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Jewish Population in the United States, 1971

Listed in the tables below total approximately 6,060,000. The prior published estimate (AJYB, 1969 [Vol. 70], p. 260) was 5,869,000 in 1968. The data therefore represent an annual growth figure of 1.07 per cent. This figure is comparable to the annual growth rate of the total resident population of the United States from 1968 to 1971 (exclusive of armed forces abroad). The proportion of the total resident population estimated to be Jewish remained at 2.94 per cent.

As pointed out in earlier articles, the methodologies for computing the two estimates are not comparable. The United States Census estimates are basically a mathematical model using vital statistics as its major parameter. The estimates for the Jewish population, as in the past, are based on figures supplied by member federations of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, supplemented by estimates from the files of the National United Jewish Appeal and adjusted somewhat arbitrarily for unlisted communities. The accuracy of community estimates varies, depending on what methods the individual local communities used in reaching them. The estimated change in population for any one community becomes available in spurts: no change is reported for several years, and then, usually as a result of a study, a new figure representing the cumulative change since the last estimate is established. Changes in the national figure are affected by this, although perhaps to a lesser degree than changes in the individual communities.

Major changes upward, since the 1968 listings, were reported for Miami and Hollywood (Fla.); Orange County (Cal.); Philadelphia and Lower Bucks County (Pa.); Lynn (Mass.), and the District of Columbia. These and similar increases are too large to be explained as constituting natural growth. They are almost certainly the result of one or both of the following: (1) a statistical correction of previous estimates or (2) the result of

migration. With regard to the latter, it remains a distinct possibility that migration gains are taken into account more quickly than migration losses.

Conceptually, for any one year, the total United States Jewish population would change from the previous year's figure by the arithmetic addition of (1) net migration, plus (2) net natural growth, plus (3) net change due to conversions. It is apparent that at this time we have only fragmentary data on (1), and virtually no hard data for (2) and (3). Changes in the national estimate for consecutive years therefore must be regarded with caution. The fact that the annual growth rate for the Jewish population (1968-1971) is the same as that for the general population raises questions in the light of the known fact that Jews share the characteristics of those general population sub-groups whose fertility rates are below the average.

While this would indicate a doubt about the annual growth rate, we remain uncertain as to whether the earlier or the later population level is at fault. Adding to the problem of estimation is a serious gap left by the lack of current and reliable survey data for New York City. With an estimated 40 per cent of the total Jewish population living in New York City and its three contiguous counties, any substantial change in that area's estimate will similarly affect the national total.

NATIONAL JEWISH POPULATION STUDY

With field work completed, the data derived from the NJPS conducted under the auspices of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds are now being prepared for analysis.

While the study will not produce individual community estimates in most cases (New York City will be a noticeable exception), it will offer an independent estimate of the total United States Jewish population. In addition, it will provide some bench-mark figures on birth and death rates. conversion rates, and migration patterns. These will enable us to evaluate past estimates, as well as to project more accurate figures for the future.

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APPENDIX

TABLE 1. JEWISH POPULATION IN THE THE UNITED STATES, 1971

State	Estimated Jewish Population	Total Population	Estimated Jewish Per Cent of Total
Alabama Alaska Arizona Arkansas California	9,140	3,479,000	0.26
	300	313,000	0.10
	21,000	1,849,000	1.14
	3,030	1,944,000	0.16
	721,045	20,223,000	3.56
Colorado	26,475	2,283,000	1.16
	105,000	3,081,000	3.41
	9,000	558,000	1.61
	15,000	741,000	2.02
	260,000	7,041,000	3.69
Georgia Hawaii Idaho Illinois Indiana	25,650	4,664,000	0.55
	1,500	789,000	0.19
	630	732,000	0.09
	284,285	11,196,000	2.54
	24,275	5,274,000	0.46
Iowa Kansas Kentucky Louisiana Maine	8,610	2,852,000	0.30
	2,100	2,258,000	0.09
	10,745	3,282,000	0.33
	16,115	3,681,000	0.44
	7,295	1,003,000	0.73
Maryland	187,110	4,000,000	4.68
	267,440	5,758,000	4.64
	93,530	8,997,000	1.04
	34,475	3,881,000	0.89
	4,125	2,226,000	0.19
Missouri Montana Nebraska Nevada New Hampshire	84,325	4,749,000	1.78
	845	708,000	0.12
	8,290	1,512,000	0.55
	3,380	507,000	0.67
	4,000	762,000	0.52
New Jersey New Mexico New York North Carolina North Dakota	412,465	7,300,000	5.65
	2,700	1,030,000	0.26
	2,535,870	18,391,000	13.79
	10,165	5,146,000	0.20
	1,250	625,000	0.20
Ohio	158,560	10,778,000	1.47
	5,940	2,610,000	0.23
	8,785	2,158,000	0.41
	471,930	11,879,000	3.97
	22,280	960,000	2.32

TABLE 1. JEWISH POPULATION IN THE THE UNITED STATES, 1971 (Cont'd)

State	Estimated Jewish Population	Total Population	Estimated Jewish Per Cent of Total
South Carolina	7,815	2,627,000	0.30
South Dakota	760	670,000	0.11
Tennessee	17,415	3,990,000	0.44
Texas	67,505	11,460,000	0.59
Utah	1,900	1,099,000	0.17
Vermont	1,855	458,000	0.40
Virginia	41,215	4,714,000	0.87
Washington	15,230	3,449,000	0.44
West Virginia	4,880	1,752,000	0.28
Wisconsin	32,150	4,476,000	0.72
Wyoming	345	340,000	0.10
TOTALS	6,059,730	206,256,000	2.94

TABLE 2. DISTRIBUTION OF U.S. JEWISH POPULATION BY REGIONS, 1971

Region	Total Population	Per Cent Distribution	Jewish Population	Per Cent Distribution
Northeast	49,591,000	24.0	3,828,135	63.2
New England	12,021,000	5.8	407,870	6.7
Middle Atlantic	37,570,000	18.2	3,420,265	56.5
North Central	57,268,000	27.8	732,610	12.1
East North Central	40,721,000	19.7	592,800	9.8
West North Central	16,547,000	8.1	139,810	2.3
South	63,915,000	31.0	694,850	11.5
South Atlantic	31,243,000	15.1	560,835	9.3
East South Central	12,977,000	6.3	41,425	0.7
West South Central	19,695,000	9.6	92,590	1.5
West	35,482,000	17.2	804,135	13.2
Mountain	8,549,000	4.1	57,275	0.9
Pacific		13.1	746,860	12.3
TOTALS	206,256,000	100.0	6,059,730	100.0

TABLE 3. COMMUNITIES WITH JEWISH POPULATIONS OF 100 OR MORE, 1971 (ESTIMATED)

Jewish State and City Population	Jewish State and City Population	Jewish State and City Population
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ALABAMA Anniston145	San Diego13,000 San Francisco73,000	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA Greater
Birmingham4,000	San Jose	Washington 112,500
Dothan265	San Pedro300	Washington 1.112,500
Gadsden185	Santa Barbara415	FLORDA
Huntsville650	Santa Cruz400	Brevard County1,200
Jasper	Santa Maria100	Clearwater700
Mobile1,200	Santa Monica8,000	Daytona Beach1,200
Montgomery 1,800	Santa Rosa400	Fort Lauderdale7,500
Selma	Stockton	Fort Myers300 Fort Pierce270
Tuscaloosa315	Tulare and Kings	Gainesville170
1 Listing of the control of the cont	county155	$Hollywood^{t}$ 20,000
ALASKA	Vallejo400	Jacksonville6,000
Anchorage100	Ventura county410	Key West
Fairbanks200		Lakeland700
	COLORADO	Lehigh Acres125
Phoenix14,000	Colorado Springs650	Miami187,500
Tucson	Denver25,000	Orlando5,600 Palm Beach
1 ucson,000	Pueblo375	county4,800
ARKANSAS		Pensacola800
Blytheville100	CONNECTICUT Pridgeport 14 500	Port Charlotte150
Ft. Smith200	Bridgeport 14,500 Bristol 250	Sarasota3,720
Helena100	Colchester525	St. Augustine100
Hot Springs600	Danbury1,800	St. Petersburg5,000
Little Rock1,200	Danielson125	Tallahassee500
Pine Bluff300 Southeast Arkansas ^b 140	Greenwich1,050	Tampa4,200
Wynne-Forest City110	Hartford24,000	GEORGIA
Wymie I biest City 1.116	Lebanon175	Albany525
CALIFORNIA	Lower Middlesex	Athens
Alameda & Contra	county ^e 125 Manchester700	Atlanta 16,500
Costa counties .19,000	Meriden1,315	Augusta1,200
Bakersfield850	Middletown1,225	Brunswick120
El Centro	Milford415	Columbus1,000
Fontana165	Moodus350	Dalton235 Fitzgerald-Cordele125
Fresno1,450	New Britain3,000	Macon
Lancaster100	New Haven20,000	Savannah2,900
Long Beach 15,000	New London4,500 New Milford350	Valdosta160
Los Angeles Metro-	Newtown275	
politan Area535,000	Norwalk5,000	HAWAH
Merced	Norwich 2,500	Honolulu1,500
Monterey1,000	P utnam110	IDAHO
Oakland (incl. in Ala-	Rockville525	IDAHO Воіse120
meda & Contra Costa	Stamford10,300	Dollo,
counties)	Torrington400	ILLINOIS
Ontario	Valley Aread1,300 Wallingford440	Aurora400
Orange County30,000	Waterbury2,800	Bloomington250
Palm Springs2,000 Pasadena1,600	Westport2,800	Chapaign-Urbana 1,000
Petaluma320	Willimantic525	Chicago Metropolitan Area269,000
Pomona300	Winsed110	Danville240
Riverside215		Decatur450
Sacramento4,800	DELAWARE	East St. Louis
Salinas	Wilmington (incl.	(incl. in So. III.)
San Bernardino1,900	rest of state)9,000	Elgin625

TABLE 3. COMMUNITIES WITH JEWISH POPULATIONS OF 100 OR MORE, 1971 (ESTIMATED) (Cont'd)

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Jewish State and City Population	Jewish State and City Population	Jewish State and City Population
Galesburg120	New Orleans 10,500	Salem1,050
Joliet	Shreveport1,500	Southbridge105
Kankakee245	3.5.4.TNTP	Springfield11,000
Mattoon	MAINE Augusta215	Taunton1,200
Реогіа2,170	Bangor1,300	Webster125
Ouincy	Biddeford-Saco375	Worcester10,000
Rock Island2,000	Calais135	
Rockford900	Lewiston-Auburn750	. MICHIGAN
Southern Illinois ^s 2,000	Portland3,500	Ann Arbor1,150
Springfield1,600 Sterling-Dixon110	Waterville220	Battle Creek245
Waukegan1,200		Bay City700 Benton Harbor880
Waukegan	MARYLAND	Detroit80,000
INDIANA	Annapolis1,000	Flint2,685
Anderson105	Baltimore100,000	Grand Rapids1,500
Elkhart245	Cumberland250	Iron county160
Evansville1,100	Easton Park Area 1 100	Iron Mountain105
Ft. Wayne1,250	Frederick400	Jackson
Garyh	Hagerstown220	Kalamazoo650
Indianapolis8,800	Harford county420	Lansing 1.000
Lafayette600	Montgomery	Marquette county 175
Marion	county•56,500	Mt. Clemens420
Michigan City350	Prince Georges	Muskegon525
Muncie	county*28,000 Salisbury220	Saginaw560
Richmond	Sansoury220	South Haven315
Shelbyville140 South Bend3,000		
Terre Haute700	MASSACHUSETTS	MINNESOTA
Terre Trade	Amherst	Austin
IOWA	Athol	Duluth1,300
Cedar Rapids330	Attleboro260	Hibbing
Council Bluffs245	Beverly1,000 Boston180,000	Minneapolis21,640 Rochester119
Davenport2,000	Brockton5,200	St. Paul 10,000
Des Moines3,000	Fall River3,500	Virginia175
Dubuque105	Fitchburg300	, 0
Fort Dodge115	Framingham 12,000	MISSISSIPPI
Mason City 110	Gardner100	Clarksdale320
Muscatine	Gloucester210	Cleveland280
Sioux City1,230	Great Barrington105	Greenville700
Waterloo435	Greenfield250	Greenwood175
Waterioo	Haverhill2,275	Hattiesburg175
KANSAS	Holyoke 1,750	Jackson
Topeka500	Hyannis245	Meridian385
Wichita1,200	Lawrence2,550	Natchez140
METRICAL TOTAL	Leominster 1,525 Lowell 2,000	Vicksburg260
Ashland150	Lynn	
Hopkinsville120	(incl. Peabody) 18,800	MISSOURI
Lexington1,200	Medway140	Columbia200
Louisville8,500	Milford245	Joplin300
Paducah175	Mills105	Kansas City22,000
	New Bedford3,100	Kennett
LOUISIANA	Newburyport280	St. Joseph625
Alexandria450	North Berkshire675	St. Louis60,000
Baton Rouge1,400	Northampton350	5 20025
Lafayette600 Lake Charles125	Peabody2,600	3 # M N T M A M 4
Monroe	Pittsfield2,400 Plymouth250	MONTANA Billings
Mining	Глушови	Dunings

TABLE 3. COMMUNITIES WITH JEWISH POPULATIONS OF 100 OR MORE, 1971 (ESTIMATED) (Cont'd)

Jewish State and City Population	Jewish State and City Population	Jewish State and City Population
NEBRASKA	Mt. Holly175	Gloversville1,400
Lincoln1,000	Newark (incl. in	Herkimer185
Omaha6,500	Essex county)	Highland Falls105
Omana :	New Brunswick 13,500	Hornell100
ATTITLE A	Newton315	Hudson470
Las Vegas3,000	North Hudson	Ithaca960
Reno	county ^k 7,000	Jamestown185
Reno	Passaic	Kingston2,300
NEW HAMPINDE	Paterson (incl.	Liberty 2,100
Claremont210	Fairlawn)26,000	Loch Sheldrake-
Concord175	Paulsboro165	Hurleyville750
Dover360	Perrineville230 Perth Amboy3,200	Massena
Keene105	Pine Brook225	Monroe400
Laconia160	Plainfield7,500	Monticello2,400
Manchester1,500	Princeton1,050	Mountaindale150
Nashua320	Rahway960	Greater New
Portsmouth480	Riverside125	York2.381.000
	Salem230	York2,381,000 New York
NEW JERSEY	Somerset county 2,600	City1,836,000
Atlantic City (incl.	South River700	Nassau372,000
Atlantic county) 10,000	<u>Summit</u> 1,830	Suffolk 42,000
Bayonne8,500	Toms River1,575	Westchester .131,000
Belmar	Trenton10,000	New Paltz150
Bergen county 100,000	Vineland2,450	Newark
Boonton	Westfield2,450 White Meadow	Niagara Falls1,000
Bridgeton515 Burlington140	Lake1,225	Norwich120
Camden18,230	Wildwood	Ogdensburg135
Carteret700	Willingboro1,300	Olean200
Clayton490	Woodbine140	Oneonta125
Dover1,000	Woodbridge4,550	Oswego100
Elizabeth (incl.	Woodbury350	Parksville140
Union county) .20,000	•	Pawling105
Englewood11,000	NEW MEXICO	Plattsburg275
Englishtown260	Albuquerque2,000	Port Chester4,500
Essex county (incl.	Las Cruces100	Port Jervis560
western Hudson	Santa Fe260	Potsdam
county as well as Hillside [part] and	NEW YORK	Poughkeepsie6,000 Rochester21,500
Springfield in	Albany	Rockland County .25,000
Union county) 100,000	Amenia140	Rome210
Farmingdale1,120	Amsterdam595	Saratoga Springs525
Flemington875	Auburn435	Schenectady4,500
Gloucester county165	Batavia210	Sharon Springs165
Hightstown1,575	Beacon315	South Fallsburg1,100
Hoboken500	Binghamton (incl.	Syracuse11,000
Jackson Township300	all Broome co.) 3,960	Troy
Jersey City12,000	Brewster	Utica2,800 Walden200
Keyport875 Lake Hiawatha875	Buffalo23,500 Canandaigua135	Warwick100
Lakewood2,100	Catskill290	Watertown250
Linden4,200	Corning125	White Lake425
Lyndhurst	Cortland440	Woodbourne200
Methuchen2,275	Dunkirk200	Woodridge300
Millville265	Ellenville1,450	
Monmouth county 25,000	Elmira1,500	NORTH CAROLINA
Morristown1,000	Geneva	Asheville1,050
Mt. Freedom260	Glens Falls780	Chapel Hill230

TABLE 3. COMMUNITIES WITH JEWISH POPULATIONS OF 100 OR MORE, 1971 (ESTIMATED) (Cont'd)

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Jewish	Jewish	Jewish
State and City Population	State and City Population	State and City Population
Charlotte2,500	PENNSYLVANIA	Reading3,000
Durham350	Aliquippa400	Sayre
Fayetteville480	Allentown4,600	Scranton5.045
Gastonia140	Altoona1,200	Shamokin145
Goldsboro120	Ambridge250	Sharon
Greensboro1,850	Beaver	Shenandoah230
High Point400	Beaver Falls400	State College400
Raleigh	Berwick	Stroudsburg410
Rocky Mount110	Bethlehem960	Sunbury160
Whiteville Zone ¹ 330	Braddock250 Bradford200	Uniontown435
Wilmington500 Winston-Salem440	Brownville150	Upper Beaver500
Williston-Salem440	Butler450	Washington300
NORTH	Carbon county125	Wayne county210
NORTH DAKOTA	Carbondale115	West Chester300 Wilkes-Barre4,735
Fargo	Carnegie200	Williamsport770
Grand Forks100	Central Bucks	York1,475
OHIO	county400	1018
оню Akron6,500	Chambersburg200	RHODE ISLAND
Ashtabula160	Chester2,100	Providence (incl.
Bellaire120	Coatesville305	rest of state)22,000
Canton2,675	Connells ville110	111 01 010, 1.22,000
Cincinnati28,000	Donora100	SOUTH CAROLINA
Cleveland80,000	Easton	Charleston 2.800
Columbus13,000	Ellwood City110	Columbia2.000
Dayton	Erie	Florence
East Liverpool290	Farrell	Greenville600
Elyria525	Greensburg300	Orangeburg county 105
Hamilton560	Hanover145	Spartanburg210
Lima	Harrisburg4,600	Sumter
Lorain1,000	Hazleton1,200	
Mansfield480	Homestead300	SOUTH DAKOTA
Marion120	Indiana120	Sioux Falls280
Middletown210	Johnstown1,100	
New Philadelphia140	Kittanning	TENNESSEE
Newark105	Lancaster2,000	Chattanooga2,450
Piqua120	Lebanon	Jackson120
Portsmouth120	Lewistown225 Lock Haven140	Johnson City ^o 210 Knoxville900
Sandusky150	Lower Bucks	Memphis9,000
Springfield560	county ⁿ 18,000	Nashville3,800
Steubenville620	McKeesport2,100	Oak Ridge240
Toledo7,350	Monessen100	Out 100g0240
Warren	Mt. Carmel100	TEXAS
Wooster	Mt. Pleasant120	Amarillo245
Youngstown5,400	New Castle400	Austin1,000
Zanesville350	New Kensington475	Baytown300
OTT 1770 1	Norristown2,000	Beaumont800
OKLAHOMA Myskogae	North Penn200	Brownsville160
Muskogee 120	Oil City150	Corpus Christi1,065
Oklahoma City1,500	Oxford-Kennett	Corsicana200
Oklahoma City Zone ^m 190 Tulsa2,500	Square180	Dallas22,000
i aisa	Philadelphia Metro-	De Witt county150
OPPON	politan Area350,000	El Paso 4,500
OREGON Corvellia 140	Phoenixville300	Ft. Worth2,600
Corvallis140	Pittsburgh45,000	Galveston630
Eugene	Pottstown	Houston21,000
Portland7,800 Salem200	Pottsville	Kilgore
Saichi200	Punxsutawney100	Laredo160

State and City	Jewish Population	State and City	Jewish Population	State and City	Jewish Population
Longview Lubbock McAllen North Texas Z Odessa Port Arthur San Antonio Texarcana Tyler	160 230 280 one ⁴ 175 150 260 6,250 100	Arlington (in in Alexand Danville Fredericksbur Hampton Harrisonburg Hopewell Lynchburg . Martinsville	ria)140 rg140265160140350	Charleston Clarksburg . Fairmont . Huntington Morgantown Parkersburg Weirton Wheeling	225 100 600 125 170
Waco Wharton	960	Newport New Norfolk Petersburg .	ws2,300 10,000 580		105
Ogden Sait Lake City	100	Portsmouth Richmond . Roanoke Suffolk	1,925 10,000 800 140	Fond du Lac Green Bay . Kenosha	120 2125 440 600
VERMONT Bennington Burlington Rutland St. Johnsbury	1,225	Bremerton .	120	Manitowoc . Marinette Milwaukee Oshkosh Racine	2,700 175 170 23,900 120 1,100
and urbaniz	h, ounty	Spokane Tacoma WEST VIRGINIA Beckley	800	Superior Waukesha Wausau	265265265280

[•] Florence, Sheffield, Tuscumbia.

b Towns in Chicot, Desha, Drew counties.

Ansonia, Derby-Shelton, Seymour.

Includes winter residents.

h Includes East Chicago, Hammond, Whiting.

- Towns in Caroline, Kent, Queen Annes, Talbot counties.
- Population for county was computed independently of towns within its borders.

Guttenberg, North Bergen, Seacaucus, Union City, Weehawken, West New York.

m Towns in Alfalfa, Beckham, Cadelo, Canadian, Cleveland, Custer, Jackson, Kingfisher, Kiowa, Lincoln, Logan, Oklahoma, Payne, Roger Mills, Tilman, Washita counties.

Bensalem Township, Bristol, Langhorne, Levittown, New Hope, Newtown, Pendel, War-

Includes Kingsport and Bristol (including the portion of Bristol in Virginia).

Includes communities also in Colorado, Fayette, Gonzales and LaVaca counties.

Denison, Gainesville, Greenville, Paris, Sherman.

Centerbrook, Chester, Clinton, Deep River, Essex, Killingworth, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook, Saybrook, Westbrook.

Greater Washington includes urbanized portions of Montgomery and Prince Georges counties. Md.; Arlington county, Fairfax county (urbanized portion); Falls Church; Alexandria, Va.

Towns 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.

¹ Burgaw, Clinton, Dunn, Elizabethtown, Fairmont, Jacksonville, Lumberton, Tabor City, Wallace, Warsaw; and Dillon, Loris, Marion, Mullins, S.C.

rington, Yardley.