THE JEWISH DEMOGRAPHY OF FLORIDA

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SOME MAJOR THEMES OF THIS PRESENTATION

- Florida and particularly South Florida is one of the nation's largest concentrations of Jews
- Jewish communities in Florida face challenges unlike many Northeastern and Midwestern communities
- Miami is very different from Broward and Palm Beach Counties
- South Florida is very different from other parts of Florida

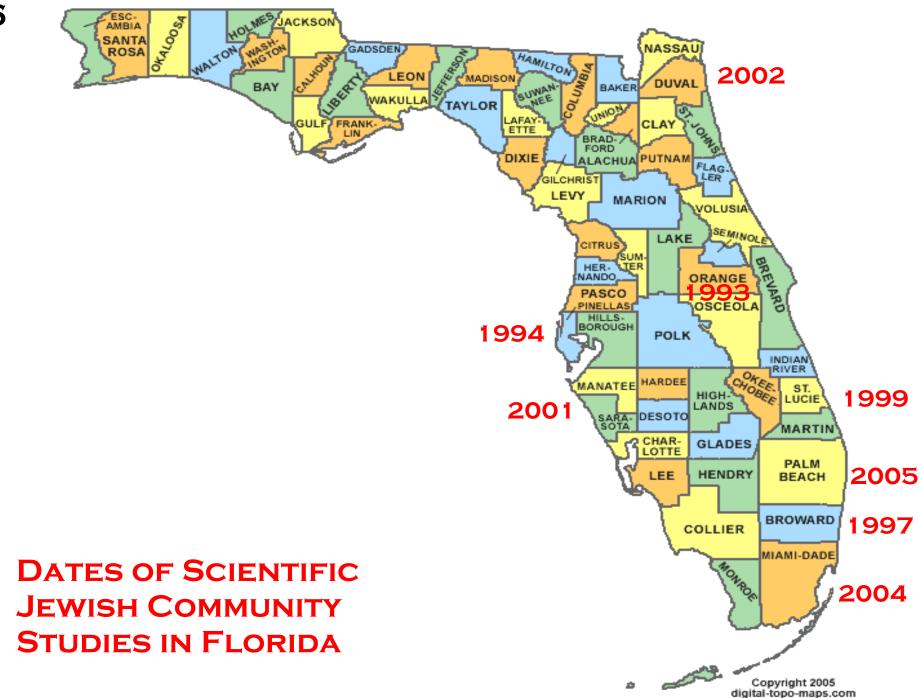




SURVEY METHODOLOGY







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- Random Digit Dialing (RDD) Telephone Survey methodology provides scientific validity
 - Population estimate
 - Random sample with NO sampling by Distinctive Jewish Name or from Jewish mailing lists
- For the two Palm Beach studies, 70,000 different numbers were dialed more than 110,000 times for the 3,045 Jewish households
- Outside South Florida, RDD Sampling was supplemented by sampling via Distinctive Jewish Names

Community	Sample Size
Broward	1,023
Jacksonville	601
Martin-St. Lucie	203
Miami	1,808
Orlando	671
Sarasota	616
South Palm Beach	1,511
St. Petersburg	616
West Palm Beach	1,534
Total	8,583

DEFINITIONS



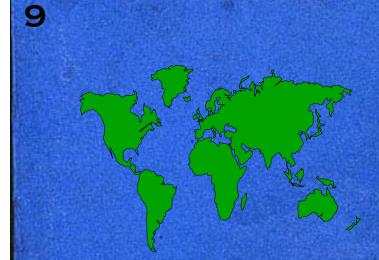


JEWISH HOUSEHOLD
IS A HOUSEHOLD WITH ONE OR MORE JEWS

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(AS IN ALL NATIONAL AND LOCAL JEWISH COMMUNITY STUDIES)

IS A PERSON WHO SELF IDENTIFIES AS JEWISH



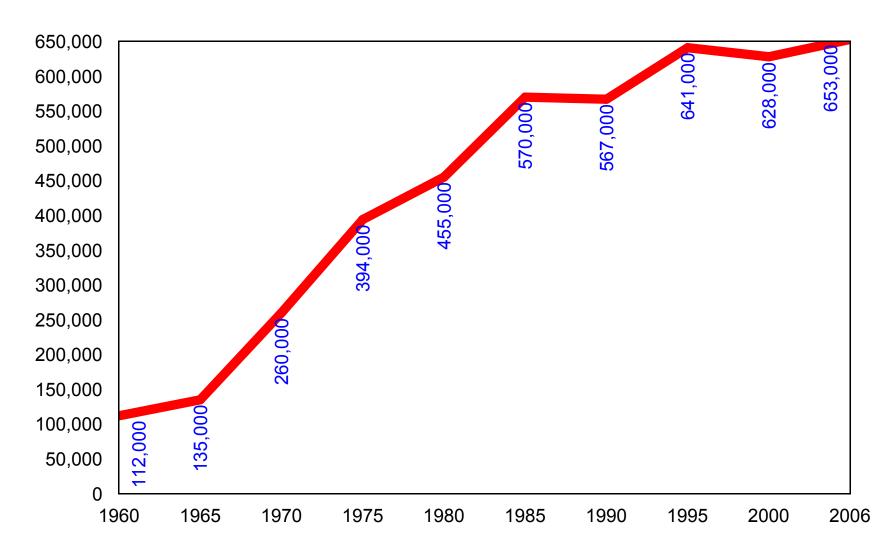


JEWISH POPULATION SIZE AND GEOGRAPHY

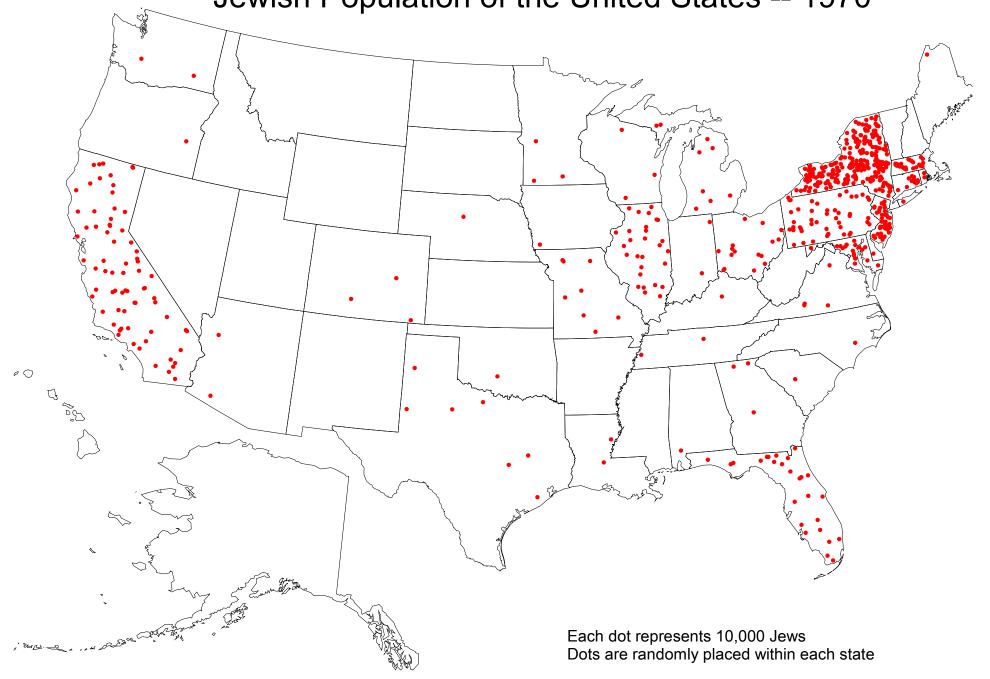


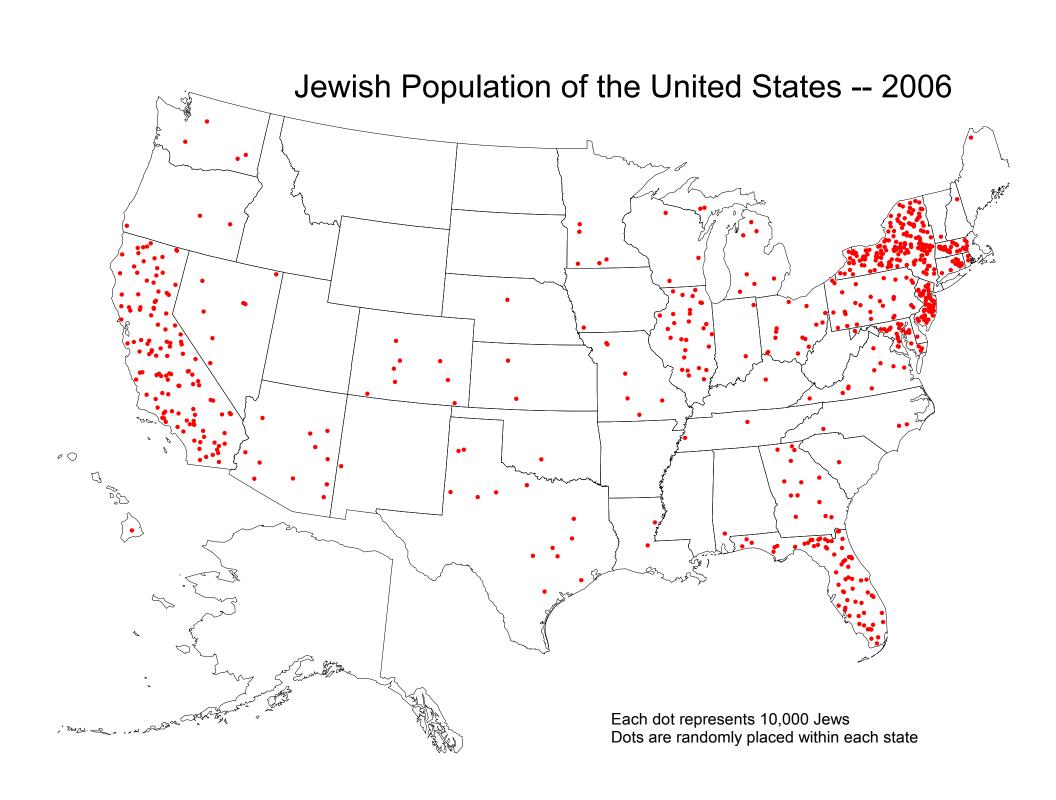


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GROWTH OF THE JEWISH POPULATION OF FLORIDA



Jewish Population of the United States -- 1970

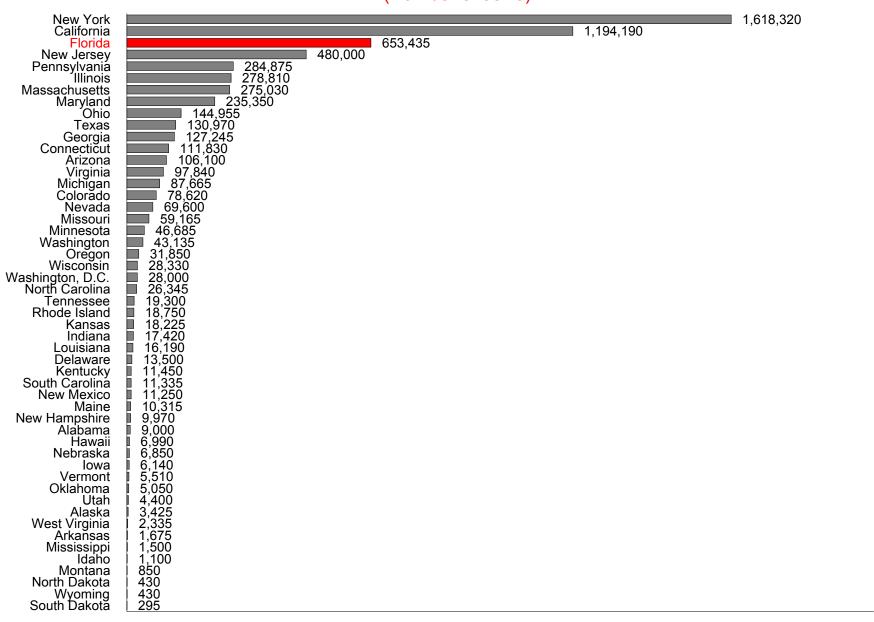




Changes in Jewish Population of the US, 1970-2006 27,905 5 3,020 -820 470 23,065 12,210 -3,820 -917,550 **7,500** -465 85 -187,055 -2,470 -1,440 67,535 -13,605 66,220 2,500 4.500 -6,855 -5,475 473,145 52,145 56,625 16,125 -25,160 705 16,180 1,885 -890 85,100 00 8,550 -1,355 3,520 101,595 -140 -2,625 63,465 75 **393,435** 3,125 Pink States Lost Jewish Population Green States Gained Jewish Population

14 STATES WITH THE LARGEST JEWISH POPULATION

(Number of Jews)



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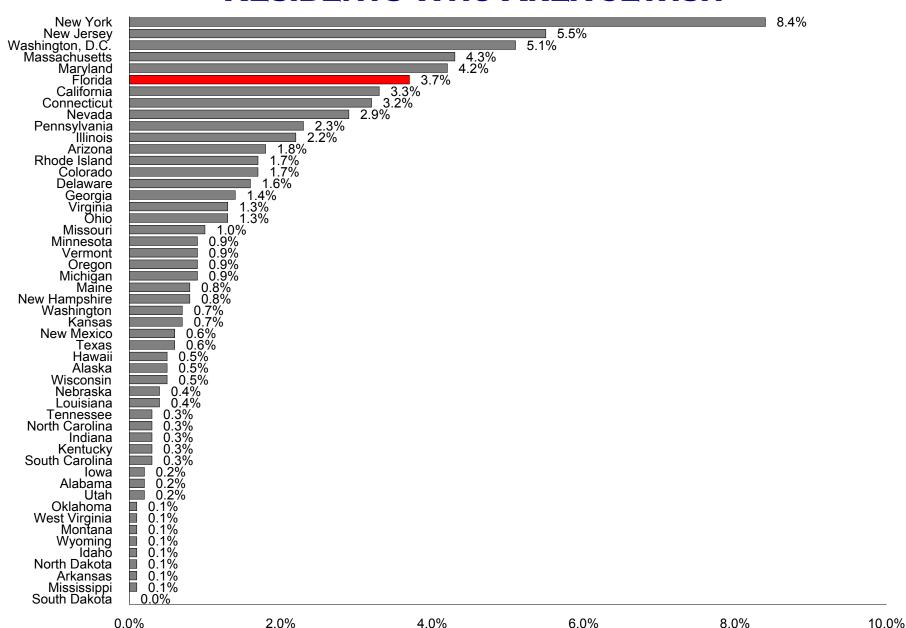
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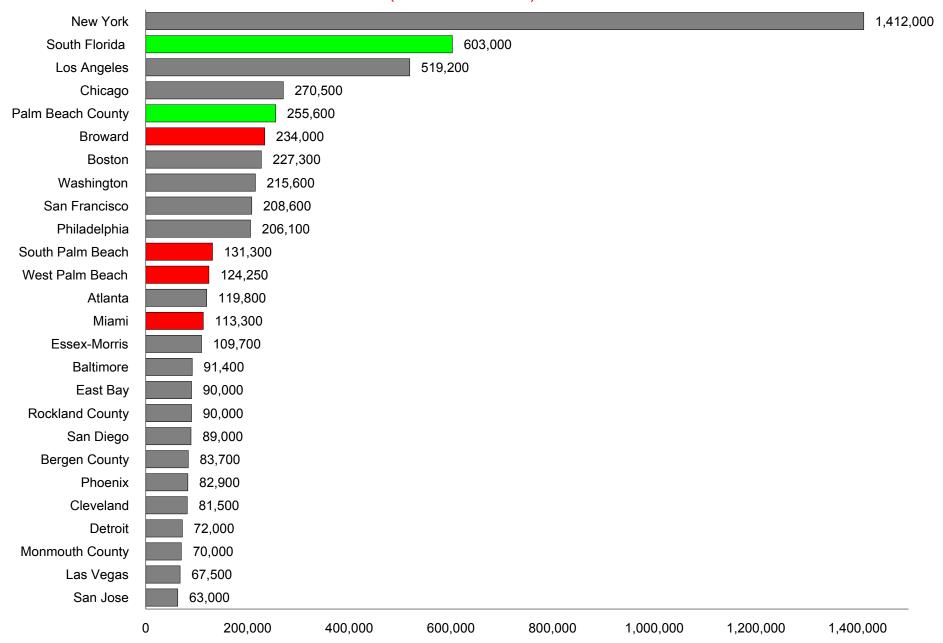
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STATES WITH THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF ITS RESIDENTS WHO AREA JEWISH



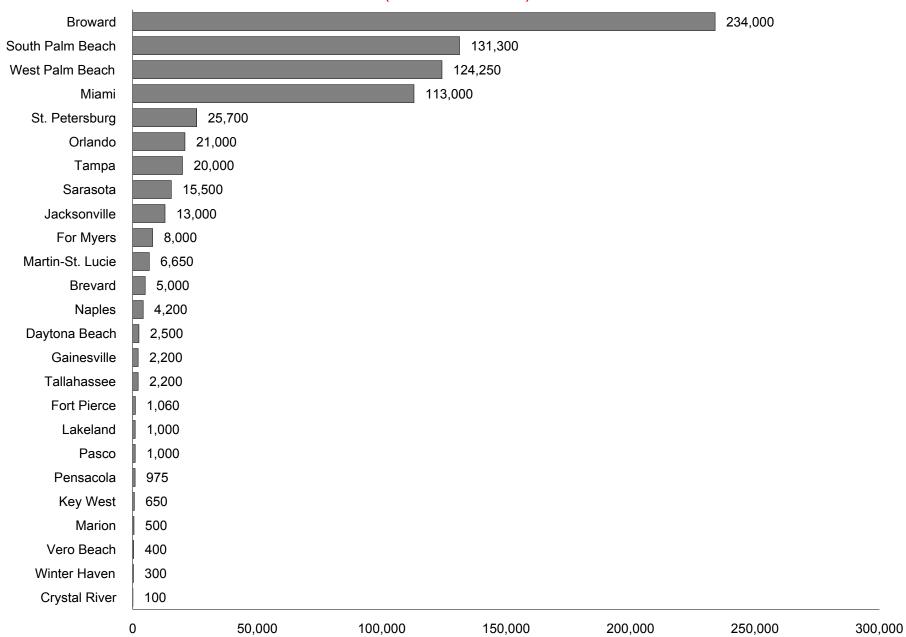
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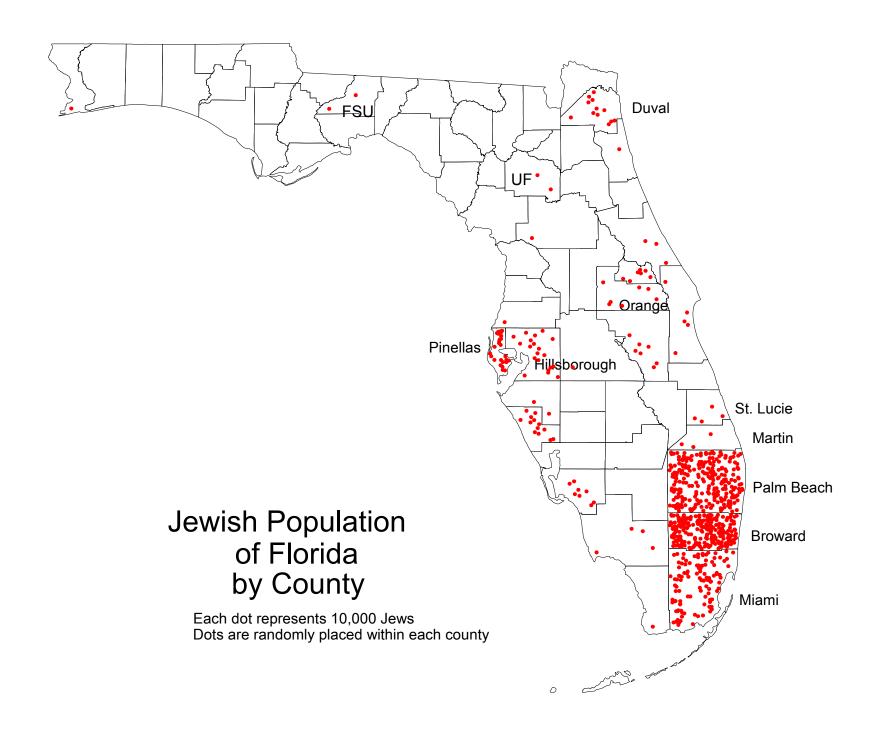
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FLORIDA JEWISH COMMUNITIES

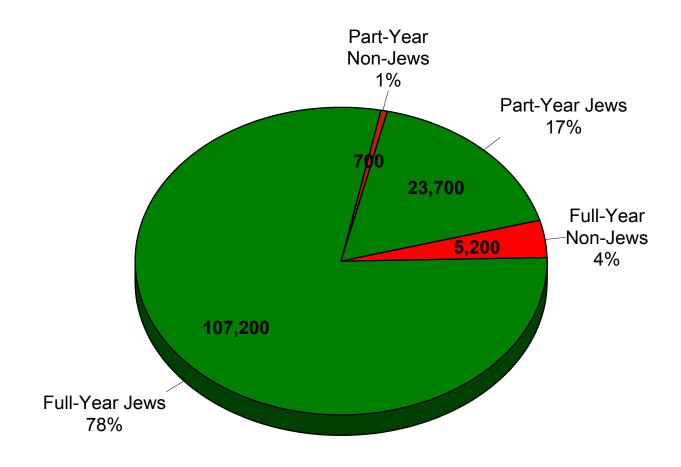
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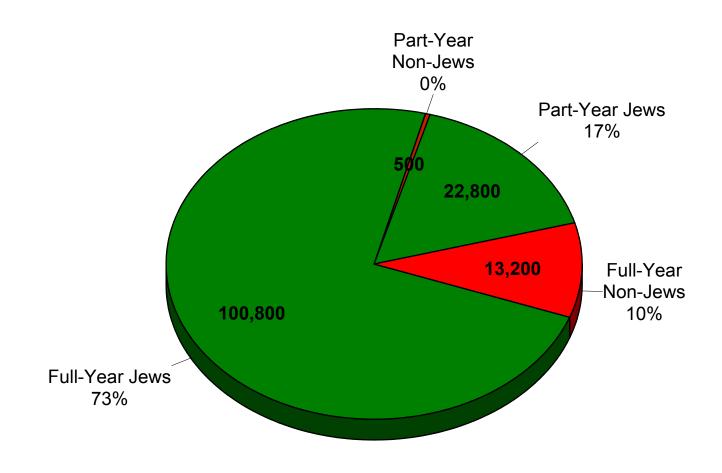
THE JEWISH COMMUNITY OF SOUTH PALM BEACH - 2005

136,800 persons live in 73,000 Jewish households, of whom **130,900** persons are Jewish



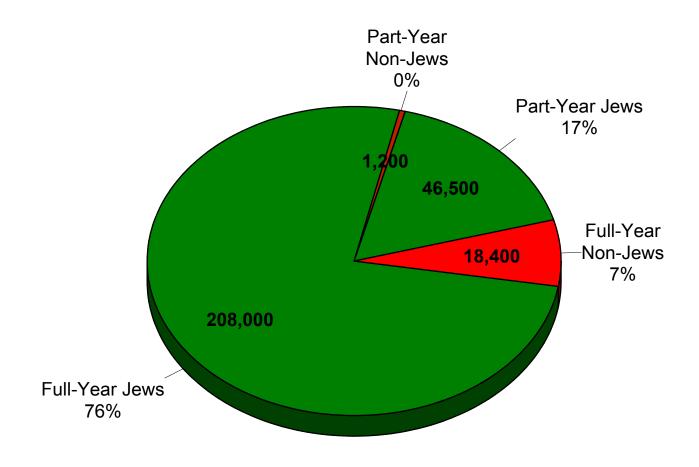
THE JEWISH COMMUNITY OF WEST PALM BEACH - 2005

137,300 persons live in 69,000 Jewish households, of whom **123,600** persons are Jewish



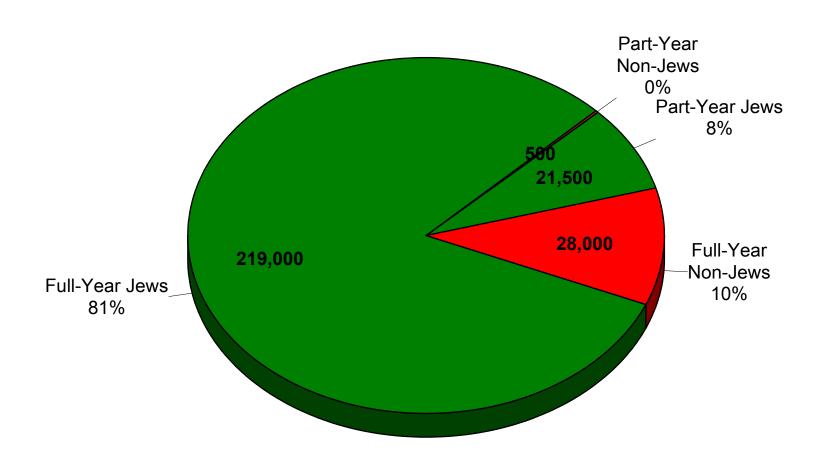
THE JEWISH COMMUNITY OF PALM BEACH COUNTY 2005

274,100 persons live in 142,000 Jewish households, of whom **254,300** persons are Jewish



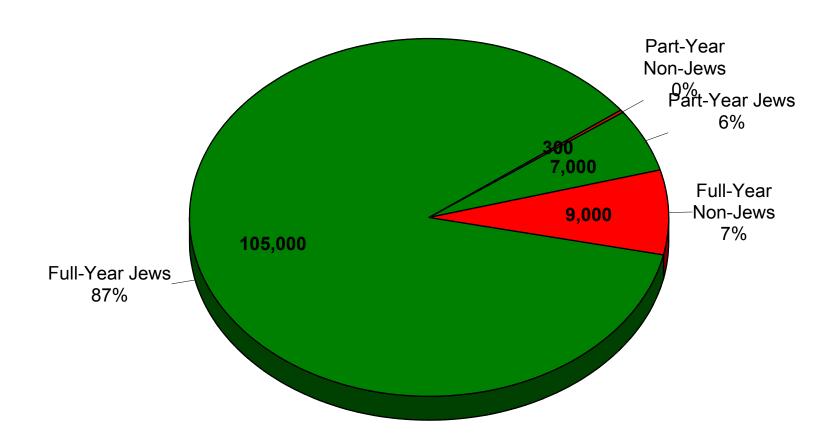
22 THE JEWISH COMMUNITY OF BROWARD COUNTY - 1997

269,100 persons live in 133,000 Jewish households, of whom **240,000** persons are Jewish

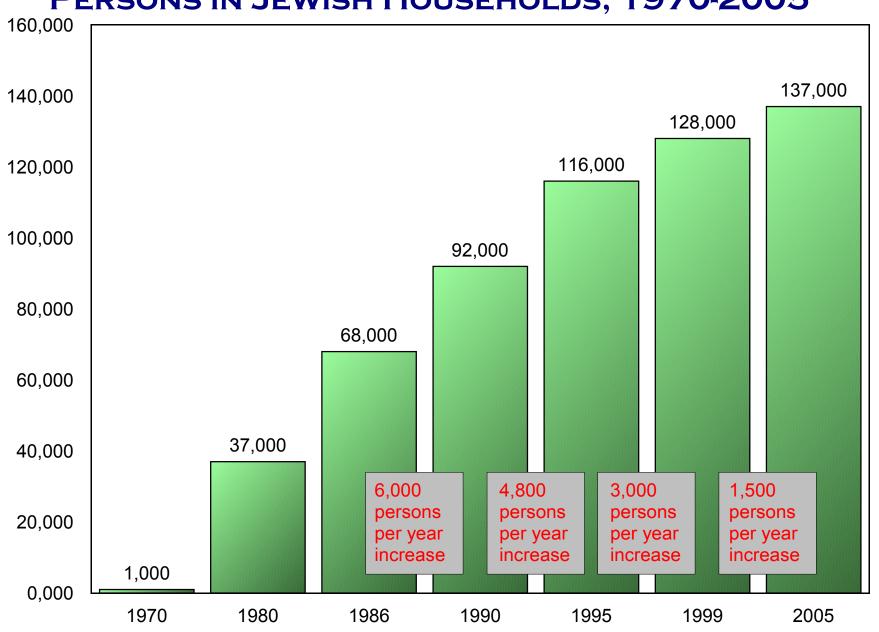


THE JEWISH COMMUNITY OF MIAMI - 2004

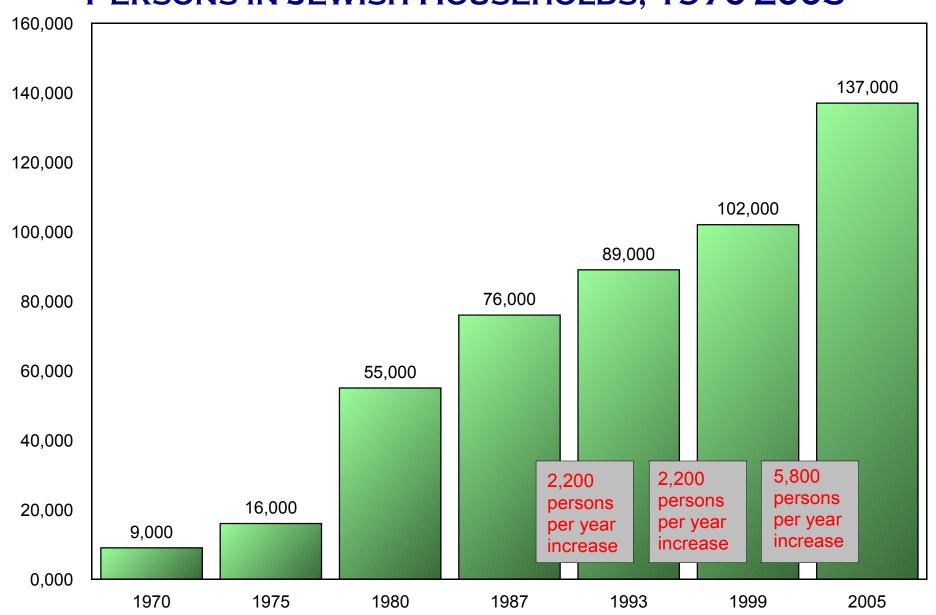
121,000 persons live in 54,000 Jewish households, of whom **112,000** persons are Jewish



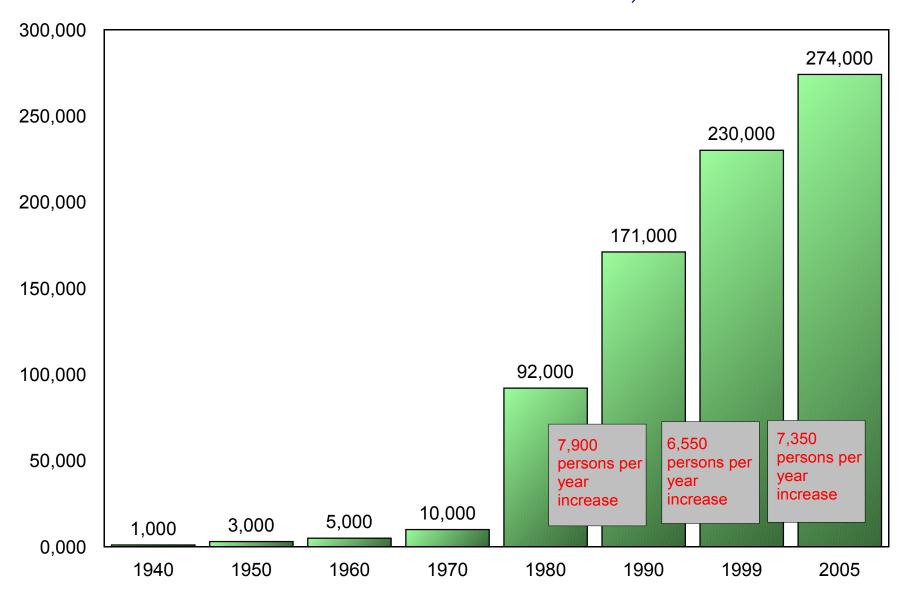
SOUTH PALM BEACH
PERSONS IN JEWISH HOUSEHOLDS, 1970-2005



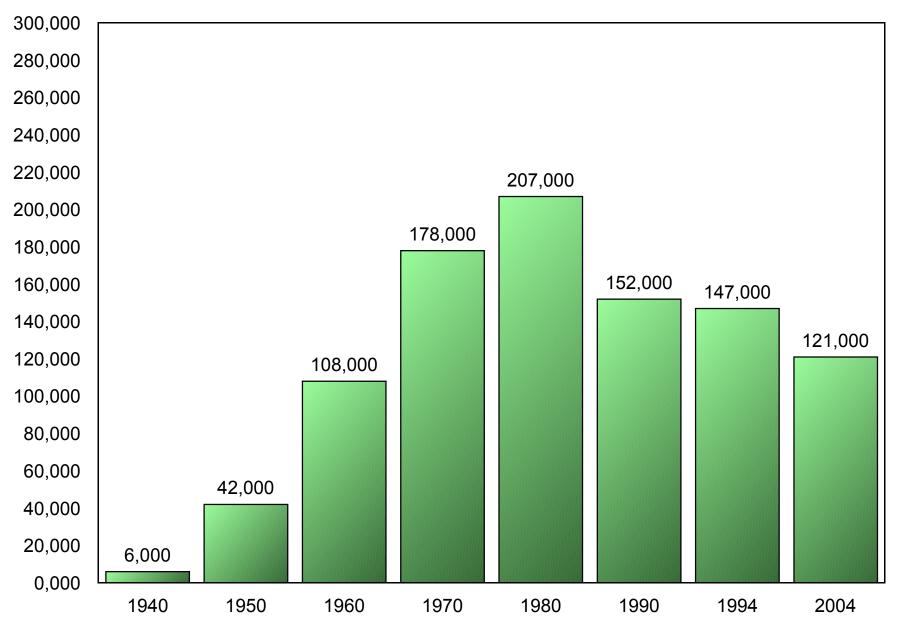
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PERSONS IN JEWISH HOUSEHOLDS, 1970-2005



PALM BEACH COUNTY
PERSONS IN JEWISH HOUSEHOLDS, 1940-2005



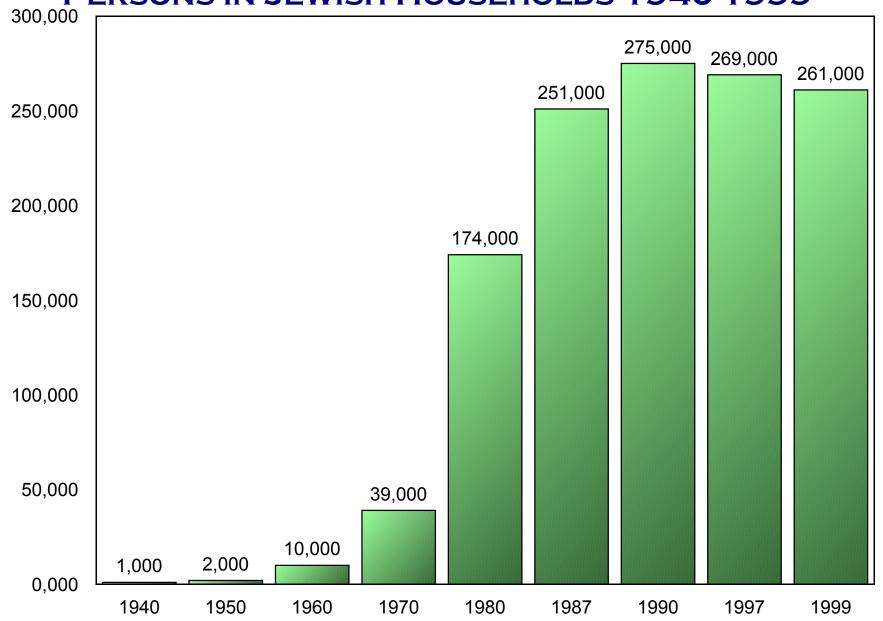
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PERSONS IN JEWISH HOUSEHOLDS 1940-2004



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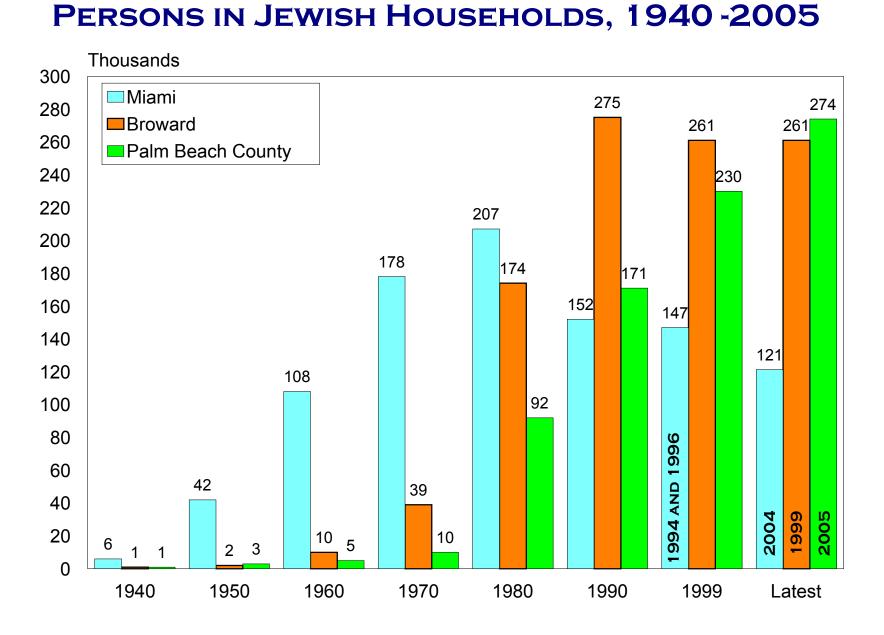
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PERSONS IN JEWISH HOUSEHOLDS 1940-1999



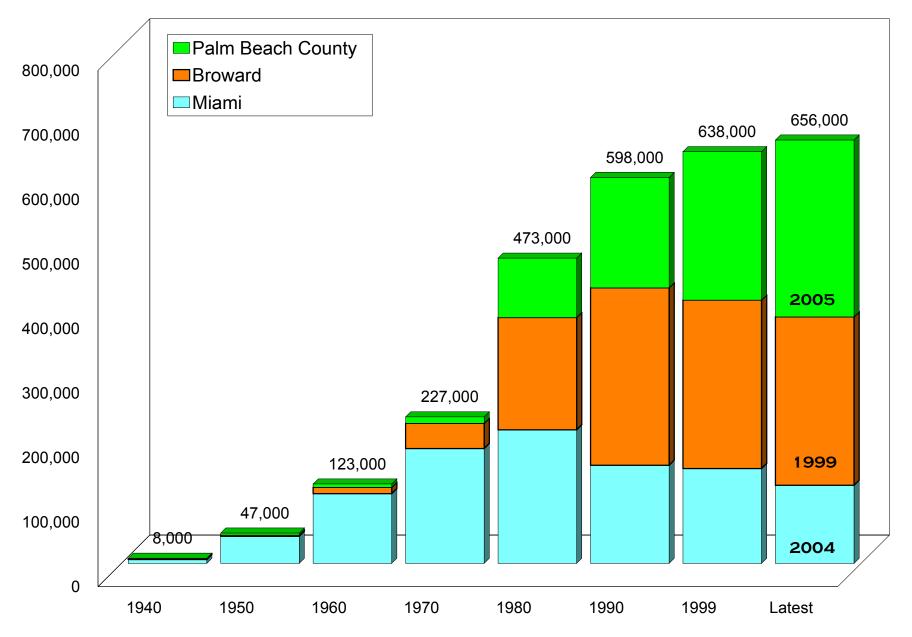
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SOUTH FLORIDA

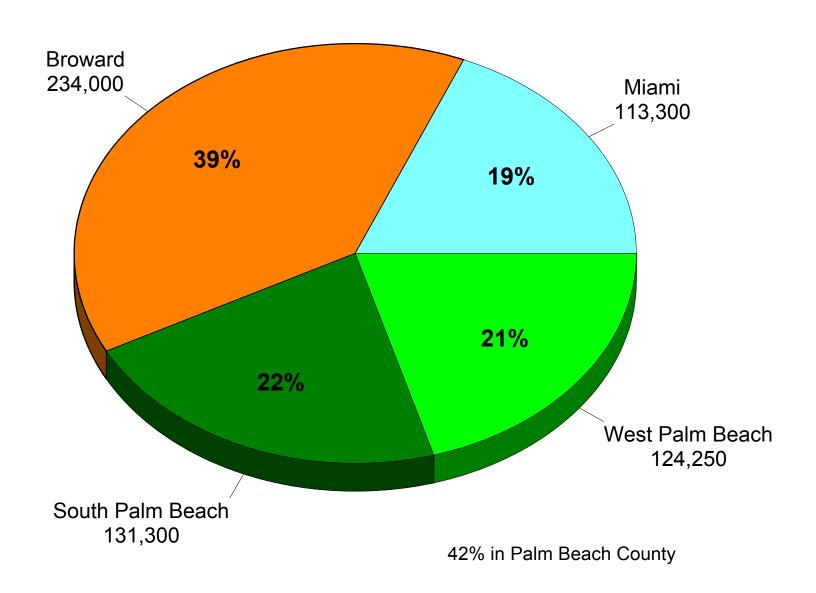


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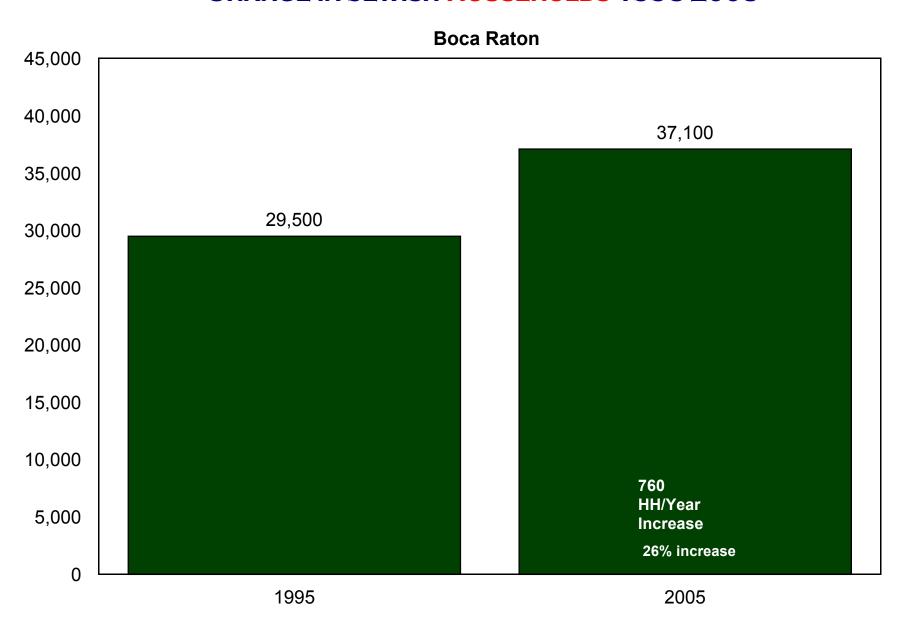
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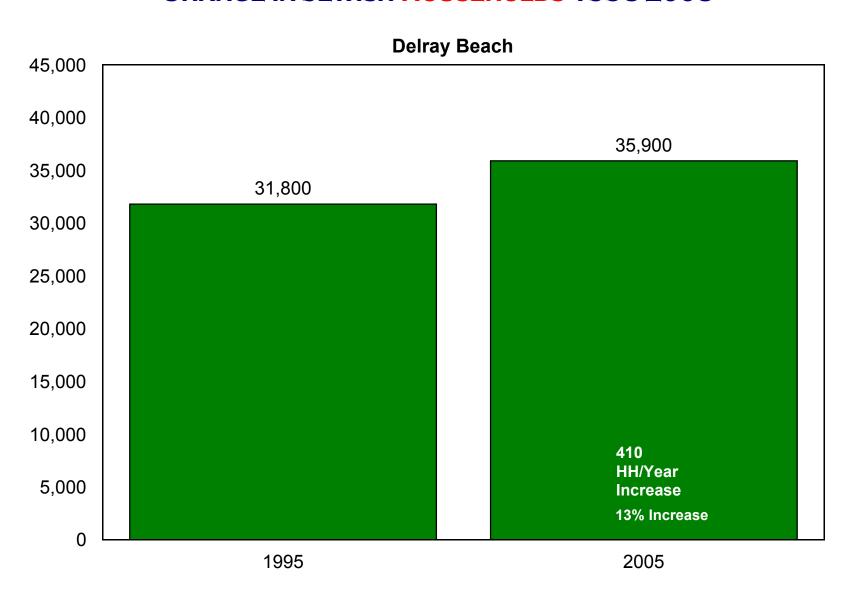
PERCENTAGE OF SOUTH FLORIDA JEWS IN EACH FEDERATION SERVICE AREA



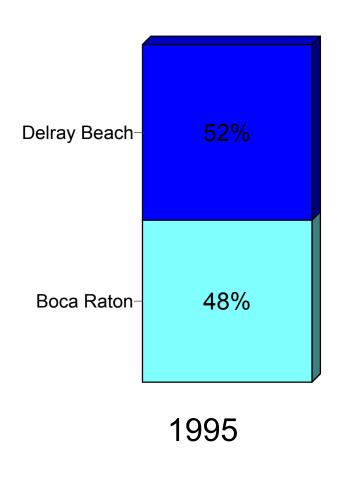
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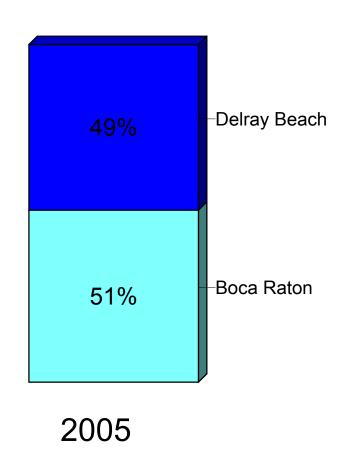


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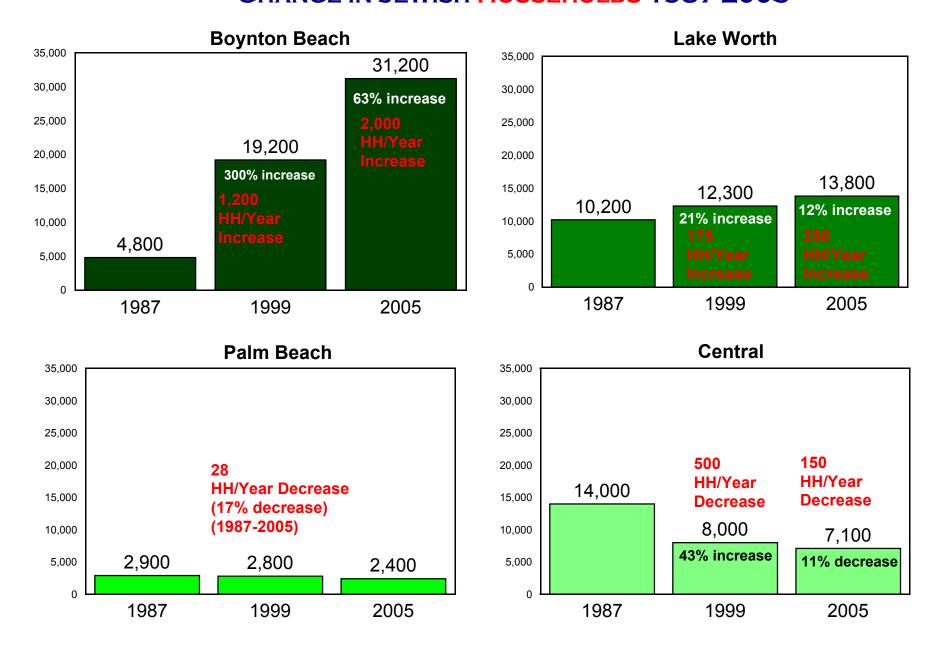


SOUTH PALM BEACH DISTRIBUTION OF JEWISH HOUSEHOLDS

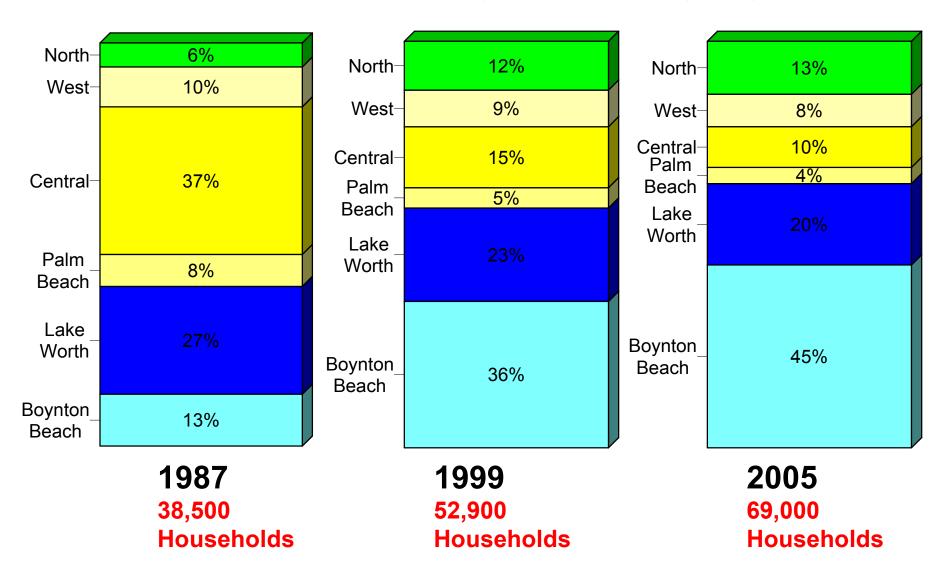


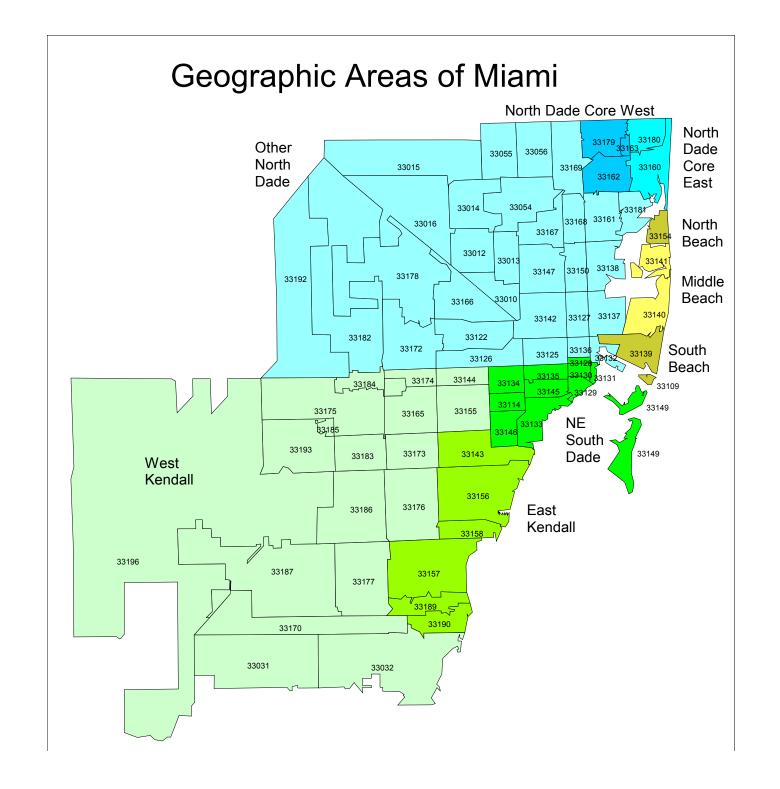


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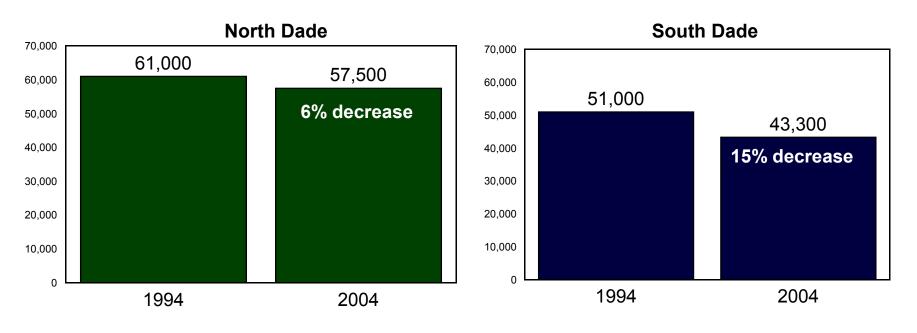


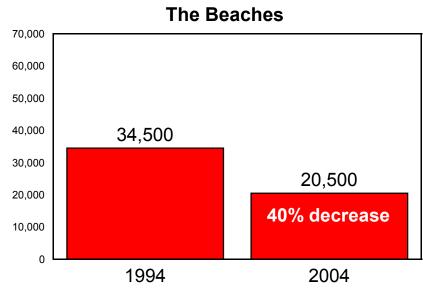
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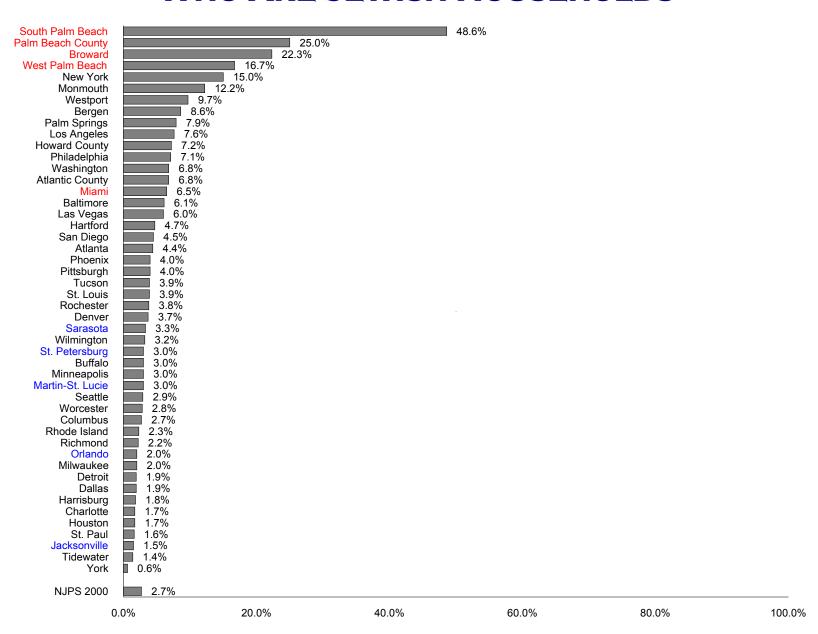


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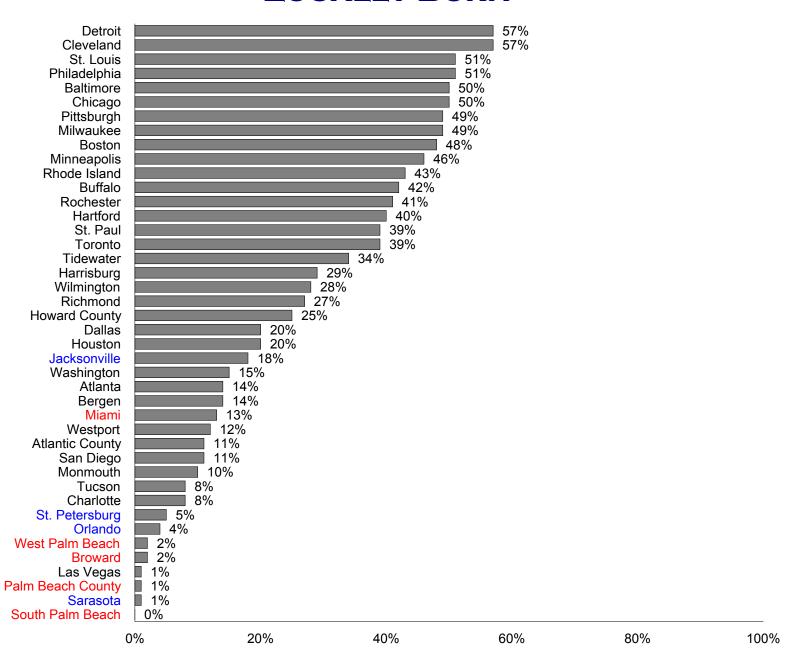




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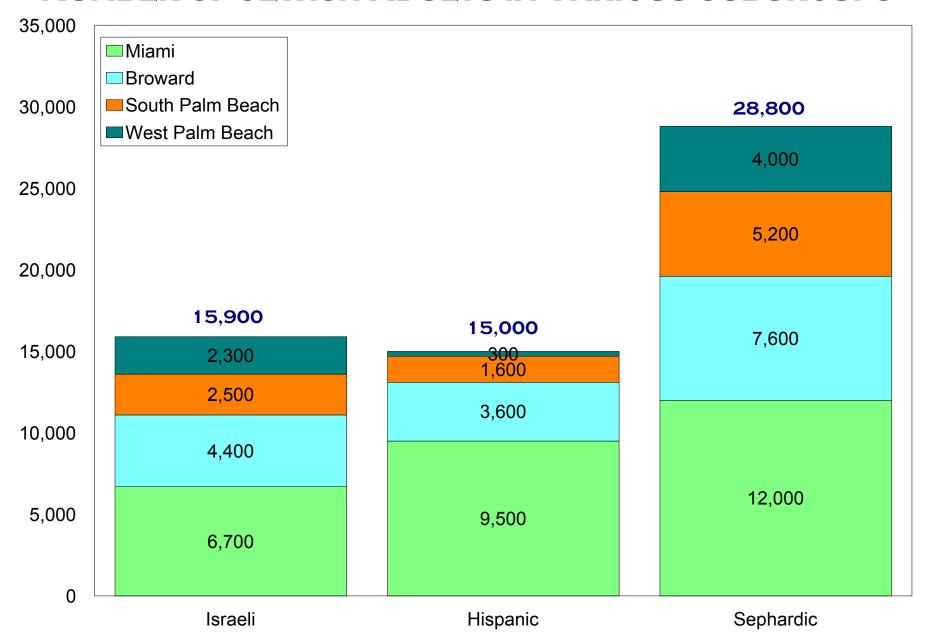


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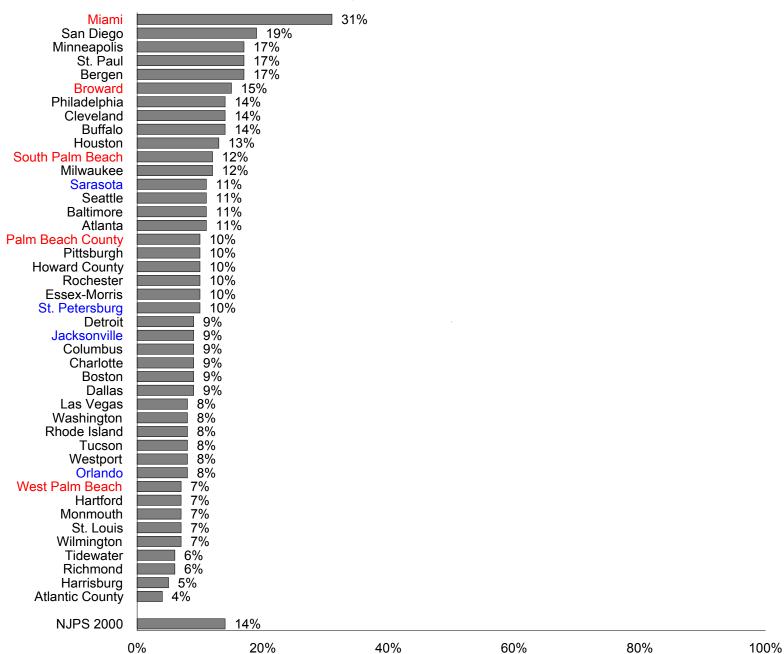


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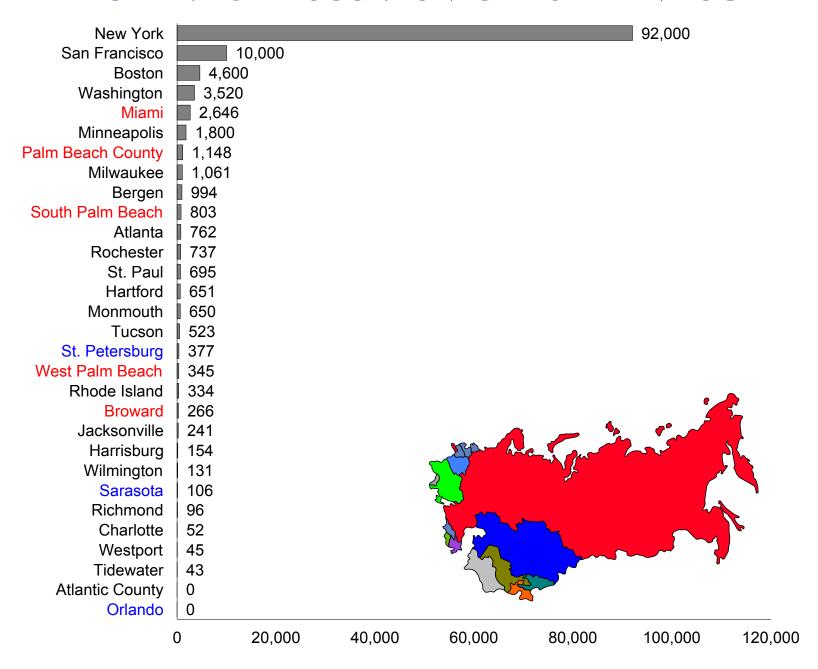
NUMBER OF JEWISH ADULTS IN VARIOUS SUBGROUPS



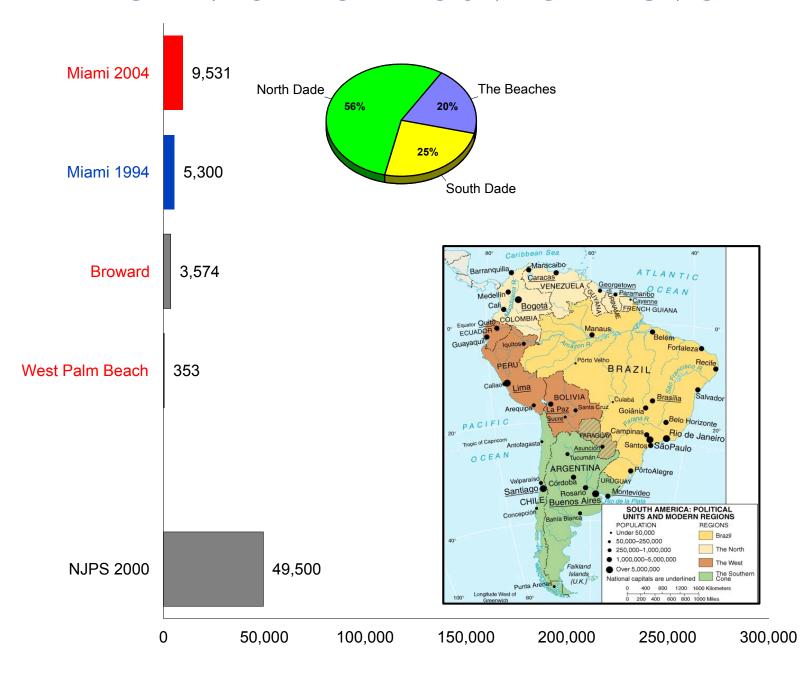
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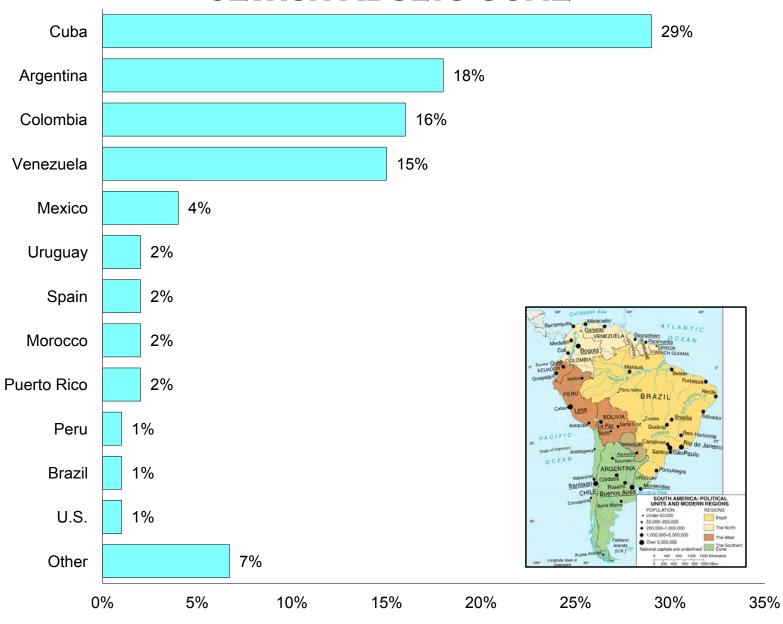
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NUMBER OF HISPANIC JEWISH ADULTS

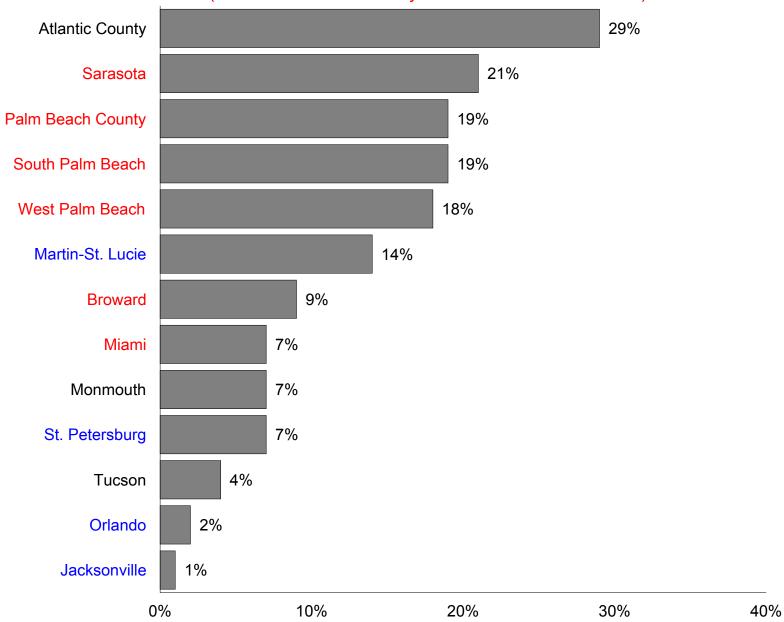


COUNTRY FROM WHICH HISPANIC JEWISH ADULTS COME

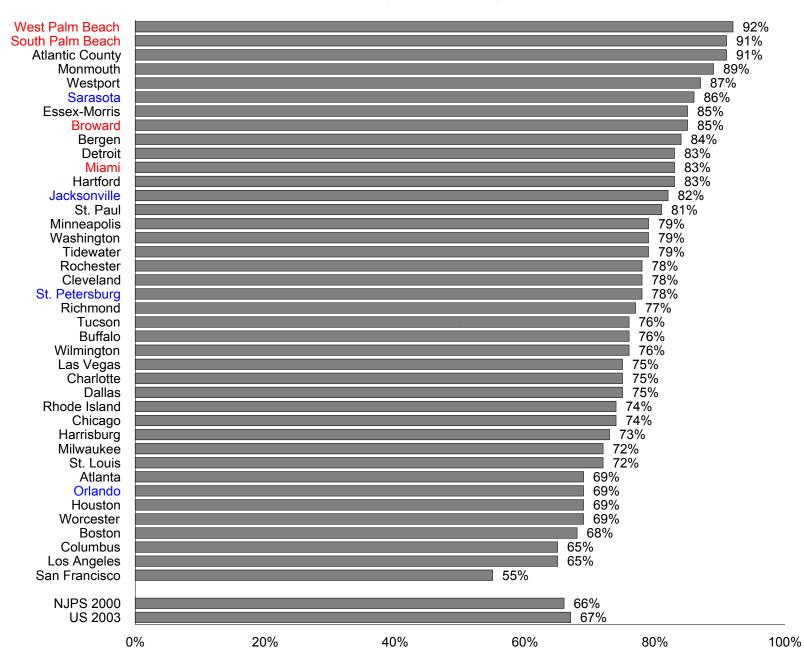


PART-YEAR HOUSEHOLDS

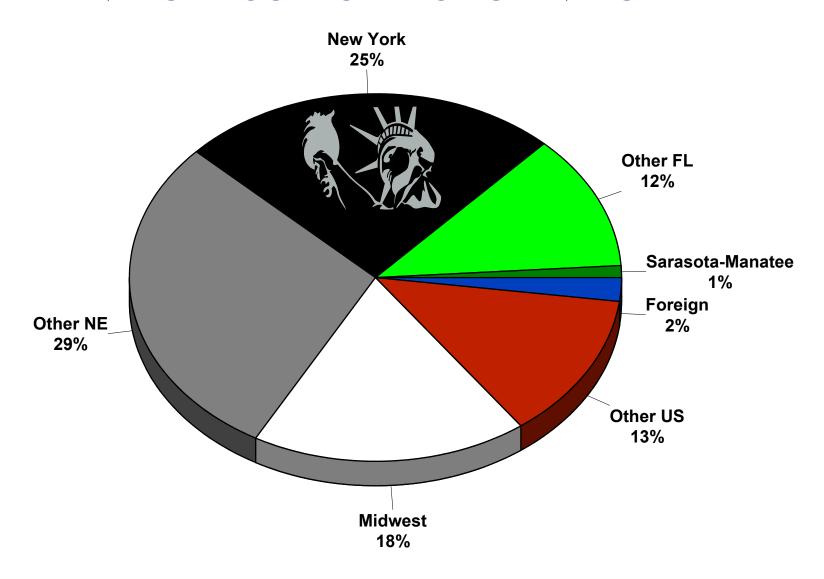
(Live in Local Community for 3-7 Months of the Year)



HOME OWNERSHIP

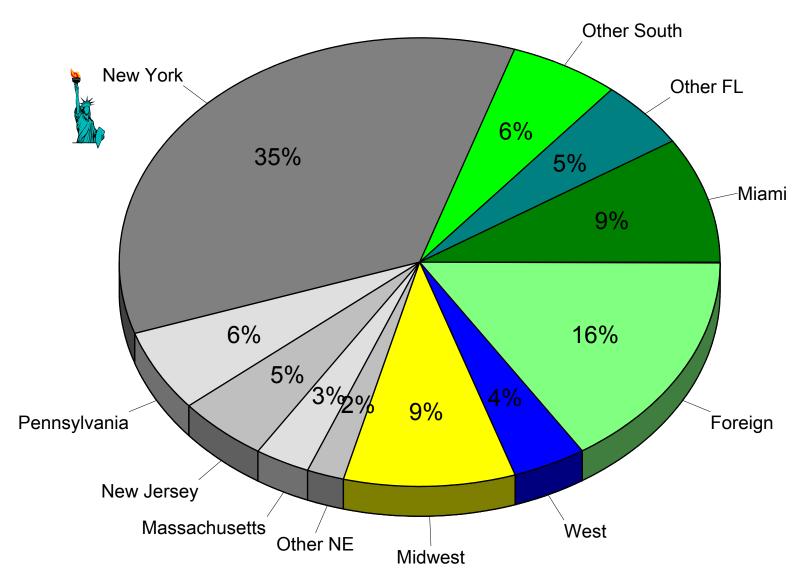


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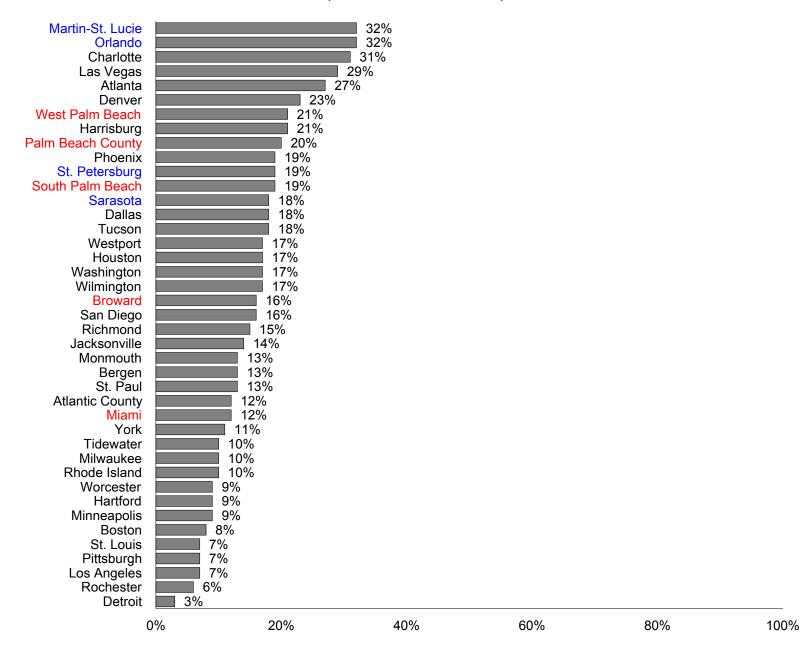


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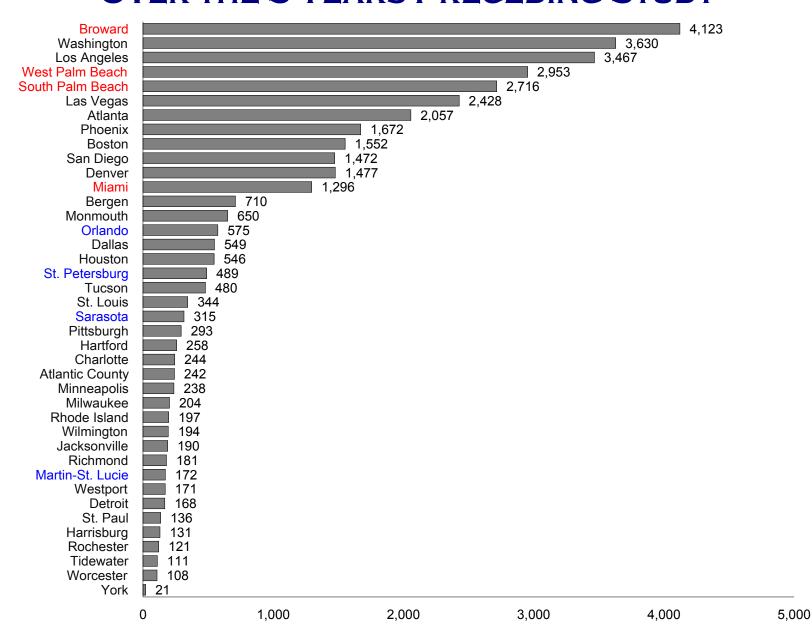
(Respondents in Full-Year Households)



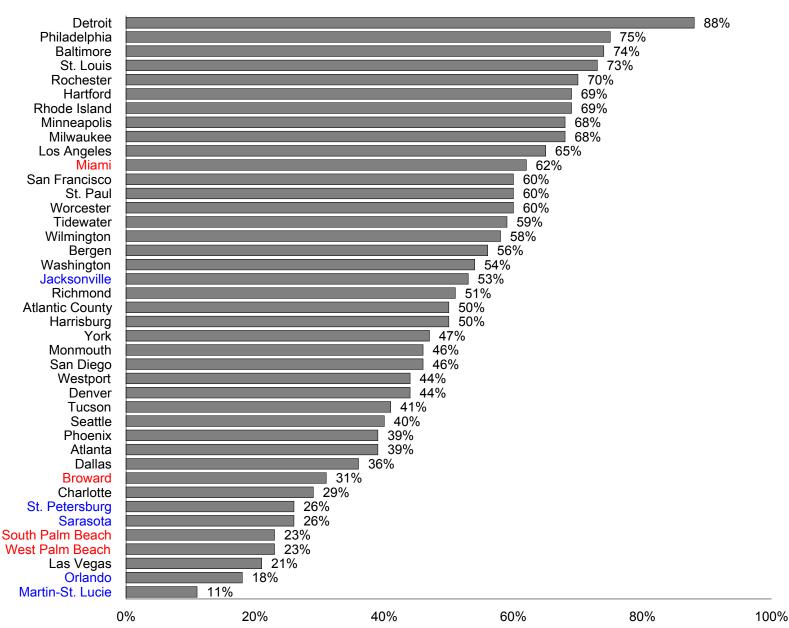
NEW HOUSEHOLDS (0-4 YEARS)



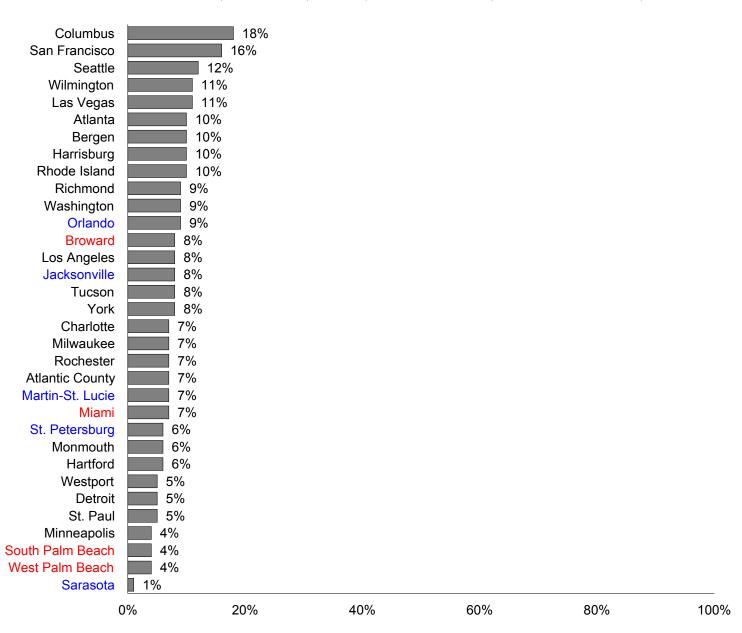
51 AVERAGE NUMBER OF NEW HOUSEHOLDS PER YEAR OVER THE 5 YEARS PRECEDING STUDY



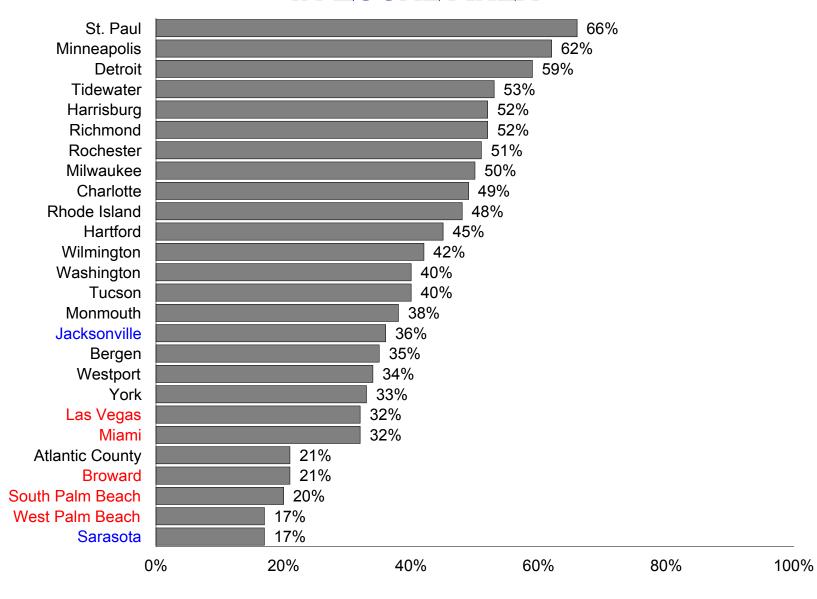
LONG-TERM HOUSEHOLDS (20 OR MORE YEARS)



DEFINITELY OR PROBABLY MOVING OUT OF LOCAL METROPOLITAN AREA



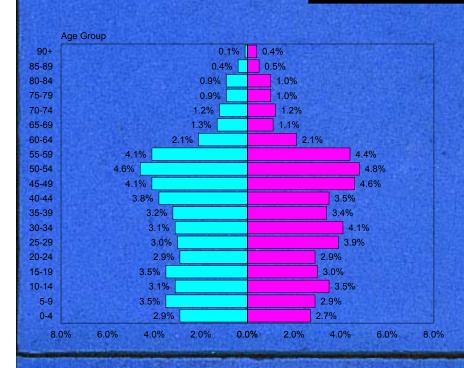
HOUSEHOLDS WITH ADULT CHILDREN WHO HAVE ESTABLISHED THEIR OWN HOMES IN LOCAL AREA







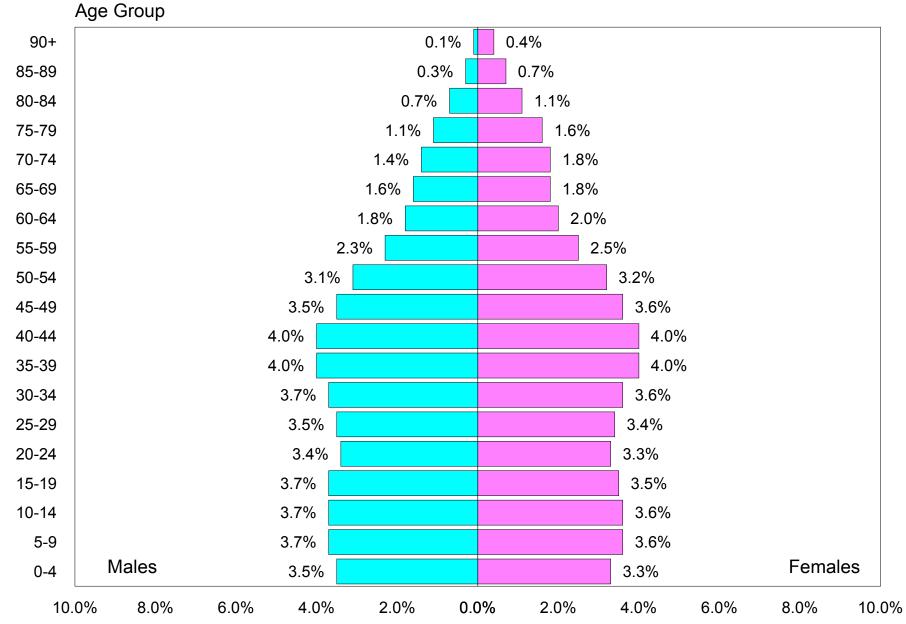
DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE





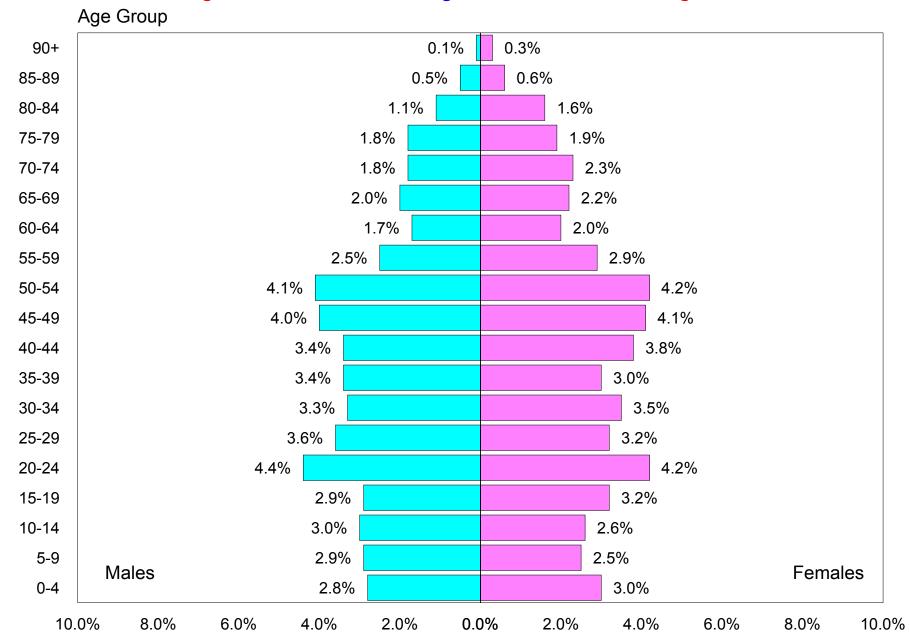
AGE DISTRIBUTION-ALL AMERICANS

Median Age is 35 Years 12% are Age 65 and Over 6% are Age 75 and Over



AGE DISTRIBUTION-AMERICAN JEWS

Median Age is 39 Years 16% are Age 65 and Over 8% are Age 75 and Over



AGE DISTRIBUTION-MIAMI

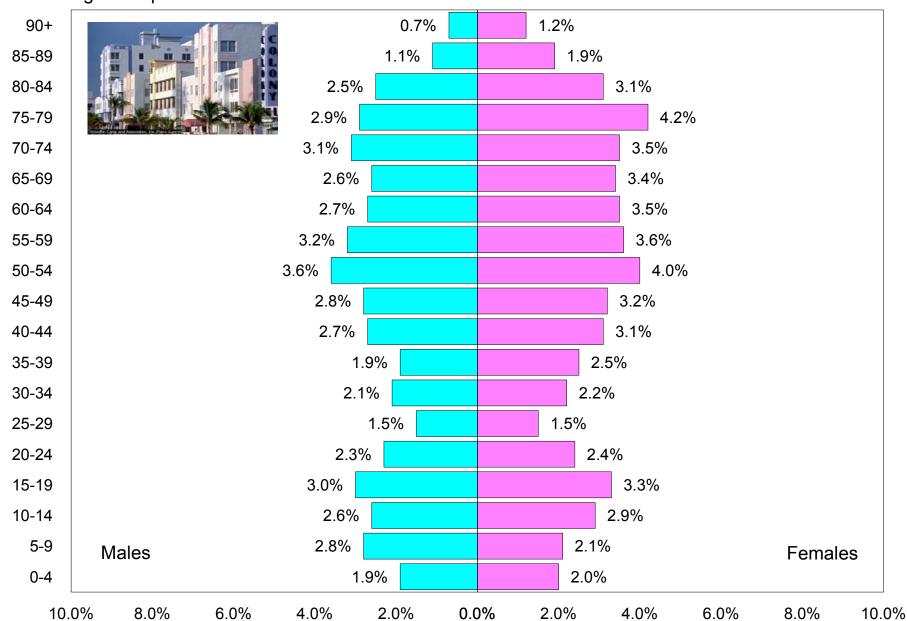
Median Age is 51 Years

30% are Age 65 and Over

(Persons in Jewish Households)

18% are Age 75 and Over

Age Group

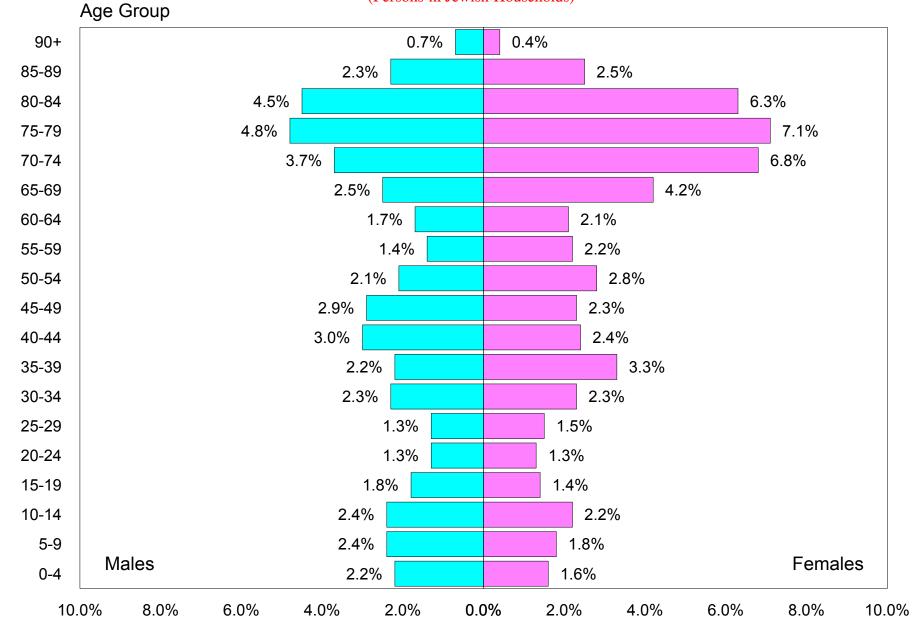


AGE DISTRIBUTION-BROWARD

Median Age is 59 Years

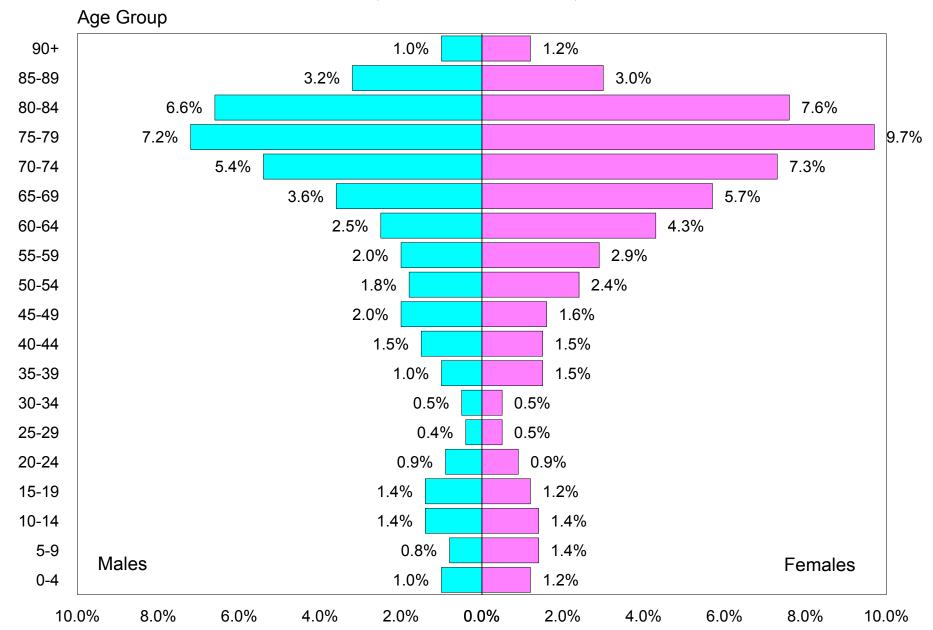
46% are Age 65 and Over

29% are Age 75 and Over



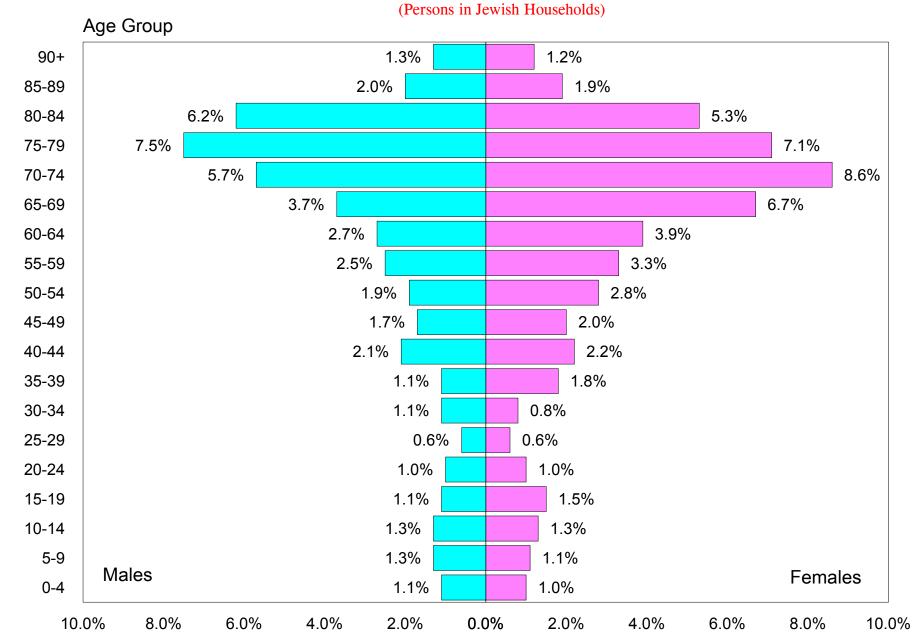
AGE DISTRIBUTION-SOUTH PALM BEACH

Median Age is 71 Years 62% are Age 65 and Over 40% are Age 75 and Over



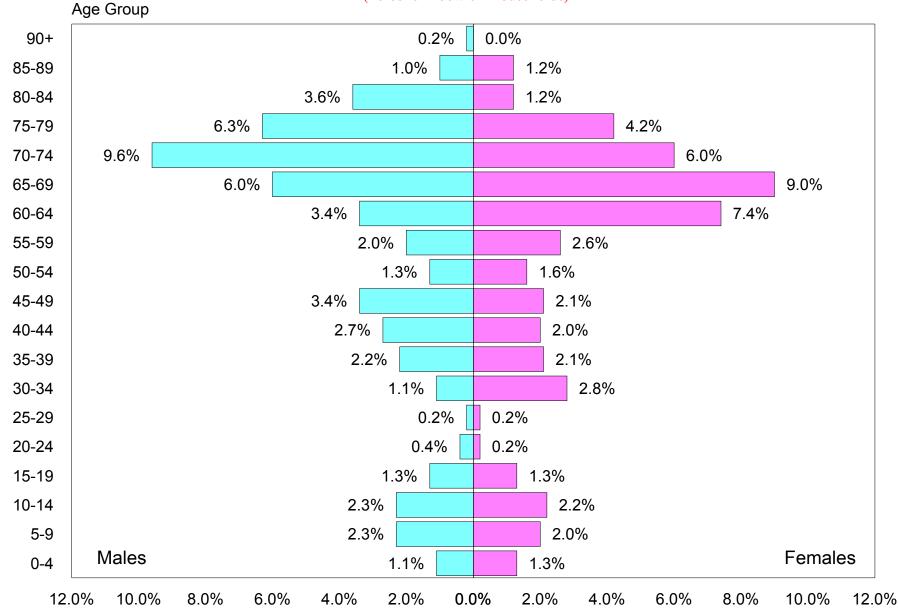
AGE DISTRIBUTION-WEST PALM BEACH

Median Age is 69 Years 57% are Age 65 and Over 32% are Age 75 and Over



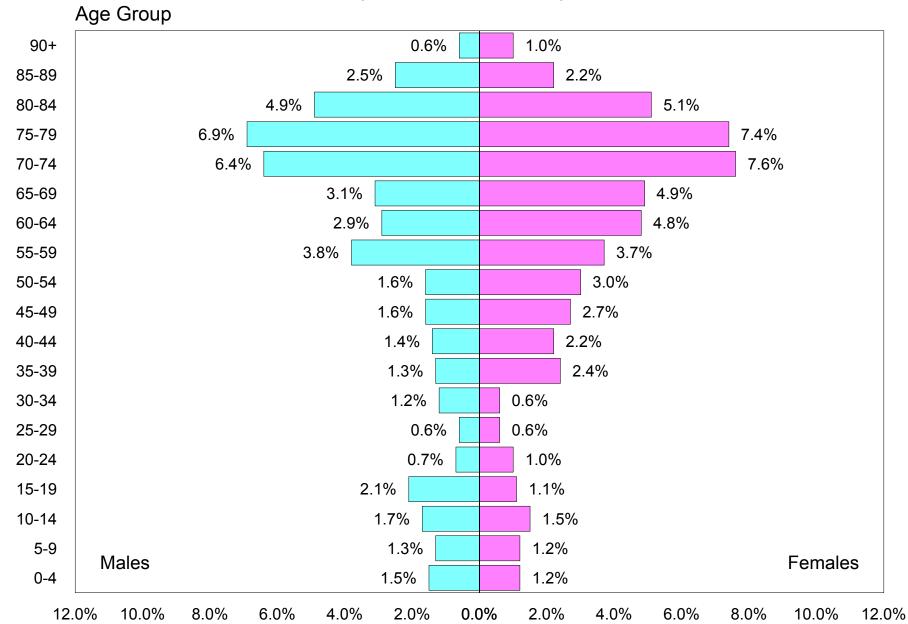
AGE DISTRIBUTION-MARTIN-ST. LUCIE

Median Age is 64 Years 48% are age 65 and over 18% are age 75 and over



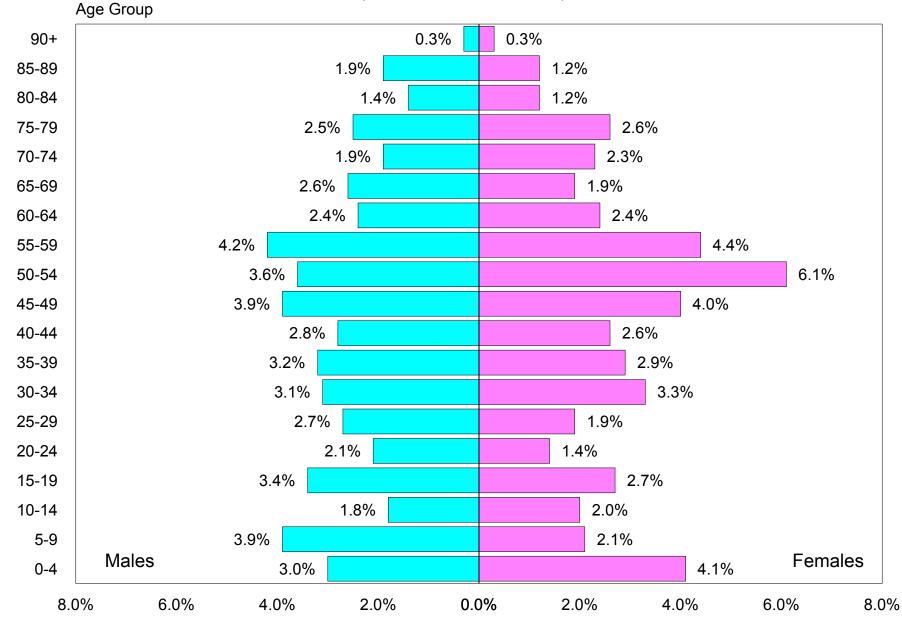
AGE DISTRIBUTION-SARASOTA

Median Age is 66 Years 53% are Age 65 and Over 31% are Age 75 and Over



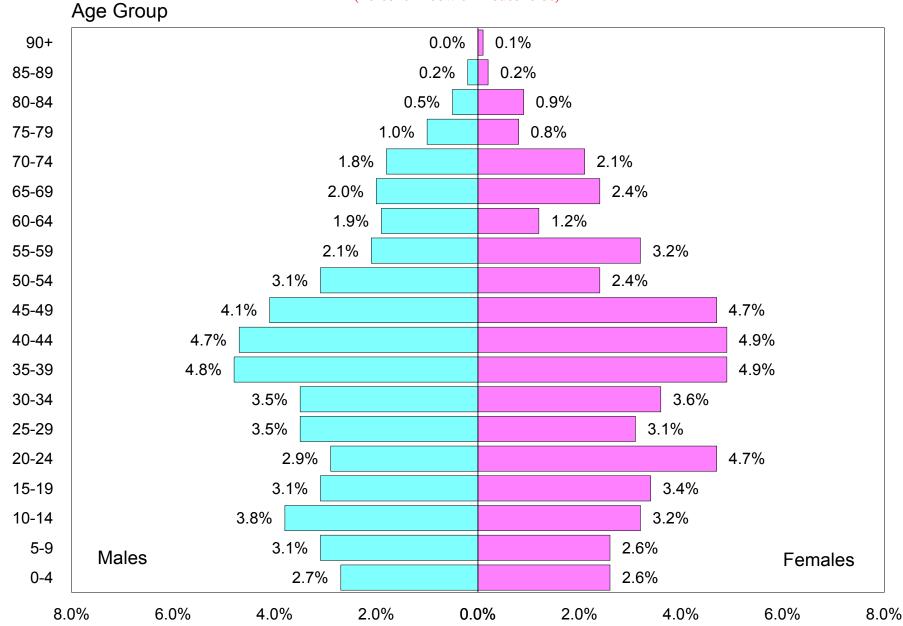
AGE DISTRIBUTION-JACKSONVILLE

Median Age is 46 Years 20% are Age 65 and Over 11% are Age 75 and Over



AGE DISTRIBUTION-ORLANDO

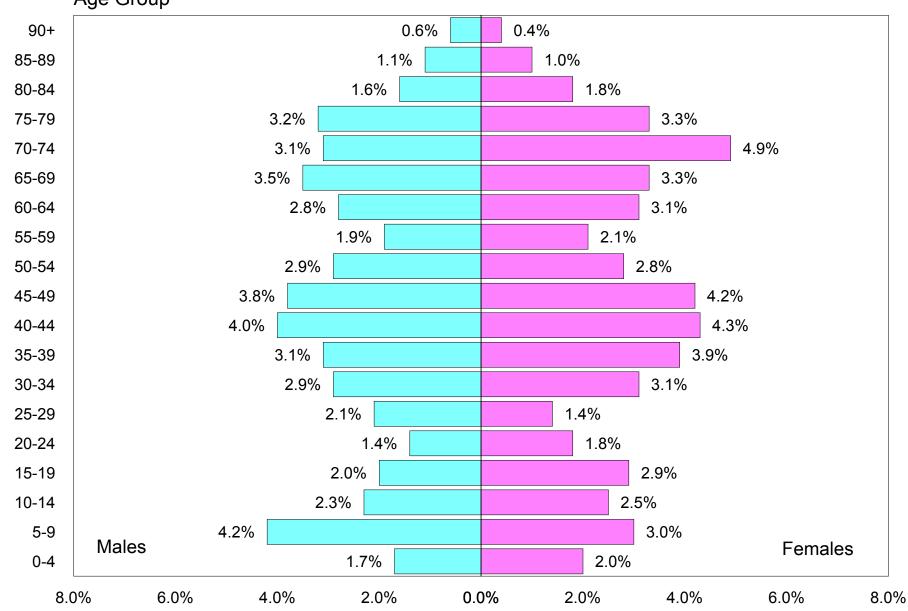
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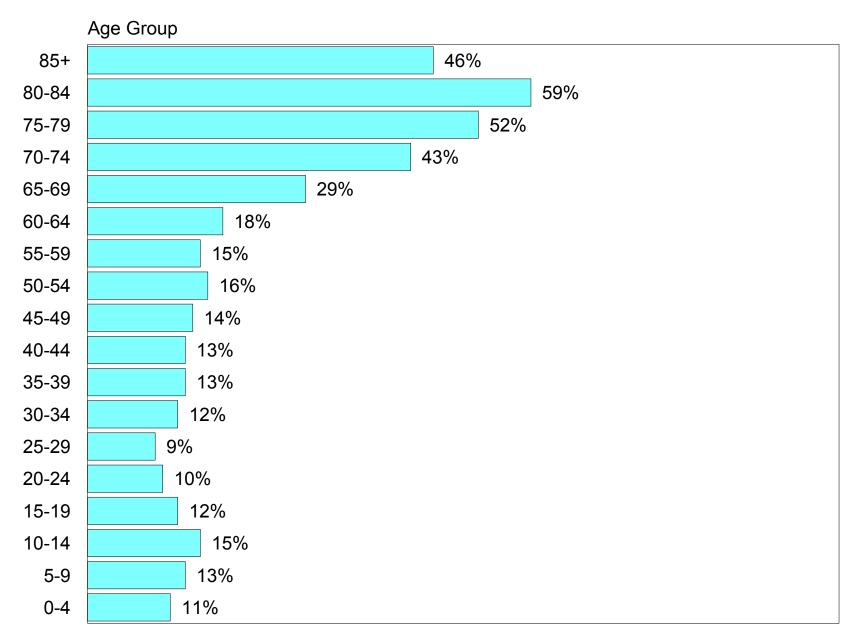
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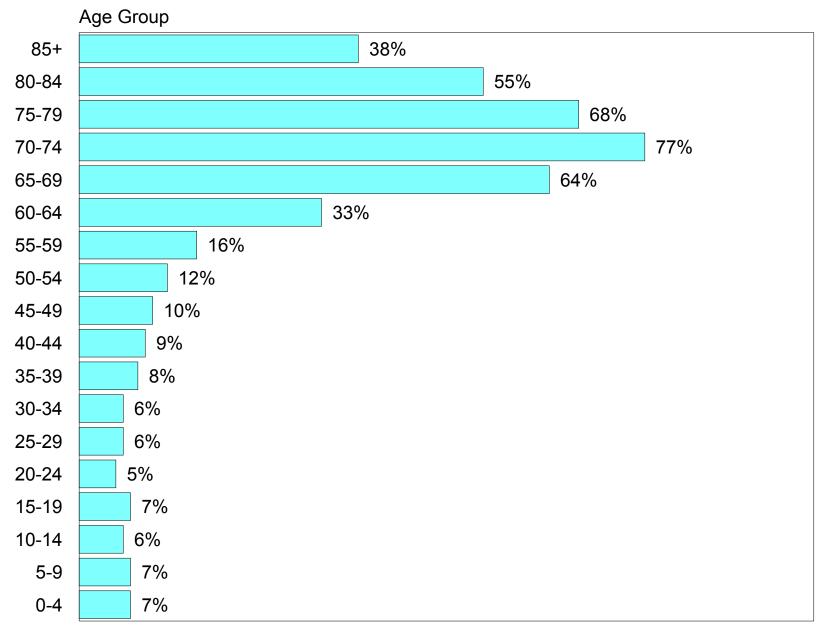
(Persons in Jewish Households) Age Group



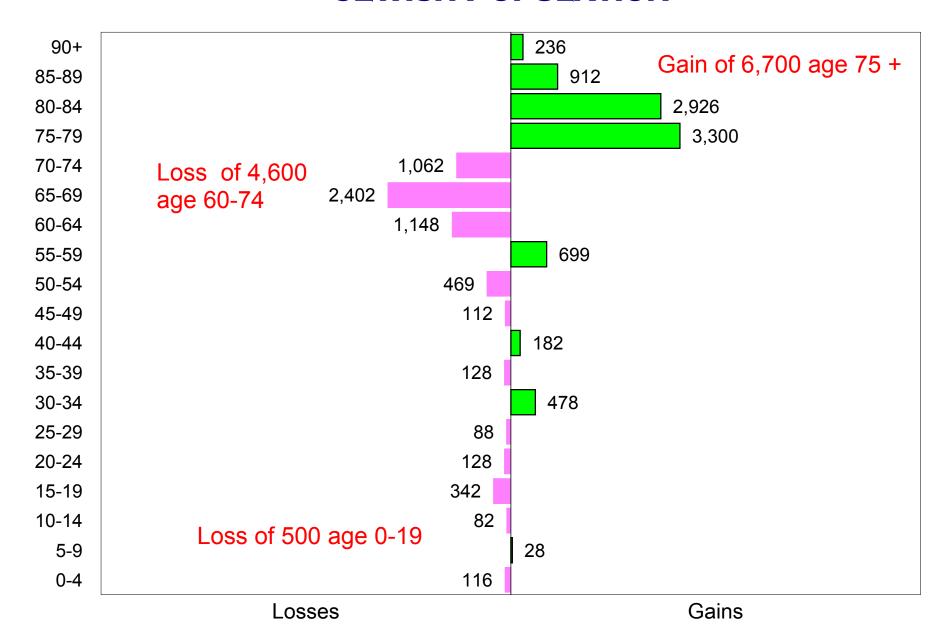
BROWARD COUNTY RESIDENTS WHO LIVE IN JEWISH HOUSEHOLDS



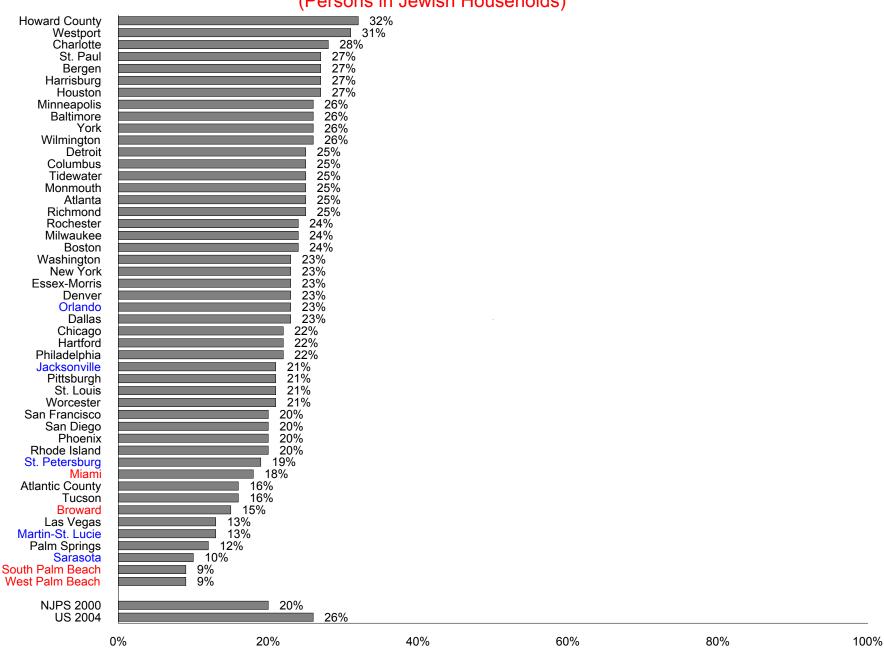
PALM BEACH COUNTY RESIDENTS WHO LIVE IN JEWISH HOUSEHOLDS



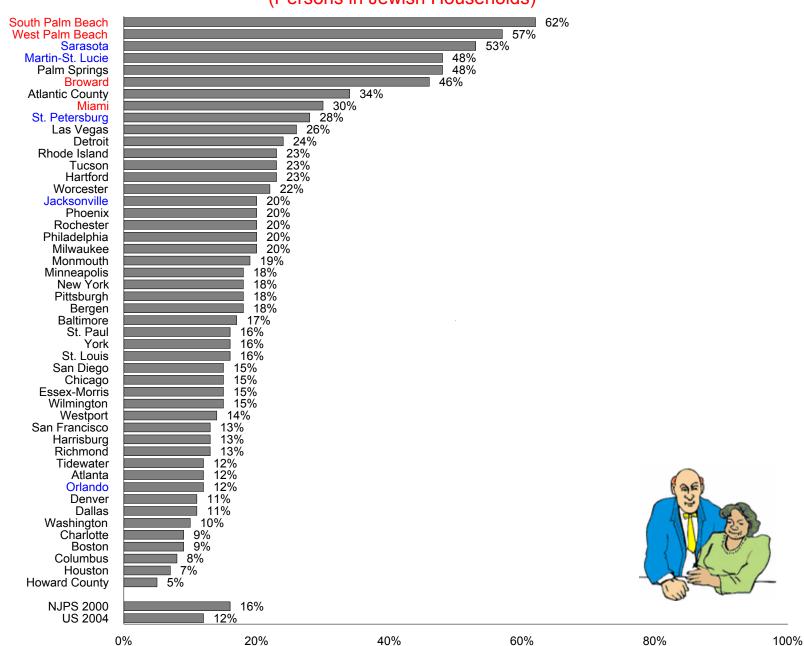
CHANGES IN AGE LAKE WORTH 1987-1999 JEWISH POPULATION



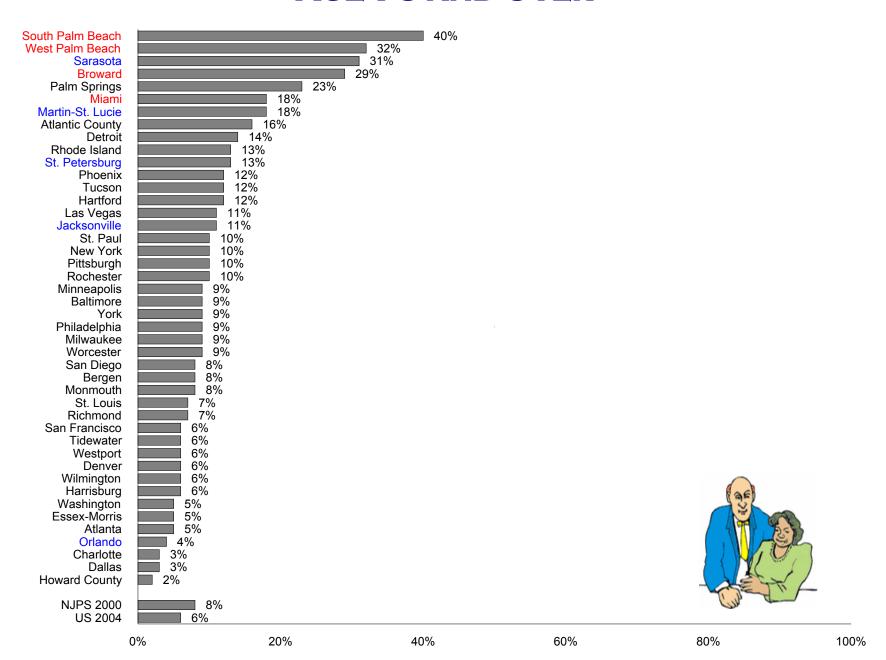
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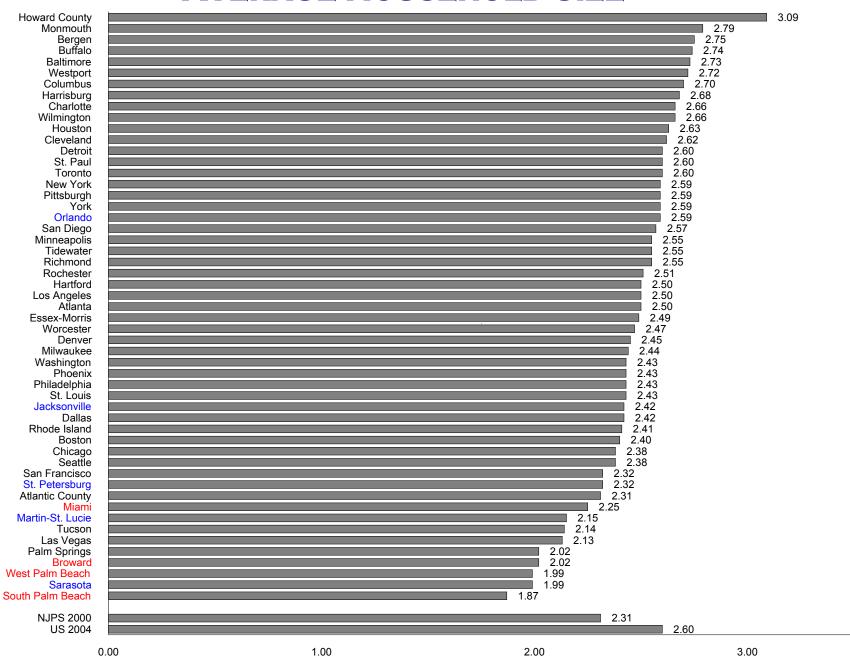
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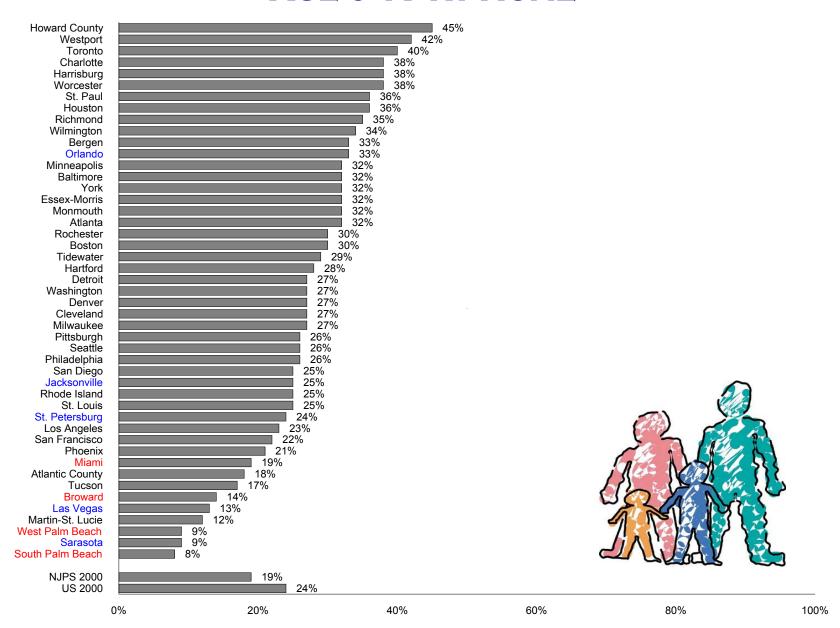


AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD SIZE

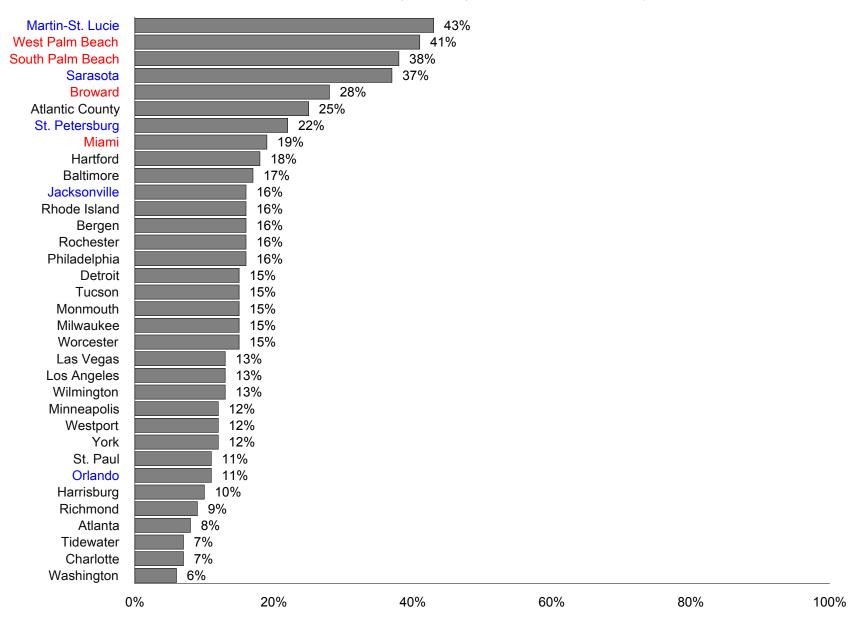


(persons per household)

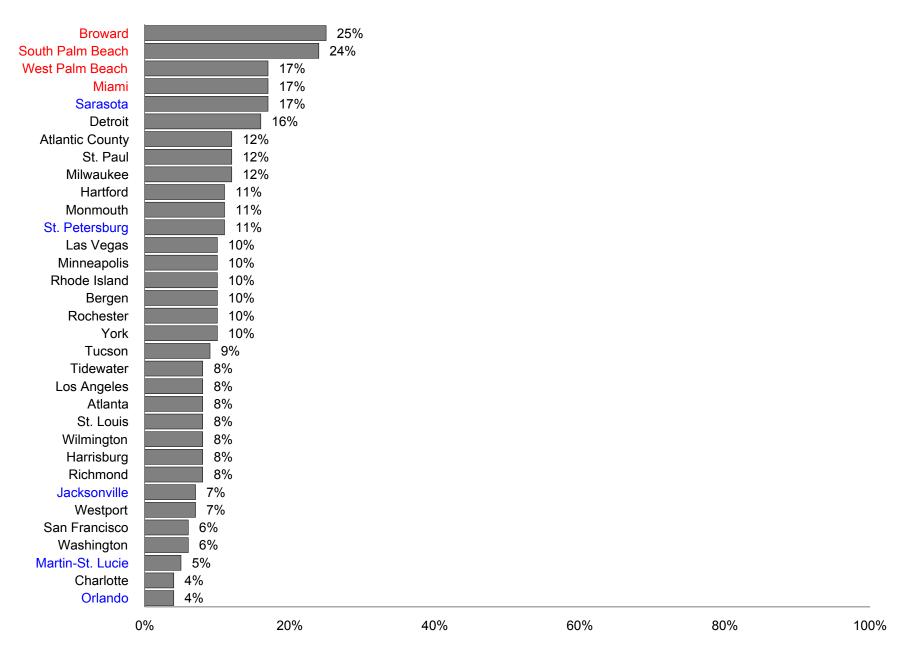
MARRIED HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN AGE 0-17 AT HOME



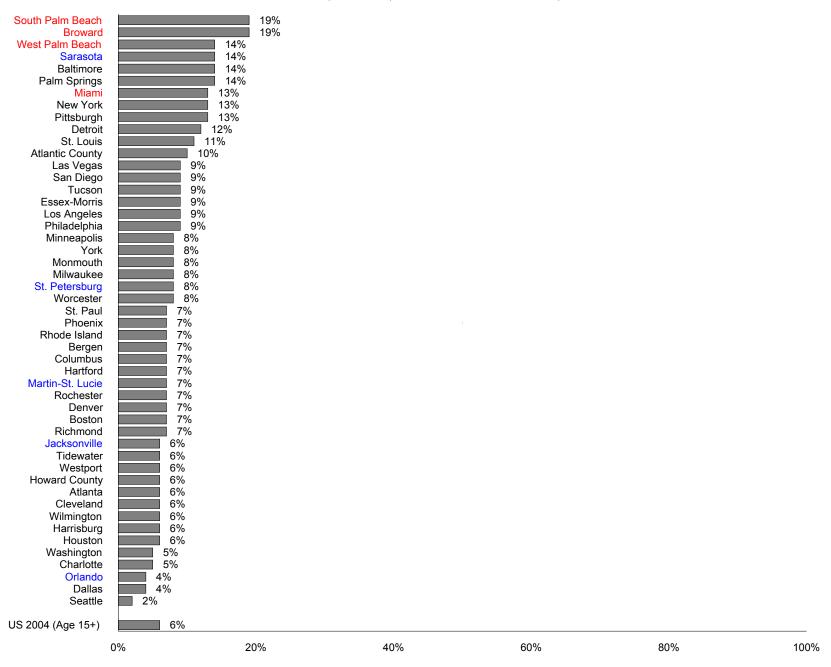
MARRIED HOUSEHOLDS AGE 65 AND OVER WITH NO CHILDREN AT HOME



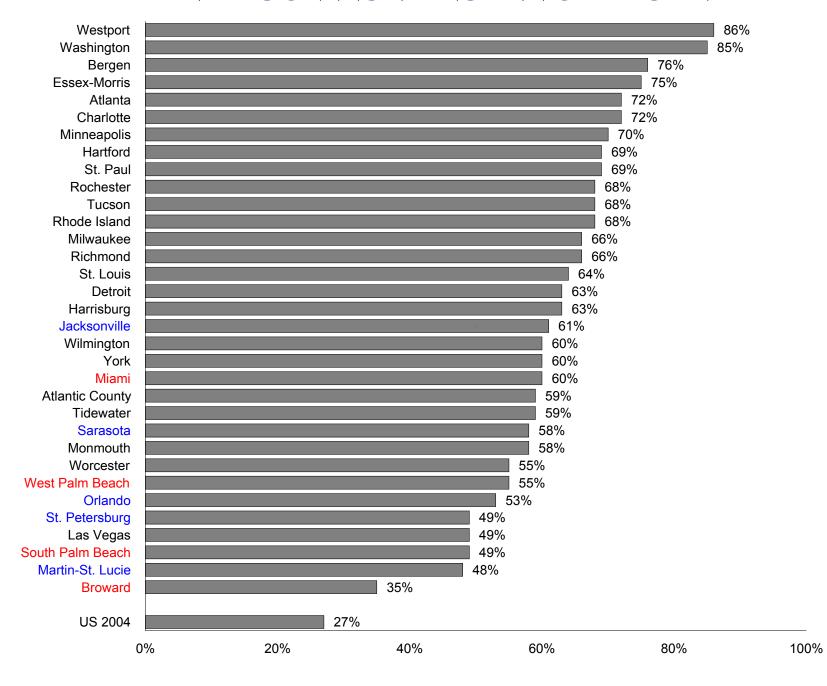
SINGLE FEMALE HOUSEHOLDS AGE 65 AND OVER



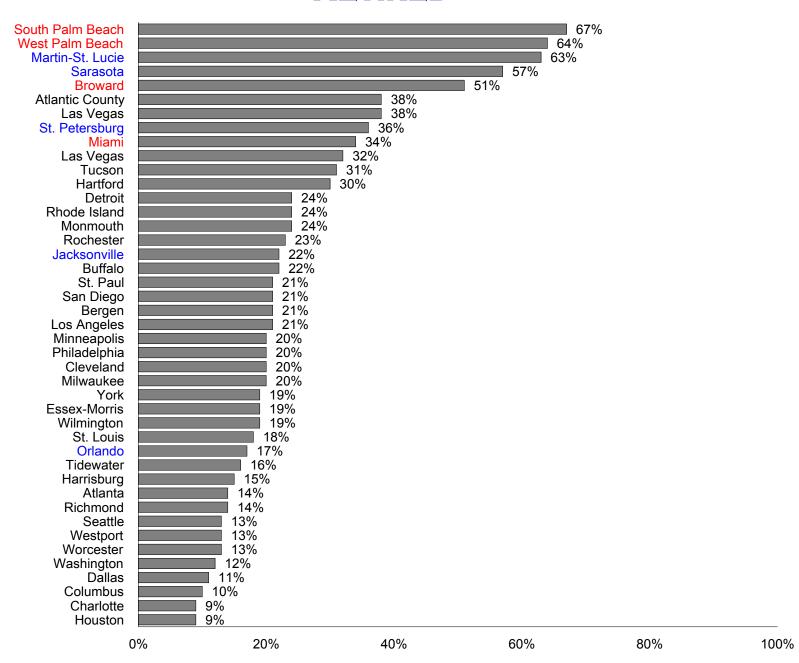
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4-YEAR COLLEGE DEGREE OR HIGHER

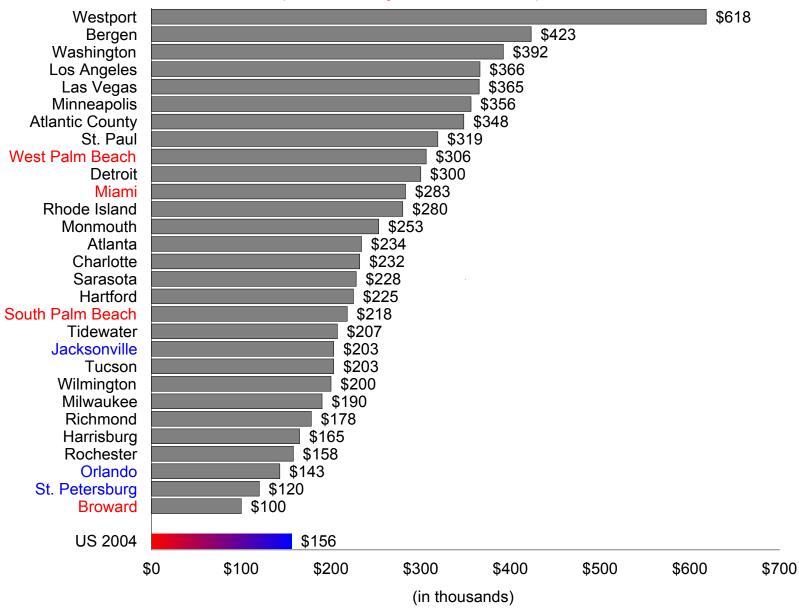


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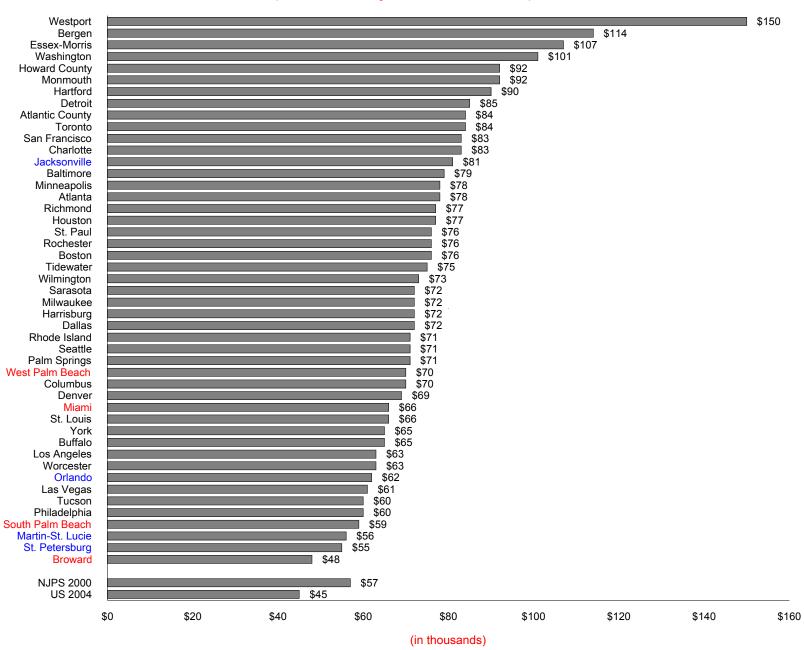
MEDIAN HOUSING VALUE

(In dollars adjusted for inflation)

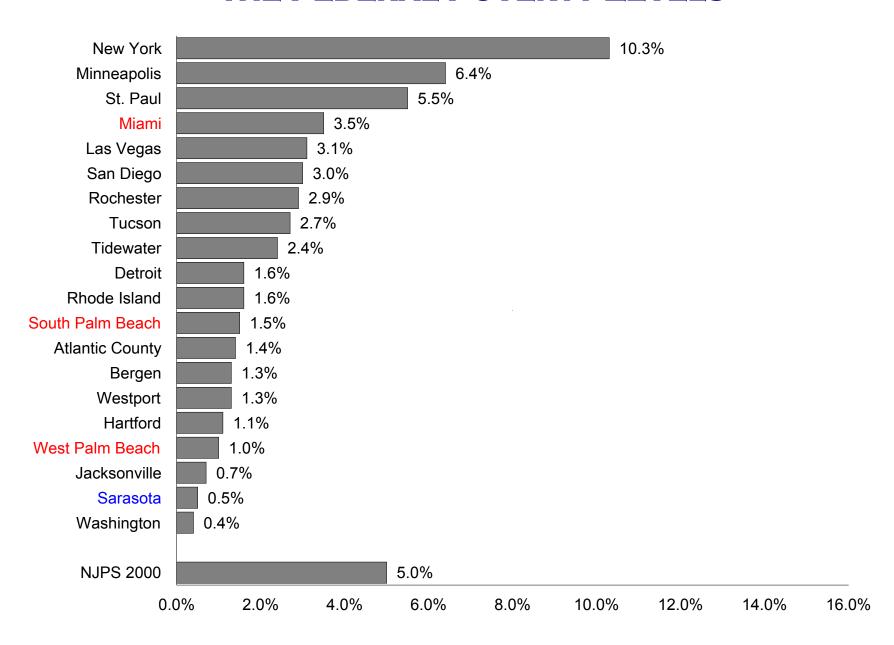


MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

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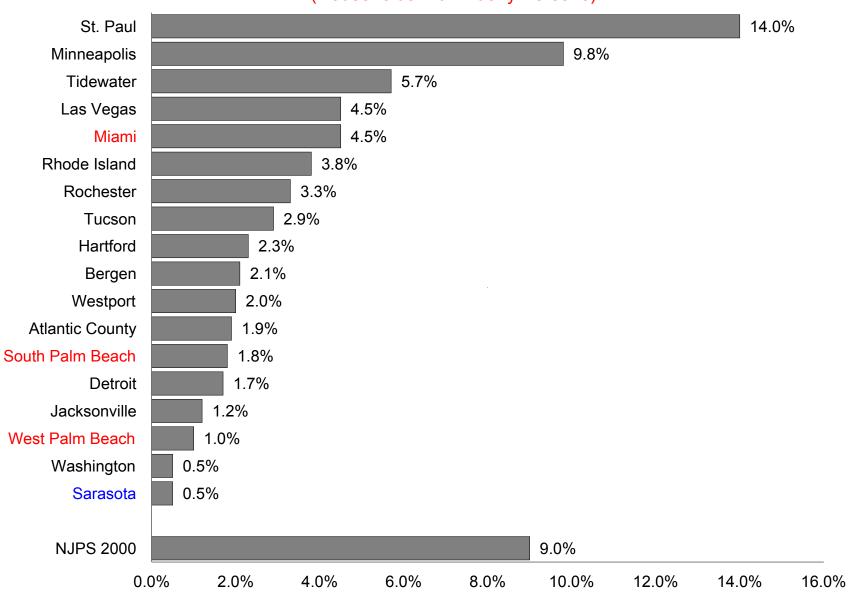


HOUSEHOLDS LIVING BELOW THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVELS



HOUSEHOLDS WITH ELDERLY PERSONS LIVING BELOW THE POVERTY LEVELS

(Households with Elderly Persons)







JEWISH CONNECTIVITY

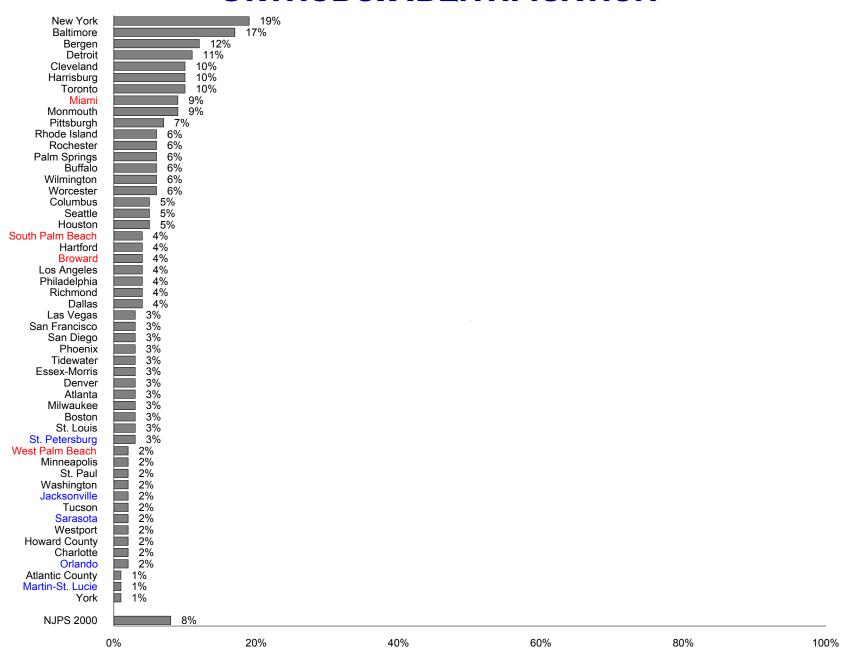




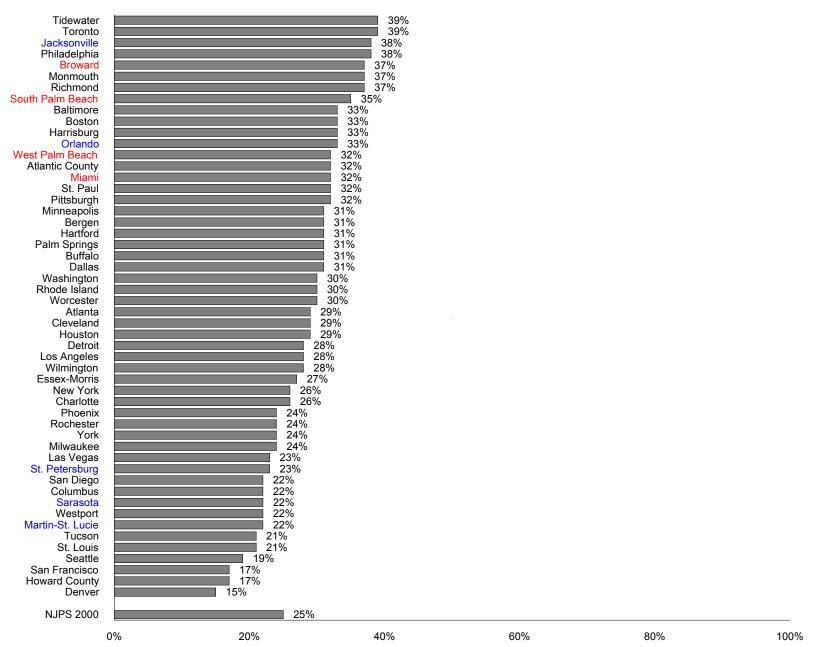
SOME MAJOR THEMES OF THIS PRESENTATION

- The level of home religious practice remains relatively high when Jews move to South Florida, but community involvement as shown by memberships and familiarity with Jewish agencies is very low
- Miami is very different from Broward and Palm Beach Counties on levels of religiosity

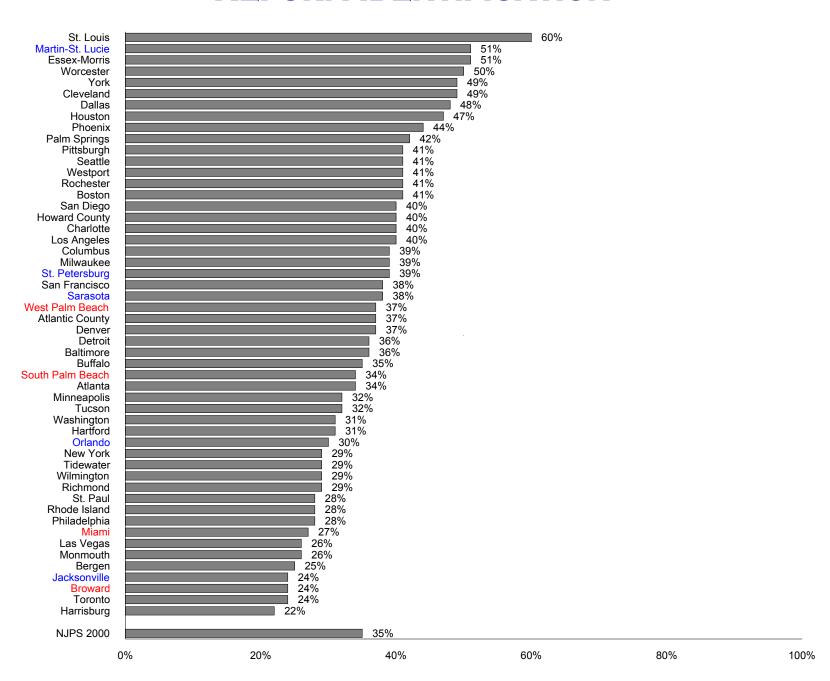
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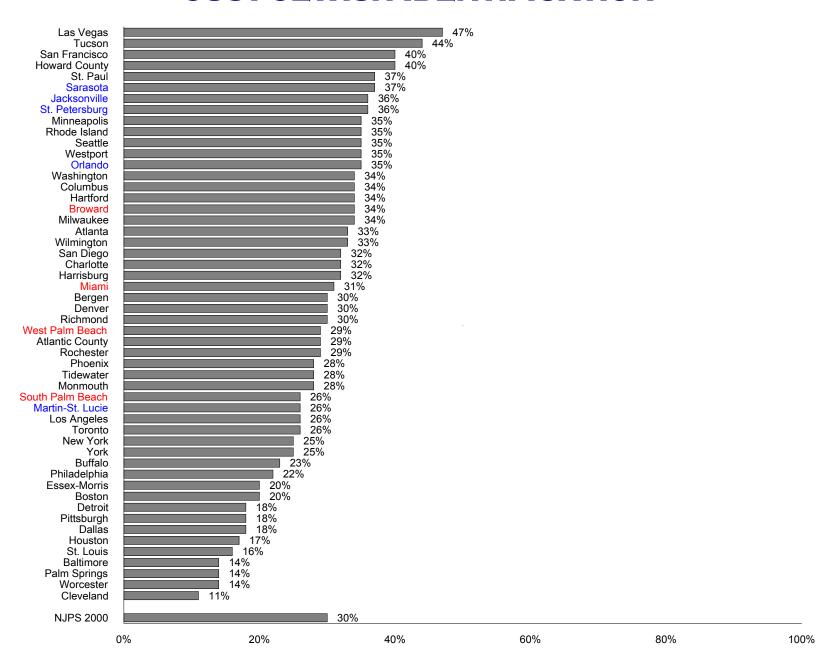
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REFORM IDENTIFICATION

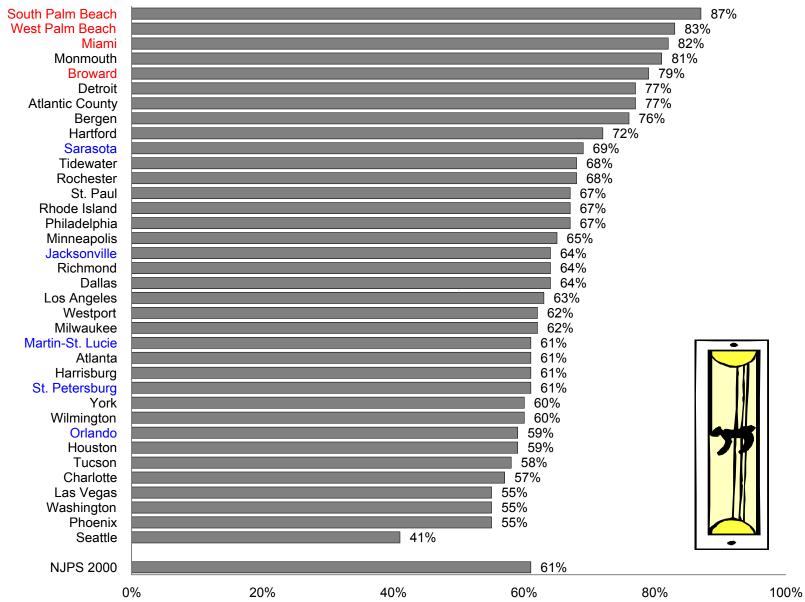


JUST JEWISH IDENTIFICATION



HAVE A MEZUZAH ON FRONT DOOR

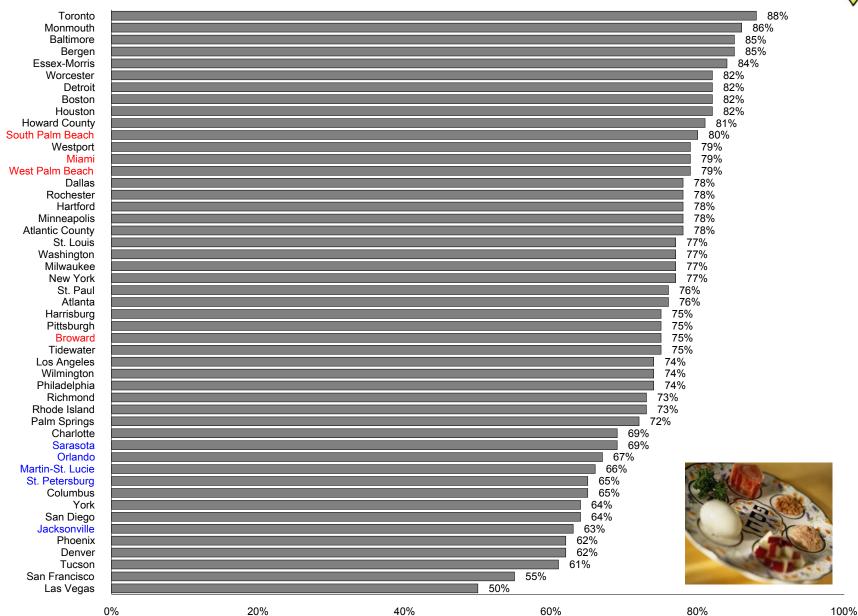




PARTICIPATE IN PASSOVER SEDER



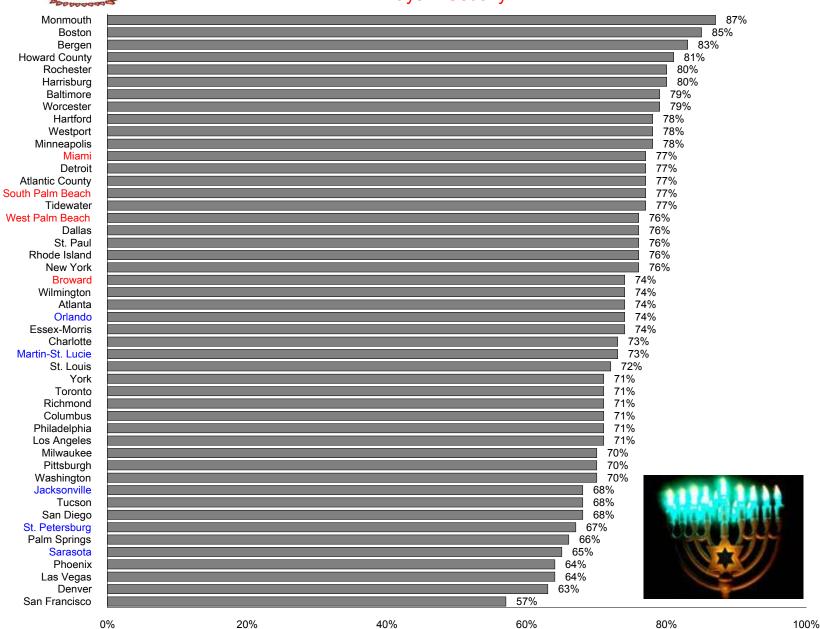
Always + Usually





LIGHT CHANUKAH CANDLES

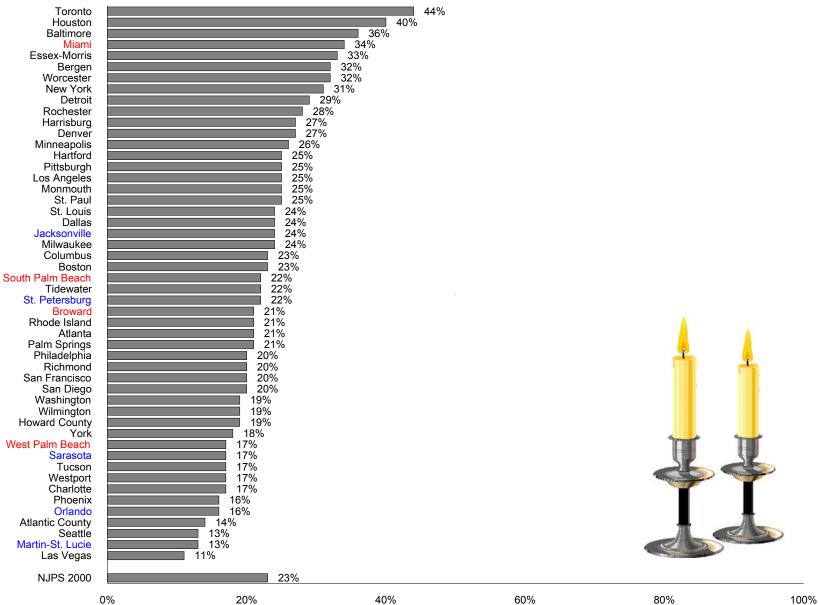
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LIGHT SABBATH CANDLES

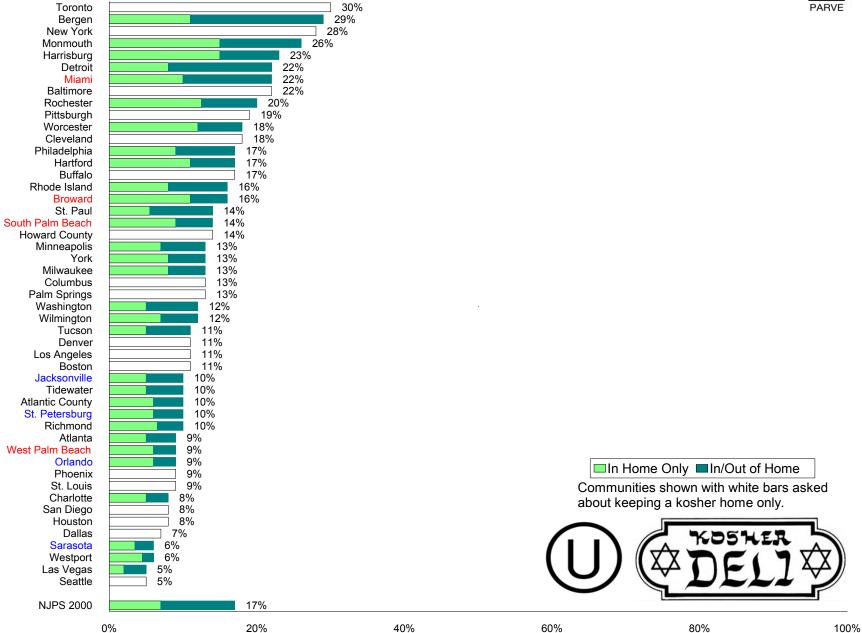


Always + Usually



KEEP A KOSHER HOME

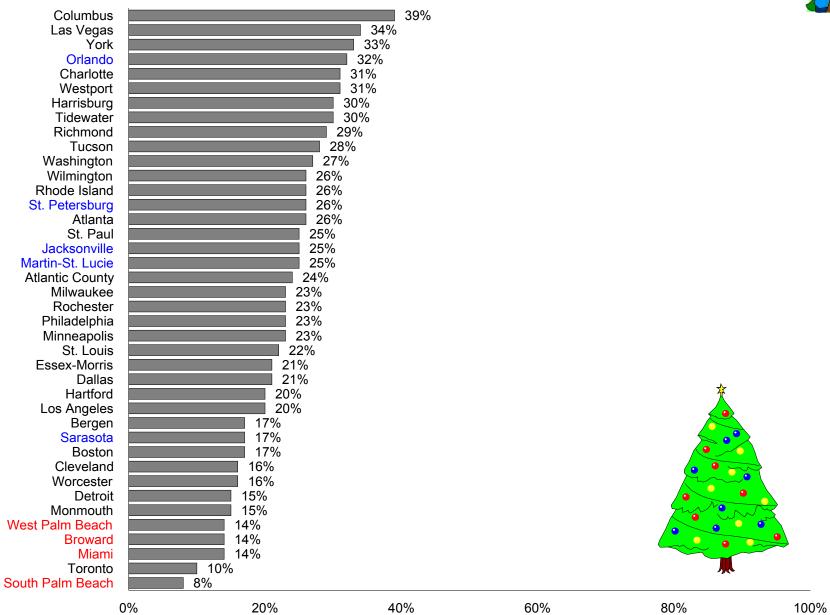




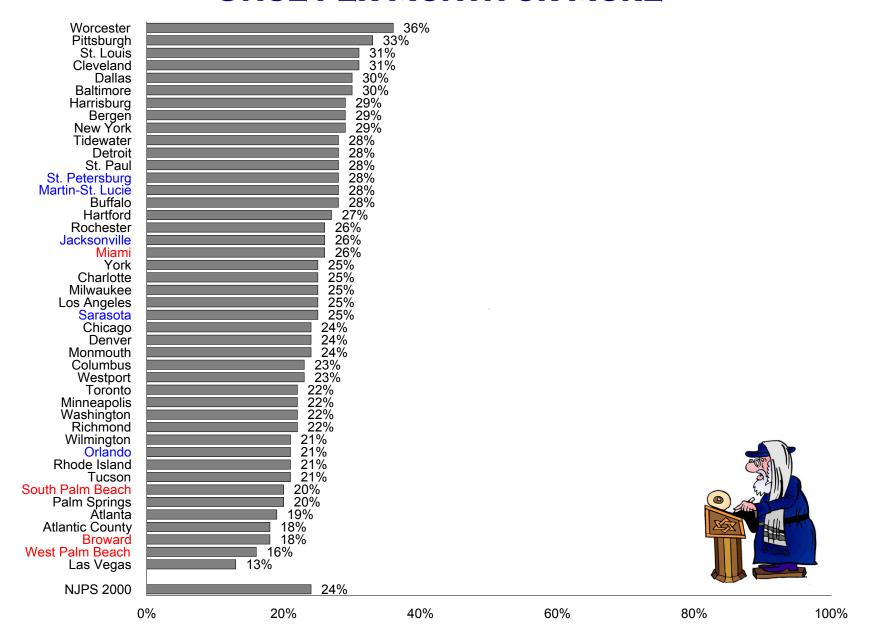
HAVE CHRISTMAS TREE IN HOME



Always + Usually + Sometimes

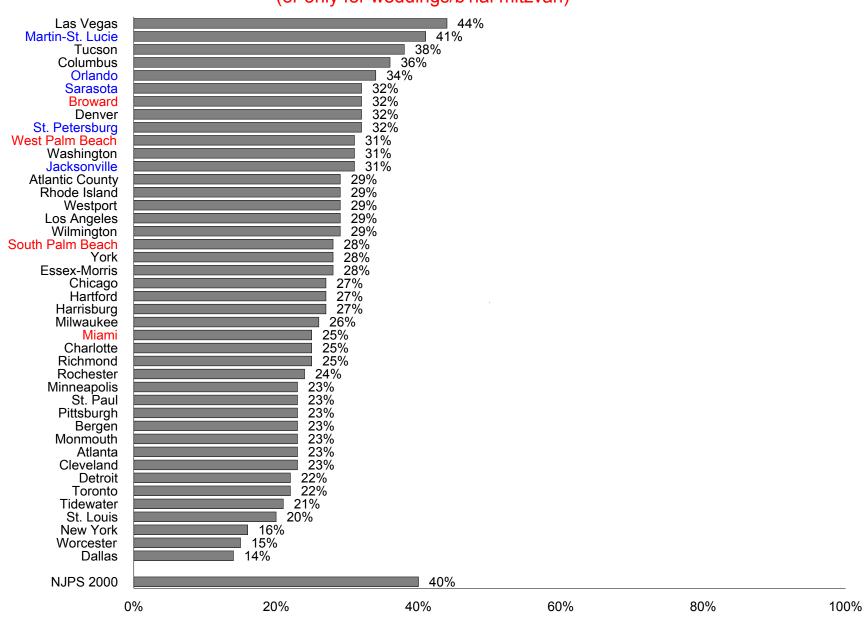


ATTEND SERVICES ONCE PER MONTH OR MORE



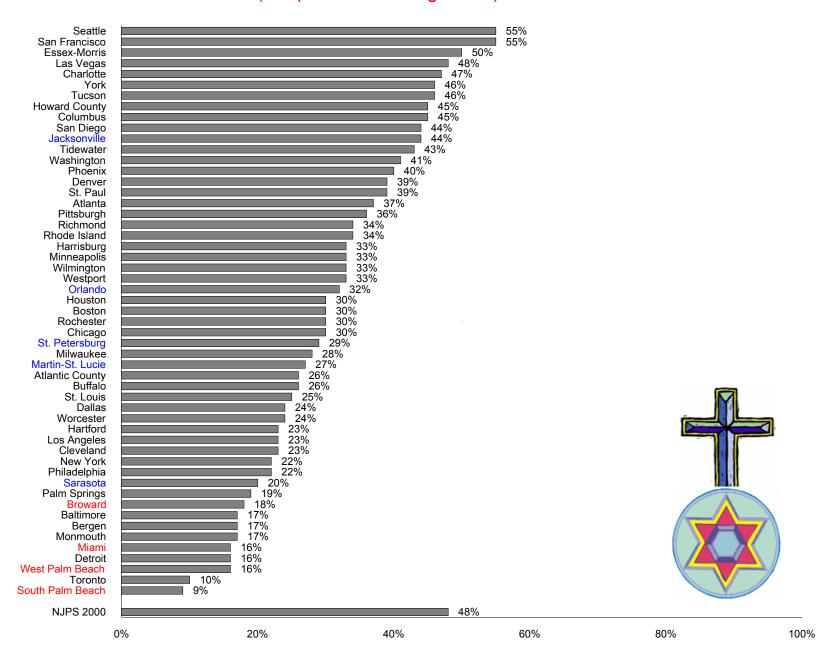
NEVER ATTEND SERVICES

(or only for weddings/b'nai mitzvah)

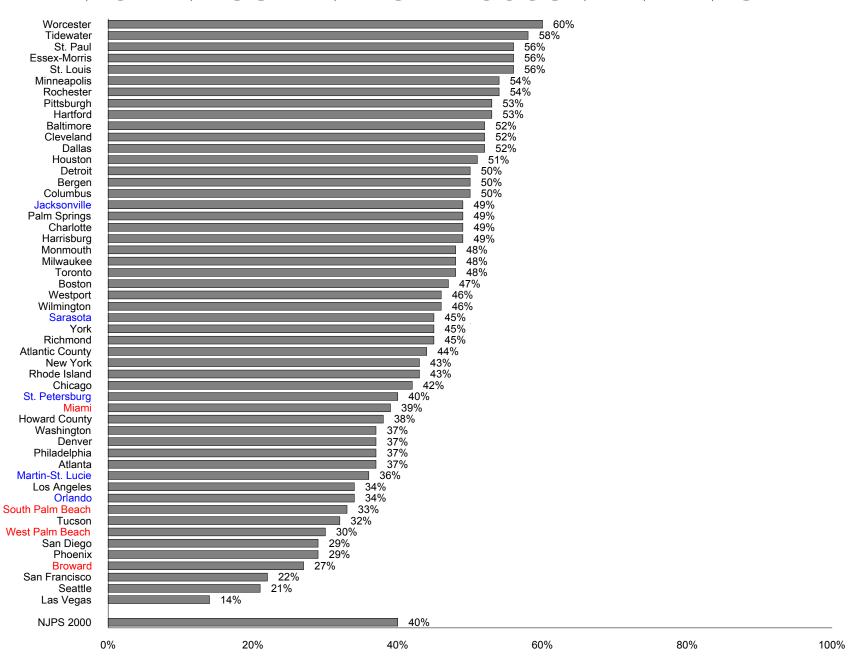


INTERMARRIAGE

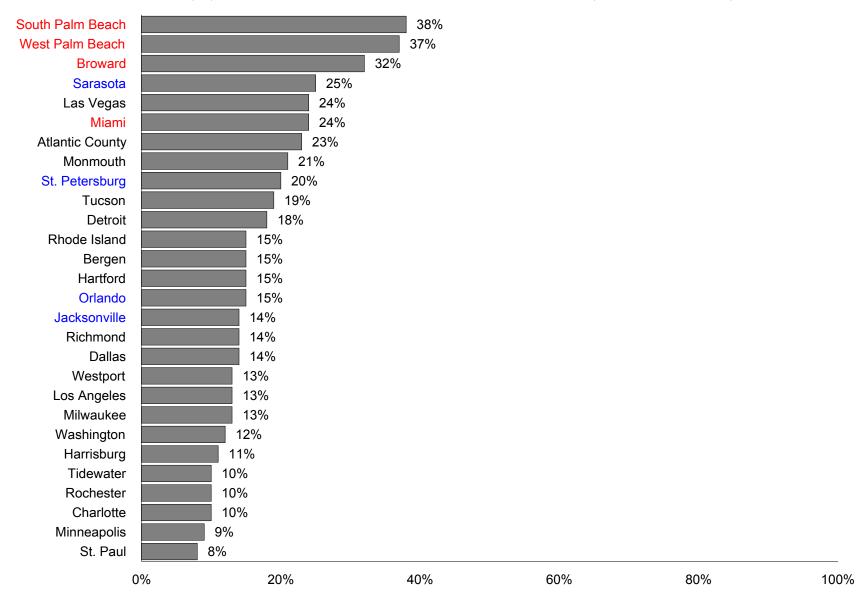
(Couples Intermarriage Rate)



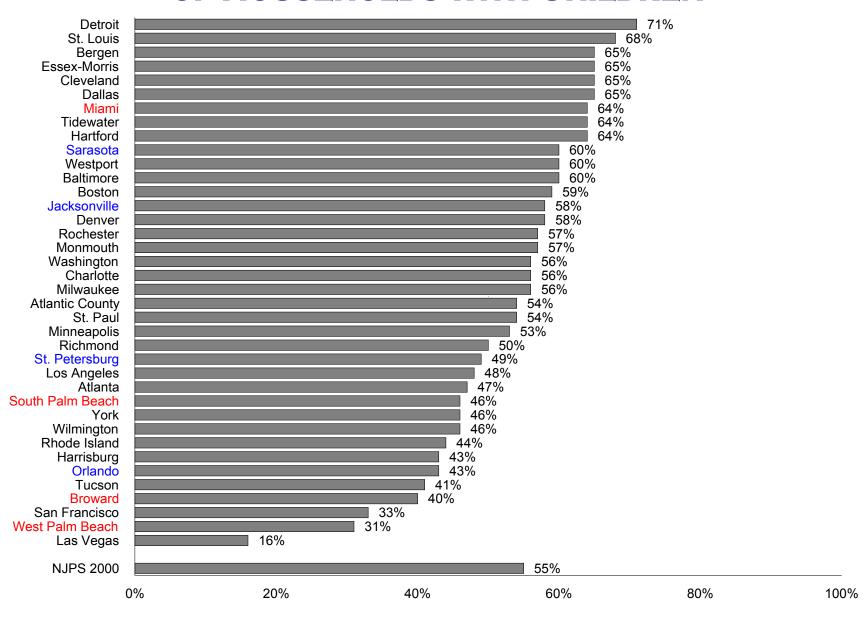
REPORTED CURRENT SYNAGOGUE MEMBERSHIP



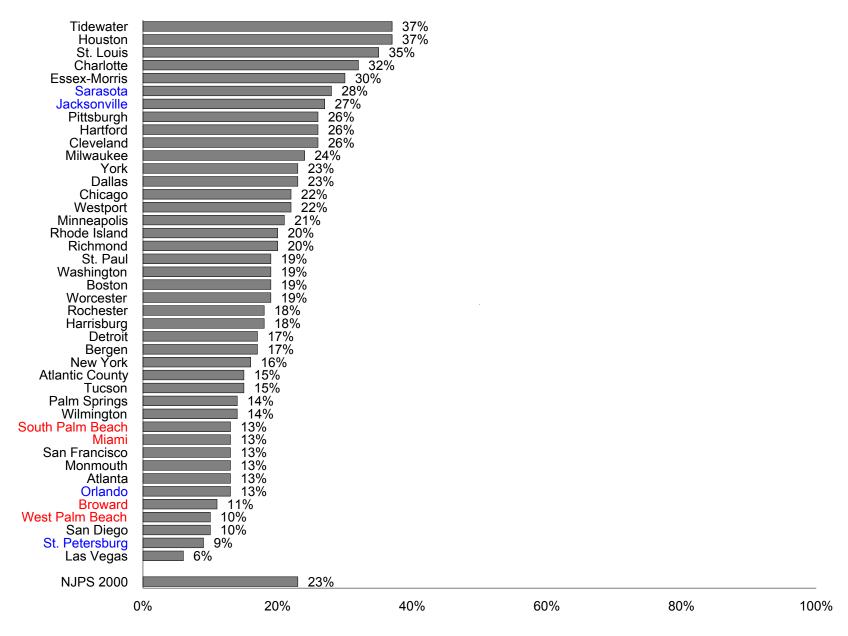
Was a Synagogue Member in the Past, Will Not Join Again in the Future



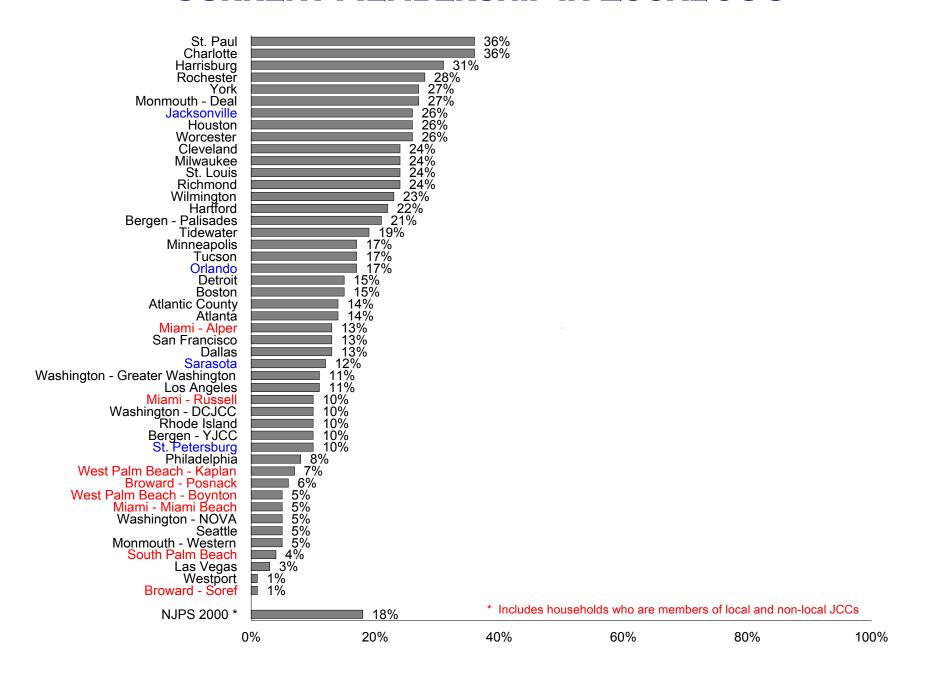
CURRENT SYNAGOGUE MEMBERSHIP OF HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN



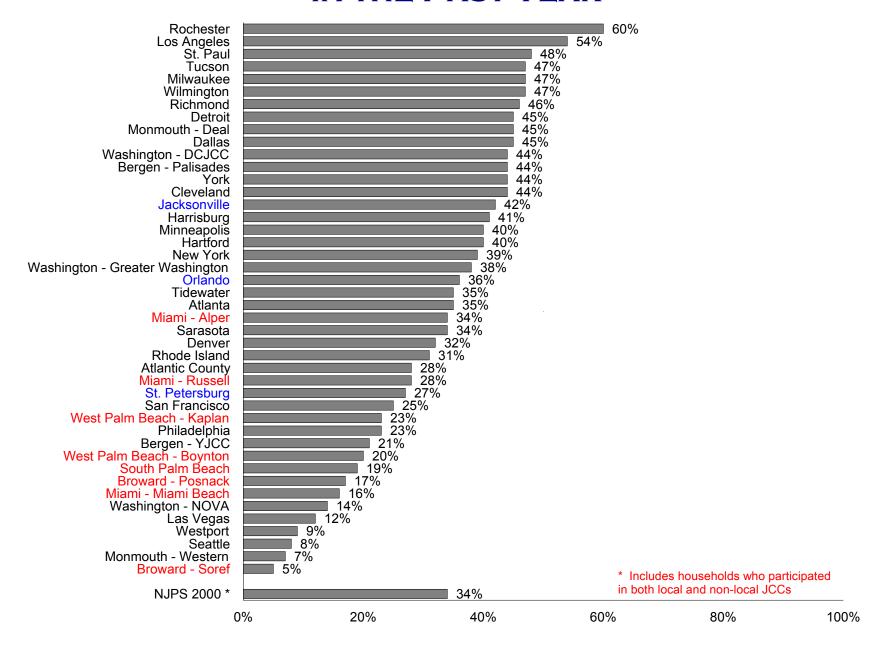
CURRENT SYNAGOGUE MEMBERSHIP OF INTERMARRIED HOUSEHOLDS



CURRENT MEMBERSHIP IN LOCAL JCC

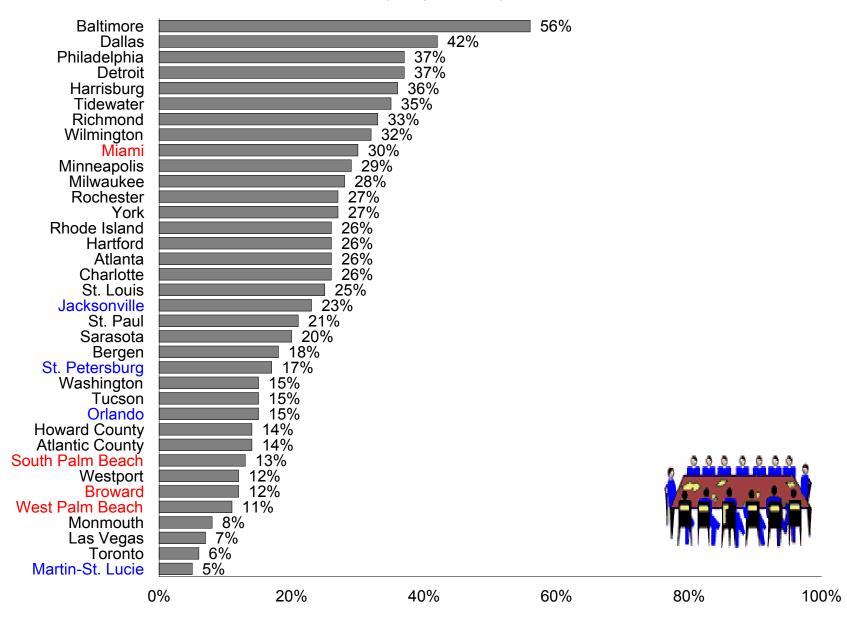


PARTICIPATED IN A LOCAL JCC PROGRAM IN THE PAST YEAR



VERY FAMILIAR WITH JEWISH FEDERATION

(Respondents)

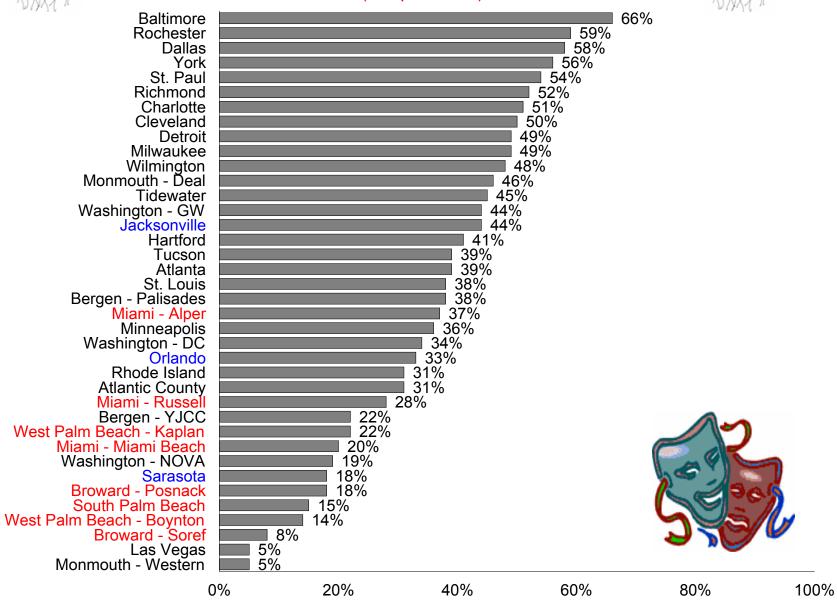




VERY FAMILIAR WITH JCC

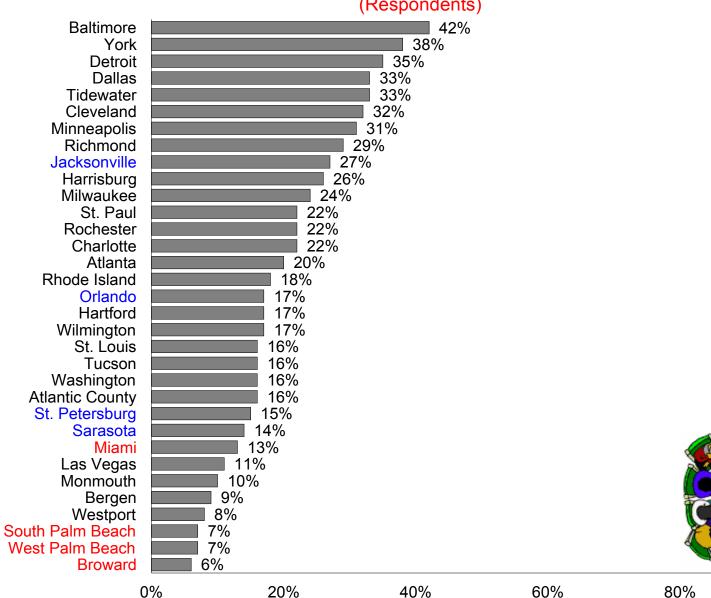


(Respondents)



VERY FAMILIAR WITH JFS

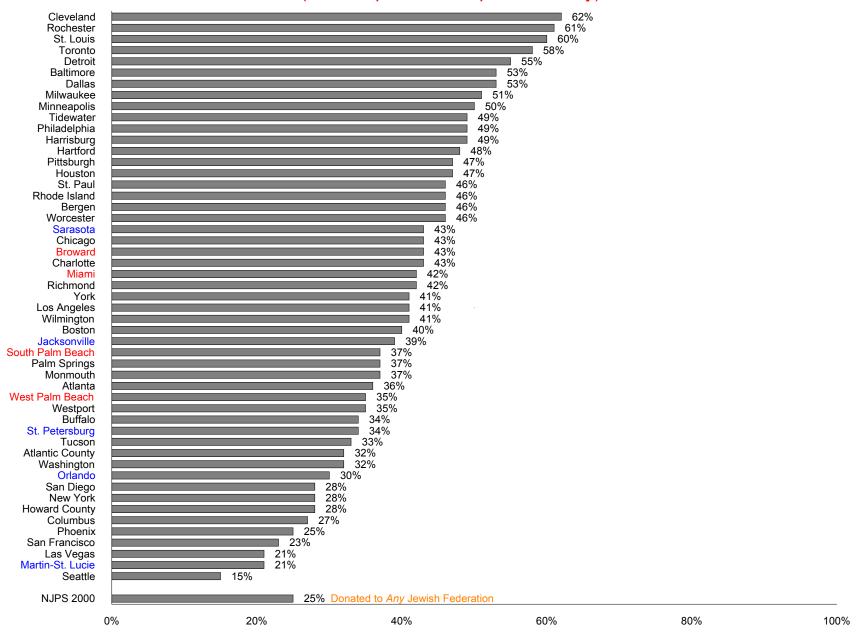
(Respondents)



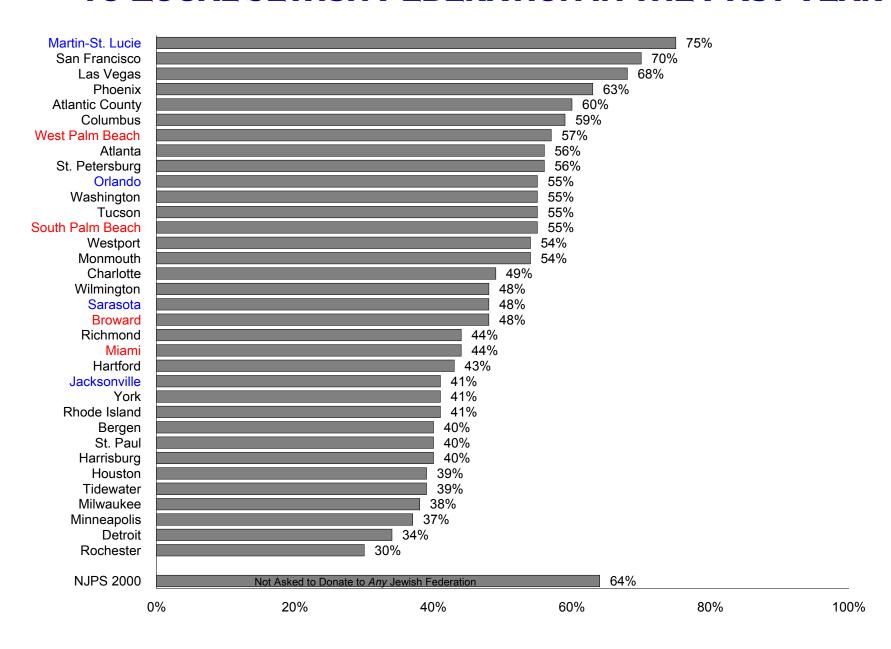
100%

DONATED TO LOCAL JEWISH FEDERATION IN THE PAST YEAR

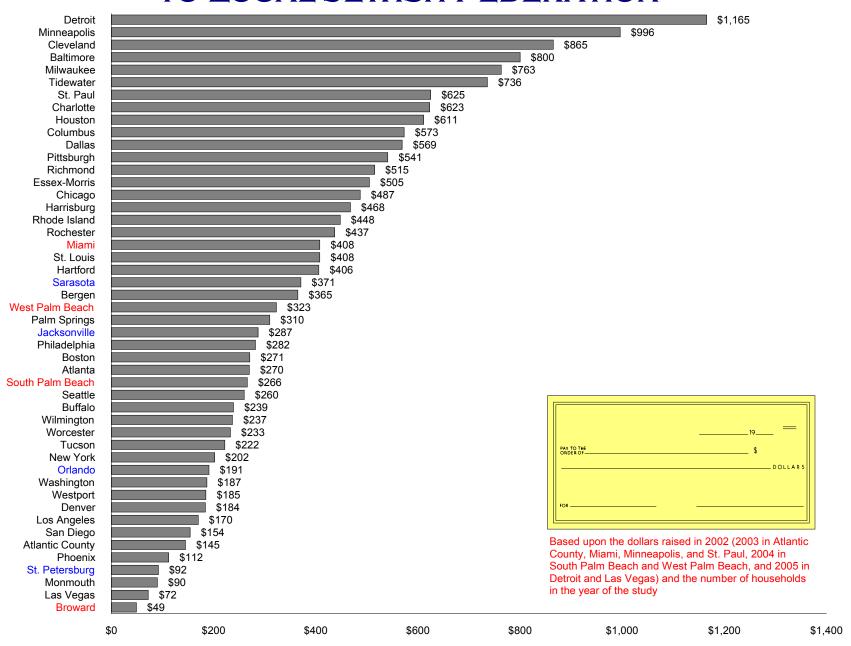
(Based upon the Telephone Survey)



NOT ASKED TO DONATE TO LOCAL JEWISH FEDERATION IN THE PAST YEAR

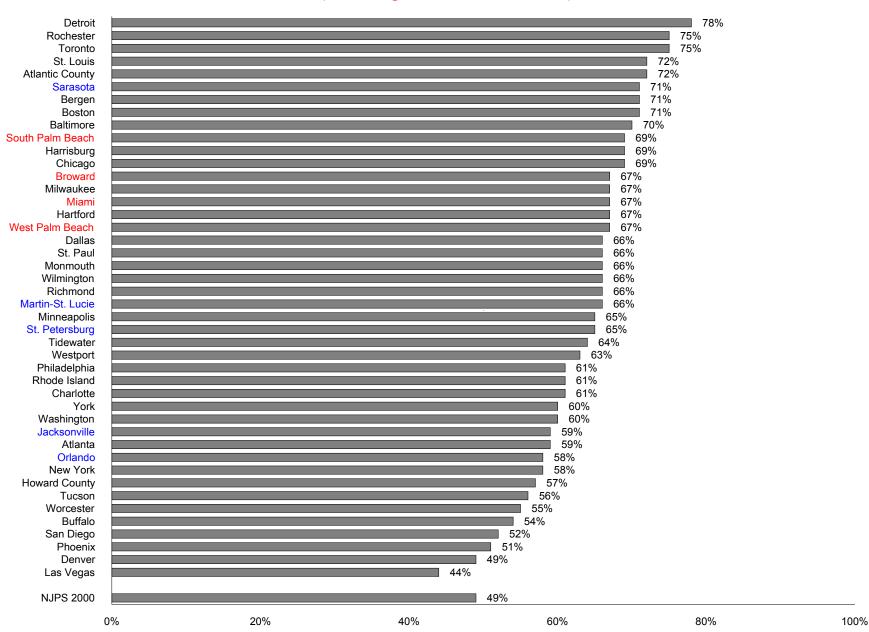


AVERAGE DONATION PER HOUSEHOLD TO LOCAL JEWISH FEDERATION

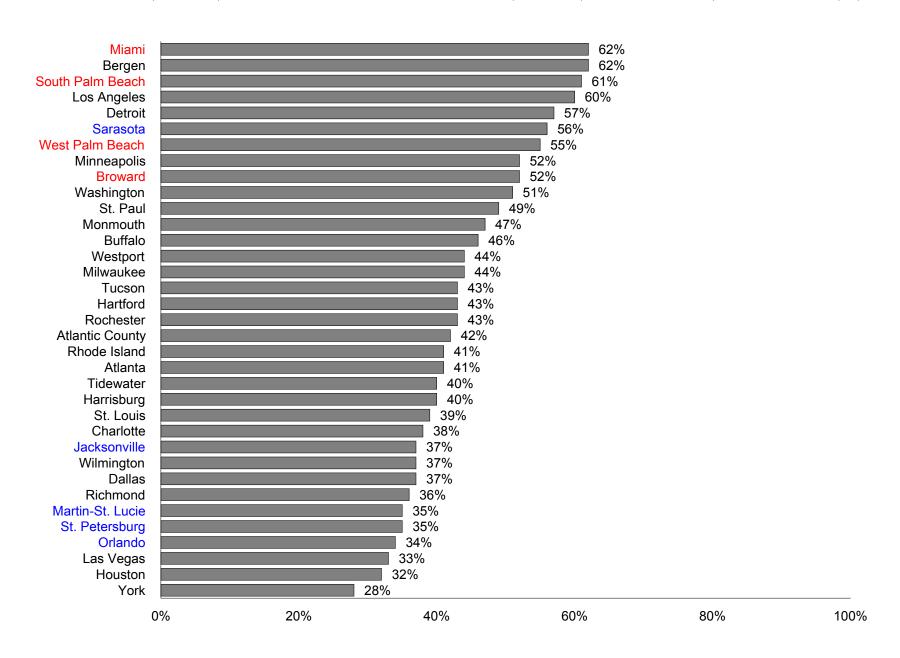


111 DONATED TO JEWISH CHARITIES IN THE PAST YEAR

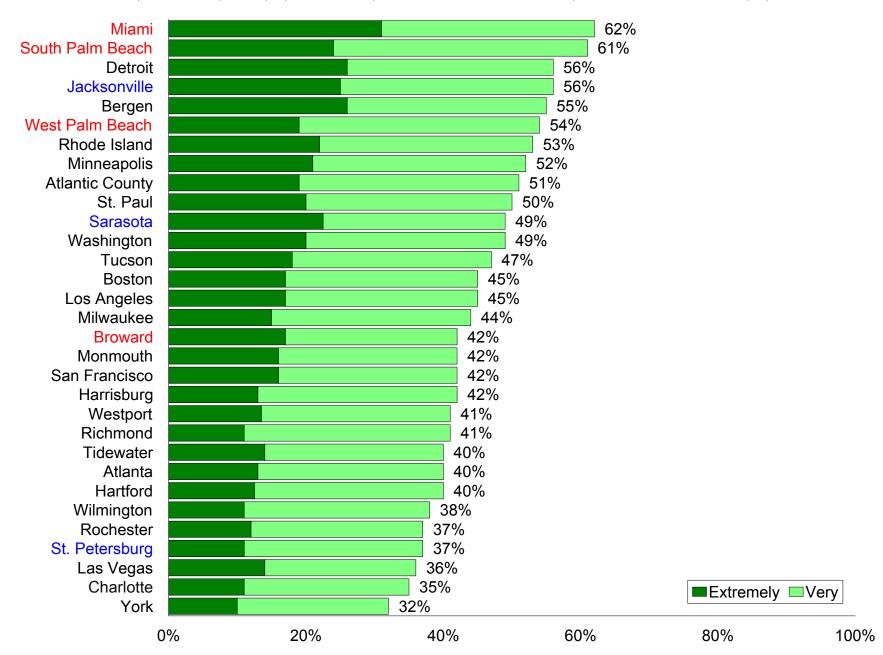
(Including Jewish Federations)



HOUSEHOLDS IN WHICH A MEMBER VISITED ISRAEL

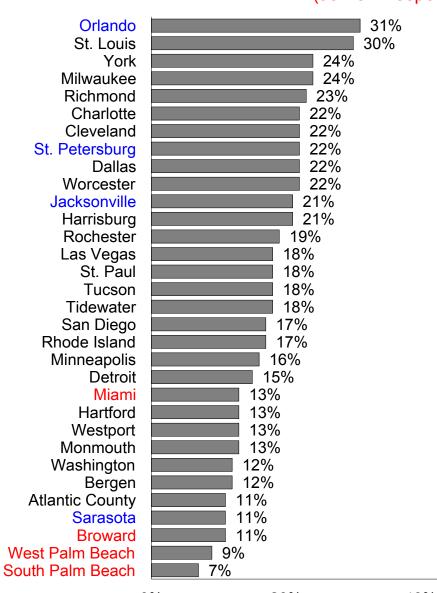


113 EXTREMELY/VERY ATTACHED TO ISRAEL



114 PERSONALLY EXPERIENCED ANTI-SEMITISM IN LOCAL COMMUNITY IN THE PAST YEAR

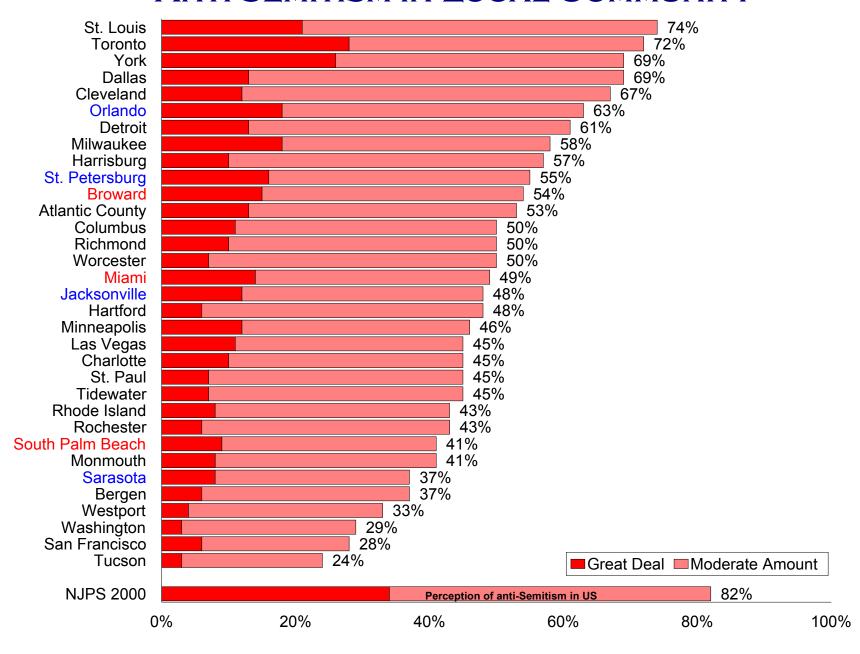
(Jewish Respondents)





0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%

115 PERCEIVE A GREAT DEAL/MODERATE AMOUNT OF ANTI-SEMITISM IN LOCAL COMMUNITY



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