

COMPARISONS WITH OTHER JEWISH COMMUNITIES

The statements presented below illustrate the most important ways in which South Palm Beach differs from other Jewish communities. The *Main Report* contains a complete listing of the comparison Jewish communities to which South Palm Beach is compared in each of the statements below. The approximate number of comparison Jewish communities (*comparisons*) to which South Palm Beach is compared is shown in parentheses.

Compared to other Jewish communities, South Palm Beach has:

Population Size and Distribution

1. The ninth largest Jewish population in the United States.
2. The second largest Jewish population in Florida.
3. The fourth highest percentage of Jewish households who live in one of the five zip code areas containing the highest percentage of Jewish households (74%, 35 comparisons).
4. The third highest percentage of households who are on the Jewish Federation mailing list (68%, 30 comparisons).

Geographic Profile

5. The lowest percentage of locally-born (in Palm Beach County) adults in Jewish households (0%, 40 comparisons).
6. The fifth lowest percentage of households in residence for 20 or more years (23%, 40 comparisons).
7. The second highest percentage of households who own their homes (91%, 40 comparisons).
8. The lowest percentage of households definitely or probably moving in the next three years (8%, 45 comparisons).
9. The highest percentage of households definitely not moving in the next three years (58%, 30 comparisons).
10. The second lowest percentage of households definitely or probably moving out of the local metropolitan area in the next three years (4%, 35 comparisons).
11. The third lowest percentage of households in which the respondent is age 50 or over with local adult children (20%, 25 comparisons).

Demographic Profile

12. The lowest percentage of persons age 0-17 in Jewish households (9%, 50 comparisons).
13. The highest percentage of persons age 65 and over in Jewish households (62%, 50 comparisons).
14. The highest percentage of persons age 75 and over in Jewish households (40%, 45 comparisons).
15. The highest median age (71 years, 40 comparisons).
16. The highest percentage of persons in Jewish households who are female (56%, 40 comparisons).
17. The lowest average household size (1.87 persons, 55 comparisons).
18. The second highest percentage of households containing one person (35%, 45 comparisons).
19. The lowest percentage of households containing four or more persons (7%, 35 comparisons).
20. The lowest percentage of married households with children age 0-17 at home (8%, 50 comparisons).
21. The fourth highest percentage of married households with no children at home (48%, 40 comparisons).
22. The third highest percentage of married households age 65 and over with no children at home (38%, 35 comparisons).

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23. The second highest percentage of single female households age 65 and over (24%, 30 comparisons).
24. The third lowest percentage of adults in Jewish households who are single, never married (7%, 50 comparisons).
25. The highest percentage of adults in Jewish households who are currently widowed (19%, 50 comparisons).
26. The fourth lowest percentage of adults age 25 and over in Jewish households with a four-year college degree or higher (49%, 30 comparisons).
27. The fourth lowest percentage of adults age 25 and over in Jewish households with a graduate degree (18%, 35 comparisons).
28. The lowest percentage of adults in Jewish households who are employed full time (18%, 40 comparisons).
29. The highest percentage of adults in Jewish households who are retired (67%, 40 comparisons).
30. The fourth highest median household income of households with children (\$117,800, 30 comparisons).

Religious Profile

31. The highest percentage of households who have a mezuzah on the front door (87%, 35 comparisons).
32. The lowest percentage of households who always, usually, or sometimes have a Christmas tree in the home (8%, 40 comparisons).
33. The third lowest percentage of Jewish respondents age 50-64 who attend synagogue services once per month or more (14%, 30 comparisons).
34. The lowest percentage of married couples who are intermarried (9%, 55 comparisons).
35. The seventh lowest percentage of married couples in households age 35-49 who are intermarried (26%, 35 comparisons).
36. The fifth lowest percentage of married couples in households age 50-64 who are intermarried (14%, 35 comparisons).
37. The third lowest percentage of married couples in households age 65-74 who are intermarried (5%, 30 comparisons).
38. The highest percentage of children age 0-17 in intermarried households who are being raised Jewish (75%, 45 comparisons).
39. The second highest percentage of households with children age 0-17 containing Jewish children (91%, 30 comparisons).
40. The highest percentage of persons in Jewish households who consider themselves Jewish (96%, 50 comparisons).
41. The lowest percentage of Jewish persons in Jewish households who are Jews-by-Choice (1%, 35 comparisons).

Membership Profile

42. A well below average percentage of households who *reported* current synagogue membership (33%, 55 comparisons).
43. The highest percentage of households who were synagogue members in the past (since becoming adults) but will not join again in the future (38%, 25 comparisons).
44. The third lowest percentage of households age 50-64 who are current synagogue members (27%, 35 comparisons).

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45. The fourth lowest percentage of households age 65 and over who are current synagogue members (34%, 40 comparisons).
46. A well below average percentage of households with children who are current synagogue members (46%, 35 comparisons).
47. The sixth lowest percentage of intermarried households who are current synagogue members (13%, 40 comparisons).
48. The fourth highest percentage of synagogue member households who are members of an Orthodox synagogue (19%, 30 comparisons).
49. The third lowest percentage of households who *reported* current membership in the local JCC (4%, 45 comparison JCCs).
50. A well below average percentage of households with children who are current members of the local JCC (13%, 40 comparison JCCs).
51. The sixth highest percentage of households who are neither synagogue nor JCC members (64%, 40 comparison JCCs).
52. A well below average percentage of households who participated in or attended a program at the local JCC in the past year (19%, 45 comparison JCCs).
53. The seventh highest percentage of households who are current Jewish organization members (40%, 35 comparisons).
54. The fifth highest percentage of households who are current Jewish organization members but are not members of a synagogue or JCC (28%, 30 comparisons).
55. A well above average percentage of households who feel very much or somewhat a part of the local Jewish community (61%, 20 comparisons).

Jewish Education of Adults

56. The fifth lowest percentage of born or raised Jewish adults who attended or worked at a Jewish sleep away camp as children (24%, 25 comparisons).
57. A well below average percentage of born or raised Jewish adults who were active in a Jewish youth group as teenagers (33%, 20 comparisons).
58. The lowest percentage of Jewish respondents who used the Internet for Jewish-related information in the past year (29%, 15 comparisons).

Jewish Education of Children

59. A well above average percentage of Jewish children *age 0-5* (including only those Jewish children age 5 who do not yet attend kindergarten) who attend a Jewish preschool/child care program (44%, 30 comparisons).
60. A well above average percentage of Jewish children *age 0-5* in a preschool/child care program who attend a *Jewish* preschool/child care program (65%, 25 comparisons).
61. The third lowest percentage of households with Jewish children *age 0-17* who did not or will not seriously investigate sending a Jewish child to a Jewish day school (44%, 25 comparisons).
62. A well below average percentage of Jewish children *age 5-12* (including only those Jewish children age 5 who already attend kindergarten) who currently attend formal Jewish education (56%, 35 comparisons).
63. The second lowest percentage of Jewish children *age 3-17* who did not attend a day camp this past summer (51%, 20 comparisons).

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64. A well below average percentage of Jewish children *age 3-17* who attended a day camp this past summer who attended a *Jewish* day camp (43%, 20 comparisons).
65. The fifth lowest percentage of Jewish children *age 13-17* who are members of a Jewish teenage youth group (21%, 25 comparisons).

Jewish Agencies

66. The fourth lowest percentage of respondents who are very familiar with the local JCC (15%, 35 comparison JCCs).
67. The seventh lowest percentage of respondents who are very familiar with the local Jewish Federation (13%, 35 comparisons).
68. The second lowest percentage of respondents who are very familiar with the local Jewish Family Service (7%, 30 comparisons).
69. The lowest percentage of respondents who are very familiar with the local Jewish nursing home (5%, 25 comparison Jewish nursing homes).
70. The lowest percentage of respondents who are very familiar with the local Jewish Community Foundation (2%, 10 comparisons).
71. The lowest percentage of respondents who are very familiar or somewhat familiar with the local Jewish nursing home who perceive it as excellent (26%, 25 comparison Jewish nursing homes).
72. The second lowest percentage of respondents who are very familiar or somewhat familiar with the local Jewish Community Foundation who perceive it as excellent (25%, 10 comparisons).

Jewish Day Schools

73. For the Donna Klein Jewish Academy, the third highest percentage of respondents in households with Jewish children who are very familiar with the local Jewish day school (46%, 30 comparison Jewish day schools).
74. For the Solomon Schechter Day School of South Palm Beach County, the fifth lowest percentage of respondents in households with Jewish children who are very familiar with the local Jewish day school (10%, 30 comparison Jewish day schools).
75. For the Torah Academy of Boca Raton, the third lowest percentage of respondents in households with Jewish children who are very familiar with the local Jewish day school (7%, 30 comparison Jewish day schools).
76. For the Weinbaum Yeshiva High School, the second lowest percentage of respondents in households with Jewish children who are very familiar with the local Jewish day school (6%, 30 comparison Jewish day schools).
77. For the Solomon Schechter Day School of South Palm Beach County, the lowest percentage of respondents in households with Jewish children who are very familiar or somewhat familiar with the local Jewish day school who perceive it as excellent (13%, 25 comparison Jewish day schools).

Social Service Needs

78. The second highest percentage of households who contain a health-limited member (22%, 35 comparisons).
79. The fourth highest percentage of households with single Jewish adults age 18-64 who were interested in singles programs in the past year (26%, 25 comparisons).

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80. The fourth lowest percentage of households who needed marital, family, or personal counseling in the past year (6%, 35 comparisons).

Israel

81. The third highest percentage of households in which a member visited Israel (61%, 35 comparisons).
82. The second highest percentage of households in which a member visited Israel on a Jewish trip (30%, 30 comparisons).
83. The second highest percentage of households with Jewish children age 0-17 who will not seriously investigate sending their Jewish teenagers on a trip to Israel (26%, 15 comparisons).
84. The second highest percentage of Jewish respondents who are extremely or very emotionally attached to Israel (61%, 30 comparisons).

Anti-Semitism

85. The lowest percentage of Jewish respondents who personally experienced anti-Semitism in the local community in the past year (7%, 30 comparisons).
86. The second lowest percentage of households with Jewish children age 6-17 in which a Jewish child age 6-17 experienced anti-Semitism in the local community in the past year (9%, 25 comparisons).

Philanthropic Profile–Behavior

87. *According to the Jewish Federation Survey*, a well below average percentage of households who donated to the local Jewish Federation in the past year (17%, 30 comparisons).
88. The fourth highest percentage of households who donated to the local Jewish Federation in the past year who donated under \$100 (62%, 35 comparisons).
89. The third lowest percentage of households under age 35 who donated to the local Jewish Federation in the past year (9%, 35 comparisons).
90. The second lowest percentage of households age 35-49 who donated to the local Jewish Federation in the past year (19%, 35 comparisons).
91. The third lowest percentage of households age 50-64 who donated to the local Jewish Federation in the past year (25%, 35 comparisons).
92. The third lowest percentage of households age 65-74 who donated to the local Jewish Federation in the past year (35%, 30 comparisons).
93. The third lowest percentage of households age 75 and over who donated to the local Jewish Federation in the past year (47%, 30 comparisons).
94. A well above average percentage of households who donated to other Jewish Federations (Jewish Federations other than the local Jewish Federation) in the past year (20%, 20 comparisons).
95. A well below average percentage of charitable dollars donated to the local Jewish Federation annual campaign that were derived from donations of \$10,000 and over (50%, 50 comparisons).
96. The fifth highest percentage of households who donated to non-Jewish charities in the past year who donated under \$100 (52%, 35 comparisons).
97. The seventh lowest percentage of all charitable dollars donated by Jewish households to Jewish charities that were donated to the local Jewish Federation in the past year (27%, 35 comparisons).
98. The third lowest percentage of Jewish respondents who volunteered for Jewish organizations in the past year (23%, 25 comparisons).

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99. A well above average percentage of Jewish respondents who did not volunteer for any organization, either Jewish or non-Jewish, in the past year (60%, 20 comparisons).

Philanthropic Profile–Attitudes

100. The second highest percentage of respondents in households who donated \$100 and over to Jewish Federations or other Jewish charities who reported that “supporting the people of Israel” is a very important motivation to donate to Jewish organizations (68%, 15 comparisons).
101. The highest percentage of respondents in households who donated \$100 and over to Jewish Federations or other Jewish charities who reported that “supporting educational trips to Israel” is a very important motivation to donate to Jewish organizations (44%, 15 comparisons).
102. The second lowest percentage of respondents in households who donated \$100 and over to the local Jewish Federation who reported that they would donate more to the Jewish Federation if “more of the money went to local needs” (27%, 15 comparisons).