

# World Jewish Population

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**T**HE ESTIMATED world Jewish population at the end of 1965 was 13,400,000.

The figures presented below are based on local censuses, communal registrations, estimates by informed observers, and a special inquiry conducted by the AMERICAN JEWISH YEAR BOOK some years ago (1961 [Vol. 62], pp. 382-88). Changes attributable to expected natural increase have been taken into account only to the extent that they were reflected in figures received from local sources. These are the most nearly adequate estimates in the absence of better data.

In 1965 Jewish migratory movements decreased considerably. About 32,000 Jews, mostly from North Africa and some parts of Europe, left for Israel. In 1964 the number was approximately 55,000.

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About 6,700,000 (half of the Jews in the world) were in the Americas; 3,955,000 (30 per cent) in Europe, including the Asian part of Turkey and the Soviet Union; 2,417,000 (18 per cent) in Asia; 240,000 (1.5 per cent) in Africa, and 72,000 (0.5 per cent), in Australasia.<sup>1</sup>

### *Europe*

Of the 3,955,000 Jews in Europe, 2,486,000 were in the Soviet Union, approximately 261,000 in other Communist countries, and about 1,208,000 in the non-Communist countries. The largest Jewish community in Western Europe was the French (520,000). In Great Britain there were 450,000 Jews; in Rumania 120,000, and in Hungary 80,000. No other country in Europe had a Jewish population as high as 50,000. With estimates of the Jewish community in Spain varying from 4,000 to 6,000, the figure given here is 5,000.

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<sup>1</sup> Figures in the tables below are rounded to the nearest 50. Because of differences in sources and dates, some figures given here may not agree with figures in other sections of this volume.

TABLE 1. ESTIMATED JEWISH POPULATION IN EUROPE, BY COUNTRIES, 1965

<i>Country</i>	<i>Total population<sup>a</sup></i>	<i>Jewish population</i>
Albania .....	1,814,000	300
Austria .....	7,215,000	12,000
Belgium .....	9,378,000	40,500
Bulgaria .....	8,144,000	7,000
Czechoslovakia .....	14,058,000	18,000
Denmark .....	4,720,000	6,000
Finland .....	4,613,000	1,500
France .....	48,417,000	520,000
Germany .....	74,000,000	31,000 <sup>b</sup>
Gibraltar .....	22,500	650
Great Britain .....	54,213,000	450,000
Greece .....	8,510,000	6,500
Hungary .....	10,146,000	80,000
Ireland .....	2,855,000	5,400
Italy .....	51,090,000	35,000
Luxembourg .....	328,000	1,000
Malta .....	319,000	50
Netherlands .....	12,127,000	23,000
Norway .....	3,694,000	800
Poland .....	31,420,000	25,000
Portugal .....	9,167,000	750
Rumania .....	18,927,000	120,000
Spain .....	31,604,000	5,000
Sweden .....	7,661,000	13,000
Switzerland .....	5,874,000	19,950
Turkey .....	32,005,000	40,000
USSR .....	229,000,000	2,486,000 <sup>c</sup>
Yugoslavia .....	19,511,000	7,000
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>700,832,500</b>	<b>3,955,400</b>

<sup>a</sup> United Nations, Statistical Office, *Monthly Bulletin of Statistics* and other sources, including local publications.

<sup>b</sup> Includes East Germany.

<sup>c</sup> Includes Asian regions of the USSR and Turkey.

### *North, Central, and South America*

The Jewish population of the United States was estimated to be 5,720,000. There were some 275,000 Jews in Canada and about 690,000 in South America. There was a further decrease in the Jewish population of Cuba to 2,400 in 1965, including the unaffiliated. As a result of political unrest in some Latin American countries, there was migration from one country to another, and some emigration out of Latin America altogether.

TABLE 2. ESTIMATED JEWISH POPULATION IN NORTH, CENTRAL, AND SOUTH AMERICA AND THE WEST INDIES, BY COUNTRIES, 1965

<i>Country</i>	<i>Total population<sup>a</sup></i>	<i>Jewish population</i>
Canada .....	19,604,000	275,000
Mexico .....	40,913,000	30,000
United States .....	194,583,000	5,720,000
<b>Total North America .....</b>	<b>225,100,000</b>	<b>6,025,000</b>
Barbados .....	242,000	100
Costa Rica .....	1,443,000	1,500
Cuba .....	7,631,000	2,400
Curaçao .....	148,000	700
Dominican Republic .....	3,573,000	400
El Salvador .....	2,928,000	300
Guatemala .....	4,343,000	1,200
Haiti .....	4,660,000	150
Honduras .....	2,163,000	150
Jamaica .....	1,767,000	1,500
Nicaragua .....	1,597,000	200
Panama .....	1,244,000	2,000
Trinidad .....	949,000	400
<b>Total Central America and West Indies .....</b>	<b>32,688,000</b>	<b>11,000</b>
Argentina .....	22,352,000	450,000
Bolivia .....	3,702,000	4,000
Brazil .....	81,301,000	130,000
Chile .....	8,567,000	30,000
Colombia .....	17,787,000	10,000
Ecuador .....	5,084,000	2,000
Paraguay .....	1,996,000	1,200
Peru .....	11,650,000	4,000
Surinam .....	324,000	500
Uruguay .....	2,682,000	50,000
Venezuela .....	8,722,000	8,500
<b>Total South America .....</b>	<b>164,167,000</b>	<b>690,200</b>
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>451,955,000</b>	<b>6,726,200</b>

<sup>a</sup> See Table 1, note <sup>a</sup>.

### *Asia and Australia—New Zealand*

Of the 2,417,000 Jews in Asia, 2,299,000 were in Israel, 80,000 in Iran, and 16,000 in India. In no other country in Asia (aside from Turkey and Asian USSR) were there 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, 1965

<i>Country</i>	<i>Total population<sup>a</sup></i>	<i>Jewish population</i>
Aden .....	660,000	400
Afghanistan .....	12,000,000	800
Burma .....	24,229,000	200
China .....	686,400,000	200
Cyprus .....	594,000	100
Hong Kong .....	3,804,000	200
India .....	471,624,000	16,000
Indonesia .....	100,045,000	100
Iran .....	22,860,000	80,000
Iraq .....	7,004,000	6,000
Israel .....	2,519,000	2,299,000
Japan .....	97,960,000	1,000
Lebanon .....	2,152,000	6,000
Pakistan .....	102,885,000	300
Philippines .....	32,345,000	500
Singapore .....	1,733,000	750
Syria .....	5,399,000	4,000
Yemen .....	4,555,000	2,000
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>1,578,768,000</b>	<b>2,417,550</b>

<sup>a</sup> See Table 1, note <sup>a</sup>.

TABLE 4. ESTIMATED JEWISH POPULATION IN AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND, 1965

<i>Country</i>	<i>Total population<sup>a</sup></i>	<i>Jewish population</i>
Australia .....	11,360,000	67,000
New Zealand .....	2,640,000	5,000
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>14,000,000</b>	<b>72,000</b>

<sup>a</sup> See Table 1, note <sup>a</sup>.

### *Africa*

The Jewish population of Africa continued to dwindle. Including some 116,000 in the Union of South Africa, it was about 240,000. At the end of 1965 only 3,000 Jews remained in Algeria, 23,000 in Tunisia, 70,000 in Morocco, and 2,500 in Egypt.

TABLE 5. ESTIMATED JEWISH POPULATION IN AFRICA, BY COUNTRIES, 1965

<i>Country</i>	<i>Total population<sup>a</sup></i>	<i>Jewish population</i>
Algeria .....	10,788,000	3,000
Congo Republic .....	15,627,000	500
Egypt .....	28,900,000	2,500
Ethiopia .....	22,200,000	12,000
Kenya .....	9,365,000	800
Libya .....	1,559,000	6,000
Morocco .....	12,959,000	70,000
Rhodesia .....	4,260,000	5,500
Tunisia .....	4,565,000	23,000
Union of South Africa .....	17,057,000	116,000
Zambia (Northern Rhodesia)	3,710,000	800
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>130,990,000</b>	<b>240,100</b>

<sup>a</sup> See Table 1, note <sup>a</sup>.

#### COMMUNITIES WITH LARGEST JEWISH POPULATIONS

The three largest Jewish communities in 1965 were in the United States, the Soviet Union, and Israel. Together they accounted for more than 78 per cent of the Jewish population of the world. Only in four other countries were there Jewish communities of over 200,000: France, Great Britain, Argentina, and Canada.

TABLE 6. COUNTRIES WITH LARGEST JEWISH POPULATIONS

<i>Country</i>	<i>Jewish population</i>
United States .....	5,720,000
Soviet Union .....	2,486,000
Israel .....	2,299,000
France .....	520,000
Argentina .....	450,000
Great Britain .....	450,000
Canada .....	275,000

TABLE 7. ESTIMATED JEWISH POPULATION, SELECTED CITIES<sup>a</sup>

<i>City</i>	<i>Jewish population</i>
Amsterdam .....	12,000
Antwerp .....	10,000
Athens .....	2,850
Basle .....	2,450
Belgrade .....	1,550
Berlin .....	6,000
Berne .....	800
Bordeaux .....	6,400
Brussels .....	24,000
Budapest .....	65,000
Buenos Aires .....	360,000
Casablanca .....	52,000
Cochin .....	500
Copenhagen .....	6,000
Florence .....	1,500
Geneva .....	2,650
Glasgow .....	13,400
Haifa .....	200,000
Helsinki .....	1,100
Ismir .....	3,000
Istanbul .....	30,000
Jerusalem .....	187,500
Johannesburg .....	53,450
Kiev .....	220,000
Leeds .....	18,000 <sup>b</sup>
Leningrad .....	165,000
London (greater) .....	280,000
Luxembourg .....	850
Lyons .....	25,000
Manchester .....	28,000
Manila .....	300
Marseilles .....	60,000
Melbourne .....	27,500
Milan .....	8,000
Montreal .....	105,000
Moscow .....	285,000
Nice .....	20,000
Oslo .....	700
Paris / .....	300,000
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
Strasbourg .....	14,000
Sydney .....	23,000
Teheran .....	30,000
Tel Aviv-Jaffa .....	394,000
Toronto .....	88,000
Toulouse .....	20,000
Trieste .....	1,500
Valparaiso .....	4,000
Vienna .....	9,250
Warsaw .....	5,000
Zagreb .....	1,400
Zurich .....	6,150

<sup>a</sup> For cities in the United States, see p. 86.

<sup>b</sup> Based on a survey by Louis Saïpe in *Leeds Jewry, Sixtieth Anniversary, 1906-1966*, Leeds Jewish Representative Council, 1966.

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