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Population Size and Distribution

1. 136,800 persons live in 73,000 Jewish households. Of the 136,800 persons in Jewish households, 130,900 persons (96%) are Jewish. Another 400 Jewish persons live in institutions (without their own telephone numbers). An additional 3,400 Jewish persons in 2,000 Jewish households live in Palm Beach County for less than three months of the year.
2. South Palm Beach is the ninth largest Jewish community in the U.S. and the second largest in Florida.
3. In 1995, 115,500 persons lived in 61,300 Jewish households. Of the 115,500 persons in Jewish households, 110,450 persons (96%) were Jewish.
4. The number of persons in Jewish households increased from 1,000 persons in 1970 to 37,000 persons in 1980, 92,000 persons in 1990, 115,500 persons in 1995, 129,000 persons in 1999, and 136,800 persons in 2005.
5. From 1986-1990, the number of persons in Jewish households increased by 6,000 persons per year.
6. From 1990-1995, the number of persons in Jewish households increased by 4,800 persons per year.
7. From 1995-1999, the number of persons in Jewish households increased by 3,000 persons per year.
8. From 1999-2005, the number of persons in Jewish households increased by 1,500 persons per year.
9. 49% of households in South Palm Beach are Jewish households.
10. 22% of Jewish households live in one zip code area (33484 in Delray Beach) and 54% live in one of three zip code areas (33484 in Delray Beach, 33446 in Delray Beach, and 33434 in Central Boca).

Geographic Profile

11. 0% of adults in Jewish households were locally born (in Palm Beach County).
12. 12% (14,859 adults) of adults in Jewish households were foreign born.
13. 1% (803 households) of households are from the Former Soviet Union.
14. 1% (1,559 adults) of Jewish adults in Jewish households consider themselves to be Hispanic Jews; 2% (2,518 adults) consider themselves to be Israelis; and 4% (5,155 adults) consider themselves to be Sephardic Jews.
15. 19% of households are part-year households (live in Palm Beach County for 3-7 months of the year).
16. 19% of households have lived in Palm Beach County for 0-4 years; 23%, for 20 or more years.
17. 31% of households have lived at their current address for 0-4 years; 14%, for 20 or more years.
18. 91% of households own their homes.
19. An average of between 335 and 807 full-year households will move out of South Palm Beach each year within the next three years (the *out-migration rate*). An average of 1,996 full-year households who currently live in South Palm Beach moved to Palm Beach County each year during the past five years (the *in-migration rate* for full-year households). Assuming that the current rate of in-migration continues for the next few years, these data suggest that the number of Jewish full-year households in South Palm Beach will probably continue to increase significantly during the next few years as a result of migration into and out of South Palm Beach.
20. 20% of households in which the respondent is age 50 or over have at least one adult child who has established his/her own home in Palm Beach County; another 9% have adult children who have established their own homes in Broward or Miami.

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Demographic Profile

21. 9% (11,899 children) of persons in Jewish households are age 0-17, of whom 92% (10,994 children) are being raised Jewish.
22. 62% (84,111 persons) of persons in Jewish households are age 65 and over.
23. 11% of *Jewish* children age 0-17 live in East Boca; 41%, in Central Boca; 31%, in West Boca; and 17%, in Delray Beach.
24. 6% of elderly persons in Jewish households live in East Boca; 30%, in Central Boca; 8%, in West Boca; and 56%, in Delray Beach.
25. The average household size is 1.87 persons.
26. 35% of households contain 1 person; 53%, 2 persons; 5%, 3 persons; and 7%, 4 or more persons.
27. 9% of households are households with children age 0-17 at home; 2% are households with only adult children age 18-29 at home; 48% are married households with no children at home; and 35% are single person households.
28. 30% (2,495 children) of children *age 0-12* in Jewish households live in households in which both parents (or *the* parent in a single parent household) are employed full time.
29. 12% (1,416 children) of children *age 0-17* in Jewish households live in single parent households.
30. 25% (3,022 children) of children *age 0-17* in Jewish households live in households in which an adult is either currently divorced or divorced and remarried.
31. 26% of persons age 65 and over in Jewish households live alone.
32. 69% of adults in Jewish households are currently married; 19% are currently widowed.
33. 49% of adults age 25 and over in Jewish households have a four-year college degree or higher.
34. 26% of adults in Jewish households are in the labor force; 67% are retired.
35. The median value of homes owned by Jewish households is \$217,700.
36. The 2004 median household income is \$58,700.
37. 19% (13,724 households) of households may be considered to be low income households (earned under \$25,000 in 2004). 1.5% (1,095 households) of households reported a household income that was below the Federal poverty levels.

Religious Profile

38. 4% of Jewish respondents identify as Orthodox; 35%, Conservative; 1%, Reconstructionist; 34%, Reform; and 26%, Just Jewish.
39. 87% of households have a mezuzah on the front door.
40. 80% of households always or usually participate in a Passover Seder.
41. 77% of households always or usually light Chanukah candles.
42. 22% of households always or usually light Sabbath candles.
43. 14% of households keep a kosher home; 5% of respondents keep kosher in and out of the home.
44. 2% of respondents refrain from using electricity on the Sabbath.
45. 8% of households always, usually, or sometimes have a Christmas tree in the home.
46. 20% of Jewish respondents attend synagogue services once per month or more.
47. 28% of Jewish respondents never attend synagogue services (or only attend for special occasions).
48. 88% of married couples are in-married; 3% are conversionary in-married; and 9% are intermarried.
49. 1% (1,702 persons) of Jewish persons in Jewish households are Jews-by-Choice.
50. 75% of children age 0-17 in intermarried households are being raised Jewish.
51. 49% of *households in which the respondent is age 50 or over and has married adult children who have established their own homes* have intermarried children.

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Membership Profile

52. 54% of Jewish households are *associated* with the Jewish community in that someone in the household is a member of a synagogue, Jewish Community Center (JCC), or Jewish organization.
53. 33% of households *reported* current synagogue membership either in South Palm Beach or elsewhere, including 19% who are members of a synagogue located in South Palm Beach.
54. *According to the Synagogue Survey*, 46% of the 9,809 synagogue member households who belong to a synagogue located in South Palm Beach, West Palm Beach, or northern Broward are members of a Conservative synagogue; 32%, a Reform synagogue; 19%, an Orthodox synagogue; and 4%, other synagogues.
55. 84% of households are synagogue members at some time during their adult lives.
56. 9% of households *reported* current JCC membership, including 4% who are members of the Levis JCC.
57. 26% of households participated in or attended a program at a JCC in the past year, including 19% at the Levis JCC.
58. 40% of households are current Jewish organization members.
59. 25% of Jewish respondents feel very much a part of the Palm Beach County Jewish community; 36%, somewhat; 24%, not very much; and 16%, not at all.

Jewish Education of Adults

60. 75% of born or raised Jewish adults received some formal Jewish education as children.
61. 9% of born or raised Jewish adults attended a Jewish day school as children.
62. 24% of born or raised Jewish adults attended or worked at a Jewish sleep away camp as children.
63. 33% of born or raised Jewish adults were active in a Jewish youth group as teenagers.
64. 24% of born or raised Jewish adults who attended college participated in Hillel (excluding the High Holidays).
65. 29% of Jewish respondents used the Internet for Jewish-related information in the past year.
66. 19% of Jewish respondents attended an adult Jewish education class or program in the past year.

Jewish Education of Children

67. 44% of Jewish children *age 0-5* (including only those Jewish children age 5 who do not yet attend kindergarten) attend a Jewish preschool/child care program; 23% attend a non-Jewish preschool/child care program; and 33% do not attend a preschool/child care program.
68. 65% of Jewish children *age 0-5* who attend a preschool/child care program attend a Jewish preschool/child care program.
69. 22% of Jewish children *age 5-12* (including only those Jewish children age 5 who already attend kindergarten) attend a Jewish day school; 15%, a non-Jewish private school; and 63%, a public school.
70. 59% of Jewish children *age 5-12* who attend a private school attend a Jewish day school.
71. 56% of Jewish children *age 5-12* and 22% of Jewish children *age 13-17* currently attend formal Jewish education.
72. 76% of Jewish children *age 5-17* currently attend or have attended formal Jewish education, including 34% who currently attend or have attended a Jewish day school.
73. 21% of Jewish children *age 3-17* attended a Jewish day camp this past summer (the summer of 2004); 28% attended a non-Jewish day camp; and 51% did not attend a day camp.

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74. 11% of Jewish children *age 6-17* attended a Jewish sleep away camp this past summer (the summer of 2004); 6% attended a non-Jewish sleep away camp; and 84% did not attend a sleep away camp.
75. 21% of Jewish children *age 13-17* are members of a Jewish teenage youth group.

Jewish Agencies—Familiarity

76. 15% of respondents are very familiar, 28% are somewhat familiar, and 56% are not at all familiar with the Levis JCC.
77. 13% of respondents are very familiar, 28% are somewhat familiar, and 59% are not at all familiar with the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County.
78. 7% of respondents are very familiar, 23% are somewhat familiar, and 69% are not at all familiar with Jewish Family Service.
79. 5% of respondents are very familiar, 18% are somewhat familiar, and 77% are not at all familiar with the Weinberg Center.
80. 5% of respondents are very familiar, 13% are somewhat familiar, and 82% are not at all familiar with Menorah House.
81. 3% of respondents are very familiar, 6% are somewhat familiar, and 91% are not at all familiar with the Jewish Association for Residential Care.
82. 3% of respondents are very familiar, 7% are somewhat familiar, and 91% are not at all familiar with the Gould and Weinberg House.
83. 3% of respondents are very familiar, 7% are somewhat familiar, and 90% are not at all familiar with the Jewish Education Commission.
84. 2% of respondents are very familiar, 6% are somewhat familiar, and 92% are not at all familiar with the Jewish Community Foundation.
85. 2% of respondents are very familiar, 6% are somewhat familiar, and 92% are not at all familiar with the Jewish Community Relations Council.
86. 83% of respondents are at least somewhat familiar with *at least one* of the agencies queried.

Jewish Day Schools—Familiarity

87. 46% of respondents in households with Jewish children are very familiar, 41% are somewhat familiar, and 13% are not at all familiar with the Donna Klein Jewish Academy.
88. 15% of respondents in households with Jewish children are very familiar, 39% are somewhat familiar, and 46% are not at all familiar with the Hillel Day School of Boca Raton.
89. 10% of respondents in households with Jewish children are very familiar, 25% are somewhat familiar, and 65% are not at all familiar with the Solomon Schechter Day School of South Palm Beach County.
90. 7% of respondents in households with Jewish children are very familiar, 16% are somewhat familiar, and 77% are not at all familiar with the Torah Academy of Boca Raton.
91. 6% of respondents in households with Jewish children are very familiar, 11% are somewhat familiar, and 83% are not at all familiar with the Weinbaum Yeshiva High School.

Jewish Agencies—Perception

92. 39% of respondents who are very familiar or somewhat familiar with the Levis JCC perceive it as excellent; 51%, good; 7%, fair; and 2%, poor.
93. 32% of respondents who are very familiar or somewhat familiar with the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County perceive it as excellent; 55%, good; 9%, fair; and 4%, poor.

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94. 36% of respondents who are very familiar or somewhat familiar with Jewish Family Service perceive it as excellent; 53%, good; 8%, fair; and 3%, poor.
95. 30% of respondents who are very familiar or somewhat familiar with the Weinberg Center perceive it as excellent; 54%, good; 13%, fair; and 3%, poor.
96. 26% of respondents who are very familiar or somewhat familiar with Menorah House perceive it as excellent; 53%, good; 11%, fair; and 10%, poor.
97. 53% of respondents who are very familiar or somewhat familiar with the Jewish Association for Residential Care perceive it as excellent; 40%, good; 6%, fair; and 2%, poor.
98. 35% of respondents who are very familiar or somewhat familiar with the Gould and Weinberg House perceive it as excellent; 60%, good; 4%, fair; and 1%, poor.
99. 28% of respondents who are very familiar or somewhat familiar with the Jewish Education Commission perceive it as excellent; 65%, good; 6%, fair; and 1%, poor.
100. 25% of respondents who are very familiar or somewhat familiar with the Jewish Community Foundation perceive it as excellent; 64%, good; 6%, fair; and 4%, poor.
101. 33% of respondents who are very familiar or somewhat familiar with the Jewish Community Relations Council perceive it as excellent; 58%, good; 9%, fair; and 1%, poor.

Jewish Day Schools—Perception

102. 35% of respondents in households with Jewish children who are very familiar or somewhat familiar with the Donna Klein Jewish Academy perceive it as excellent; 47%, good; 13%, fair; and 5%, poor.
103. 29% of respondents in households with Jewish children who are very familiar or somewhat familiar with the Hillel Day School of Boca Raton perceive it as excellent; 62%, good; 6%, fair; and 3%, poor.
104. 13% of respondents in households with Jewish children who are very familiar or somewhat familiar with the Solomon Schechter Day School of South Palm Beach County perceive it as excellent; 70%, good; 13%, fair; and 4%, poor.

Social Service Needs

105. 22% (15,841 households) of households contain a health-limited member, including 7% who contain a health-limited member who needs daily assistance.
106. 26% (2,582 households) of households with single Jewish adults age 18-64 were interested in singles programs in the past year.
107. 26% of households with single Jewish adults age 18-64 have used a Jewish Internet dating service at some time.
108. 11% (8,176 households) of households needed help in coordinating services for an elderly or disabled person in the past year.
109. 10% (581 households) of households with Jewish children age 0-17 needed programs for Jewish children with learning disabilities or other special needs such as developmental disabilities in the past year.
110. 9% (2,119 households) of households with adults age 18-64 needed help in finding a job or choosing an occupation in the past year.
111. 6% (4,526 households) of households needed marital, family, or personal counseling in the past year.

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112. 15% (8,366 households) of households with elderly persons needed in-home health care in the past year.
113. 7% (3,737 households) of households with elderly persons needed senior transportation in the past year.
114. 3% (1,896 households) of households with elderly persons needed nursing home care in the past year.
115. 1% (781 households) of households with elderly persons needed adult day care in the past year.
116. 1% (725 households) of households with elderly persons needed home-delivered meals in the past year.
117. 1% (558 households) of households with elderly persons needed an assisted living facility in the past year.
118. 10% of households in which the respondent is age 40 or over have an elderly relative who does not live in the respondent's home and who in some way depends upon the household for his/her care.
119. 91% of households with elderly persons contain a member who drives.
120. 62% of Jewish respondents age 40 and over would very much prefer Jewish-sponsored adult care facilities; 20% would somewhat prefer Jewish-sponsored adult care facilities; 16% would have no preference; and 1% would rather not use Jewish-sponsored adult care facilities.

Israel

121. 61% of households contain a member who visited Israel.
122. 30% of households contain a member who visited Israel on a Jewish trip.
123. 9% of households with Jewish children age 0-17 have sent a Jewish child to Israel on a Jewish trip; 3%, on a general trip.
124. 24% of Jewish respondents are extremely emotionally attached to Israel; 36% are very attached; 33% are somewhat attached; and 7% are not attached.

Anti-Semitism

125. 7% of Jewish respondents personally experienced anti-Semitism in Palm Beach County in the past year.
126. 9% of households with Jewish children age 6-17 contain a Jewish child age 6-17 who experienced anti-Semitism in Palm Beach County in the past year.
127. 9% of respondents perceive a great deal of anti-Semitism in Palm Beach County; 31%, a moderate amount; 33%, a little; and 26%, none at all.
128. 2% (2,637 adults) of Jewish adults are Holocaust survivors; 1% (1,559 adults) are children of Holocaust survivors.

Media

129. 25% of respondents always read the *Palm Beach Jewish Journal*; 11%, usually; 23%, sometimes; and 41%, never.
130. 18% of respondents who always, usually, or sometimes read the *Palm Beach Jewish Journal* perceive it as excellent; 61%, good; 18%, fair; and 4%, poor.
131. 63% of respondents always read the *Sun-Sentinel*; 9%, usually; 14%, sometimes; and 14%, never.
132. 10% of respondents always read the *Palm Beach Post*; 3%, usually; 22%, sometimes; and 66%, never.

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Philanthropic Profile--Behavior

133. 86% of households reported that they donated to one or more charities, either Jewish or non-Jewish, in the past year.
134. 37% of households *reported* that they donated to the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County (JFSPBC) in the past year.
135. 20% of households reported that they donated to other Jewish Federations (Jewish Federations other than JFSPBC) in the past year.
136. 54% of households reported that they donated to other Jewish charities (Jewish charities other than Jewish Federations) in the past year.
137. 69% of households reported that they donated to Jewish charities in the past year.
138. 74% of households reported that they donated to non-Jewish charities in the past year.
139. 55% of households reported that they were not asked to donate to JFSPBC in the past year; 8% reported that they were asked, but did not donate. 17% of *households asked to donate* to JFSPBC in the past year did not donate.
140. 8% of households donated to both other Jewish Federations and JFSPBC in the past year; 29% donated to JFSPBC but not to other Jewish Federations; 12% donated to other Jewish Federations but not JFSPBC; and 51% did not donate to any Jewish Federation.
141. *According to the Jewish Federation Survey*, the 2004 JFSPBC Annual Campaign raised \$19,452,094 from 14,372 donors. The average donation *per household* was \$266.
142. 58% of households donated to both Jewish and non-Jewish charities in the past year; and 14% did not donate to any charities; 11% donated to Jewish charities but not to non-Jewish charities; 16% donated to non-Jewish charities but not to Jewish charities.
143. Of all charitable dollars donated by Jewish households in the past year, 20% were donated to JFSPBC; 19%, to other Jewish Federations; 33%, to other Jewish charities; and 28%, to non-Jewish charities.
144. Of all charitable dollars donated by Jewish households in the past year, 72% were donated to Jewish charities (*including* JFSPBC).
145. Of all charitable dollars donated by Jewish households *to Jewish charities* in the past year, 27% were donated to JFSPBC.
146. 10% of respondents age 50 and over do not have wills; 74% have wills that contain no charitable provisions; 13% have wills that contain provisions for Jewish charities; and 3% have wills that contain provisions for non-Jewish charities only.
147. 14% of Jewish respondents volunteered for Jewish organizations only in the past year; 17% volunteered for non-Jewish organizations only; 9% volunteered for both Jewish and non-Jewish organizations; and 60% did not volunteer for any organization.

Philanthropic Profile--Attitudes

148. 75% of respondents in households who donated \$100 and over to Jewish Federations or other Jewish charities in the past year reported that “combating anti-Semitism” is a very important motivation to donate to Jewish organizations (20%, somewhat important; 5%, not at all important).
149. 71% of respondents in households who donated \$100 and over to Jewish Federations or other Jewish charities in the past year reported that “providing social services for the Jewish elderly” is a very important motivation to donate to Jewish organizations (24%, somewhat important; 5%, not at all important).

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150. 68% of respondents in households who donated \$100 and over to Jewish Federations or other Jewish charities in the past year reported that “supporting the people of Israel” is a very important motivation to donate to Jewish organizations (28%, somewhat important; 4%, not at all important).
151. 65% of respondents in households who donated \$100 and over to Jewish Federations or other Jewish charities in the past year reported that “providing Jewish education for children” is a very important motivation to donate to Jewish organizations (28%, somewhat important; 8%, not at all important).
152. 59% of respondents in households who donated \$100 and over to Jewish Federations or other Jewish charities in the past year reported that “helping Jews overseas who are in distress” is a very important motivation to donate to Jewish organizations (36%, somewhat important; 6%, not at all important).
153. 49% of respondents in households who donated \$100 and over to Jewish Federations or other Jewish charities in the past year reported that “providing individual and family counseling for Jews” is a very important motivation to donate to Jewish organizations (39%, somewhat important; 12%, not at all important).
154. 44% of respondents in households who donated \$100 and over to Jewish Federations or other Jewish charities in the past year reported that “supporting educational trips to Israel” is a very important motivation to donate to Jewish organizations (36%, somewhat important; 20%, not at all important).
155. 40% of respondents in households who donated \$100 and over to Jewish Federations or other Jewish charities in the past year reported that “providing social, recreational, and cultural activities for Jews” is a very important motivation to donate to Jewish organizations (48%, somewhat important; 12%, not at all important).
156. 27% of respondents in households who donated \$100 and over to JFSPBC in the past year reported that they would donate more to the Jewish Federation if “more of the money went to local needs.”
157. 20% of respondents in households who donated \$100 and over to JFSPBC in the past year reported that they would donate more to the Jewish Federation if “more of the money went to needs in Israel and overseas.”
158. 19% of respondents in households who donated \$100 and over to JFSPBC in the past year reported that they would donate more to the Jewish Federation if they “were asked by a close friend.”
159. 13% of respondents in households who donated \$100 and over to JFSPBC in the past year reported that they would donate more to the Jewish Federation if they “were asked in person.”
160. 3% of respondents in households who donated \$100 and over to JFSPBC in the past year reported that they would donate more to the Jewish Federation if they “received more recognition for their donation.”

Voter Registration

161. 96% of respondents are registered to vote, of whom 86% are registered to vote in Florida.