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Highlights

- There are 8,930 Holocaust Survivors representing 31.2% of Jewish seniors residing in the Toronto CMA. In short, almost a third of Toronto's Jewish elderly are Survivors.
- Not included in the above figure of 8,930 Survivors are those living in long-term care facilities, such as nursing homes. They were not administered the National Household Survey and hence there is no information regarding their numbers.
- There are 6,680 Child Survivors and 2,245 Adult Survivors living in the Toronto CMA.
- Survivors comprise a larger percentage of individuals who are 85+ years than Jews who are not Survivors: 25.2% and 13.1% respectively.
- The proportion of individuals who are often disabled is larger among Survivors (35%) than for Jewish non-Survivors (20.1%) and the total senior population in the Toronto CMA (24.4%).
- About a quarter (25.2%) of Toronto's Survivors live below the poverty line, comprising 2,250 individuals. The level of poverty among Survivors is almost twice that of Jewish seniors who are non-Survivors.
- The poverty rate among Survivors 66-74 years (24.3%) is much higher than Jewish non-Survivors in the same age group (10.1%), and also much higher than the overall Toronto population who are 66-74 years (13%).
- The poverty level for Survivors 75+ years (25.7%) is higher than that for Jewish non-Survivors in the same age group (16.4%), and also higher than that for the total Canadian population who are 75+ years (15.7%).
- Male Survivors have a much lower risk of poverty than females (19% and 29.5% respectively).
- In the case of male Survivors, increasing age seems to be associated with decreased levels of poverty. On the other hand, the risk of poverty for female Survivors increases as they get older, particularly for those at least 75 years of age. About a quarter (26.5%) of female Survivors 66-74 years are poor; 31.1% of those 75-84 years are poor; and 31.2% of those 85+ years are poor.
- The segment of Survivors most likely to experience economic disadvantage is "females living alone". More than half (51.9%) of this group lives under the poverty line. Male Survivors living alone also have a very high poverty level, at 40.8%.
- The largest Survivor population is located in the Toronto metropolitan area, with 8,930 individuals, or 51.6% of the total Survivor population in Canada. Montreal has 5,795 Survivors, or about a third (33.5%) of the national Survivor population.

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2011 National Household Survey Analysis

Part 10: Holocaust Survivors

This report examines the demographic characteristics of the Holocaust Survivor population in the Toronto metropolitan area based on figures from the 2011 National Household Survey (NHS). The findings compare the characteristics of Holocaust Survivors with Jewish seniors who are not Survivors, and the total population of elderly living in the Toronto CMA.

The report also identifies those Survivors who are most vulnerable (physically, economically, socially) and in need of community interventions. As the Survivor population ages and its needs increase, it is imperative to understand the unique circumstances and challenges this population faces.

Several important appendices are included in the back of this report. Appendix 1 is a discussion of methodological considerations related to the 2011 National Household Survey, and their implications for interpreting the data presented in this study.

Appendix 2 is a detailed description of the definition used to identify Jewishness, given the parameters of the National Household Survey. Unlike the American Census, the NHS asks questions related to religious and ethnic affiliations. These and other variables (place of birth, mother tongue, etc.) were used to identify the Jewish population of interest in this report.

A number of NHS parameters were combined to identify Holocaust Survivors. The current definition of Survivors relies on information related to place of birth, age of respondent, and year of immigration. Appendix 3 presents a description of how the Holocaust Survivor variable was derived, and some of the limitations related to its formulation.

Appendix 4 details the parameters used to define the low-income cut-off, or poverty line. This cut-off is formulated by Statistics Canada and relies on data related to household income and size.

Table 1A
Holocaust Survivors, Jewish Not Survivors & Non-Jews
Total Toronto Senior Population (66+ Years)

	#	%
Jews: Holocaust Survivors	8,930	1.4
Jews: Not Holocaust Survivors	19,670	3.2
(Subtotal: Jews)	28,595	4.6
Non-Jews	590,240	95.4
Total 66+ Years	618,840	100.0

Table 1B
Holocaust Survivors & Not Survivors
Total Toronto Jewish Population (66+ Years)

	#	%
Holocaust Survivors	8,930	31.2
Not Survivors	19,670	68.8
Total 66+ Years	28,595	100.0

It should be noted that anyone who expressed a Jewish affiliation according to the definition used in this report (see Appendix 2) is included in this analysis. Not included are Jews living in institutions such as nursing homes, prisons or psychiatric facilities. This is because they were not given the National Household Survey, and hence, no data are available regarding their Jewish identification.

This latter point is important because it is clear that the numerous Holocaust Survivors residing in long-term care facilities are not included in the statistics cited in this report. All of the figures presented are thus underestimates of the actual Survivor population in Greater Toronto. Survivors living in non-institutionalized settings, such as low cost / community housing units for the elderly, are included in this analysis.

Also noteworthy is that any minor discrepancies found when totaling columns or rows in the tables are due to random rounding of data. Such rounding up or down is built into the Statistics Canada processing and cannot be avoided. Given the small nature of these rounding errors, their impact on the overall interpretation and reliability of the data is minimal.

Basic Demographics Related to Survivors

According to Table 1A, the total number of Jewish seniors (66+ years) living in the Toronto CMA is 28,595. Jews comprise 4.6% of the entire elderly population residing in this metropolitan area. Note that any references made generally to seniors in this report will involve the 66+ year cohort, because that is the corresponding age profile of Holocaust Survivors.

There are 8,930 Survivors residing in the Toronto CMA, comprising 1.4% of the total senior population. Survivors represent 31.2% of Toronto's Jewish seniors (Table 1B). In short, almost a third of Jewish elderly 66+ years living in this metropolitan area are Survivors. Of 28,595 Jewish elderly, 19,670 are not Survivors, or 68.8%.

Age breakdowns in Table 2A reveal that 35% of Survivors are 66 - 74 years of age, 39.8% are 75 - 84 years, 23.6% are 85 - 94 years, and only 1.6% are 95+ years of age.

Survivors have a larger percentage of individuals 85+ years than Jews who are non-Survivors: 25.2% and 13.1% respectively. Conversely, only 35% of

Table 2A
Age Breakdowns
Holocaust Survivors & Not Survivors
Total Toronto Jewish Population (66+ Years)

	Total		Holocaust Survivors		Not Survivors	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
66 to 74 years	13,530	47.3	3,125	35.0	10,400	52.9
75 to 84 years	10,235	35.8	3,550	39.8	6,685	34.0
85 to 94 years	4,530	15.8	2,105	23.6	2,420	12.3
95 years and over	305	1.1	140	1.6	165	0.8
Total	28,600	100.0	8,920	100.0	19,670	100.0

Table 2B
Child & Adult Survivor Breakdown
Total Toronto Holocaust Survivors (66+ Years)

	#	%
Child Survivors	6,680	74.8
Adult Survivors	2,245	25.2
Total Holocaust Survivors	8,925	100.0

Table 3
Gender Breakdowns
Holocaust Survivors & Not Survivors
Total Toronto Jewish Population (66+ Years)

	Total		Holocaust Survivors		Not Survivors	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Males	13,120	45.9	4,020	45.0	9,095	46.2
Females	15,480	54.1	4,910	55.0	10,575	53.8
Total	28,600	100.0	8,930	100.0	19,670	100.0

Survivors are between 66 and 74 years of age compared to 52.9% of non-Survivors. In other words, Survivors tend to be older than Jewish non-Survivors when considering people who are at least 66 years of age.

According to Table 2B there are 6,680 Child Survivors and 2,245 Adult Survivors residing in the Toronto CMA. Almost three-quarters (74.8%) of Survivors were children during the time of the Holocaust and 25.2% were adults. Note that a Child Survivor was defined as anyone who experienced the Holocaust and was 66-84 years of age in 2011. An Adult Survivor was at least 85 years old in 2011.

Table 3 shows that there is a lower proportion of males than females among Toronto Survivors. Forty-five percent (45%) of Survivors are males, compared to 55% females. There are 4,020 male Survivors living in this metropolitan area, and 4,910 females.

There is also a discrepancy in favor of females among Jewish non-Survivors 66+ years, albeit a slightly smaller one: 46.2% are males compared to 53.8% who are females.

Such discrepancies in the gender breakdowns mirror the trend of other

populations worldwide with males dying at a younger age than women, which accounts for the larger proportion of females among seniors.

Country of Birth of Survivors

Table 4 describes the country of origin of Survivors. Unfortunately, respondents to the NHS could specify only the country where they were born, rather than a municipality or region within that country. On the other hand, not all individuals who were born in the Russian or Ukrainian parts of the Former Soviet Union are considered to be Survivors. They may have lived in areas of the FSU that were not occupied by the Nazis, or they may have been displaced or fled to such unoccupied areas. As a result, in some cases the National Household Survey lacks the precision necessary to specify geographic areas of relevance in identifying Survivor populations (see Appendix 3).

For the above reason, initially it was decided to consider only 70% of elderly Jews 66+ years born in Russia or the Ukraine as Survivors. However, previous reports suggested that there was a segment of FSU Jews who did not identify themselves as

Table 4
Place of Birth
Total Toronto Holocaust Survivors (66+ Years)

Country of Birth	#	% of Tor Survivors
Germany	345	3.9
France	135	1.5
Belgium	90	1.0
Netherlands	45	0.5
Luxembourg	0	0.0
Denmark	0	0.0
Norway	0	0.0
Italy	15	0.2
Greece	20	0.2
Albania	0	0.0
Austria	105	1.2
Bulgaria	50	0.6
Czechoslovakia	315	3.5
Hungary	945	10.6
Poland	1,640	18.4
Romania	770	8.6
Yugoslavia	60	0.7
Estonia	0	0.0
Latvia	165	1.9
Lithuania	105	1.2
Belarus	240	2.7
Georgia	0	0.0
Moldova	125	1.4
Russia	1,530	17.2
Ukraine	1,600	18.0
Morocco	585	6.6
Tunisia	25	0.3
Total	8,910	100.0

Jewish in the NHS. In order to compensate for this underestimate, all individuals born in the FSU, and who were of the appropriate age range, were included as Survivors.

As Table 4 shows, the most significant number of Holocaust Survivors in Toronto is of Polish origin (1,640), comprising 18.4% of the Survivor population living in this metropolitan area. The next largest group is from the Ukraine (1,600), comprising 18% of the Survivor population. There are also large numbers of Russian (1,530), Hungarian (945), Rumanian (770), and Moroccan (585) Survivors.

Note that there are no Survivors from Estonia and Georgia, among other countries. It may be that there are pockets of such individuals living in Toronto, but their small numbers are not registered by the National Household Survey, which for reasons of maintaining confidentiality, suppresses figures within cells that contain less than 15 individuals.

Finally, collapsing the countries along regional lines, 755 of Toronto's Survivors originate from Western Europe, 3,780 were born in Eastern Europe, 3,765 are from the

Former Soviet Union, and 610 are from North Africa.

Levels of Disability Among Survivors

Tables 5A and 5B examine the levels of disability among various elderly populations, including Survivors. Individuals responding to the NHS questionnaire were asked to indicate whether they suffered from a disability.

More specifically, the NHS asked whether the person had “any difficulty hearing, seeing, communicating, walking, climbing stairs, bending, learning or doing similar activities.” The choice of answers were: “Yes, sometimes”, “Yes, often” and “No”.

Unfortunately, respondents were not asked to specify the type of disability they suffered from. Whether they answered “often” or “sometimes” can be taken as an indirect measure of the severity of their difficulty, but such measures that rely completely on self-reporting have limitations regarding their interpretability.

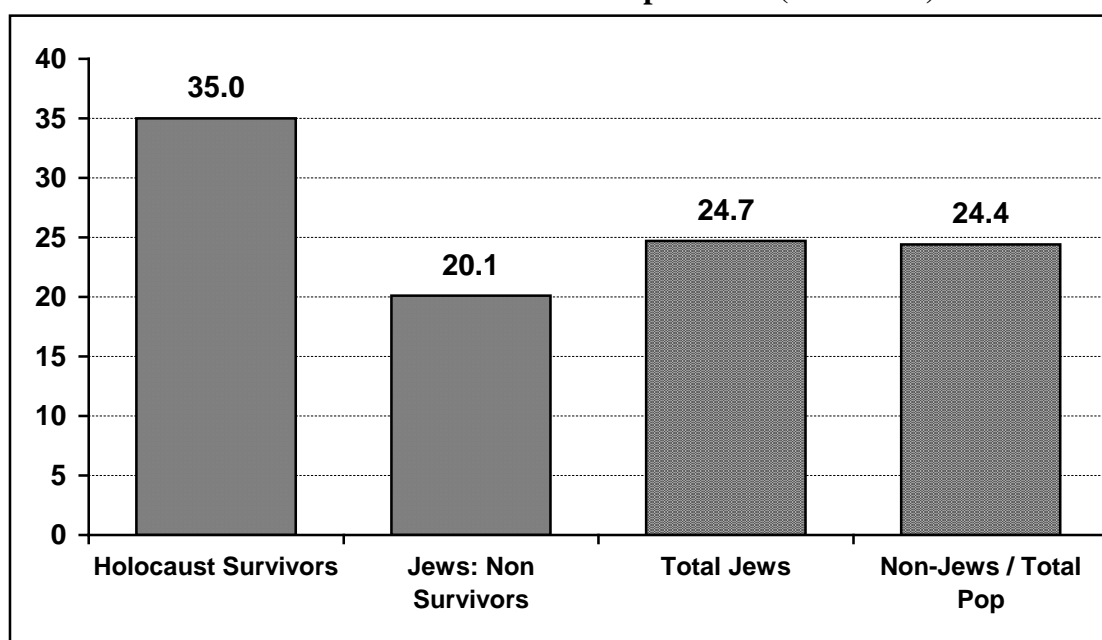
Table 5A
Disability Breakdowns
Jews, Non-Jews & Totals
Total Toronto Population (66+ Years)

	Total		Jews		Non-Jews	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Not Disabled	290,185	46.9	13,250	46.3	276,940	46.9
Disabled (Sometimes)	177,770	28.7	8,275	28.9	169,495	28.7
Disabled (Often)	150,885	24.4	7,075	24.7	143,805	24.4
Total	618,840	100.0	28,600	100.0	590,240	100.0

Table 5B
Disability Breakdowns
Holocaust Survivors & Not Survivors
Total Toronto Jewish Population (66+ Years)

	Total		Holocaust Survivors		Not Survivors	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Not Disabled	13,250	46.3	3,285	36.8	9,960	50.6
Disabled (Sometimes)	8,275	28.9	2,520	28.2	5,755	29.3
Disabled (Often)	7,075	24.7	3,125	35.0	3,950	20.1
Total	28,600	100.0	8,930	100.0	19,665	100.0

Figure 1
Disabled Often: % of Selected Populations (66+ Years)



About a third (36.8%) of Survivors indicated they had no disability at all, 28.2% said they were sometimes disabled, and 35% said they were often disabled. In short, 63.2% said they were at least sometimes disabled.

In terms of specific numbers, 3,285 of 8,930 Survivors said they were not disabled, 2,520 were sometimes disabled and 3,125 were often disabled.

As Figure 1 further shows, the proportion of individuals who are often disabled is larger among Survivors (35%) than for Jewish non-Survivors (20.1%) and the total senior population of Toronto 66+ years (24.4%).

Moreover, the percentage of those who have any disability (often or sometimes) is likewise higher among Survivors (63.2%), compared to Jewish non-Survivors (49.4%) and Toronto's total senior population 66+ years (53.1%).

Economic Vulnerability Among Survivors

Survivors who live in poverty are generally a vulnerable group. Lack of financial resources can impact the lives of Survivors in numerous ways. Economically

disadvantaged seniors are often more likely to have restricted mobility; to face social isolation if there are no family supports; and to struggle to cover the cost of medications or homecare, or face the prospect of doing without.

Tables 6A and 6B examine levels of poverty among selected senior populations. As Table 6B indicates, 25.2% of Survivors live below the poverty line, comprising 2,250 individuals. About three-quarters (74.8%) are not poor, comprising 6,675 individuals.

Figure 2 further shows that the level of poverty among Holocaust Survivors (25.2%) is significantly higher than that of any of the other senior populations. For instance, Jewish non-Survivors have a poverty level of 13.1%, well below that of Holocaust Survivors. The poverty level for total Toronto seniors 66+ years is 14.3%.

In fact, the level of poverty among Survivors is almost twice that of Jewish non-Survivors. Survivors raise the overall poverty level of seniors in the Jewish community from 13.1% for non-Survivors to 16.9% for all elderly Jews.

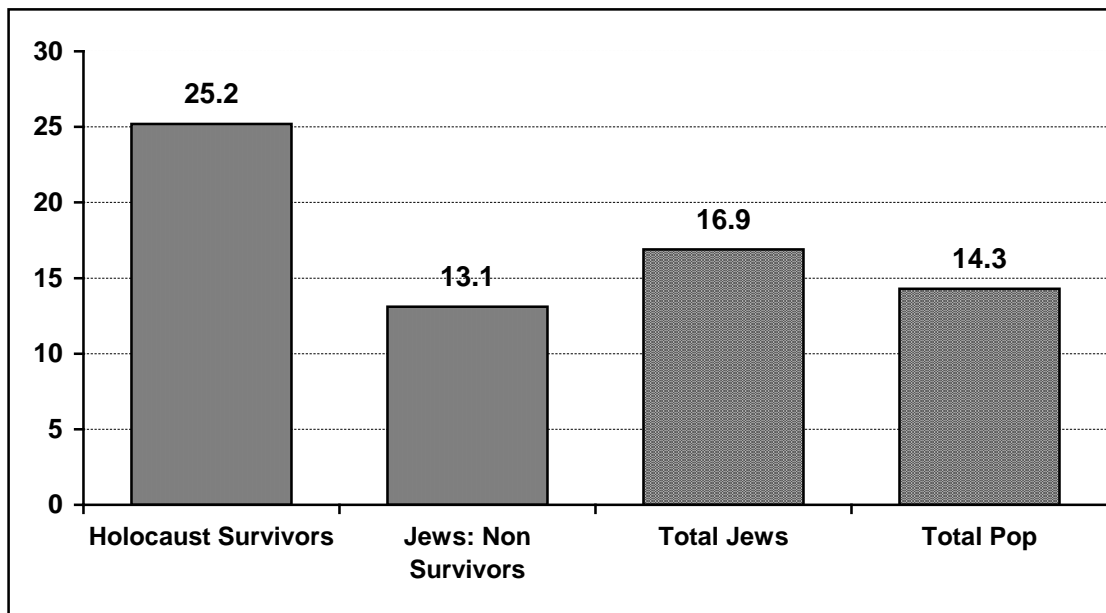
Table 6A
Poverty Breakdowns: Jews, Non-Jews & Totals
Total Toronto Population (66+ Years)

	Total		Jews		Non-Jews	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Poor	88,280	14.3	4,830	16.9	83,450	14.1
Not Poor	530,535	85.7	23,765	83.1	506,765	85.9
Not Applicable	25	0.0	0	0.0	25	0.0
Total	618,840	100.0	28,595	100.0	590,240	100.0

Table 6B
Poverty Breakdowns: Holocaust Survivors & Not Survivors
Total Toronto Jewish Population (66+ Years)

	Total		Holocaust Survivors		Not Survivors	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Poor	4,830	16.9	2,250	25.2	2,575	13.1
Not Poor	23,765	83.1	6,675	74.8	17,090	86.9
Total	28,595	100.0	8,925	100.0	19,665	100.0

Figure 2
Lives Below Poverty Line: % of Selected Populations (66+ Years)



The Living Arrangements of Survivors

The issue of living arrangements is an important one. Survivors who live alone may be more vulnerable to social isolation, and some may not have access to care provided by younger family members.

Tables 7A and 7B describe the living arrangements of selected elderly populations residing in the Toronto CMA. Almost two-thirds (60.5%) of Survivors representing 5,405 individuals live with family; 5.2% or 465 persons live with relatives; 2.8% or 250 persons live with non-relatives; and 31.5% or 2,810 individuals live alone.

The percentage of Survivors who live alone (31.5%) is higher than that of Jewish non-Survivors (28%), and significantly higher than that of the total Toronto senior population (22.2%). These differences suggest that Survivors are more likely to live alone than other elderly populations.

Survivors are also less likely to be in a family arrangement. For instance, 60.5% of Survivors live with their family, whereas 67.9% of non-Survivors do so, and 66.2% of total Toronto seniors live in such an arrangement.

A Closer look at Poverty Among Survivors

It is important to examine the various demographic variables related to poverty (including age, gender, disability and living arrangement) in order to get a more detailed and insightful picture of whom among the Survivor population is most at risk for economic disadvantage.

Tables 8A to 8D examine the interactions of age with poverty for selected populations. According to Table 8C, 24.3% of Survivors 66-74 years live below the poverty line, compared to a similar figure of 25.7% for those 75+ years. However, there are about twice as many poor Survivors among the older cohort: 760 for those 66-74 years, and 1,490 for those 75+ years.

Looking first at those between 66-74 years: Tables 8A to 8D reveal that the poverty rate of Survivors 66-74 years (24.3%) is much higher than that of Jewish non-Survivors in the same age group (10.1%), and also much higher than that for the overall population in Toronto who are 66-74 years (13%). Poverty seems to impact Survivors at a much younger age than the other elderly groups considered in this analysis. Figure 3 provides a visual summary of these findings.

Table 7A
Living Arrangements
Jews, Non-Jews & Totals
Total Toronto Population (66+ Years)

	Total		Jews		Non-Jews	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Living in a Family	409,875	66.2	18,755	65.6	391,120	66.3
Living With Relatives	60,460	9.8	825	2.9	59,625	10.1
Living With Non-Relatives	11,310	1.8	690	2.4	10,620	1.8
Living Alone	137,195	22.2	8,325	29.1	128,870	21.8
Total	618,840	100.0	28,595	100.0	590,235	100.0

Table 7B
Living Arrangements
Holocaust Survivors & Not Survivors
Total Toronto Jewish Population (66+ Years)

	Total		Holocaust Survivors		Not Survivors	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Living in a Family	18,755	65.6	5,405	60.5	13,345	67.9
Living With Relatives	825	2.9	465	5.2	370	1.9
Living With Non-Relatives	690	2.4	250	2.8	440	2.2
Living Alone	8,325	29.1	2,810	31.5	5,510	28.0
Total	28,595	100.0	8,930	100.0	19,665	100.0

In terms of the 75+ year cohort: The poverty level for older Survivors (25.7%) is higher than that of Jewish non-Survivors in the same age group (16.4%), and also higher than that for the total Toronto population who are 75+ years (15.7%). Figure 4 provides a visual description of these findings.

Tables 9A and 9B present detailed tabulations related to gender, age and poverty. They are perhaps the most critical breakdowns in order to identify the segments of the Survivor population that are most at risk for economic disadvantage.

Male Survivors have a much lower risk of poverty than females (19% and 29.5% respectively). There are 765 male Survivors who live under the poverty line compared to 1,450 females. In short, there are about twice as many economically disadvantaged female Survivors in Toronto as there are male Survivors.

When age is included as a factor, the situation becomes even more striking. In the case of male Survivors, increasing age seems to be associated with decreased levels of poverty. For instance, 21.7% of males 66-74 years are poor, compared to 19.6% of

males who are 75-84 years, and 14.6% of males who are 85+ years. It is not clear why poverty diminishes with age for male Survivors.

The situation is different for female Survivors. Their risk of poverty increases somewhat as they get older, particularly for those at least 75 years of age. About a quarter (26.5%) of female Survivors 66-74 years are poor; 31.1% of those 75-84 years are poor; and 31.2% of those 85+ years are poor. These figures show that any examination of poverty among Survivors must take both gender and age factors into account.

Finally, Tables 9A and 9B show that the risk of poverty among female Child Survivors is higher than that of male Child Survivors (29.1% and 20.4% respectively). The figures for Adult Survivors can be gleaned from the 85+ year cohorts in the same tabulations.

Tables 10A and 10B examine the interactions of poverty and disability. About one in ten (11.6%) of Toronto's Holocaust Survivors is both poor and often disabled, comprising 1,040 people. A further 5.7% is

Tables 8A-8D
Poverty / Age Interactions
Selected Populations (66+ Years)

Total Toronto Population	Total	Poor		Not Poor*	
	#	#	%	#	%
66-74 Years	326,670	42,550	13.0	284,120	87.0
75+ Years	292,155	45,725	15.7	246,430	84.3
Total	618,825	88,275	14.3	530,550	85.7

*Includes Not Applicable.

Total Toronto Jews	Total	Poor		Not Poor	
	#	#	%	#	%
66-74 Years	13,530	1,815	13.4	11,715	86.6
75+ Years	15,065	3,015	20.0	12,050	80.0
Total	28,595	4,830	16.9	23,765	83.1

Total Holocaust Survivors	Total	Poor		Not Poor	
	#	#	%	#	%
66-74 Years	3,130	760	24.3	2,370	75.7
75+ Years	5,805	1,490	25.7	4,315	74.3
Total	8,935	2,250	25.2	6,685	74.8

Total Not Survivors	Total	Poor		Not Poor	
	#	#	%	#	%
66-74 Years	10,400	1,055	10.1	9,345	89.9
75+ Years	9,260	1,520	16.4	7,740	83.6
Total	19,660	2,575	13.1	17,085	86.9

Note: Small discrepancies are due to rounding errors.

Figure 3
% of 66-74 Years Who Are Poor for Selected Populations

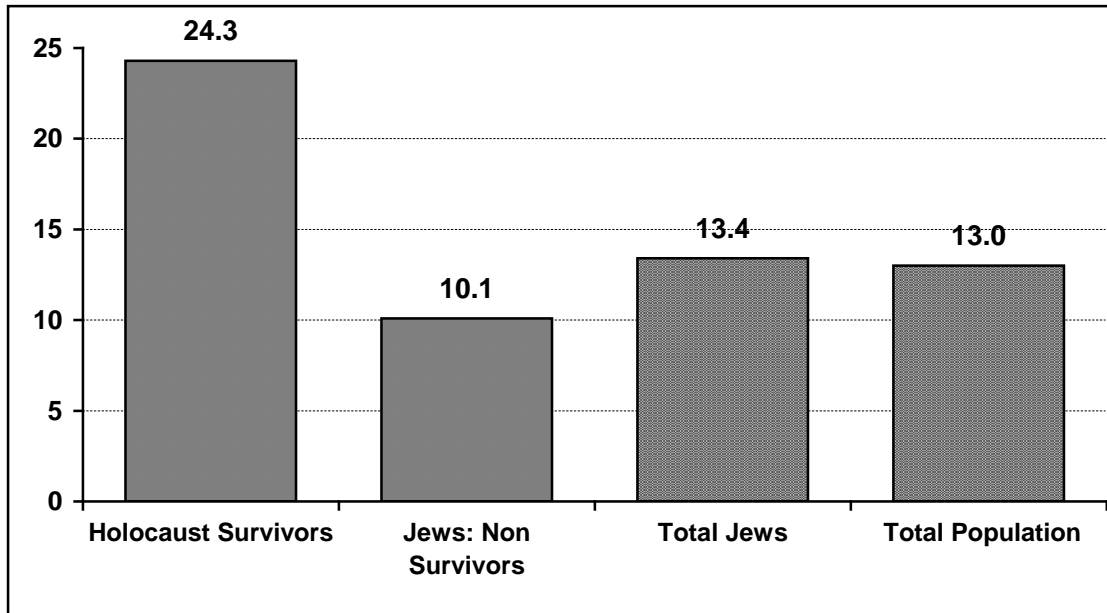
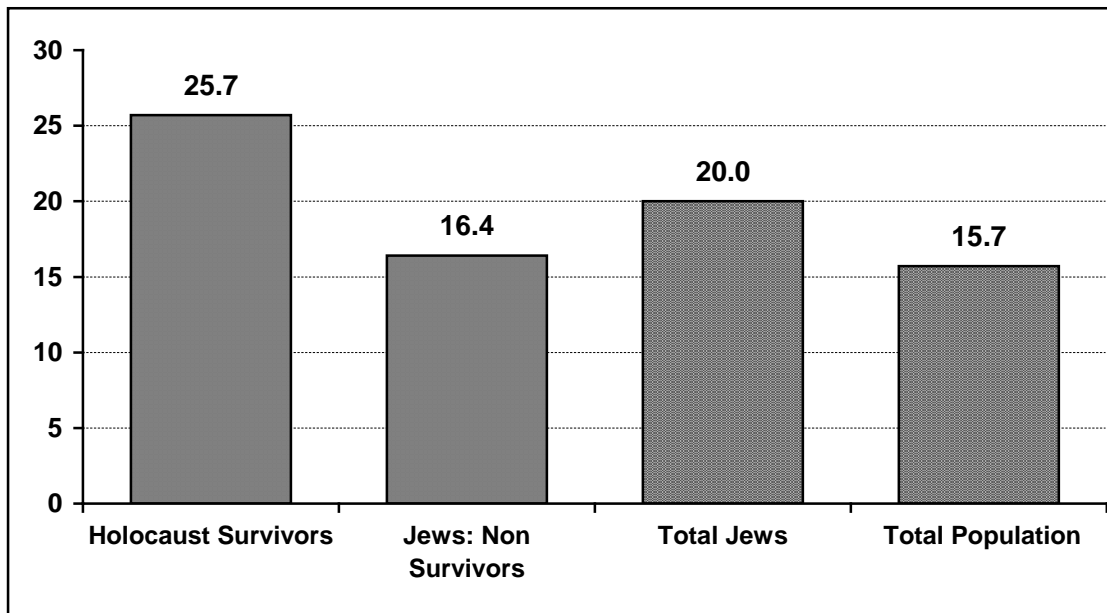


Figure 4
% of 75+ Years Who Are Poor for Selected Populations



Tables 9A & 9B
Poverty / Age / Gender Interactions
Total Toronto Holocaust Survivors

Males	Total	Poor	Not Poor	% Poor
All Ages Combined	4,020	765	3,230	19.0

66-74	1,430	310	1,115	21.7
75-84	1,530	300	1,235	19.6
85+	1,060	155	880	14.6

Child Survivors	2,960	605	2,350	20.4
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Females	Total	Poor	Not Poor	% Poor
All Ages Combined	4,910	1,450	3,450	29.5

66-74	1,700	450	1,255	26.5
75-84	2,025	630	1,390	31.1
85+	1,185	370	805	31.2

Child Survivors	3,725	1,085	2,640	29.1
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Note: Small discrepancies are due to rounding errors.

poor and sometimes disabled. All in all, 17.3% of the Survivor population is both poor and at least sometimes disabled.

Figure 5 shows that Survivors are much more likely to be poor and often disabled than other senior populations. For instance, whereas 11.6% of Survivors are poor and often disabled, only 3.7% of Jewish non-Survivors are experiencing such challenges. The discrepancy is similar for the total Toronto population 66+ years, where 4.3% are experiencing such circumstances.

Figure 6 shows the percentages of selected senior populations who are poor and disabled (often or sometimes). Holocaust Survivors again have a much higher proportion (17.3%) than either Jewish non-Survivors (7.2%) or the total Toronto elderly population 66+ years (8.4%).

Figure 7 is a summary of Survivor populations that are most at risk for poverty. Note that there is overlap between some of these groups.

It is clear that the segment of Survivors most likely to experience economic disadvantage is “females living alone”. More than half (51.9%) of this group live under the poverty

line. Male Survivors living alone also have a very high poverty level, at 40.8%.

The next highest group at risk for poverty is “females who are often disabled” (38.4%), followed by “females 85+ years” (31.2%), and “females 75-84 years” (31.1%). The rest of the segments described in this graph have poverty levels below 30%.

It is apparent from this graph that there are several different groups at high risk for economic disadvantage among the female Survivor population. Among males, those who live alone and who are often disabled are the only segments to have at least a 25% likelihood of poverty.

The Distribution of Holocaust Survivors Across Canada

Table 11A examines the population distribution of Holocaust Survivors across various provinces in Canada. The province of Ontario has the largest Survivor population, with 9,735 individuals, or more than half (56.4%) of the Survivor population in Canada. Quebec has 5,865 Survivors, or 34% of the national Survivor population. These two provinces comprise the great majority (90.4%) of Survivors in this country.

Table 10A
Poverty / Disability Interactions
Jews, Non-Jews & Totals
Total Toronto Population (66+ Years)

	Total		Jews		Non-Jews	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Poor / Often Disabled	26,750	4.3	1,765	6.2	24,980	4.2
Poor / Sometimes Disabled	25,265	4.1	1,185	4.1	24,080	4.1
Poor Not Disabled	36,270	5.9	1,880	6.6	34,390	5.8
Not Poor / Often Disabled	124,135	20.1	5,310	18.6	118,825	20.1
Not Poor / Sometimes Disabled	152,495	24.6	7,090	24.8	145,410	24.6
Not Poor Not Disabled / Other Combinations*	253,930	41.0	11,370	39.8	242,560	41.1
Total	618,845	100.0	28,600	100.0	590,245	100.0

*Includes Not Applicable.

Table 10B
Poverty / Disability Interactions
Holocaust Survivors & Not Survivors
Total Toronto Jewish Population (66+ Years)

	Total		Holocaust Survivors		Not Survivors	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Poor / Often Disabled	1,765	6.2	1,040	11.6	730	3.7
Poor / Sometimes Disabled	1,185	4.1	505	5.7	680	3.5
Poor Not Disabled	1,880	6.6	710	7.9	1,170	5.9
Not Poor / Often Disabled	5,310	18.6	2,085	23.3	3,225	16.4
Not Poor / Sometimes Disabled	7,090	24.8	2,020	22.6	5,075	25.8
Not Poor Not Disabled	11,370	39.8	2,575	28.8	8,790	44.7
Total	28,600	100.0	8,935	100.0	19,670	100.0

Note: Small discrepancies are due to rounding errors.

Figure 5
Poor & Often Disabled: % of Selected Populations (66+ Years)

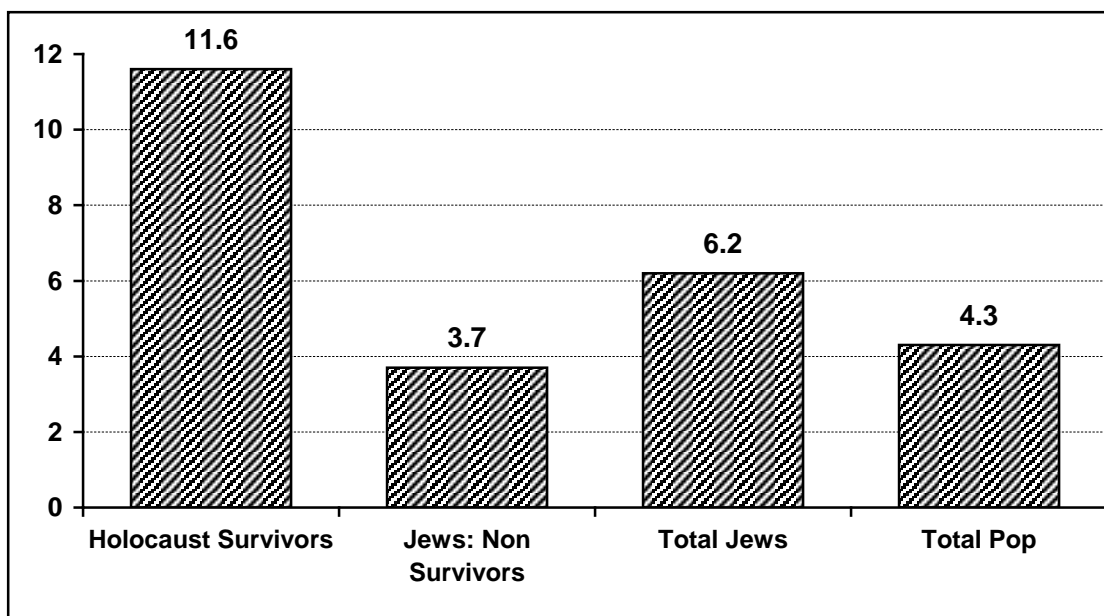


Figure 6
Poor & Disabled (Often or Sometimes): % of Selected Populations (66+ Years)

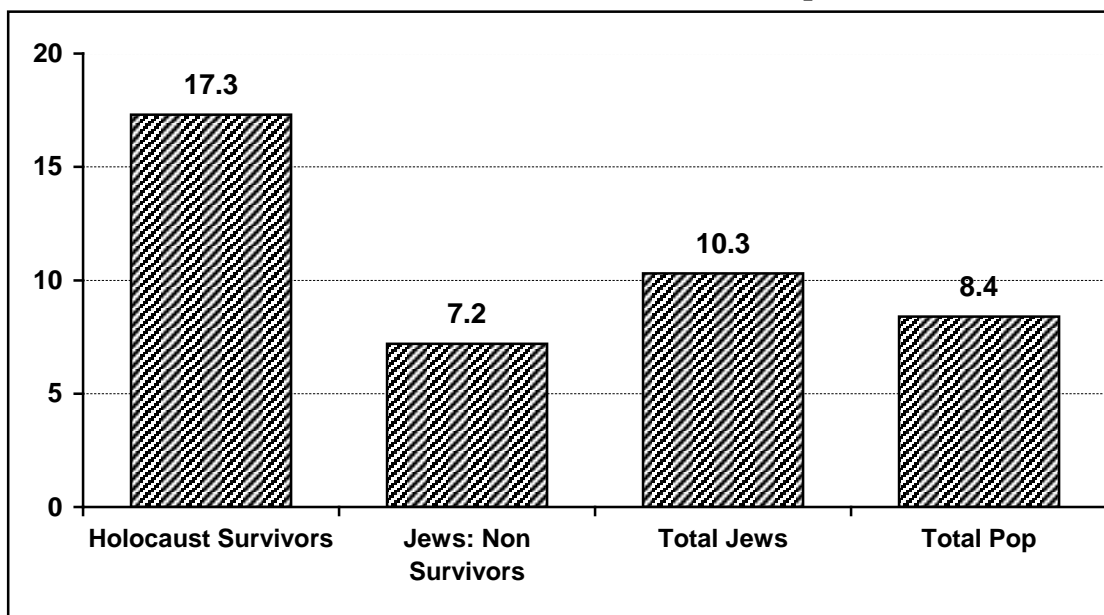


Figure 7
Most “At Risk” Survivors for Poverty (% Poor)



British Columbia has 695 Survivors, followed by Alberta with 650, and Manitoba with 290. The rest of the provinces have minimal numbers of Survivors.

Table 11B shows that the largest Survivor population is located in the Toronto metropolitan area, with 8,930 individuals, or 51.6% of the total Survivor population in Canada. More than half of all Survivors in

this country reside here. Montreal has 5,795 Survivors, or about a third (33.5%) of the national Survivor population.

Vancouver has the next largest Survivor community, with 565 individuals. Edmonton (330), Ottawa (310), Calgary (305), and Winnipeg (290) all have similar numbers of Survivors.

Table 11A
Holocaust Survivors by Province
Canadian Jewish Population (66+ Years)

	Total	Holocaust Survivors	Not Survivors	% of Canadian Survivors
Quebec	17,960	5,865	12,095	34.0
Ontario	33,800	9,735	24,065	56.4
Manitoba	2,460	290	2,170	1.7
Alberta	1,930	650	1,280	3.8
British Columbia	4,395	695	3,700	4.0
Rest of Provinces	670	40	630	0.2
Canada	61,215	17,275	43,940	100.0

Table 11B
Holocaust Survivors by Census Metropolitan Area
Canadian Jewish Population (66+ Years)

	Total	Holocaust Survivors	Not Survivors	% of Canadian Survivors
Montreal CMA	17,490	5,795	11,695	33.5
Toronto CMA	28,600	8,930	19,670	51.6
Ottawa CMA	1,655	310	1,345	1.8
Hamilton CMA	940	145	795	0.8
Winnipeg CMA	2,400	290	2,110	1.7
Calgary CMA	1,000	305	695	1.8
Edmonton CMA	850	330	520	1.9
Vancouver CMA	3,295	565	2,730	3.3
Rest of Canada	5,045	630	4,410	3.6
Canada	61,275	17,300	43,970	100.0

Appendix 1

Methodological Considerations

The two major questions used in this report to define who is Jewish, namely religion and ethnicity, were located in what was previously known as the Long Form of the National Census. In 2011, this Long Form became voluntary rather than mandatory to fill out. Because the sample was self-selected, this instrument became a survey rather than a Census.

The National Household Survey (NHS) was distributed to a third of the households in Canada, compared to 20% of households for the Census Long Form. However, whereas the Census had an almost universal rate of response, the NHS had a 73.9% response rate across Canada, and 74.6% in the Toronto CMA.

It is not clear to what extent non-response biases played a role in the results. For instance, it is possible that certain socioeconomic groups, such as the poor, less educated individuals, and recent immigrants, were generally less inclined to answer the National Household Survey. Statistics Canada applied sophisticated treatments to deal with possible gaps in the data but the

change in methodology has meant that it is difficult to determine error ranges based on projections gleaned from the sample.

This change in methodology has also made it difficult to compare the results of the National Household Survey with those of previous Censuses. Although some tables in this report present side-by-side comparisons of 2011 NHS data with previous Censuses, these comparisons should be interpreted with caution.

A further issue is the fact that since the 2001 Census, the number of Jews identifying themselves by ethnicity has declined dramatically. This was evident in 2006 and again in 2011. All those who considered themselves as Jewish by religion were included as Jews according to the definition employed in this report; but some who said they had no religious affiliation might have “fallen through the cracks” because they did not identify themselves as Jewish by ethnicity.

There may be several reasons why there has been a decline in Jewish ethnic

identification, but only two will be considered here. First, since the 2001 Census, the label “Canadian” was the first on the list of ethnic sample choices. This has changed the dynamics of the question significantly. It is possible that some people wanted to tout their attachment to Canada by indicating they were only of Canadian ethnicity. This is not an issue if they also indicated they were Jewish by religion. But if they said they had no religious identification, they could not be identified as Jewish using the traditional definition.

Second, the order of sample choices is determined by how many people indicated a particular ethnicity in the previous Census (2006). As the number of individuals choosing Jewish as their ethnicity has diminished, the Jewish choice has fallen further down the list, and was therefore among the last sample choices in the 2011 NHS. This may have had an impact on the self-reported affiliation of people.

A final consideration has to do with the definition used to identify Jews for the purposes of this report. The “Jewish Standard Definition”, formulated by Jim Torczyner of McGill University, has been used since 1971. This definition employs a

combination of religious and ethnic identification.

However, given changes in how Jews have responded to the ethnicity question, it was felt that a broader definition should be used. Hence, elements of other questions were incorporated, including place of birth, five-year mobility and knowledge of non-official languages. This new definition was called the “Revised Jewish Definition”. A full description of this definition can be found in Appendix 2.

This new Jewish definition makes comparisons between the National Household Survey and previous Censuses even more difficult. Hence, these latter Censuses were re-analyzed along the lines of the revised definition, and whenever possible, these new figures are presented in this report. Again, all comparisons of the NHS with previous Censuses, and particularly the identification of demographic trends, should be interpreted with caution.

All in all, despite the changes in methodology outlined above, the 2011 National Household Survey provides an important opportunity to better understand

the demographic situation of the national Jewish population, and to make use of this data for community planning and decision-making.

We are fortunate to have a national survey which includes questions related to religion

and ethnicity (the American Census does not). Also, the National Household Survey is one with a much larger scope than any Canadian Jewish community can implement on its own.

Appendix 2

The Revised Jewish Definition

Since 1971 all major analyses related to the Census have utilized what is known as the “Jewish Standard Definition” to distinguish who is Jewish from the rest of the population. Jim Torczyner of McGill University and the Jewish Federation of Montreal formulated this definition using a combination of religious and ethnic identification.

According to this criterion, a Jew was defined as anyone who specified that he or she was:

- Jewish by religion and ethnicity.
- Jewish by religion and having another ethnicity.
- Having no religious affiliation and Jewish by ethnicity.

Anyone who specified another religion (Catholic, Muslim, etc.) and a Jewish ethnicity was excluded from the above definition.

It is important to note that the category of “no religious affiliation” is broader than that of “no religion” because it includes those who consider themselves as agnostics, atheists and humanists, as well as having no religion. Since it is possible to be Jewish and

to have such affiliations, it was felt that an inclusive definition would better reflect the broad spectrum of Jewish adherence.

Given the marked decline in the number of Jews who identified themselves as ethnically Jewish since 2001, it was decided to expand the above definition of Jewishness. This “Revised Jewish Definition” incorporates more than just the religion and ethnicity variables in the National Household Survey.

According to this new criterion a Jew is defined as anyone who is:

- Jewish by religion and ethnicity.
- Jewish by religion and having another ethnicity.
- Having no religious affiliation and Jewish or Israeli by ethnicity.
- Having no religious affiliation and having knowledge of Hebrew or Yiddish as a “non-official” language.
- Having no religious affiliation and born in Israel.
- Having no religious affiliation and living in Israel in 2006.

A check was done to see whether the above criteria would erroneously include groups who should not be considered as Jews. For instance, there are Arab Israelis who might have no religious affiliation. Since their

mother tongue would be Arabic, and they would likely identify as having an Arab ethnicity, it was straightforward to determine that there were virtually no such individuals who were wrongly identified as Jews according to the Revised Jewish Definition.

All in all, the Revised Jewish Definition did not result in substantial increases in the Jewish populations of various metropolitan areas. The table below shows the differences in numbers using the revised and standard definitions.

Finally, it is not possible to say how a person behaves “Jewishly” using any definition of Jewishness based on the NHS. For instance, we cannot know whether they adhere to traditions or attend synagogue on a regular basis. No questions of these types were asked in the National Household Survey. Despite this limitation, the fact that we can identify Jewish affiliation at all is critical for using the NHS as a tool for better understanding our community.

Jewish Populations Based on Standard & Revised Definitions 2011 National Household Survey

	Jewish Standard Definition	Revised Jewish Definition
Halifax CMA	2,080	2,120
Montréal CMA	89,665	90,780
Toronto CMA	186,010	188,715
Ottawa CMA	13,850	14,010
Hamilton CMA	5,055	5,110
Kitchener CMA	1,970	2,015
London CMA	2,610	2,675
Windsor CMA	1,475	1,520
Winnipeg CMA	13,260	13,690
Calgary CMA	8,210	8,340
Edmonton CMA	5,440	5,550
Vancouver CMA	25,740	26,255
Victoria CMA	2,630	2,740
Total Canada	385,345	391,665

Appendix 3

The Definition of Holocaust Survivor

The term "Holocaust Survivor" was defined using the NHS parameters of age (66+ years in 2011), place of birth (all of Eastern Europe, most of Western Europe, and parts of North Africa), and year of immigration (starting from 1933-1942, depending on the place of birth). An attempt was made to conform as much as possible to the criteria specified by the Claims Conference's Jewish Nazi Victim Definition (2013).

There are some limitations related to the current definition. For instance a person may have been born in Europe, but immigrated to a third (non-European) country before the war. They then may have come to Canada after 1945. Such people would be considered as Holocaust Survivors, using the criteria specified above, even though they are not.

Another limitation relates to the fact that the NHS parameters were not always specific enough to make fine point geographic distinctions related to place of birth, at least in terms of conforming to the definition of Nazi Victims outlined by the Claims Conference.

For instance, it was possible to know whether a respondent was born in Morocco, but not whether they originated from French Morocco, Spanish Morocco or Tangiers. However, in the case of most countries, such fine point distinctions were not necessary to obtain adequate correspondence to the geographic criteria specified by the Claims Conference definition.

As mentioned in the text, it was initially decided to consider only 70% of elderly Jews (66+ years) born in Russia or the Ukraine as Survivors. However, previous reports suggested that some FSU Jews did not identify themselves as Jewish in the NHS. This may have reflected the fact that they had only a tenuous affiliation with Judaism, or perhaps given the hardships they endured in the FSU, it suggested an attitude of suspicion toward government agencies.

In order to compensate for this underestimate, all individuals born in the FSU, and who were of the appropriate age range, were included as Survivors. Since it was not possible to estimate to what extent individuals from the FSU did not identify as

Jews, it was not possible to ascertain how effective this strategy ultimately was in off-

setting such under-reporting.

Appendix 4

The Low-Income Cut-Offs

According to Statistics Canada, a person is living in poverty if he or she resides in a household containing a certain number of people who earn a total yearly income that falls below the Low Income Cut-Off (LICO). Hence, this criterion is based solely on information related to household size and household income. The table at the end of this appendix presents specific low income cut-offs given a certain household size and income.

There are some limitations related to this measure. Firstly, it does not take into account information regarding a person's "net worth". An individual can own a dwelling and an automobile yet can be classified as poor using the LICO criterion because his or her assets are not taken into account. There are some elderly, for instance, who own a house or a condominium, but receive a low pension income, and therefore fall below the poverty cut-off.

Also, there is a measure of arbitrariness regarding the definition employed by Statistics Canada. The low-income cut-offs

are calculated taking into account how much of their total income Canadian households spend on food, shelter and clothing, and (arbitrarily) estimating that households spending about two-thirds (63.6%) or more of their income on such necessities would be in "strained" circumstances.

The reasoning is that any household spending such a large proportion of its income on these essentials has too little money left over for other important expenditures. Using these assumptions, low-income cut-off points are then set for different sizes of households.

Another limitation of the use of the LICO as a measure of poverty is that it takes into account only three basic necessities (food, shelter and clothing). A more meaningful measurement, critics argue, would be to determine the cost of a "basket" of all necessities, including such expenditures as transportation, personal care, household supplies, recreation, health, and insurance. The main problem with this alternative approach is the difficulty of determining what ought to be included in the basket of

basic necessities of life and what ought to be excluded.

Another issue regarding poverty relates to the cost of living “Jewishly”. The current definition of poverty does not take into account the cost of maintaining a kosher diet, of buying various accoutrements necessary for proper holiday observances, or paying synagogue dues. Households experiencing financial strains may not be

able to meet some of the basic demands of their traditions. This can represent a reality to disadvantaged observant Jews that is not necessarily part of the life experiences of secular Jews.

Despite the limitations described above, “The Poverty Line”, as derived from the low-income cut-off specified by Statistics Canada, remains the most comprehensive method for assessing financial disadvantage.

Low Income Cut-Offs for the year 2010
Urban areas of 500,000+ people

Household Size	Household Income Cut-Off (\$) Before Taxes	Household Income Cut-Off (\$) After Taxes
1	22,637	18,759
2	28,182	22,831
3	34,646	28,430
4	42,065	35,469
5	47,710	40,388
6	53,808	44,791
7+	59,907	49,195

Source for the above table: Income in Canada.
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