

World Jewish Population, 1982

THE 1984 AMERICAN JEWISH YEAR BOOK (AJYB) contained new estimates of the Jewish population in the various countries of the world at the end of 1982, 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 1984 AJYB related to the end of 1982, the data for the general population of the respective countries reproduced the United Nations estimates as of mid-year 1981. This time the updated United Nations estimates as of mid-year 1982 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 recomputed accordingly.

The 1986 AJYB will present updated and, where necessary, revised Jewish population estimates for the countries of the world at the end of 1984.

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 ranges of possible error in the reported estimates: (A) base figure derived from countrywide census or 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 somewhat less accurate countrywide Jewish population investigation; partial information on population movements in the intervening period; (C) base figure derived from less recent sources and/or partial coverage of Jewish population in the 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 year for which the principal base figure was obtained is also reported.

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¹United Nations, Department of International Economic and Social Affairs, Statistical Office, *Population and Vital Statistics Report: Data Available as of January 1, 1984* (ST/ESA/STAT/SER. A/147).

TABLE 1. ESTIMATED JEWISH POPULATION, BY CONTINENTS AND MAJOR GEOGRAPHICAL REGIONS, 1980 AND 1982

Region	1980			1982		% Change 1980-82
	Original	Revised		Abs. Nos.	Per Cent	
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Diaspora	9,745,200	9,700,200	74.7	9,614,300	74.0	-0.9
Israel	3,282,700	3,282,700	25.3	3,374,300	26.0	+2.8
World	13,027,900	12,982,900	100.0	12,988,600	100.0	+0.0
America, Total	6,491,950	6,473,600	49.9	6,477,700	49.9	+0.1
North ^a	5,998,000	5,998,000	46.2	6,013,000	46.3	+0.2
Central	44,750	47,700	0.4	46,800	0.4	-1.9
South	449,200	427,900	3.3	417,900	3.2	-2.3
Europe, Total	2,969,500	2,928,800	22.6	2,842,700	21.9	-2.9
West	1,121,000	1,080,300	8.3	1,070,900	8.3	-0.9
East & Balkans ^b	1,848,500	1,848,500	14.2	1,771,800	13.6	-4.2
Asia, Total	3,327,900	3,327,900	25.6	3,417,200	26.3	+2.7
Israel	3,282,700	3,282,700	25.3	3,374,300	26.0	+2.8
Rest ^c	45,200	45,200	0.4	42,900	0.3	-5.1
Africa, Total	164,550	173,600	1.3	172,000	1.3	-0.9
North	21,050	22,550	0.2	21,250	0.2	-5.8
South	109,550	120,550	0.9	120,250	0.9	-0.2
Rest ^c	33,950	30,500	0.2	30,500	0.2	—
Oceania	74,000	79,000	0.6	79,000	0.6	—

^aU.S.A. and Canada.

^bThe Asian territories of USSR and Turkey are included in "East Europe and Balkans."

^cIncluding Ethiopia.

TABLE 2. ESTIMATED JEWISH POPULATION DISTRIBUTION IN THE AMERICAS, 1982

Country	Total Population	Jewish Population	Jews per 1,000 Population	Accuracy Rating
Canada	24,634,000	308,000	12.5	A 1981
U.S.A.	232,057,000	5,705,000	24.6	B 1971
Total Northern America		6,013,000		
Bahamas	218,000	500	2.3	B 1970
Costa Rica	2,324,000	2,200	1.0	C 1980
Cuba	9,782,000	700	0.1	D
Dominican Republic	5,744,000	100	0.0	D
Guatemala	7,699,000	900	0.1	D
Haiti	5,201,000	100	0.0	D
Jamaica	2,227,000	300	0.1	B 1982
Mexico	73,011,000	35,000	0.5	C 1970
Netherlands Antilles	253,000	700	2.8	D
Panama	2,089,000	3,500	1.7	C 1982
Puerto Rico	3,297,000	2,500	0.8	D
Other		300		D
Total Central America		46,800		
Argentina	29,158,000	233,000	8.0	C 1960
Bolivia	5,916,000	1,000	0.2	C 1982
Brazil	126,807,000	100,000	0.8	B 1980
Chile	11,487,000	20,000	1.7	C 1970
Colombia	28,776,000	7,000	0.2	B 1977
Ecuador	8,945,000	1,000	0.1	C 1982
Paraguay	3,370,000	700	0.2	C 1982
Peru	18,223,000	5,000	0.3	C 1982
Surinam	350,000	200	0.6	D
Uruguay	2,947,000	30,000	10.2	D
Venezuela	14,714,000	20,000	1.4	D
Total Southern America		417,900		
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TABLE 3. ESTIMATED JEWISH POPULATION DISTRIBUTION IN EUROPE, 1982

Country	Total Population	Jewish Population	Jews per 1,000 Population	Accuracy Rating
Austria	7,571,000	7,500	1.0	B 1971
Belgium	9,855,000	32,500	3.3	D
Bulgaria	9,101,000	3,400	0.4	C 1965
Czechoslovakia	15,369,000	8,700	0.6	D
Denmark	5,118,000	6,900	1.3	C 1968
Finland	4,824,000	1,000	0.2	B 1982
France	54,219,000	530,000	9.8	B 1972-8
Germany, East	16,697,000	900	0.1	D
Germany, West	61,638,000	33,500	0.5	B 1982
Gibraltar	30,000	600	20.0	A 1981
Great Britain	56,341,000	350,000	6.2	B 1977
Greece	9,793,000	5,000	0.5	B 1978
Hungary	10,702,000	63,000	5.9	D
Ireland	3,483,000	2,000	0.6	B 1982
Italy	56,748,000	32,000	0.6	B 1982
Luxemburg	364,000	700	1.9	B 1970
Netherlands	14,310,000	26,500	1.9	B 1966
Norway	4,115,000	950	0.2	A 1982
Poland	36,227,000	4,800	0.1	D
Portugal	10,033,000	600	0.1	D
Rumania	22,558,000	30,000	1.3	B 1979
Spain	37,935,000	12,000	0.3	D
Sweden	8,325,000	15,000	1.8	C 1982
Switzerland	6,344,000	19,000	3.0	A 1980
Turkey ^a	46,312,000	21,000	0.5	C 1982
USSR ^a	269,994,000	1,630,000	6.0	B 1979
Yugoslavia	22,646,000	5,000	0.2	B 1980
Other		150		D
Total		2,842,700		

^aIncluding Asian regions.

TABLE 4. ESTIMATED JEWISH POPULATION DISTRIBUTION IN ASIA, 1982

Country	Total Population	Jewish Population	Jews per 1,000 Population	Accuracy Rating
Hong Kong	5,233,000	1,000	0.2	C 1980
India	717,762,000	4,300	0.0	B 1971
Iran	40,240,000	30,000	0.8	D
Iraq	14,161,000	200	0.0	D
Israel	4,063,700 ^a	3,374,300	830.4	A 1982
Japan	118,449,000	800	0.0	D
Lebanon	2,637,000	250	0.1	D
Philippines	50,740,000	150	0.0	C 1982
Singapore	2,472,000	400	0.2	C 1982
Syria	9,660,000	4,000	0.4	D
Thailand	48,490,000	300	0.0	C 1980
Yemen	6,085,000	1,200	0.2	D
Other		300		D
Total		3,417,200		

^aEnd 1982.

TABLE 5. ESTIMATED JEWISH POPULATION DISTRIBUTION IN AFRICA, 1982

Country	Total Population	Jewish Population	Jews per 1,000 Population	Accuracy Rating
Algeria	19,911,000	300	0.0	D
Egypt	44,673,000	250	0.0	D
Ethiopia	32,775,000	27,000	0.8	C 1976
Morocco	21,392,000	17,000	0.8	C 1971
South Africa	30,044,000	119,000	4.0	B 1980
Tunisia	6,726,000	3,700	0.6	C 1982
Zaire	30,250,000	200	0.0	D
Zambia	6,029,000	300	0.1	D
Zimbabwe	7,600,000	1,250	0.2	C 1980
Other		3,000		D
Total		172,000		

TABLE 6. ESTIMATED JEWISH POPULATION DISTRIBUTION IN OCEANIA, 1982

Country	Total Population	Jewish Population	Jews per 1,000 Population	Accuracy Rating
Australia	15,178,000	75,000	4.9	B 1981
New Zealand	3,125,000	4,000	1.3	B 1981
Total		79,000		

TABLE 7. COUNTRIES WITH LARGEST JEWISH POPULATION (100,000 JEWS AND ABOVE), 1982.

Rank	Country	Jewish Population	% of Total Jewish Population	
			In the Diaspora	In the World
1	United States	5,705,000	59.3	43.9
2	Israel	3,374,300	—	26.0
3	Soviet Union	1,630,000	17.0	12.5
4	France	530,000	5.5	4.1
5	Great Britain	350,000	3.6	2.7
6	Canada	308,000	3.2	2.4
7	Argentina	233,000	2.4	1.8
8	South Africa	119,000	1.2	0.9
9	Brazil	100,000	1.1	0.8
Total 8 Largest Diaspora Communities		8,975,000	93.3	69.1
Total 9 Largest World Communities		12,349,300	—	95.1