

World Jewish Population, 1984

THE 1986 AMERICAN JEWISH YEAR BOOK (AJYB) contained new estimates of the Jewish population in the various countries of the world at the end of 1984, as well as background information and analysis. The statistical tables are reprinted here, without the accompanying text. Changes have been made in one respect only. While the estimates for the Jews in the 1986 AJYB related to the end of 1984, the data for the general population of the respective countries reproduced the United Nations estimates as of midyear 1983. This time the updated United Nations estimates as of midyear 1984 have been used for the total population,¹ and the proportion of Jews per 1,000 of the respective country's total population has been adjusted accordingly.

The 1988 AJYB will present updated and, where necessary, revised Jewish population estimates for the countries of the world at the end of 1986.

The three main elements which affect the accuracy of each estimate are the nature of the base data, the recency of the base data, and the method of updating. A simple code combining these elements is used to provide a general evaluation of the reliability of the Jewish population figures reported in the detailed tables below. The code indicates different quality levels of the reported estimates: (A) base figure derived from countrywide census or relatively reliable Jewish population survey; updated on the basis of full or partial information on Jewish population movements in the intervening period; (B) base figure derived from less accurate but recent countrywide Jewish population investigation; partial information on population movements in the intervening period; (C) base figure derived from less recent sources, and/or unsatisfactory or partial coverage of Jewish population in country; updating according to demographic information illustrative of regional demographic trends; and (D) base figure essentially conjectural; no reliable updating procedure. In categories (A), (B), and (C), the years in which the base figures or important partial updates were obtained are also provided.

¹United Nations, Department of International Economic and Social Affairs, Statistical Office, *Population and Vital Statistics Report: Data Available as of January 1, 1986*. Statistical Papers, Series A, Vol. 38, No. 1, 1986.

For a country whose Jewish population estimate of 1984 was not only updated but also revised in the light of improved information, the sign "X" is appended to the accuracy rating.

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TABLE 1. ESTIMATED JEWISH POPULATION, BY CONTINENTS AND MAJOR GEOGRAPHICAL REGIONS, 1982 AND 1984

Region	1982			1984		% Change 1982-84
	Original	Revised		Abs. Nos.	%	
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Diaspora	9,614,300	9,594,300	74.1	9,491,600	73.2	-1.1
Israel	3,374,300	3,349,600	25.9	3,471,700	26.8	+3.6
World	12,988,600	12,943,900	100.0	12,963,300	100.0	+0.2
America, Total	6,477,700	6,477,600	50.1	6,469,000	49.9	-1.3
North ^a	6,013,000	6,015,000	46.5	6,015,000	46.4	—
Central	46,800	46,800	0.4	47,300	0.4	+1.1
South	417,900	415,800	3.2	406,700	3.1	-2.2
Europe, Total	2,842,700	2,825,100	21.8	2,758,600	21.3	-2.6
West	1,070,900	1,053,300	8.1	1,048,900	8.1	-1.0
East & Balkans ^b	1,771,800	1,771,800	13.7	1,709,700	13.2	-3.5
Asia, Total	3,417,200	3,392,500	26.2	3,509,300	27.1	+3.4
Israel	3,374,300	3,349,600	25.9	3,471,700	26.8	+3.6
Rest ^b	42,900	42,900	0.3	37,600	0.3	-12.4
Africa, Total	172,000	169,700	1.3	147,400	1.1	-13.3
North	21,250	19,950	0.2	16,700	0.1	-17.5
South	120,250	119,250	0.9	119,100	0.9	-0.1
Rest ^c	30,500	30,500	0.2	11,600	0.1	-62.0
Oceania	79,000	79,000	0.6	79,000	0.6	—

a U.S.A. and Canada.

b The Asian territories of USSR and Turkey are included in "East Europe and Balkans."

c Including Ethiopia.

TABLE 2. ESTIMATED JEWISH POPULATION DISTRIBUTION IN THE AMERICAS, 1984

Country	Total Population	Jewish Population	Jews per 1,000 Population	Accuracy Rating
Canada	25,150,000	310,000	12.3	A 1981 X
United States	236,681,000	5,705,000	24.1	B 1971-83
Total Northern America		6,015,000		
Bahamas	226,000	500	2.2	C 1970
Costa Rica	2,534,000	2,500	1.0	C 1984
Cuba	9,992,000	700	0.1	D
Dominican Republic	6,102,000	100	0.0	D
Guatemala	7,740,000	800	0.1	A 1983
Haiti	5,185,000	100	0.0	D
Jamaica	2,301,000	300	0.1	B 1982
Mexico	76,792,000	35,000	0.4	C 1980
Netherlands Antilles	261,000	700	2.7	D
Panama	2,134,000	3,800	1.8	D
Puerto Rico	3,398,000	2,000	0.6	D X
Virgin Islands	103,000	500	4.9	D X
Other		300		D
Total Central America		47,300		
Argentina	30,097,000	228,000	7.6	C 1960-75
Bolivia	6,253,000	600	0.1	C 1984 X
Brazil	132,580,000	100,000	0.8	B 1980
Chile	11,878,000	17,000	1.4	C 1982 X
Colombia	28,217,000	7,000	0.2	C 1977
Ecuador	9,115,000	1,000	0.1	C 1982
Paraguay	3,278,000	900	0.3	C 1984 X
Peru	19,198,000	5,000	0.3	C 1982
Surinam	370,000	200	0.5	B 1984
Uruguay	2,990,000	27,000	9.0	D
Venezuela	16,851,000	20,000	1.2	D
Total Southern America		406,700		
Total		6,469,000		

TABLE 3. ESTIMATED JEWISH POPULATION DISTRIBUTION IN EUROPE, 1984

Country	Total Population	Jewish Population	Jews per 1,000 Population	Accuracy Rating
Austria	7,552,000	6,500	0.9	A 1981
Belgium	9,853,000	32,200	3.3	D
Bulgaria	8,961,000	3,300	0.4	C 1965
Czechoslovakia	15,459,000	8,500	0.5	D
Denmark	5,112,000	6,800	1.3	C 1984
Finland	4,882,000	1,000	0.2	A 1984
France	54,947,000	530,000	9.6	B 1972-78
Germany, East	16,671,000	800	0.0	D
Germany, West	61,181,000	33,000	0.5	B 1984
Gibraltar	28,000	600	21.4	A 1981
Great Britain	56,488,000	330,000	5.8	B 1984 X
Greece	9,896,000	5,000	0.5	B 1984
Hungary	10,665,000	61,500	5.8	D
Ireland	3,535,000	2,300	0.6	A 1984 X
Italy	56,983,000	32,000	0.6	B 1982
Luxembourg	363,000	700	1.9	C 1970
Netherlands	14,420,000	26,200	1.8	C 1984
Norway	4,140,000	1,000	0.2	A 1982
Poland	36,914,000	4,600	0.1	D
Portugal	10,164,000	600	0.1	D
Rumania	22,897,000	26,000	0.1	B 1984
Spain	38,333,000	12,000	0.3	D
Sweden	8,337,000	15,000	1.8	C 1982
Switzerland	6,442,000	19,000	2.9	A 1980
Turkey ^a	48,265,000	20,000	0.4	C 1984
USSR ^a	275,000,000	1,575,000	5.7	B 1979
Yugoslavia	22,963,000	5,000	0.2	B 1980
Total		2,758,600		

^aIncluding Asian regions.

TABLE 4. ESTIMATED JEWISH POPULATION DISTRIBUTION IN ASIA, 1984

Country	Total Population	Jewish Population	Jews per 1,000 Population	Accuracy Rating
Hong Kong	5,364,000	1,000	0.2	C 1980
India	745,012,000	4,300	0.0	C 1971
Iran	43,414,000	25,000	0.6	D X
Iraq	15,356,000	200	0.0	D
Israel	4,200,000 ^a	3,471,700	826.6	A 1984
Japan	120,018,000	1,000	0.0	C 1984
Lebanon	2,644,000	100	0.0	D
Philippines	53,351,000	100	0.0	C 1982
Singapore	2,529,000	300	0.1	C 1984
Syria	9,934,000	4,000	0.4	D
Thailand	50,396,000	300	0.0	C 1980
Yemen	6,660,000	1,000	0.2	D X
Other		300		D
Total		3,509,300		

^aEnd 1984.

TABLE 5. ESTIMATED JEWISH POPULATION DISTRIBUTION IN AFRICA, 1984

Country	Total Population	Jewish Population	Jews per 1,000 Population	Accuracy Rating
Egypt	45,817,000	200	0.0	D
Ethiopia	42,441,000	10,000	0.2	D
Kenya	19,536,000	100	0.0	B 1984 X
Morocco	21,408,000	13,000	0.6	D X
South Africa	31,586,000	118,000	3.7	B 1980
Tunisia	6,937,000	3,500	0.5	C 1982
Zaire	29,671,000	200	0.0	D
Zambia	6,445,000	300	0.0	D
Zimbabwe	7,980,000	1,100	0.1	D
Other		1,000		D
Total		147,400		

TABLE 6. ESTIMATED JEWISH POPULATION DISTRIBUTION IN OCEANIA, 1984

Country	Total Population	Jewish Population	Jews per 1,000 Population	Accuracy Rating
Australia	15,544,000	75,000	4.8	B 1981
New Zealand	3,233,000	4,000	1.2	B 1981
Total		79,000		

TABLE 7. COUNTRIES WITH LARGEST JEWISH POPULATIONS (100,000 JEWS AND ABOVE), 1984

Rank	Country	Jewish Population	% of Total Jewish Population			
			In the Diaspora		In the World	
			%	Cumulative %	%	Cumulative %
1	United States	5,705,000	60.1	60.1	44.0	44.0
2	Israel	3,471,700	—	—	26.8	70.8
3	Soviet Union	1,575,000	16.6	76.7	12.1	82.9
4	France	530,000	5.6	82.3	4.1	87.0
5	Great Britain	330,000	3.5	85.8	2.5	89.5
6	Canada	310,000	3.3	89.1	2.4	91.9
7	Argentina	228,000	2.4	91.5	1.8	93.7
8	South Africa	118,000	1.2	92.7	0.9	94.6
9	Brazil	100,000	1.0	93.7	0.8	95.4

TABLE 8. DISTRIBUTION OF THE WORLD'S JEWS, BY NUMBER AND PROPORTION (PER 1,000 POPULATION) IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES, 1984

Number of Jews in Country	Jews per 1,000 Population					
	Total	Below 1	1-5	5-10	10-25	25 and over
	Number of Countries					
Total	75 ^a	50	15	6	3	1
Below 1,000	24	19	4	—	1	—
1,000-5,000	17	14	3	—	—	—
5,000-10,000	7	6	1	—	—	—
10,000-50,000	16	10	5	1	—	—
50,000-100,000	2	—	1	1	—	—
100,000-1,000,000	6	1	1	3	1	—
1,000,000 and over	3	—	—	1	1	1
	Jewish Population Distribution (Absolute Numbers)					
Total	12,963,000	391,100	333,400	2,751,500	6,015,600	3,471,700
Below 1,000	11,500	8,500	2,400	—	600	—
1,000-5,000	41,400	31,600	9,800	—	—	—
5,000-10,000	43,800	37,000	6,800	—	—	—
10,000-50,000	362,400	214,000	121,400	27,000	—	—
50,000-100,000	136,500	—	75,000	61,500	—	—
100,000-1,000,000	1,616,000	100,000	118,000	1,088,000	310,000	—
1,000,000 and over	10,751,700	—	—	1,575,000	5,705,000	3,471,700
	Jewish Population Distribution (Percent of World's Jews)					
Total	100.0	3.0	2.6	21.2	46.4	26.8
Below 1,000	0.1	0.0	0.0	—	0.0	—
1,000-5,000	0.3	0.2	0.1	—	—	—
5,000-10,000	0.3	0.3	0.0	—	—	—
10,000-50,000	2.8	1.6	0.9	0.2	—	—
50,000-100,000	1.1	—	0.6	0.5	—	—
100,000-1,000,000	12.5	0.8	0.9	8.4	2.4	—
1,000,000 and over	82.9	—	—	12.1	44.0	26.8

^aExcluding countries with fewer than 100 Jews.