s Closest Friends Are Mostly Jewish	62%

Feeling Connected

Percent of Respondents

Being Jewish Is Very Important	74%
Being Part of Jewish Community Is Very Important	61%
Feels Part of a Jewish Community — A Lot	37%
Wish Knew More About Being Jewish	25%

Jewish-Engagement Level*

Percent

High	54%
Moderate	22%
Low	24%

* See page 197 for a description of the Index of Jewish Engagement and definitions of high, moderate, and low scores.

Exhibit 23c (continued): **Forest Hills/Rego Park/Kew Gardens Area: Jewish Engagement, Connections, and Education, 2011**

Jewish Practices and Behaviors	Percent
Household Member Attends Seder — Usually + Always	80%
Chanukah Candles Lit in Household — Usually + Always	78%
Yom Kippur, Respondent Fasts All Day	74%
Sabbath Candles Lit Friday Night in Household — Usually + Always	48%
Kosher Household	49%
Shabbat Meal, Respondent Participates — Sometimes + Regularly	63%
Respondent Talks Regularly About Jewish-Related Topics With Jewish Friends	54%
Respondent Studies Informally, Alone, With Friend, or With Teacher	34%

Jewish Education	Percent of Jewish Children Ages 5–17
Day School — Current or Previous	24%
Supplemental School — Current or Previous	31%
Tutoring or Other Type of Jewish Education — Current or Previous	18%
None Ever	29%

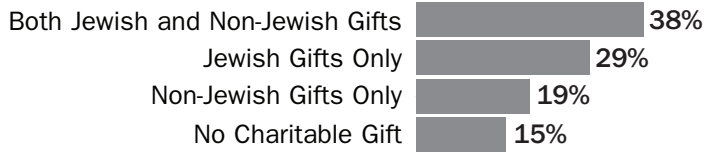
	Number of Jewish Children Ages 0–4**
Jewish Preschool or Daycare Program	1,200

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In-Married and Intermarried Households	Percent of Married Couples
In-Married (including conversionary marriages)	83%
Intermarried	17%

Exhibit 23d: **Forest Hills/Rego Park/Kew Gardens Area: Philanthropy and Volunteering, 2011**

Charitable Giving (Percent of Households)



Giving to UJA-Federation of New York

Percent of Households

Contributed to UJA-Federation	24%
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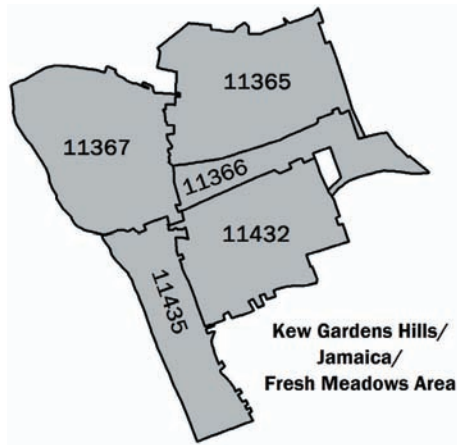
Volunteering

Percent of All Respondents Who Volunteer*

Both Jewish and Non-Jewish Organizations	40%
Jewish Organizations Only	25%
Non-Jewish Organizations Only	35%

* Asked only of respondents who said they volunteered their time for any type of charitable organization. See exhibit B-26 on page 424 for the total percent that volunteered within this area.

KEW GARDENS HILLS/JAMAICA/FRESH MEADOWS AREA



Demography and Social Characteristics

In the Kew Gardens Hills/Jamaica/Fresh Meadows area, there are 15,400 Jewish households in which 43,300 people reside, of whom 41,600 are Jewish. People in Jewish households compose 21% of all the people in this area, an indicator of the neighborhood's Jewish density. The Jewish population of the Kew Gardens Hills/Jamaica/Fresh Meadows area has increased 8% since 2002.³⁷ People who identify as Sephardi (not Syrian) Jews make up 33% of the area's Jewish population, probably reflecting the area's substantial Bukharian population. In this neighborhood, the age balance tilts toward children: 24% of people in Jewish households are under age 18 (which is above the Queens average) and 18% are ages 65 and over (which is below the Queens average). Correspondingly, a third of area households include children, which is considerably higher than the boroughwide proportion (19%) and also higher than the eight-county average (25%). Fifteen percent of households in this area include a biracial, Hispanic, or nonwhite person and 11% include a Jewish Israeli adult. In addition, 20% of Jewish households in the Kew Gardens Hills/Jamaica/Fresh Meadows area include a Russian speaker and 6% include a Holocaust survivor.

³⁷ For the Jewish Community Study of New York: 2011, we added three additional ZIP codes to the area — 11432, 11435, and 11439 — which means that it is not comparable to the area referred to as “Fresh Meadows/Kew Garden Hills/Hillside” in *The Jewish Community Study of New York: 2002 Geographic Profile*. Comparisons in this narrative are based on recalculations of the 2002 data to reflect the 2011 ZIP code groupings.

People in Need

The Kew Gardens Hills/Jamaica/Fresh Meadows area is an economically challenged neighborhood: 53% of its Jewish households' annual incomes fall below \$50,000; although this proportion is comparable to the Queens rate (52%), the households in this area clearly have lower incomes than elsewhere, where the overall eight-county rate is 42%. In the Kew Gardens Hills/Jamaica/Fresh Meadows area, 19% of households are poor, situating it among the top-third-poorest neighborhoods in the eight-county area. Respondents' subjective description of their economic situation corresponds with these statistics: nearly half (47%) report that they cannot make ends meet or are just managing, analogous to the Queens rate (50%) and higher than the eight-county rate (42%). In this area, there are relatively low levels of employment for both men and women: 73% of men and 60% of women are employed in this area, compared with 80% of men and 71% of women in the eight-county area. Although a slightly higher-than-average proportion (57%) of the area's residents ages 75 and over live alone, the proportion of households that need help with activities of daily living is below the local and regional rates (21% in this area, 26% in Queens, and 25% overall).

Jewish Engagement, Connections, and Education

The Kew Gardens Hills/Jamaica/Fresh Meadows area contains a higher proportion of Orthodox-identified (27%) and a higher proportion of Conservative-identified (32%) respondents than elsewhere in Queens and a higher proportion than overall; in fact, the Kew Gardens Hills/Jamaica/Fresh Meadows area has one of the highest levels of Conservative Jewish identification. This higher level of denominationally identified Jews translates into higher levels of Jewish connections; for example, 53% of the households in this area belong to a synagogue, as compared with 42% in Queens and 44% overall. Similarly, this area's rate of having traveled to Israel (54%) is above the Queens rate (45%) and above the eight-county rate (49%). Sixty-five percent of the area's Jewish children ages 5 to 17 attend or have attended Jewish day school. Although participation in a Jewish community center is slightly below the Queens rate (22% in this area and 26% in Queens), Jewish cultural engagement is higher (52% in this area and 43% in Queens). Subjective Jewish attachments are also higher in the Kew Gardens Hills/Jamaica/Fresh Meadows area than elsewhere: 78% report that being Jewish is very important, compared with 63% in Queens and 57% overall. As in most areas, there is a gap between the proportion that indicates being part of a Jewish community is very important to them (60%) and the proportion that indicates they feel a lot or some part of a Jewish community (47%). The area's level of Jewish ritual behavior is high across a variety of behaviors; for example, 60% in the Kew Gardens Hills/Jamaica/Fresh Meadows area maintains a kosher home, higher than the Queens rate (42%) and almost twice as high as the eight-county rate (32%). The intermarriage rate in the Kew Gardens Hills/Jamaica/Fresh Meadows area is 14%, which is below the eight-county average (22%).

Philanthropy

In the Kew Gardens Hills/Jamaica/Fresh Meadows area, 86% of households report making charitable contributions. Half contribute to both Jewish and non-Jewish organizations, which is higher than the Queens rate (43%) and also higher than the eight-county rate (44%), and 13% contribute exclusively to Jewish causes, which is lower than both the boroughwide and overall rates. Among area households, 26% say they contribute to UJA-Federation of New York, comparable with both the Queens rate and the overall eight-county rate (each 24%).

Exhibit 24: Kew Gardens Hills/Jamaica/Fresh Meadows Area: Jewish Population Estimates, 2002 and 2011

Population Estimates	2002	2011
Jewish Households	14,200	15,400
Jews	38,400	41,600
People in Jewish Households (including non-Jews)	41,200	43,300
People in Jewish Households as a Percent of All People in Area	20%	21%

Exhibit 24a: Kew Gardens Hills/Jamaica/Fresh Meadows Area: Demography and Social Characteristics, 2011

Age Distribution	Percent of All People in Jewish Households
0-17	24%
18-39	22%
40-64	36%
65-74	8%
75+	12%

Marital Status	Percent of All Respondents
Married	52%
Partnered	2%
Never Married	18%
Separated or Divorced	14%
Widowed	14%

Exhibit 24a (continued): **Kew Gardens Hills/Jamaica/Fresh Meadows Area: Demography and Social Characteristics, 2011**

	Percent of Households
Russian-Speaking Jewish Households	20%

Household Composition (Percent of Households)

Households With Children 17 and Younger	33%
Households With Only Adults 18–64	31%
Households With Seniors 65+ (no children 17 and younger)	37%

Annual Household Income	Percent of Households
Under \$50,000	53%
\$50,000–\$99,999	22%
\$100,000–\$149,000	15%
\$150,000+	11%

Home Ownership	Percent of Households
Own	51%
Rent	49%

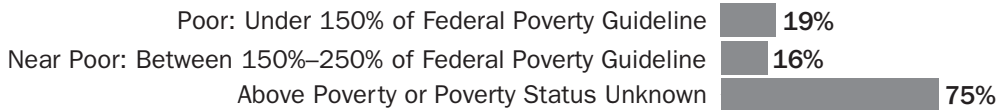
Employment Status by Gender	Percent of Respondents and Spouses Ages 18–64
Employed Males*	73%
Employed Females*	60%

* Includes full-time, part-time, and self-employed.

Exhibit 24b: **Kew Gardens Hills/Jamaica/Fresh Meadows Area: People In Need, 2011**

Subjective Assessment of Household Financial Condition	Percent of Households
Cannot Make Ends Meet or Just Managing	47%
Have Enough	27%
Have Extra Money or Wealthy	26%

Poverty (Percent of Households)



Vulnerable Seniors	Percent of Senior Households
Need Help With Activities of Daily Living	21%

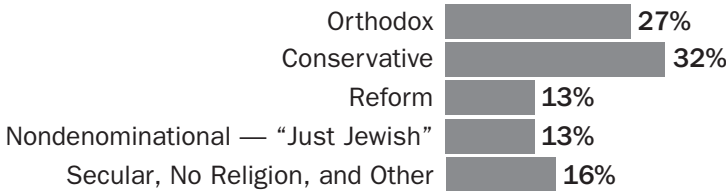
Isolated Seniors	Percent of Seniors in Age Group
Ages 65 to 74 Living Alone	47%
Ages 75+ Living Alone	57%

Seeking Assistance for Human-Service Needs	Number of Households*
Assistance for Household Member’s Serious or Chronic Illness	3,100
Help With Food or Housing	700
Help Finding a Job or Choosing an Occupation	2,300
Services for an Adult With a Disability	3,100
Homecare Services for an Older Adult in the Household	400
Help for a Child With a Physical, Developmental, or Learning Disability or Other Special Needs	300

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Exhibit 24c: **Kew Gardens Hills/Jamaica/Fresh Meadows Area: Jewish Engagement, Connections, and Education, 2011**

Denomination (Percent of Respondents)



Jewish Affiliations and Participation

Percent

Synagogue Member, Anyone in Household	53%
JCC: Anyone in Household Went to a Program in Past Year	22%
Jewish Organization, Belong/Regularly Participate, Anyone in Household	28%
Jewish Museum or Jewish Cultural Event, Respondent Went in Past Year	52%
Respondent Has Ever Traveled to Israel	54%
Respondent Feels Very Attached to Israel	58%
Respondent’s Closest Friends Are Mostly Jewish	61%

Feeling Connected

Percent of Respondents

Being Jewish Is Very Important	78%
Being Part of Jewish Community Is Very Important	60%
Feels Part of a Jewish Community — A Lot	47%
Wish Knew More About Being Jewish	50%

Jewish-Engagement Level*

Percent

High	54%
Moderate	11%
Low	35%

* See page 197 for a description of the Index of Jewish Engagement and definitions of high, moderate, and low scores.

Exhibit 24c (continued): **Kew Gardens Hills/Jamaica/Fresh Meadows Area: Jewish Engagement, Connections, and Education, 2011**

Jewish Practices and Behaviors	Percent
Household Member Attends Seder — Usually + Always	81%
Chanukah Candles Lit in Household — Usually + Always	73%
Yom Kippur, Respondent Fasts All Day	73%
Sabbath Candles Lit Friday Night in Household — Usually + Always	49%
Kosher Household	60%
Shabbat Meal, Respondent Participates — Sometimes + Regularly	51%
Respondent Talks Regularly About Jewish-Related Topics With Jewish Friends	60%
Respondent Studies Informally, Alone, With Friend, or With Teacher	45%

Jewish Education	Percent of Jewish Children Ages 5–17
Day School — Current or Previous	65%
Supplemental School — Current or Previous	6%
Tutoring or Other Type of Jewish Education — Current or Previous	12%
None Ever	18%

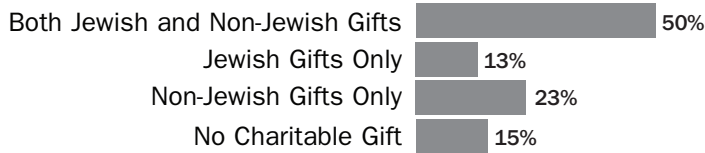
	Number of Jewish Children Ages 0–4**
Jewish Preschool or Daycare Program	900

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In-Married and Intermarried Households	Percent of Married Couples
In-Married (including conversionary marriages)	86%
Intermarried	14%

Exhibit 24d: **Kew Gardens Hills/Jamaica/Fresh Meadows Area: Philanthropy and Volunteering, 2011**

Charitable Giving (Percent of Households)



Giving to UJA-Federation of New York

Percent of Households

Contributed to UJA-Federation	26%
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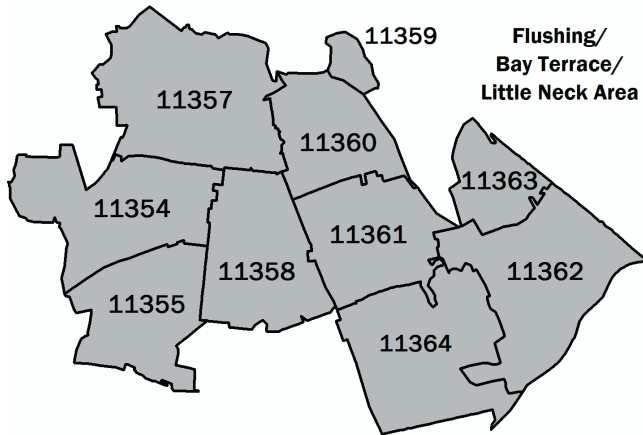
Volunteering

Percent of All Respondents Who Volunteer*

Both Jewish and Non-Jewish Organizations	46%
Jewish Organizations Only	41%
Non-Jewish Organizations Only	13%

* Asked only of respondents who said they volunteered their time for any type of charitable organization. See exhibit B-26 on page 424 for the total percent that volunteered within this area.

FLUSHING/BAY TERRACE/LITTLE NECK AREA



Demography and Social Characteristics

In the Flushing/Bay Terrace/Little Neck area, there are 16,300 Jewish households in which 29,600 people reside, of whom 26,800 are Jewish. This area's Jewish population has decreased 26% since 2002.³⁸

This neighborhood is characterized by the greatest age imbalance among all the profiled areas: only 6% of the residents are ages 17 and under and 45% are ages 65 and over. This age distribution is also reflected in the area's household composition: 59% of its households contain a senior but no children. Also consistent with this profile is the proportion of widowed individuals (32%), the highest of any area in the eight counties. Six percent of this area's Jewish households include a Russian speaker and 14% include a Holocaust survivor. In addition, 9% of the households in this area include a respondent who identifies as LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender).

³⁸ For the Jewish Community Study of New York: 2011, we added several ZIP codes and removed two ZIP codes from the area referred to as "Northeast Queens" in *The Jewish Community Study of New York: 2002 Geographic Profile*. Comparisons in this narrative are based on recalculations of the 2002 data to reflect the 2011 ZIP code groupings.

People in Need

Although not an economically well-off area, the Flushing/Bay Terrace/Little Neck area is not one of the poorest. The annual income of nearly half (49%) of the area's households is under \$50,000, which is lower than the Queens rate (52%) though higher than the eight-county rate (42%). Only 9% of households in this area are poor, compared with 17% in Queens and 19% overall. In the Flushing/Bay Terrace/Little Neck area, 35% report that they cannot make ends meet or are just managing, which is lower than the Queens rate (50%) and also lower than the eight-county rate (42%). In this area, men ages 18 to 64 are employed at a rate somewhat lower than the average (75% in this area compared with 80% overall), and working-age women are employed at a rate a little higher than the average (74% in this area compared with 71% overall). That 68% of households in this area own, rather than rent, their homes (as compared with a 45% ownership rate in Queens and 54% overall) might indicate some level of financial security. In the Flushing/Bay Terrace/Little Neck area, 53% of those ages 75 and over live alone, which is equal to the eight-county rate.

Jewish Engagement, Connections, and Education

The Flushing/Bay Terrace/Little Neck area has the second-highest concentration (42%) of Conservative-identified households in the eight-county area; in addition, 23% identify as Reform, 7% identify as Orthodox, and a substantial proportion identify as nondenominational or "just Jewish" (18%). The Flushing/Bay Terrace/Little Neck area is slightly below or on par with Queens and slightly below the eight-county area on several indicators of Jewish connections. For example, 41% of households belong to a synagogue, compared with 42% in Queens and 44% overall; 29% participate in programs at Jewish community centers, compared with 26% in Queens and 32% overall; and 46% have traveled to Israel, compared with 45% in Queens and 49% overall. Being Jewish is very important to 57% of this neighborhood's Jewish respondents, which is the same as the eight-county rate yet somewhat below the Queens rate (63%). However, being part of a Jewish community and feeling part of a Jewish community do not seem to be as valued in this area (31% and 25%, respectively) as compared with Queens (48% and 34%, respectively) or the eight-county area (44% and 36%, respectively). Regarding Jewish holiday observances, the Flushing/Bay Terrace/Little Neck area presents a mixed picture: on more typical indicators, such as usually attending a Passover seder (75%) and usually lighting Chanukah candles (78%), the area is above the Queens rate (72% and 68%, respectively); however, on such indicators of Jewish ritual observance as keeping kosher and usually or always lighting Shabbat candles, this area is below both the Queens and overall levels (26% keep kosher in this area versus 42% in Queens and 32% overall; 23% light Shabbat candles in this area versus 38% in Queens and 33% overall).

Philanthropy

Regarding charitable giving, 55% of the households in the Flushing/Bay Terrace/Little Neck area donate to both Jewish and non-Jewish charities, which is higher than both the Queens rate (43%) and the overall rate (44%), and 23% say they donate exclusively to non-Jewish causes. Only 5% donate exclusively to Jewish charities, compared with 17% in Queens. In this neighborhood, about a third (35%) of households report contributing to UJA-Federation of New York, thus situating the area among the top half regarding the level of UJA-Federation of New York donations.

Exhibit 25: **Flushing/Bay Terrace/Little Neck Area: Jewish Population Estimates, 2002 and 2011**

Population Estimates	2002	2011
Jewish Households	19,300	16,300
Jews	36,200	26,800
People in Jewish Households (including non-Jews)	42,900	29,600
People in Jewish Households as a Percent of All People in Area	13%	9%

Exhibit 25a: **Flushing/Bay Terrace/Little Neck Area: Demography and Social Characteristics, 2011**

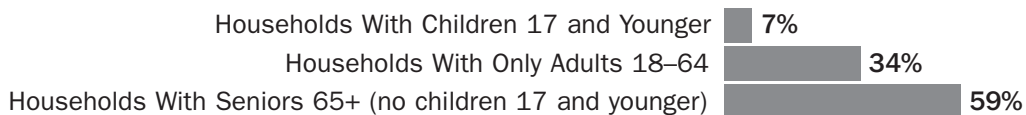
Age Distribution	Percent of All People in Jewish Households
0-17	6%
18-39	13%
40-64	36%
65-74	14%
75+	31%

Exhibit 25a (continued): **Flushing/Bay Terrace/Little Neck Area: Demography and Social Characteristics, 2011**

Marital Status	Percent of All Respondents
Married	42%
Partnered	<1%
Never Married	16%
Separated or Divorced	9%
Widowed	32%

	Percent of Households
Russian-Speaking Jewish Households	6%

Household Composition (Percent of Households)



Annual Household Income	Percent of Households
Under \$50,000	49%
\$50,000–\$99,999	30%
\$100,000–\$149,000	15%
\$150,000+	6%

Home Ownership	Percent of Households
Own	68%
Rent	32%

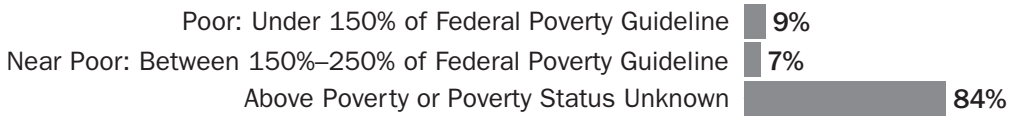
Employment Status by Gender	Percent of Respondents and Spouses Ages 18–64
Employed Males*	75%
Employed Females*	74%

* Includes full-time, part-time, and self-employed.

Exhibit 25b: **Flushing/Bay Terrace/Little Neck Area: People In Need, 2011**

Subjective Assessment of Household Financial Condition	Percent of Households
Cannot Make Ends Meet or Just Managing	35%
Have Enough	49%
Have Extra Money or Wealthy	17%

Poverty (Percent of Households)



Vulnerable Seniors	Percent of Senior Households
Need Help With Activities of Daily Living	28%

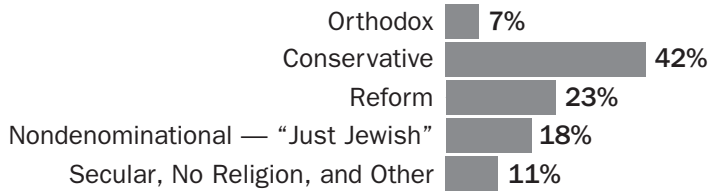
Isolated Seniors	Percent of Seniors in Age Group
Ages 65 to 74 Living Alone	30%
Ages 75+ Living Alone	53%

Seeking Assistance for Human-Service Needs	Number of Households*
Assistance for Household Member’s Serious or Chronic Illness	3,300
Help With Food or Housing	400
Help Finding a Job or Choosing an Occupation	500
Services for an Adult With a Disability	2,900
Homecare Services for an Older Adult in the Household	600
Help for a Child With a Physical, Developmental, or Learning Disability or Other Special Needs	400

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Exhibit 25c: **Flushing/Bay Terrace/Little Neck Area: Jewish Engagement, Connections, and Education, 2011**

Denomination (Percent of Respondents)



Jewish Affiliations and Participation

Percent

Synagogue Member, Anyone in Household	41%
JCC: Anyone in Household Went to a Program in Past Year	29%
Jewish Organization, Belong/Regularly Participate, Anyone in Household	17%
Jewish Museum or Jewish Cultural Event, Respondent Went in Past Year	45%
Respondent Has Ever Traveled to Israel	46%
Respondent Feels Very Attached to Israel	42%
Respondent’s Closest Friends Are Mostly Jewish	52%

Feeling Connected

Percent of Respondents

Being Jewish Is Very Important	57%
Being Part of Jewish Community Is Very Important	31%
Feels Part of a Jewish Community — A Lot	25%
Wish Knew More About Being Jewish	20%

Jewish-Engagement Level*

Percent

High	29%
Moderate	26%
Low	46%

* See page 197 for a description of the Index of Jewish Engagement and definitions of high, moderate, and low scores.

Exhibit 25c (continued): **Flushing/Bay Terrace/Little Neck Area: Jewish Engagement, Connections, and Education, 2011**

Jewish Practices and Behaviors	Percent
Household Member Attends Seder — Usually + Always	75%
Chanukah Candles Lit in Household — Usually + Always	78%
Yom Kippur, Respondent Fasts All Day	69%
Sabbath Candles Lit Friday Night in Household — Usually + Always	23%
Kosher Household	26%
Shabbat Meal, Respondent Participates — Sometimes + Regularly	37%
Respondent Talks Regularly About Jewish-Related Topics With Jewish Friends	31%
Respondent Studies Informally, Alone, With Friend, or With Teacher	23%

Jewish Education	Percent of Jewish Children Ages 5–17
Day School — Current or Previous	<1%
Supplemental School — Current or Previous	63%
Tutoring or Other Type of Jewish Education — Current or Previous	11%
None Ever	26%

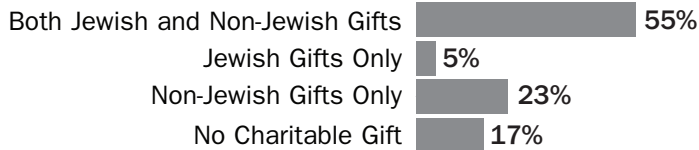
	Number of Jewish Children Ages 0–4**
Jewish Preschool or Daycare Program	<100

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In-Married and Intermarried Households	Percent of Married Couples
In-Married (including conversionary marriages)	73%
Intermarried	27%

Exhibit 25d: **Flushing/Bay Terrace/Little Neck Area: Philanthropy and Volunteering, 2011**

Charitable Giving (Percent of Households)



Giving to UJA-Federation of New York

Percent of Households

Contributed to UJA-Federation	35%
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Volunteering

Percent of All Respondents Who Volunteer*

Both Jewish and Non-Jewish Organizations	40%
Jewish Organizations Only	36%
Non-Jewish Organizations Only	24%

* Asked only of respondents who said they volunteered their time for any type of charitable organization. See exhibit B-26 on page 424 for the total percent that volunteered within this area.

