

COMPARISONS OF JEWISH COMMUNITIES: A COMPENDIUM OF TABLES AND BAR CHARTS

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The compendium is a single source of tables and bar charts designed to provide a comparative context for understanding American Jewish communities. It is intended for local Jewish communities seeking to compare themselves to others, as well as for researchers, teachers, and students of American Jewry.

Each of the 36 Sections of this compendium is available as a stand-alone PDF. A single PDF (a "portfolio of all Sections") with all content is also available.

The comparison tables and bar charts are based on local Jewish community studies archived at the DataBank (www.jewishdatabank.org). The Data Bank holds reports, questionnaires, methodological documentation and information about sponsoring organizations and researchers for each study in the compendium. From time to time, the compendium is updated with information from new local Jewish community studies.

Following social science convention, the year of each community study reflects when the survey interviews were completed, which may differ from the year the study report was issued.

The compendium also includes information from the National Jewish Population Survey 2000-01 (NJPS, www.jewishdatabank.org/NJPS2000.asp) and the US Census Bureau's Decennial Census and American Community Survey (ACS, www.census.gov/acs/www/).

The Appendix at the end of this section provides further information to help readers use the tables and bar charts.

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Note that this edition of *Comparisons of Jewish Communities* (Current Jewish Population Report 12) is an updated version of reports released in 2012 (Report 5) and 2013 (Report 8). It replaces the Columbus 2001 results with 2013 results, Miami 2004 results with 2014 results, and St. Louis 1995 results with 2014 results.

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SECTION 27 - ANTI-SEMITISM AND THE HOLOCAUST

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PERSONALLY EXPERIENCED ANTI-SEMITISM IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY						
IN THE PAST YEAR						
COMMUNITY COMPARISONS						
BASE: JEWISH RESPONDENTS						
Community	Year	%		Community	Year	%
Orlando	1993	31%		Portland (ME)	2007	16%
Denver	2007	24%		Minneapolis	2004	16%
York	1999	24%		Detroit	2005	15%
Milwaukee	1996	24%		New Haven	2010	14%
Richmond	1994	23%		San Antonio	2007	14%
Charlotte	1997	22%		Hartford	2000	13%
St. Petersburg	1994	22%		Westport	2000	13%
Jacksonville	2002	21%		Monmouth	1997	13%
Harrisburg	1994	21%		Miami	2014	12%
San Diego	2003	19%		Washington	2003	12%
Rochester	1999	19%		Bergen	2001	12%
Las Vegas	2005	18%		Atlantic County	2004	11%
St. Paul	2004	18%		Sarasota	2001	11%
Tucson	2002	18%		Broward	1997	11%
Tidewater	2001	18%		W Palm Beach	2005	9%
Rhode Island	2002	17%		Middlesex	2008	8%
Lehigh Valley	2007	16%		S Palm Beach	2005	7%

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

(Jewish Respondents)

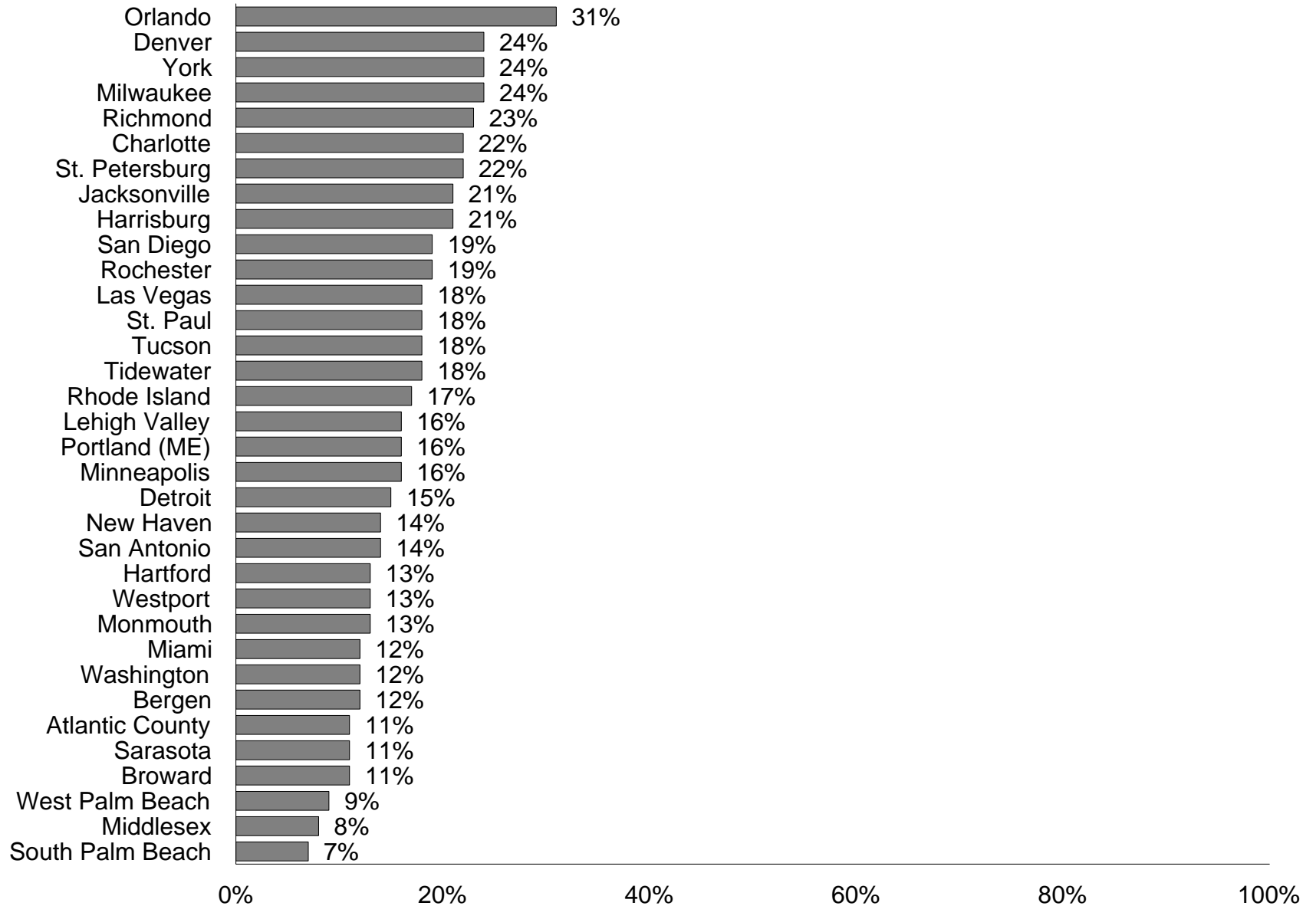


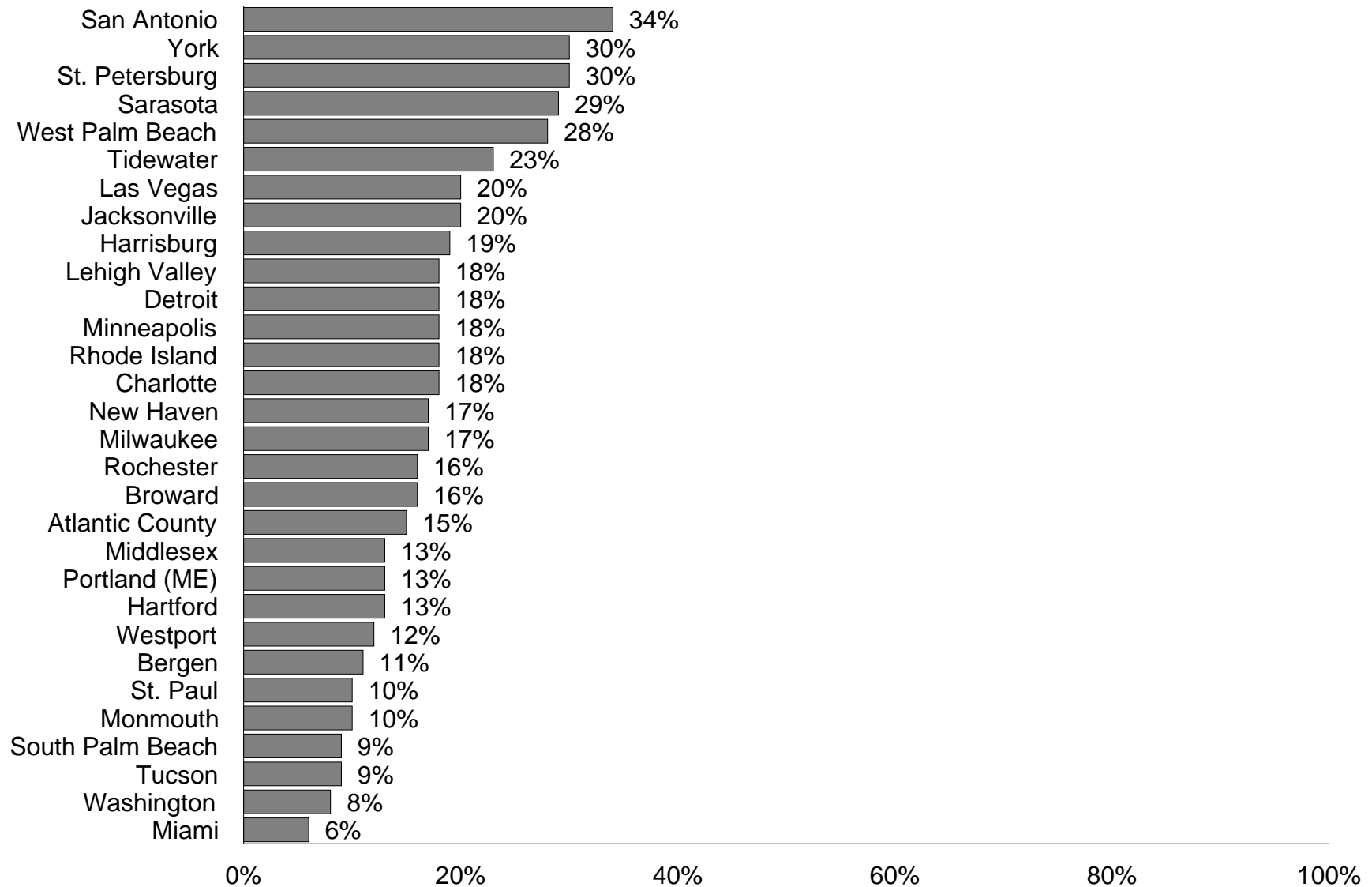
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HOUSEHOLDS IN WHICH A JEWISH CHILD AGE 6-17 EXPERIENCED ANTI-SEMITISM IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY IN THE PAST YEAR				
COMMUNITY COMPARISONS				
BASE: HOUSEHOLDS WITH JEWISH CHILDREN AGE 6-17				
		Experienced Anti-Semitism:		
Community	Year	At School	Elsewhere	Total
San Antonio	2007	31%	3	34%
York	1999	NA	NA	30%
St. Petersburg	1994	NA	NA	30%
Sarasota	2001	22%	6	29%
W Palm Beach	2005	26%	2	28%
Tidewater	2001	22%	1	23%
Las Vegas	2005	17%	3	20%
Jacksonville	2002	18%	1	20%
Harrisburg	1994	NA	NA	19%
Lehigh Valley	2007	15%	3	18%
Detroit	2005	8%	10	18%
Minneapolis	2004	16%	2	18%
Rhode Island	2002	15%	3	18%
Charlotte	1997	NA	NA	18%
New Haven	2010	14%	3	17%
Milwaukee	1996	NA	NA	17%
Rochester	1999	13%	3	16%
Broward	1997	NA	NA	16%
Atlantic County	2004	14%	1	15%
Middlesex	2008	9%	4	13%
Portland (ME)	2007	11%	2	13%
Hartford	2000	12%	1	13%
Westport	2000	10%	2	12%

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COMMUNITY COMPARISONS				
BASE: HOUSEHOLDS WITH JEWISH CHILDREN AGE 6-17				
		Experienced Anti-Semitism:		
Community	Year	At School	Elsewhere	Total
Bergen	2001	7%	3	11%
St. Paul	2004	9%	1	10%
Monmouth	1997	NA	NA	10%
S Palm Beach	2005	7%	2	9%
Tucson	2002	9%	0	9%
Washington	2003	5%	3	8%
Miami	2014	NA	NA	6%

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HOUSEHOLDS IN WHICH A JEWISH CHILD AGE 6-17 EXPERIENCED ANTI-SEMITISM IN LOCAL COMMUNITY IN THE PAST YEAR

(Households with Jewish Children Age 6-17)



**TABLE 3
PERCEPTION OF ANTI-SEMITISM IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY
COMMUNITY COMPARISONS**

BASE: RESPONDENTS

Community	Year	Great Deal/ Moderate Amount	A Great Deal	A Moderate Amount	A Little	None at All
York	1999	69%	26%	43	25	6
Orlando	1993	63%	18%	45	29	8
Detroit	2005	61%	13%	48	35	5
Milwaukee	1996	58%	18%	40	37	5
Harrisburg	1994	57%	10%	47	38	6
St. Petersburg	1994	55%	16%	40	30	15
Broward	1997	54%	15%	39	32	14
Richmond	1994	50%	10%	40	42	7
Jacksonville	2002	48%	12%	37	43	9
Hartford	2000	48%	6%	42	45	7
Minneapolis	2004	46%	12%	34	50	5
Las Vegas	2005	45%	11%	34	42	13
Charlotte	1997	45%	10%	35	43	12
St. Paul	2004	45%	7%	38	49	6
Lehigh Valley	2007	45%	7%	38	45	10
Tidewater	2001	45%	7%	38	45	10
Rhode Island	2002	43%	8%	34	51	6
Rochester	1999	43%	6%	37	50	7
S Palm Beach	2005	41%	9%	31	33	26
Monmouth	1997	41%	8%	33	47	13
Miami	2014	38%	9%	29	42	20

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PERCEPTION OF ANTI-SEMITISM IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY
COMMUNITY COMPARISONS

BASE: RESPONDENTS

Community	Year	Great Deal/ Moderate Amount	A Great Deal	A Moderate Amount	A Little	None at All
Sarasota	2001	37%	8%	30	42	21
Bergen	2001	37%	6%	31	49	15
New Haven	2010	36%	7%	29	48	16
Atlantic County	2004	34%	7%	28	43	23
Portland (ME)	2007	34%	4%	30	56	10
Westport	2000	33%	4%	29	56	11
Middlesex	2008	31%	5%	26	48	21
Washington	2003	29%	3%	26	60	12
San Francisco	2004	28%	6%	22	64	7
San Antonio	2007	26%	4%	23	57	16
Tucson	2002	24%	3%	21	60	16
Essex-Morris	1998	NA	8%	92		
NJPS ¹	2000	82%	34%	48	17	1

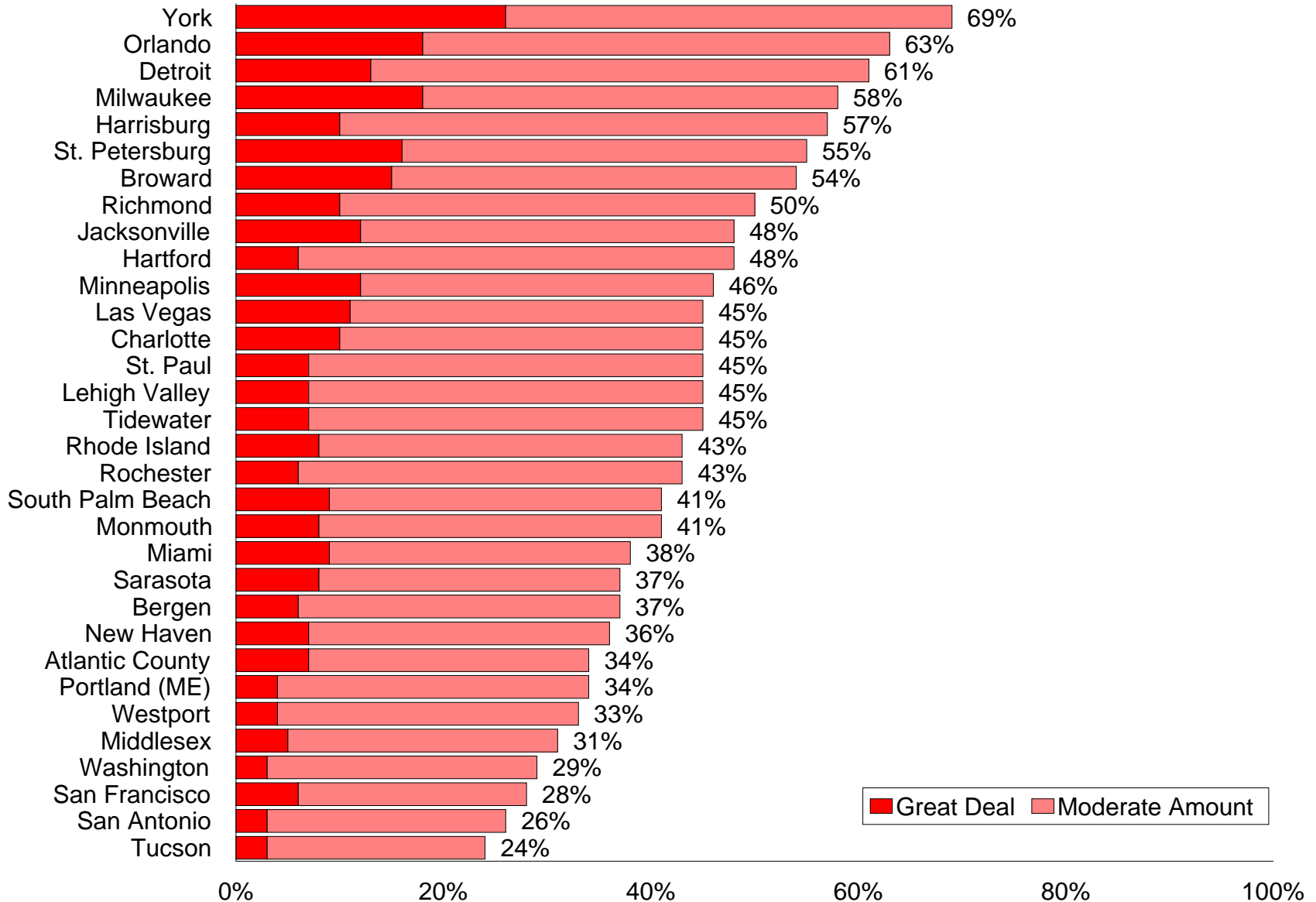
¹ NJPS 2000 queried the perception of anti-Semitism *in the United States*, not in the local community.

Note: Respondents who responded "don't know" to this question are omitted from the analysis.

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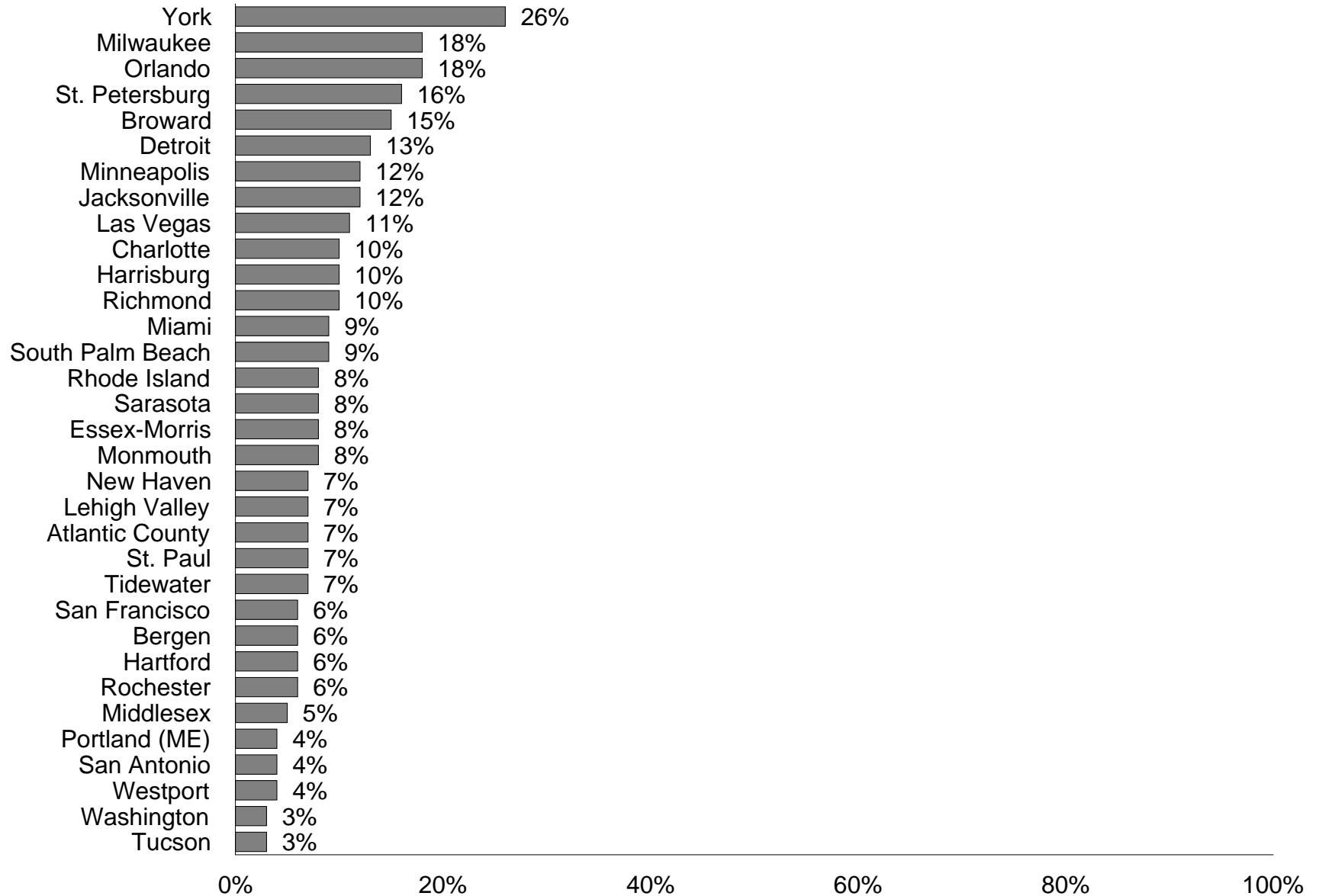
PERCEIVE A GREAT DEAL/MODERATE AMOUNT OF ANTI-SEMITISM IN LOCAL COMMUNITY

(Respondents)



4 PERCEIVE A GREAT DEAL OF ANTI-SEMITISM IN LOCAL COMMUNITY

(Respondents)



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PERCEIVE NO ANTI-SEMITISM AT ALL IN LOCAL COMMUNITY

(Respondents)

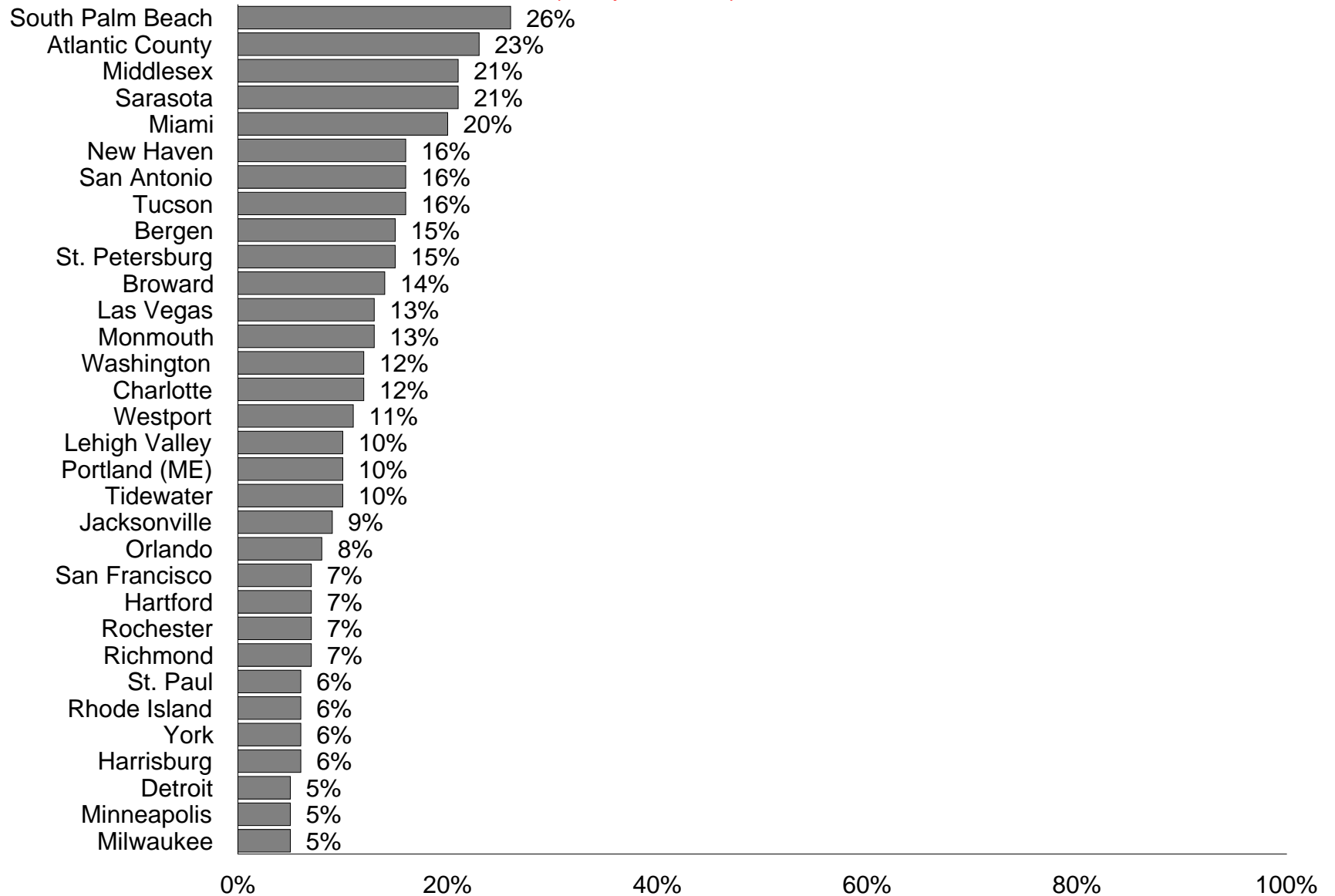
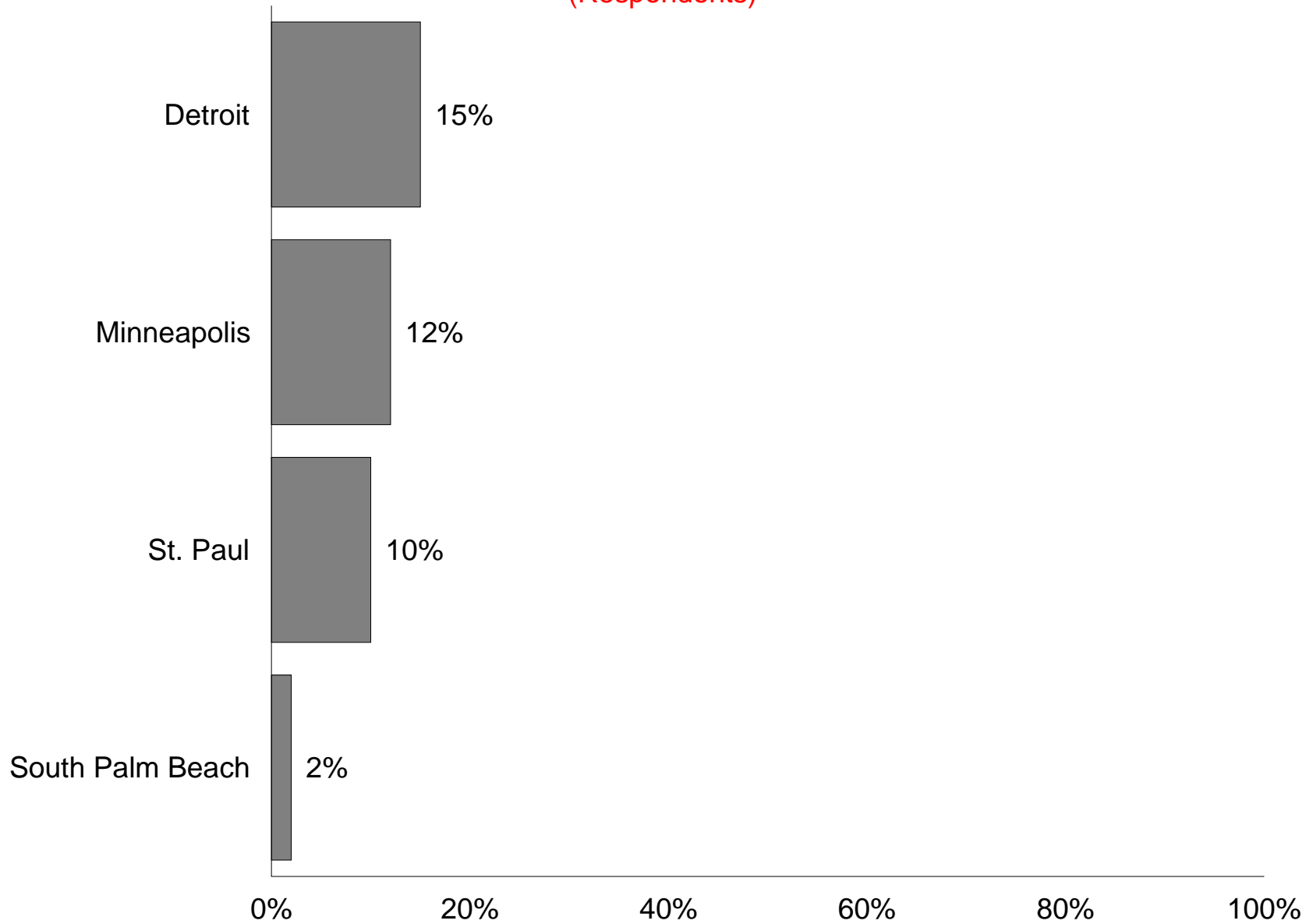


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FAMILIARITY WITH THE LOCAL JEWISH COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL				
COMMUNITY COMPARISONS				
BASE: RESPONDENTS				
Community	Year	<i>Very Familiar</i>	Somewhat Familiar	Not at All Familiar
Detroit	2005	15%	39	47
Minneapolis	2004	12%	35	53
St. Paul	2004	10%	31	59
S Palm Beach	2005	2%	6	92

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VERY FAMILIAR WITH THE LOCAL JEWISH COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL

(Respondents)



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NOT AT ALL FAMILIAR WITH THE LOCAL JEWISH COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL

(Respondents)

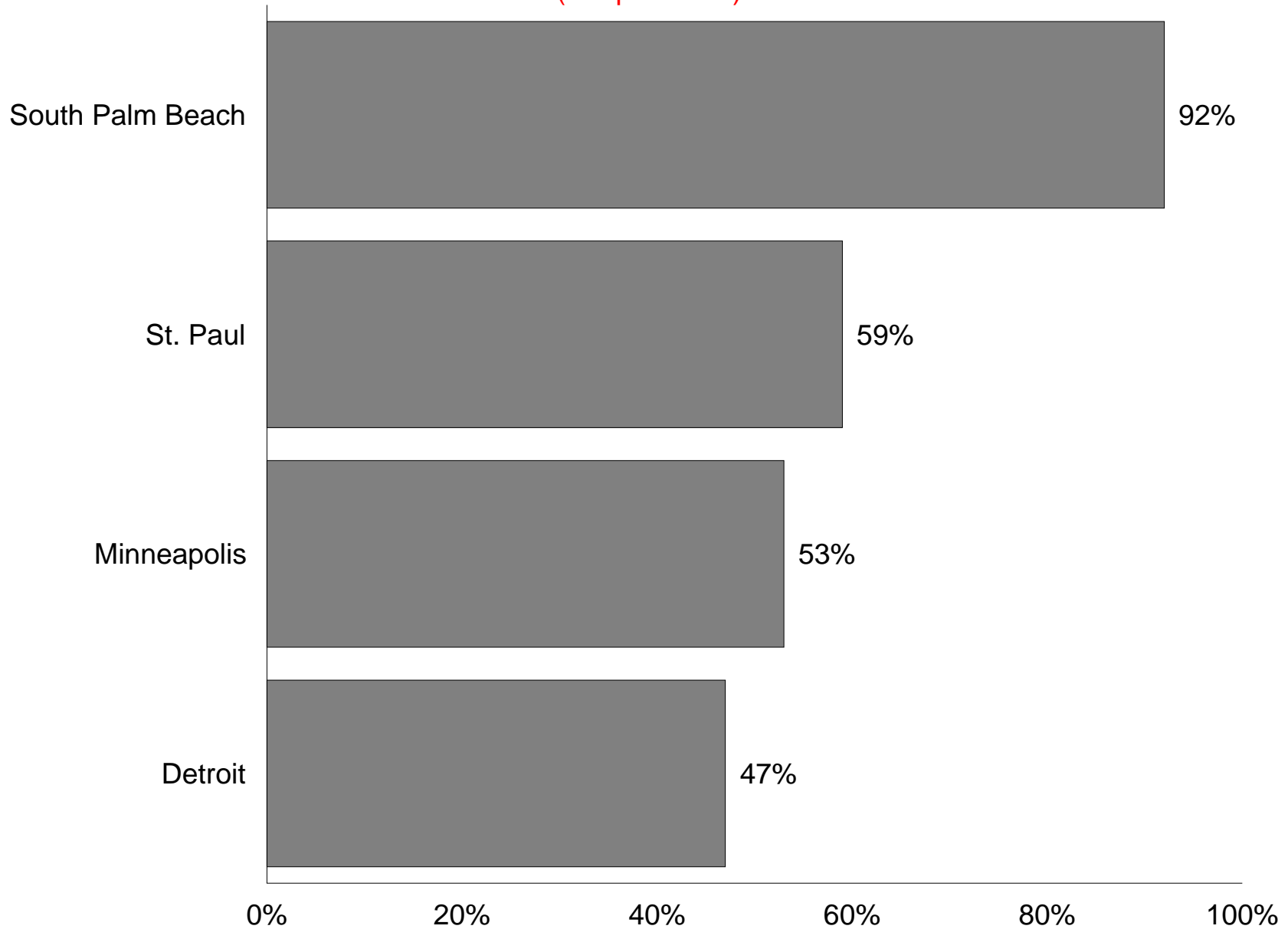


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COMMUNITY COMPARISONS

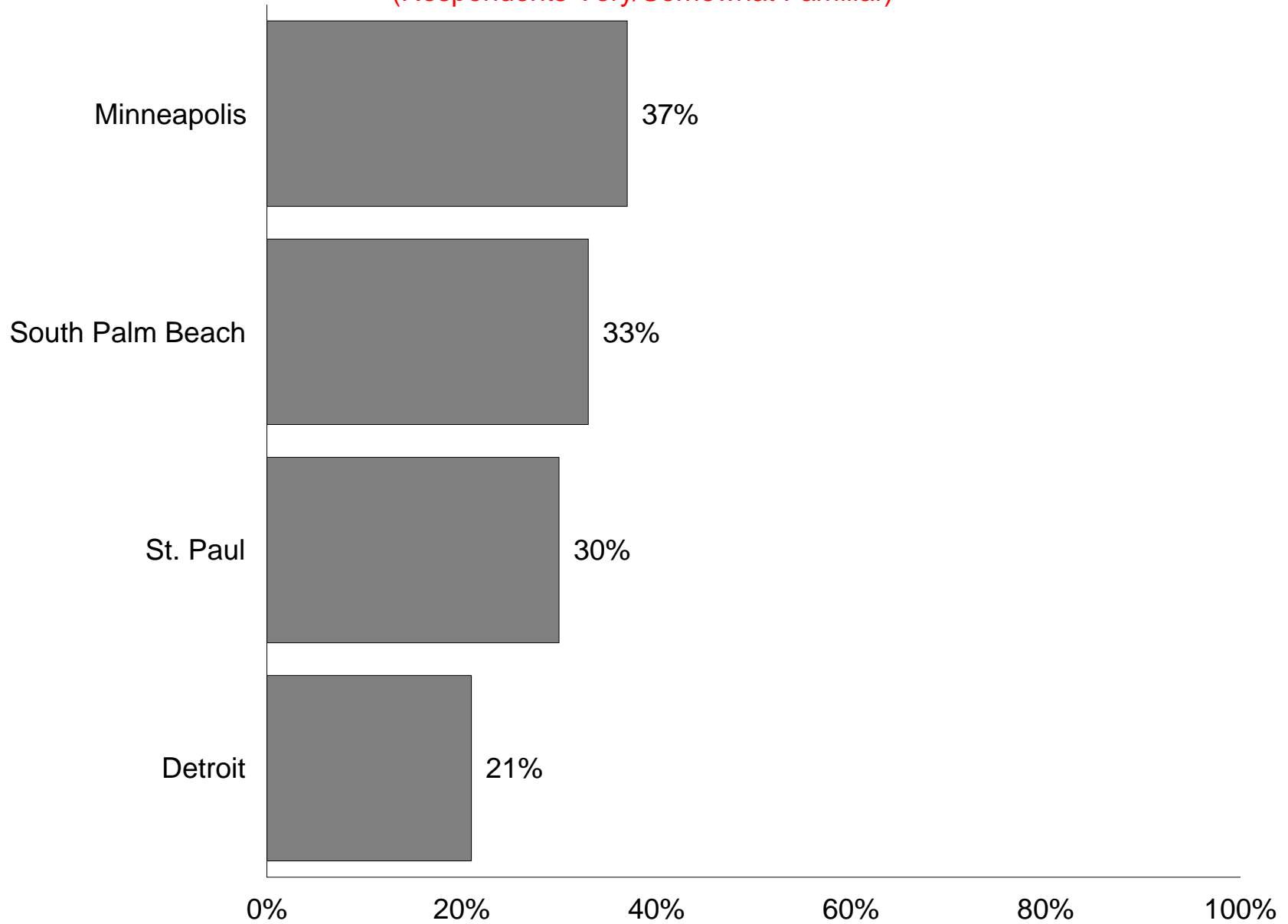
BASE: RESPONDENTS VERY/SOMEWHAT FAMILIAR WITH THE LOCAL JCRC

Community	Year	<i>Excellent</i>	Good	Fair	Poor	Excellent/ Good
Minneapolis	2004	37%	52	9	2	89%
S Palm Beach	2005	33%	58	9	1	91%
St. Paul	2004	30%	56	14	0	86%
Detroit	2005	21%	55	21	4	76%

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EXCELLENT PERCEPTIONS OF THE LOCAL JEWISH COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL

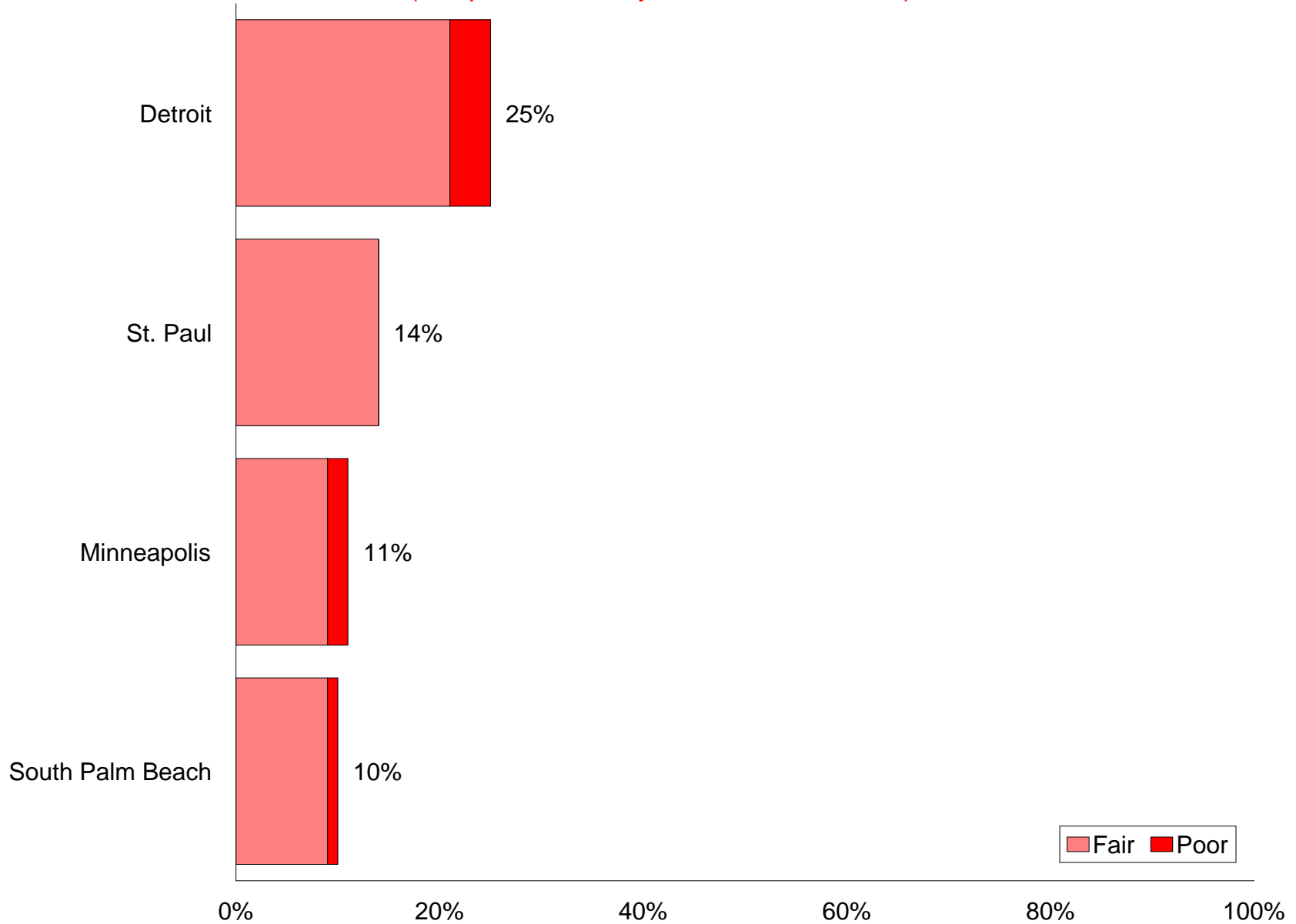
(Respondents Very/Somewhat Familiar)



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FAIR/POOR PERCEPTIONS OF THE LOCAL JEWISH COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL

(Respondents Very/Somewhat Familiar)



**TABLE 6
COMBATING ANTI-SEMITISM
AS A MOTIVATION TO DONATE TO A JEWISH ORGANIZATION
COMMUNITY COMPARISONS**

**BASE: RESPONDENTS IN JEWISH HOUSEHOLDS WHO DONATED \$100 AND OVER
TO THE LOCAL JEWISH FEDERATION, OTHER JEWISH FEDERATIONS,
OR OTHER JEWISH CHARITIES IN THE PAST YEAR**

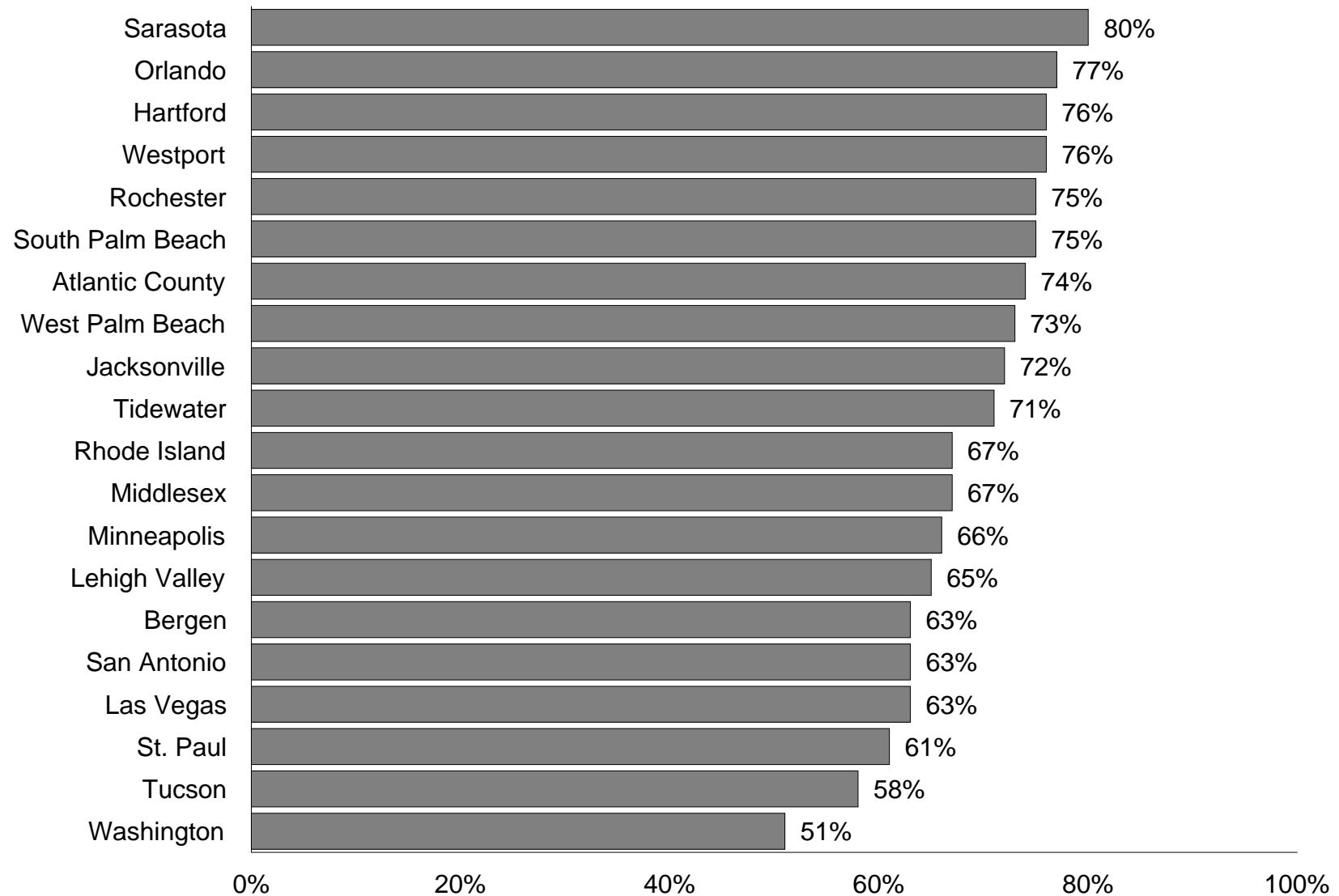
Community	Year	<i>Very Important</i>	Somewhat Important	Not at All Important
Sarasota	2001	80%	18	2
Orlando	1993	77%	20	4
Hartford	2000	76%	22	2
Westport	2000	76%	20	5
Rochester	1999	75%	21	4
S Palm Beach	2005	75%	20	5
Atlantic County	2004	74%	20	6
W Palm Beach	2005	73%	21	6
Jacksonville	2002	72%	25	4
Tidewater	2001	71%	22	7
Rhode Island	2002	67%	30	3
Middlesex	2008	67%	28	6
Minneapolis	2004	66%	30	4
Lehigh Valley	2007	65%	31	4
Bergen	2001	63%	32	5
San Antonio	2007	63%	30	7
Las Vegas	2005	63%	30	7
St. Paul	2004	61%	33	6
Tucson	2002	58%	33	9
Washington	2003	51%	40	9

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IMPORTANCE OF COMBATING ANTI-SEMITISM AS A MOTIVATION TO DONATE TO A JEWISH ORGANIZATION

% Very Important

(Respondents in Households Who Donated \$100 and Over to Jewish Charities in the Past Year)



**TABLE 7
HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS AND CHILDREN OF SURVIVORS
COMMUNITY COMPARISONS**

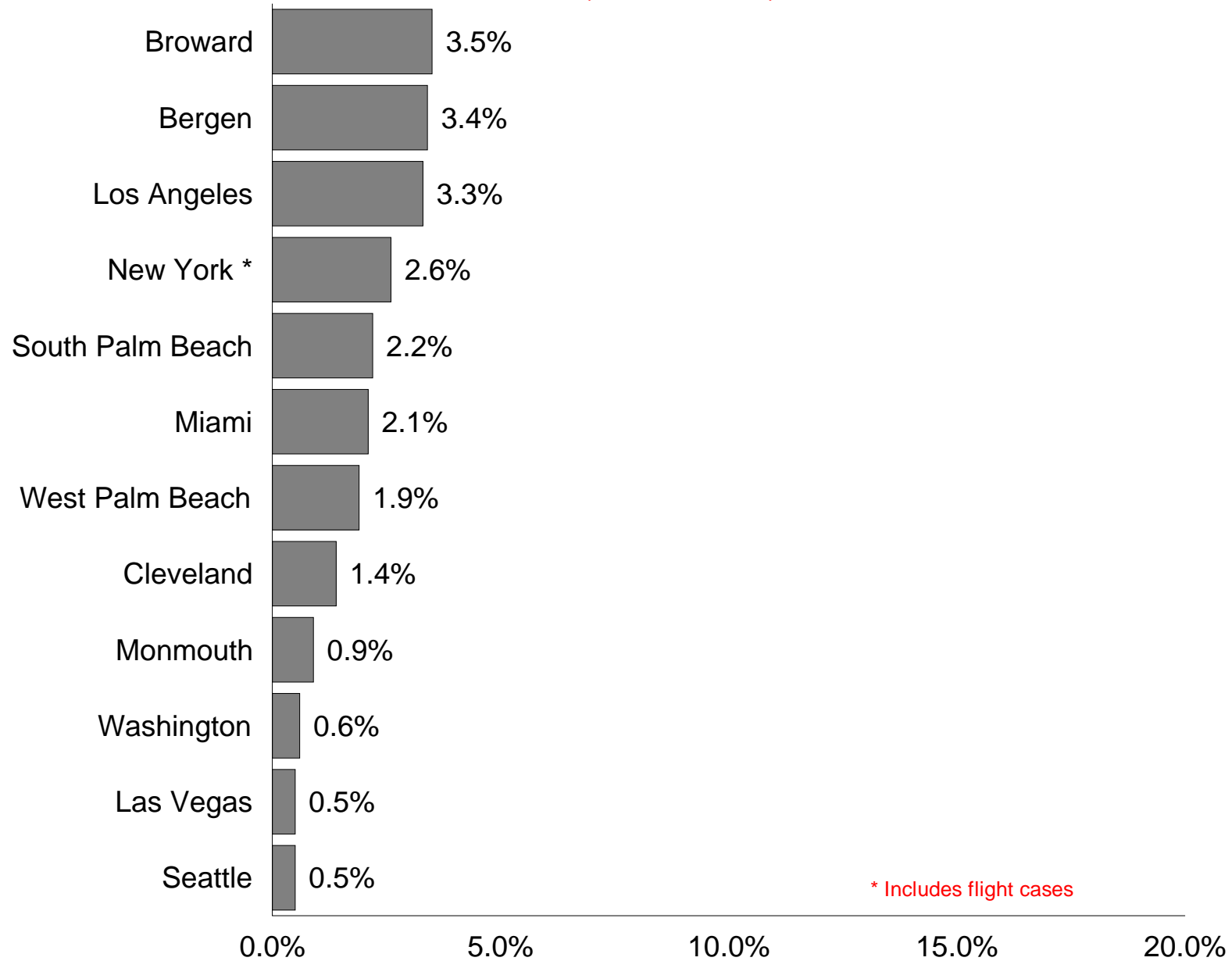
		Jewish Adults				Households with a Survivor or Child of a Survivor
		Survivors		Children of Survivors		
Community	Year	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	
Los Angeles	1997	3.3%	14,000	NA	NA	NA
Broward	1997	3.5%	7,360	3.6%	7,569	7.5%
S Palm Beach	2005	2.2%	2,637	1.3%	1,559	5.4%
W Palm Beach	2005	1.9%	2,197	2.0%	2,313	6.3%
Bergen	2001	3.4%	1,777	9.0%	4,704	15.6%
Washington	2003	0.6%	1,010	6.2%	10,437	8.7%
Monmouth	1997	0.9%	455	4.4%	2,224	8.1%
Las Vegas	2005	0.5%	305	5.5%	3,360	6.6%
Seattle	2000	0.5%	150	19.6%	5,500	NA
Miami *	2014	2.1%	2,076	5.8%	5,734	10.9%
New York *	2011	2.6%	31,000	NA	NA	NA
Cleveland *	2011	1.4%	839	NA	NA	NA
NJPS *	2000	2.3%	122,000	NA	NA	NA

* Includes flight cases.

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HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS

(Jewish Adults)

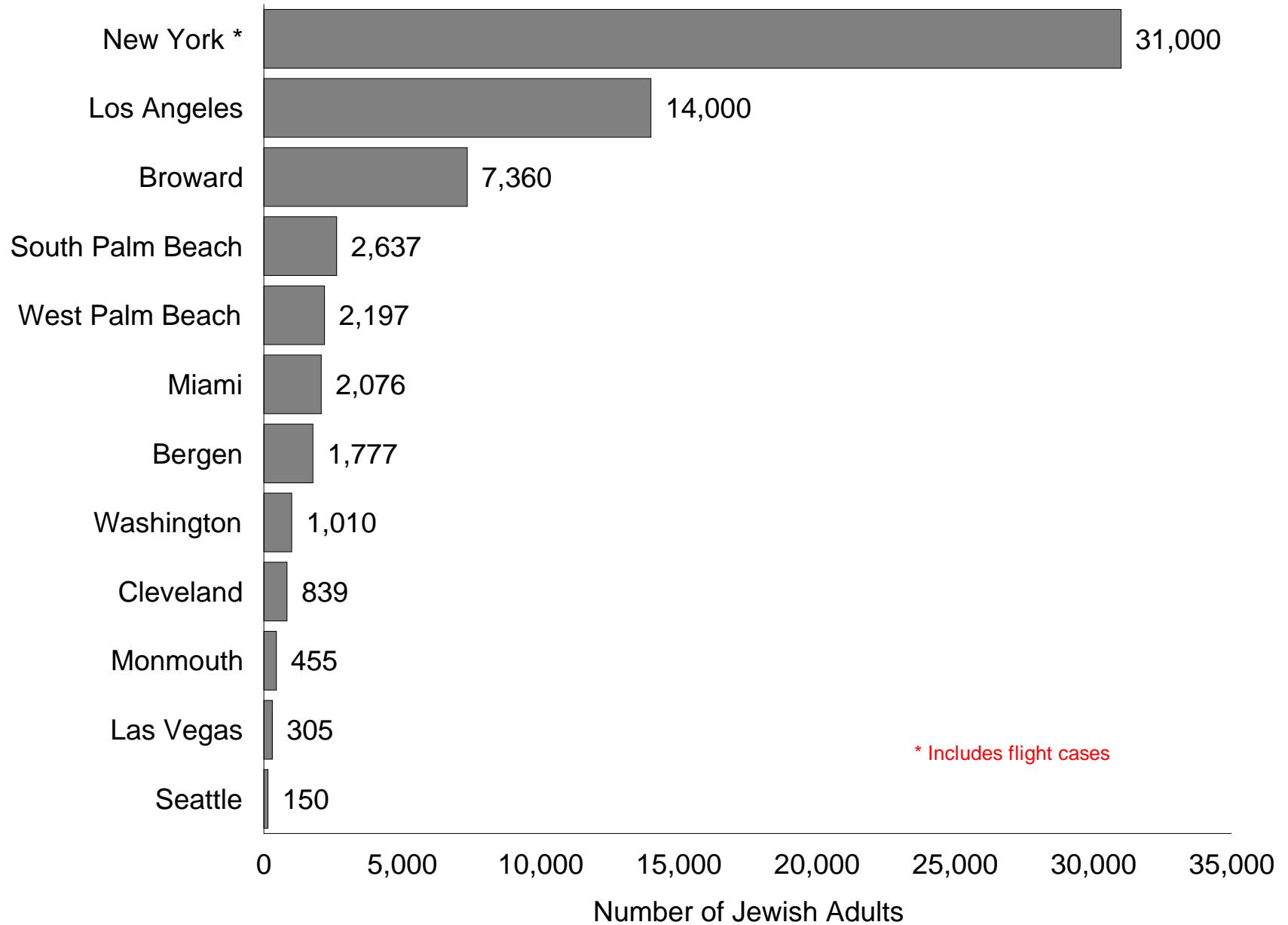


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NUMBER OF HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS

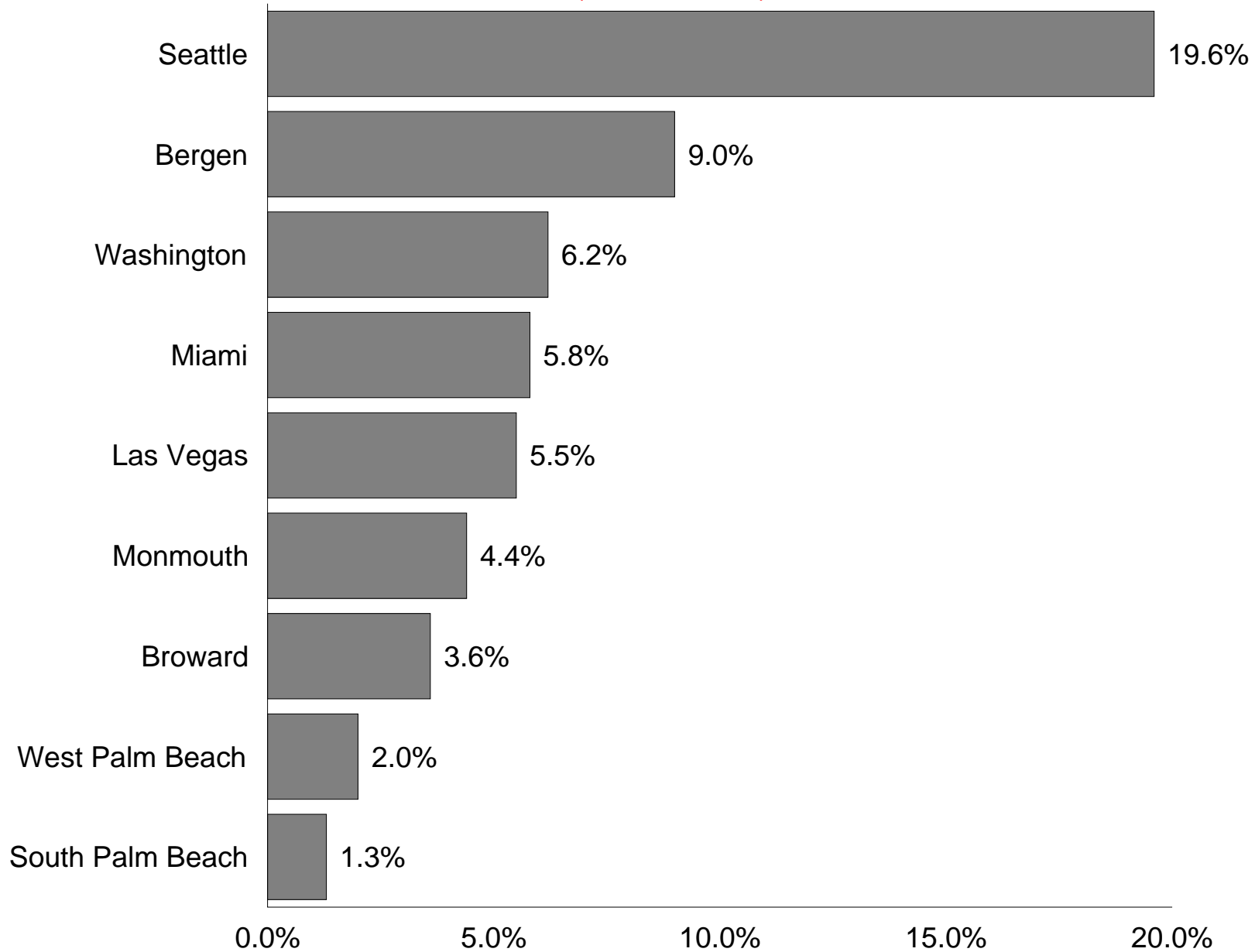
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CHILDREN OF SURVIVORS

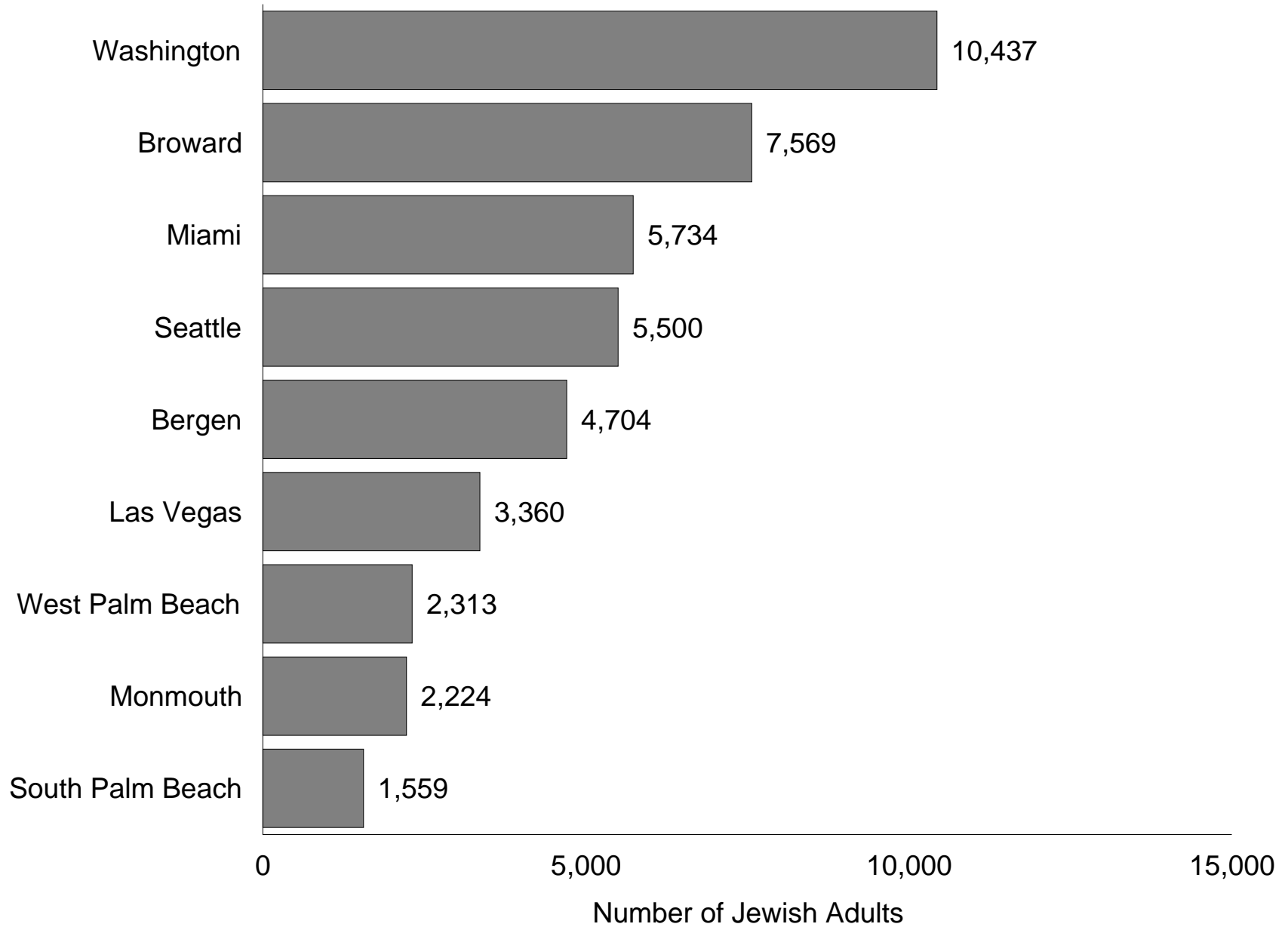
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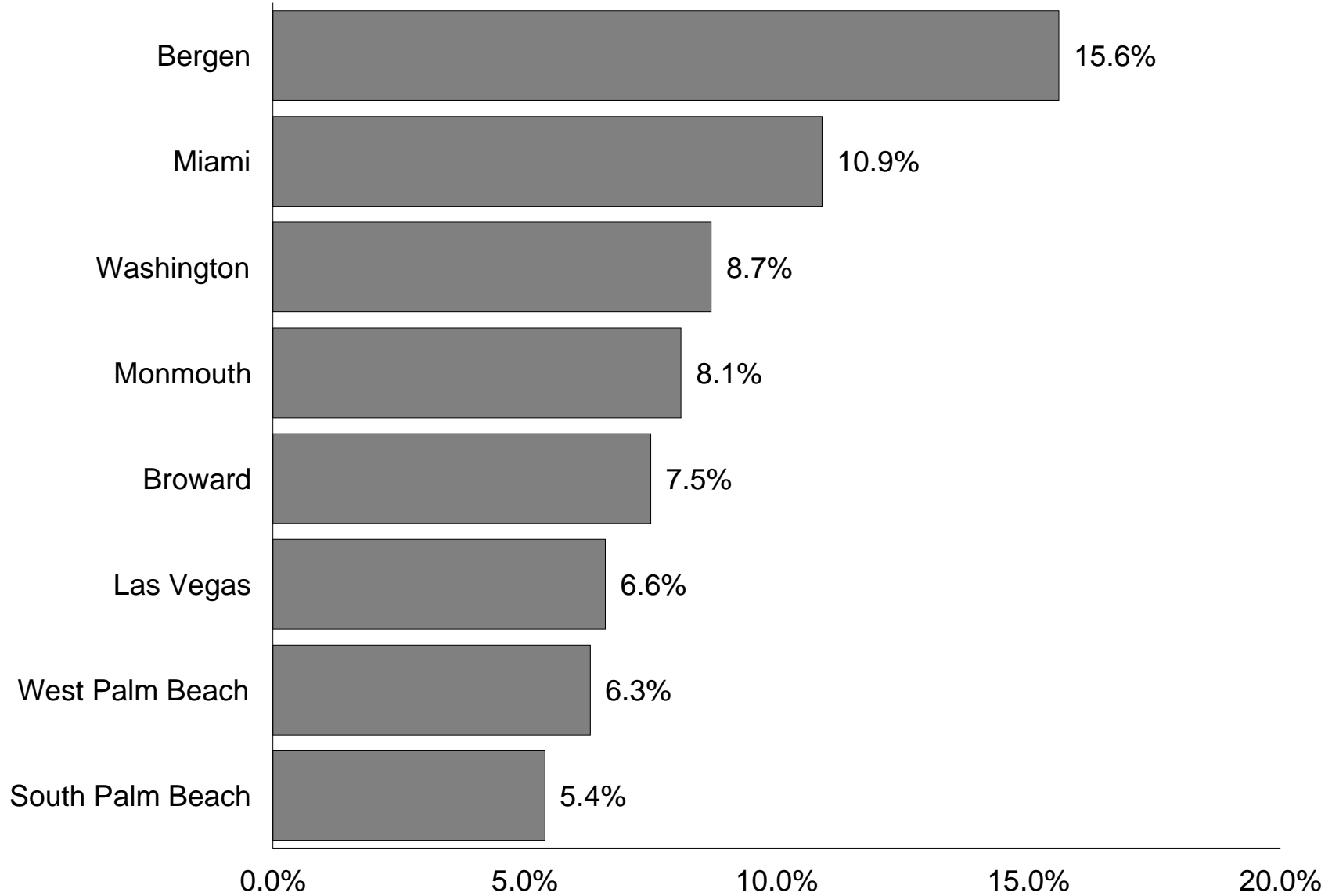
NUMBER OF CHILDREN OF HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS

(Jewish Adults)



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HOUSEHOLDS WITH A HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR OR CHILD OF A SURVIVOR (Jewish Households)



COMPARISONS OF JEWISH COMMUNITIES: A COMPENDIUM OF TABLES AND BAR CHARTS

APPENDIX

This appendix provides further information to help readers use the tables and bar charts, including rules for inclusion of local studies in the compendium, methodological issues in comparing communities, the order of communities, and tips for reading the tables and bar charts.

RULES FOR INCLUSION OF COMMUNITY STUDIES

To be included in the comparison tables and bar charts, a community study must meet the following criteria:

- ❶ The study had to include a telephone survey using random digit dialing for at least part of the sample.
- ❷ The study had to be completed since 1993. If a community completed multiple studies during this period, only the results of the most recent study are shown.
- ❸ The study had to ask the questions addressed in the tables and bar charts using wording similar to other studies and to report the results in a manner facilitating comparison. In many cases where the original results were not reported in a manner facilitating comparison, Dr. Sheskin obtained the original survey data and produced results that permit comparisons. In some cases, differences in the wording of the questions or categories used to report the results are noted in the footnotes to the tables.
- ❹ The study had to ask the questions addressed in the tables and bar charts of the same set of households or persons in a household (known as the *base*) as other studies asked. For example, a question asked only about *Jewish children in Jewish households* cannot be included in the tables and bar charts with other studies that asked the same question about *all children (both Jewish and non-Jewish) in Jewish households*. Minor differences in the set of households or persons queried are noted in the footnotes to the tables. In some cases, communities for which the base is significantly different from that used in the table are listed at the end of the table with the alternative base noted. Such communities are not included in the comparison bar charts.

COMPARISONS AMONG COMMUNITIES: METHODOLOGICAL CONCERNS

As noted, comparisons among Jewish communities help provide an important context for understanding American Jewish communities. Nonetheless, the comparisons should be treated with caution for the following reasons:

❶ **Different Dates of the Studies.** The Jewish community studies included in the comparison tables and bar charts were completed over an extended period of time. Differences between Community A in 1993 and Community B in 2010 may be due to the temporal differences in the community studies. For example, the intermarriage rate in Community A may be lower than in Community B simply because the community study in Community A was completed 17 years earlier, when intermarriage rates generally were lower. This is an extreme example since most comparisons are between studies completed closer in time than in this illustration.

❷ **Different Sampling Methods.** Three different sampling methods generally have been used in Jewish community studies: a random digit dialing (RDD) only sample (drawn from randomly generated telephone numbers); an RDD sample combined with a Distinctive Jewish Name (DJN) sample (drawn from a telephone directory); and an RDD sample combined with a List sample (usually drawn from the local Jewish Federation mailing list). Only Jewish communities that used RDD sampling for at least part of the sample are included in the comparison tables and bar charts. Different sampling methods *may* lead to differences in survey results. See Section I - Methodology for the sampling methods and sample sizes used in each community study included in the comparison tables and bar charts.

❸ **Different Questionnaires.** A variety of questionnaires have been used in Jewish community studies. For examples, see the Jewish Survey Question Bank (<http://jewishquestions.bjpa.org/>). The survey research literature indicates that even small changes in question wording or in the sequence in which questions are asked on a telephone survey can have a significant impact upon survey results.

❹ **Small Sample Sizes.** In general, when comparing the overall results for Jewish households or persons in Jewish households among Jewish communities, the sample sizes used in the community studies are such that differences of five percentage points or more may be considered statistically significant. On the other hand, when comparing the results among Jewish communities for *population subgroups* (such as households with children or respondents under age 35), the sample sizes may be substantially smaller such that even differences of 10-15 percentage points may not be statistically significant.

❺ **Missing Data.** Researchers sometimes treat missing data and “don’t know” responses differently, leading to minor differences in reported results.

⑥ **Identifying Jewish Households.** While there is considerable agreement among researchers and policy makers about how to define Jewish households and persons, different studies may use different questions for qualifying Jewish households and respondents, and researchers may use different methods for deciding if households and persons should be considered Jewish when a particular case is ambiguous.

⑦ **Time-Specific Conditions.** Some comparisons are affected by the year in which a study was completed. This applies particularly to comparisons on economic variables such as income and philanthropy (which may be affected by the state of the economy in a given year) and variables related to Israel (which may be affected by the political situation in Israel in a given year).

ORDER OF COMMUNITIES IN THE COMPARISON TABLES AND BAR CHARTS

Tables. Each comparison table is ordered based upon one particular data column (referred to as the *primary column* in the discussion below), in descending order of magnitude of the data. Except for those tables with only one data column, the primary column has an *italicized* heading. The choice of primary column is determined by the data thought to be most interesting. Thus, for example, the household size table is ordered by the percentage of one-person households and the employment status table is ordered by the percentage employed full time. While listing the communities in alphabetical order might simplify finding the results quickly for a particular community, such a presentation would be much less helpful in facilitating comparisons among Jewish communities.

When two or more communities show the same percentage (or number) in the primary column, three rules are followed to determine the order in which the communities are listed:

① The first rule applies when a secondary column is used to order the communities that show the same percentage in the primary column.

In some cases, when the primary column is the sum of two (or more) other columns, the communities are listed according to the community that has the higher percentage on the more “extreme” of the columns being summed. For example, if two communities show the same percentage for “always/usually,” the community with the highest “always” percentage is listed first.

In other cases, a table is ordered on a particular column, but a secondary “related” column is used to order the communities that show the same percentage in the primary column. For example, in the employment status table, if two communities show the same percentage for “full time,” the community with the highest “part time” percentage is listed first.

If the communities continue to show the same percentages after applying this rule, the process is continued using the next appropriate column.

② The second rule applies when the first rule is not applicable or does not resolve the situation, that is, the communities show the same percentages in all the data columns. In this case, the community with the most recent study is listed first.

③ The third rule applies when the first two rules do not resolve the situation, that is, the communities also have the same year of study. In this case, the communities are listed in alphabetical order.

Communities for which data are unavailable for the primary column (but are available for other columns) are listed below a thick horizontal line in the tables.

Bar Charts. Comparison bar charts correspond to each primary column in the comparison tables, with the data presented in the same order as it appears in the table. In addition, for tables with multiple data columns, additional bar charts are presented to correspond to those additional data columns thought to be most interesting, with the data presented in descending order of magnitude. In these additional bar charts, when two or more communities show the same percentage (or number), the community with the most recent study is listed first. If the communities also have the same year of study, the communities are listed in alphabetical order.

READING THE TABLES AND BAR CHARTS

Demographic data are easily misunderstood. The most common error in interpretation occurs when readers do not concentrate on the *nature of the denominator (or base) used in calculating a percentage*. Thus, the base in each table and bar chart is generally shown directly below the title.

In some tables and bar charts, “don't know” responses are included in the computations, while in other tables and bar charts they are excluded. The inclusion or exclusion of “don't know” responses depends on whether “don't know” is a statement of value (generally included) or merely an inability to remember or a refusal to respond (generally excluded). In some tables and bar charts, “don't know” responses are treated as negative responses. For example, if a respondent does not know whether the household maintains a synagogue membership, a reasonable assumption is that they do not. Missing responses are excluded from the tables and bar charts.

The reader may notice small differences in the percentages between tables and bar charts due to rounding. At times, also due to rounding, the reported percentages may not sum to 100% and the reported numbers may not sum to the appropriate numerical total. However, the convention employed shows the total as 100% or the appropriate numerical total.

White numbers in black circles (❶, ❷, ❸, etc.) are used in the column headings of tables to indicate that definitions of the terms are provided in the footnotes at the bottom of the table.

Some of the footnotes in the tables are not included in the bar charts to simplify the presentation.

ERRORS IN THE TABLES AND BAR CHARTS

In an undertaking like this, errors in the data are inevitable. Please bring potential errors to the attention of Ira Sheskin at isheskin@miami.edu.