

World Jewish Population*

THE FIGURES presented below are based on local censuses, communal registrations, the estimates of informed observers, and data obtained from a special inquiry conducted by the YEAR BOOK (AJYB, 1961 [Vol. 62], pp. 382-88). Changes due to births and deaths have been taken into account only in so far as they were reflected in figures furnished by local sources. The figures represent only the best possible approximations and will have to be revised when new and better data become available.

Available figures indicate that during the period under review (July 1, 1962, to December 31, 1963) some 84,000 Jews, mostly from North Africa and some of the Jewish communities in Europe, emigrated to Israel—19,500 during the second half of 1962, and 64,500 in the course of 1963.

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The estimated world Jewish population at the end of 1963 was about 13,121,000. Approximately 6,579,000 (50 per cent) were in the Americas, 3,919,000 (30 per cent) in Europe, including the Asian part of Turkey and the Soviet Union, 2,266,000 (17.5 per cent) in Asia, 285,000 (2 per cent) in Africa, and 72,000 (0.5 per cent) in Australasia.¹

Europe

Of the 3,918,000 Jews in Europe, 2,420,000 were in the Soviet Union, 320,000 in the countries of the Soviet bloc, and about 1,168,000 in the non-Communist countries. The largest Jewish populations in Western Europe were in France (500,000) followed by Great Britain (450,000). In Eastern Europe Rumania had 170,000 and Hungary 80,000. In every other European country the Jewish population was under 50,000.

* For meaning of abbreviations, see p. 361.

¹ Figures in the tables below are rounded to the nearest 50.

TABLE 1. ESTIMATED JEWISH POPULATION IN EUROPE BY COUNTRIES, 1963

<i>Country</i>	<i>Total^a population</i>	<i>Jewish population</i>
Albania	1,711,000	300
Austria	7,128,000	11,000
Belgium	9,221,000	35,150
Bulgaria	8,013,000	7,000
Czechoslovakia	13,856,000	18,000
Denmark	4,654,000	6,000
Finland	4,544,000	1,500
France	47,840,000	500,000
Germany	72,814,000	30,000
Gibraltar	22,500	650
Great Britain	53,441,000	450,000
Greece	8,451,000	6,500
Hungary	10,087,000	80,000
Ireland	2,841,000	5,400
Italy	50,308,000	35,000
Luxembourg	321,000	1,000
Malta	329,000	50
Netherlands	11,967,000	23,000
Norway	3,639,000	1,000
Poland	30,691,000	30,000
Portugal	8,954,000	750
Rumania	18,681,000	170,000
Soviet Union	223,122,000	2,420,000 ^b
Spain	31,077,000	4,000
Sweden	7,562,000	14,000
Switzerland	5,810,000	19,000
Turkey	30,256,000	43,000 ^b
Yugoslavia	19,097,000	7,000
TOTAL	686,437,500	3,919,300

^a United Nations, Statistical Office, *Monthly Bulletin of Statistics*, November 1963, and other sources including local publications.

^b Includes Asian regions of the USSR and Turkey.

North, Central, and South America

There were about 6,579,000 Jews in the Americas.

The Jewish population of the United States was estimated to be about 5,600,000 (p. 3). There were some 254,000 Jews in Canada and about 685,000 in Latin America. Estimates of the Jewish community in Brazil ranged from 125,000 to 130,000. Here the figure of 130,000 is used. There was a further decrease in the Jewish population of Cuba. Communal registrations in 1963 showed 2,586 persons affiliated with various communal activi-

ties in that country. With the unaffiliated taken into account, there were probably about 3,000 Jews in Cuba.

TABLE 2. ESTIMATED JEWISH POPULATION IN NORTH, CENTRAL, AND SOUTH AMERICA AND THE WEST INDIES, BY COUNTRIES, 1963

<i>Country</i>	<i>Total^a population</i>	<i>Jewish population</i>
Canada	18,928,000	254,000
Mexico	38,416,000	28,000
United States	189,278,000	5,600,000
Total North America	246,622,000	5,882,000
Barbados	232,000	100
Costa Rica	1,338,000	1,500
Cuba	7,203,000	3,000
Curaçao	148,000	1,000
Dominican Republic	3,334,000	500
El Salvador	2,810,000	300
Guatemala	4,095,000	1,200
Haiti	4,346,000	150
Honduras	2,008,000	150
Jamaica	1,684,000	1,500
Nicaragua	1,578,000	200
Panama	1,139,000	2,000
Trinidad	871,000	400
Total Central America and West Indies	30,786,000	12,000
Argentina	21,418,000	450,000
Bolivia	3,549,000	4,000
Brazil	77,521,000	130,000
Chile	8,001,000	30,000
Colombia	15,098,000	10,000
Ecuador	4,726,000	2,000
Paraguay	1,903,000	1,200
Peru	10,365,000	4,000
Surinam	307,000	250
Uruguay	2,914,000	45,000
Venezuela	8,144,000	8,500
Total South America	153,946,000	684,950
TOTAL	431,354,000	6,578,950

^a See Table 1, note a.

Asia and Australia–New Zealand

Of the 2,266,000 Jews in Asia, 2,143,000 were in Israel, 80,000 in Iran, and 18,000 in India. No other country in Asia (aside from Turkey and

Asian USSR) had as many as 10,000 Jews. Australia had a Jewish population of 67,000, and New Zealand 5,000.

TABLE 3. ESTIMATED JEWISH POPULATION IN ASIA, BY COUNTRIES, 1963^a

<i>Country</i>	<i>General population</i>	<i>Jewish population</i>
Aden	660,000	500
Afghanistan	12,000,000	1,000
Burma	23,644,000	500
China	686,000,000	200
Cyprus	589,000	150
Hong Kong	3,410,000	200
India	453,147,000	18,000
Indonesia	97,765,000	100
Iran	21,227,000	80,000
Iraq	6,732,000	6,000
Israel ^b	2,415,000	2,143,000
Japan	95,900,000	1,000
Lebanon	1,646,000	7,000
Pakistan	98,612,000	400
Philippines	30,227,000	500
Singapore	1,733,000	750
Syria	5,067,000	5,000
Yemen	4,555,000	2,000
TOTAL	1,545,329,000	2,266,300

^a See Table 1, note a.

^b See p. 310 for end of 1963 estimates.

TABLE 4. ESTIMATED JEWISH POPULATION IN AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND, 1963

<i>Country</i>	<i>Total^a population</i>	<i>Jewish population</i>
Australia	10,705,000	67,000
New Zealand	2,485,000	5,000
TOTAL	13,190,000	72,000

^a See Table 1, note a.

Africa

The Jewish population of Africa continued to dwindle. Including 116,000 in the Union of South Africa, it was about 285,000. At the end of 1963 only some 4,000 Jews remained in Algeria, 35,000 in Tunisia, and 100,000 in Morocco. Available reports indicated that departures from Jewish communities in North Africa continued, and that the old Jewish settlements there were in process of gradual liquidation.

TABLE 5. ESTIMATED JEWISH POPULATION IN AFRICA, BY COUNTRIES, 1963

<i>Country</i>	<i>Total^a population</i>	<i>Jewish population</i>
Algeria	11,020,000	4,000
Congo Republic (formerly Belgian Congo)	14,797,000	500
Egypt	26,578,000	4,000
Ethiopia	15,000,000	12,000
Kenya	8,676,000	1,000
Libya	1,244,000	6,000
Morocco (including Tangiers)	11,925,000	100,000
Northern Rhodesia	2,550,000	1,000
Southern Rhodesia	3,880,000	6,000
Tunisia	4,295,000	35,000
Union of South Africa	16,002,000	116,000
TOTAL	<u>115,967,000</u>	<u>285,000</u>

^a See Table 1, note a.

COMMUNITIES WITH LARGEST JEWISH POPULATIONS

The three largest Jewish communities in 1963 were in the United States, the Soviet Union, and Israel. Together they accounted for more than 75 per cent of the Jewish population of the world. Only in four other countries was there a Jewish community over 200,000—France, Great Britain, Argentina, and Canada.

TABLE 6. ESTIMATED JEWISH POPULATION, SELECTED CITIES^a

<i>City</i>	<i>Jewish population</i>
Amsterdam	12,000
Antwerp	10,000
Athens	2,850
Basel	2,450
Belgrade	1,550
Berlin	6,000
Berne	800
Bombay	10,000
Bordeaux	6,000
Brussels	23,000
Budapest	65,000
Buenos Aires	300,000
Cochin	500
Copenhagen	6,000

Florence	1,500
Geneva	2,650
Glasgow	13,400
Haifa	187,000
Helsinki	1,100
Ismir	4,000
Istanbul	30,000
Jerusalem	171,000
Johannesburg	53,450
Leeds	25,000
Leningrad	300,000
London (Greater)	280,000
Luxembourg	850
Manchester	28,000
Manila	300
Milan	8,000
Montreal	102,000
Moscow	400,000
Oslo	700
Paris	250,000
Plovdiv	1,000
Rio de Janeiro	50,000
Rome	12,000
Salonika	1,300
São Paulo	55,000
Santiago	25,000
Sarajevo	1,100
Sofia	4,000
Stockholm	7,000
Teheran	30,000
Tel-Aviv—Jaffa	390,000
Toronto	88,000
Trieste	1,500
Valparaiso	4,000
Vienna	9,250
Warsaw	5,000
Zagreb	1,400
Zurich	6,150

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* For cities in the United States, see p. 7.