

# JEWISH COMMUNITY STUDIES IN SMALL AND INTERMEDIATE FEDERATIONS

## Jewish Connections

Summary charts on Jewish community study findings conducted in areas served by Small and Intermediate Jewish Federations, 1993-2011

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# Introduction

- The Berman Jewish DataBank has produced these slides specifically for Jewish communities served by Small and Intermediate Federations.
- The slides present comprehensive data about these Jewish communities from studies conducted 1993-2011.
- For Small and Intermediate Federations that have conducted studies, the slides present context for understanding findings from their own studies.
- For the majority of Small and Intermediate Federations that have not conducted studies, these slides do not replace a local study, but they do provide the range of results from other studies that may provide useful guidance in thinking about their own community.

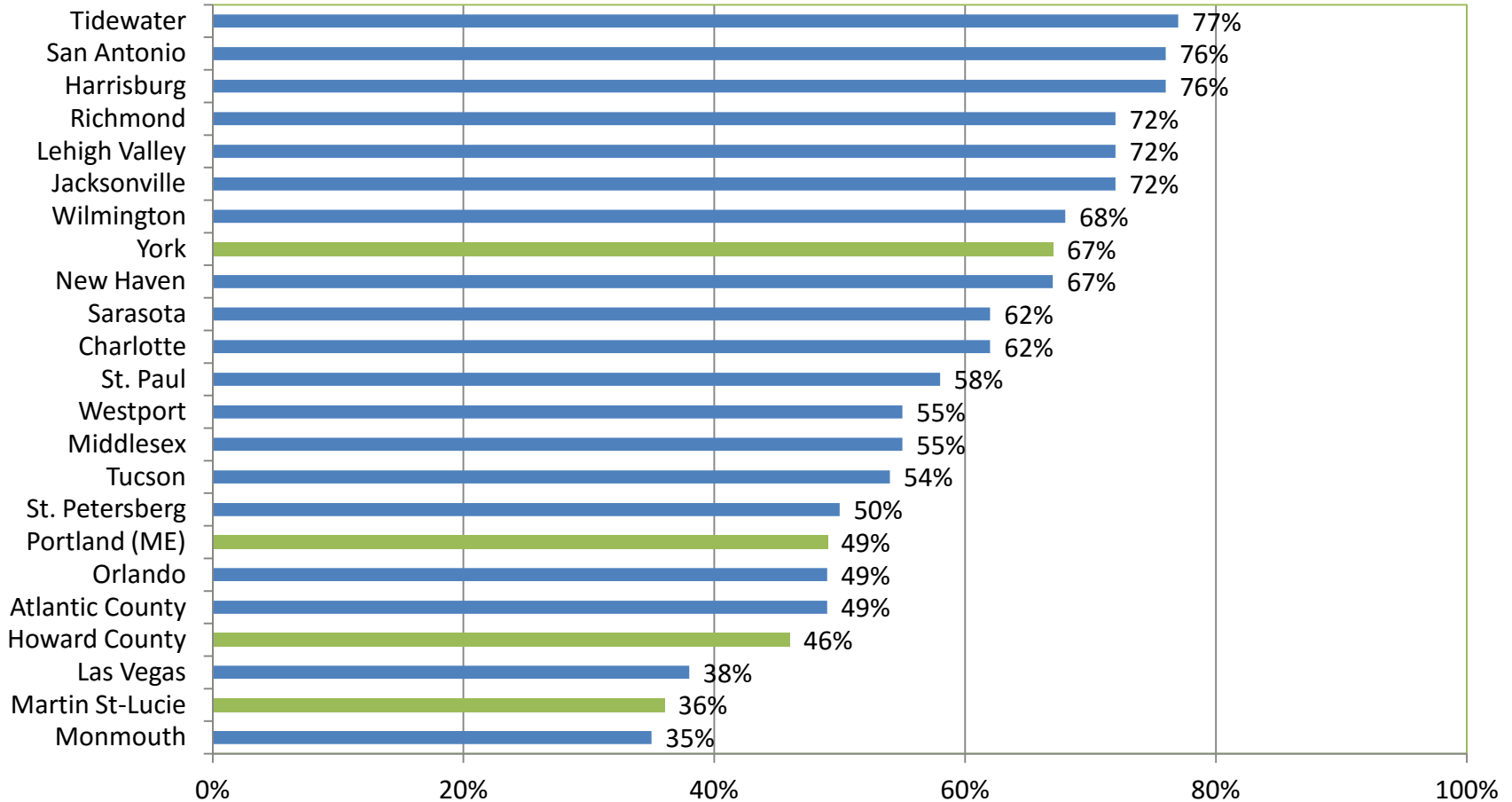


# Donations to Jewish Federations

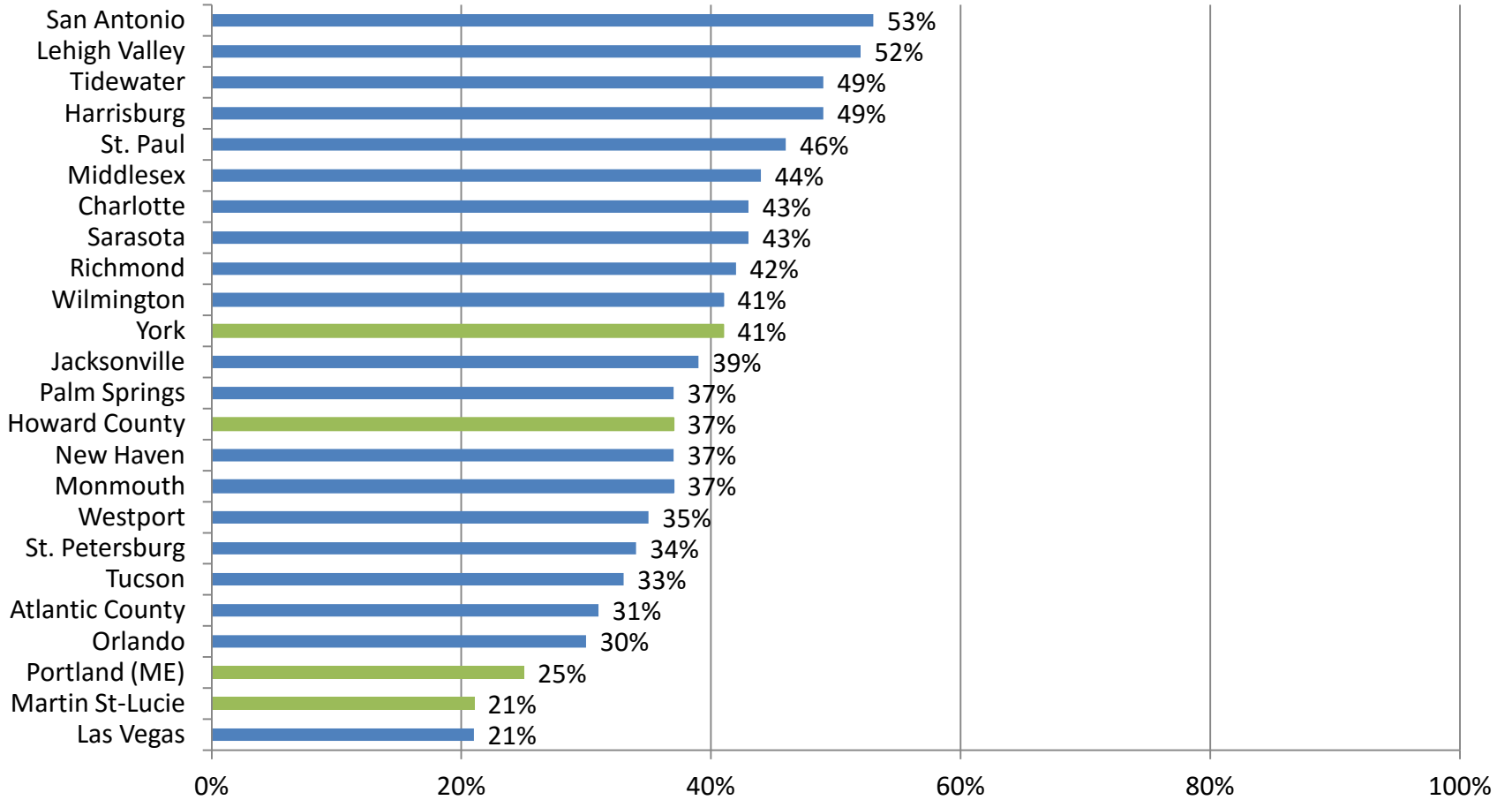
- Very or Somewhat Familiar with Local Federation (slide 4)
- Donated to Local Federation (slide 5)
- Donated \$500+ to Local Federation (slide 6)



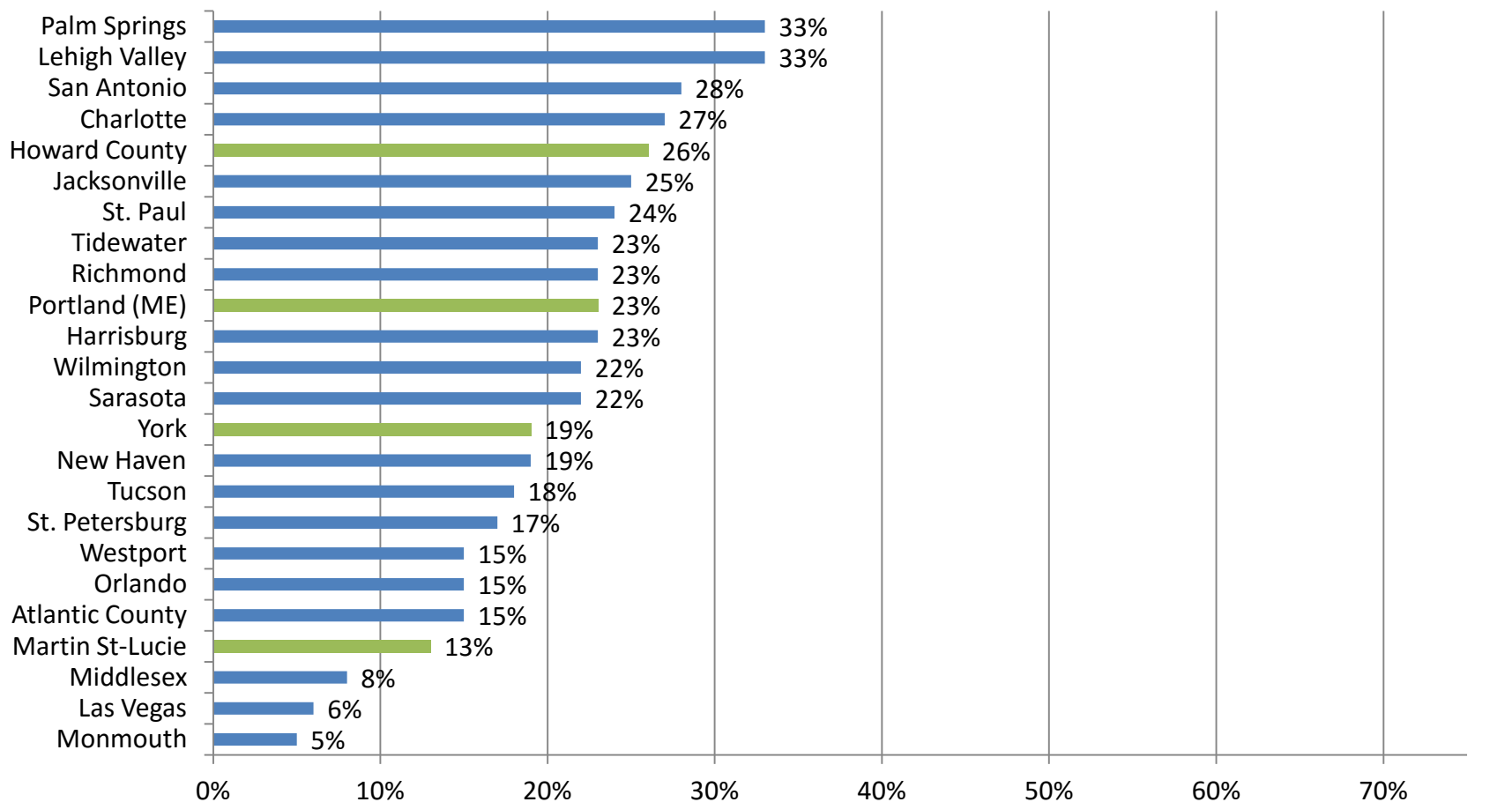
# All Respondents: % Very or Somewhat Familiar with the Local Jewish Federation



# Jewish Households: % Donated to the Local Federation in the Past Year



# Jewish Households that Donated to the Local Federation in the Past Year: % Donated \$500+

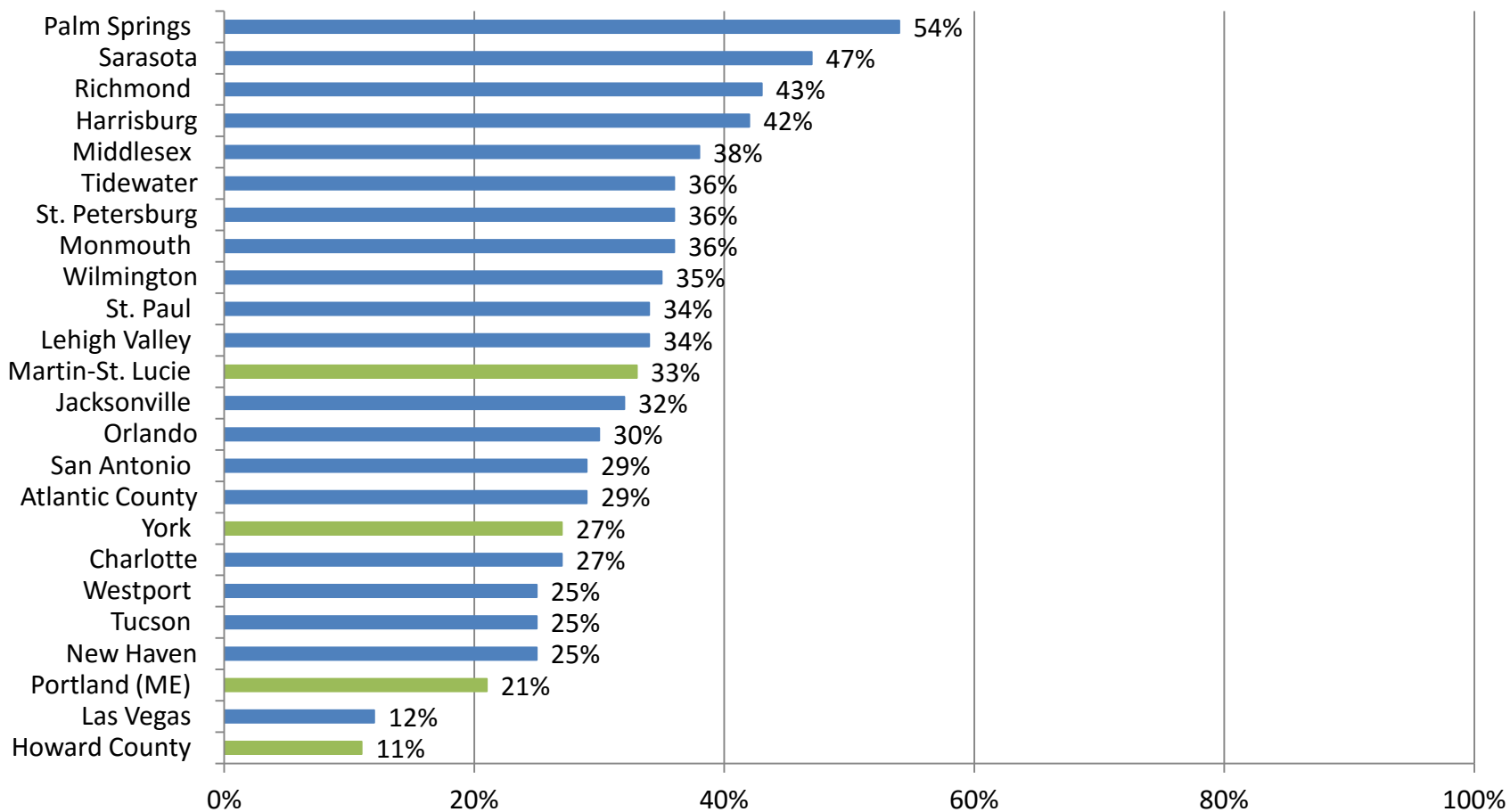


# Jewish Organization Membership

- Member of Any Jewish Organization (slide 8)
  - Including Synagogue, Jewish Community Center and other Jewish organizations
- Member of “other” Jewish Organization (slide 9)
  - Excluding households who are members of Synagogues and Jewish Community Centers

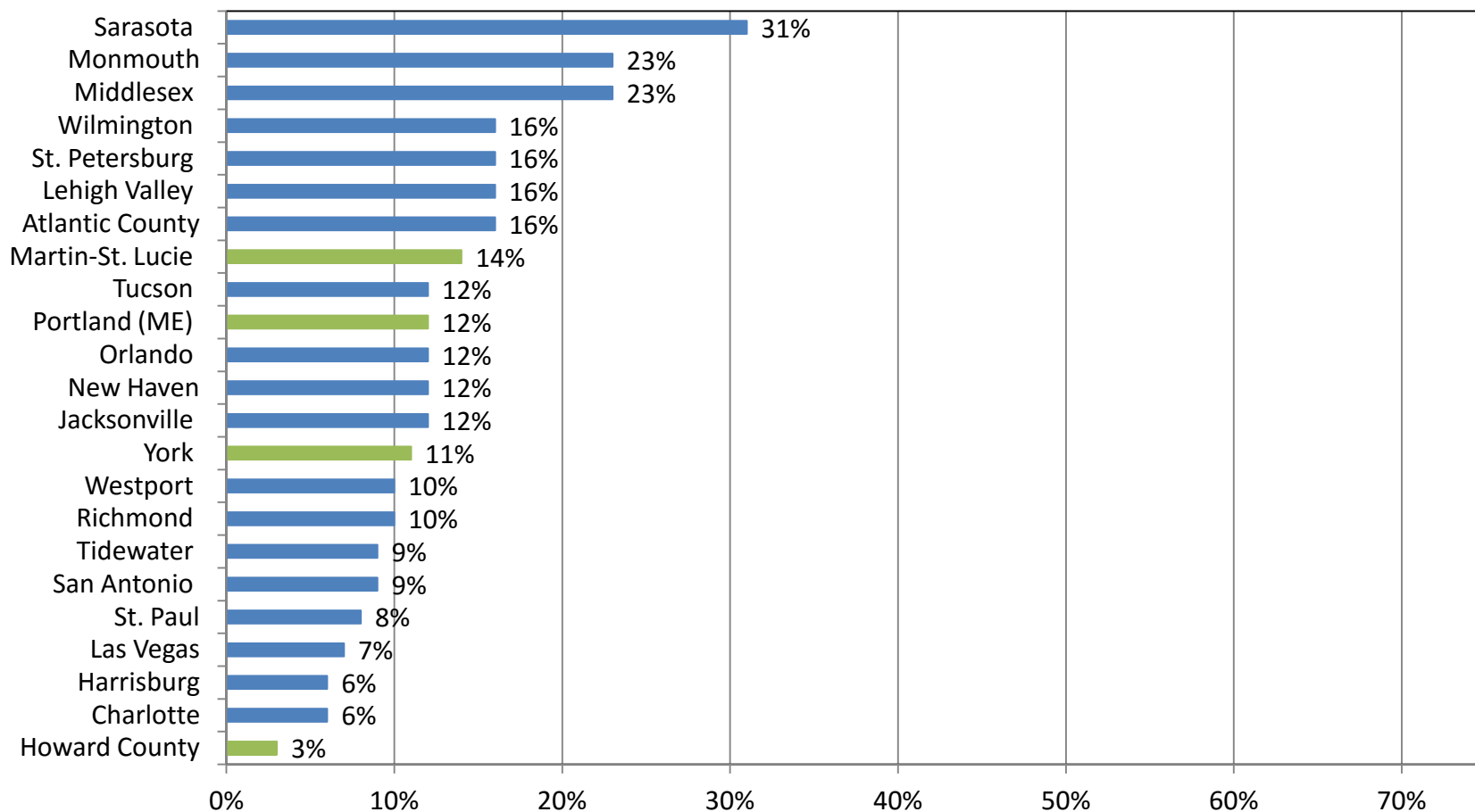


# Jewish Households: Member of any Jewish Organization (including Synagogue, JCC and other)





# Jewish Households that are Not Members of a Synagogue or JCC: Member of “other” Jewish Organization

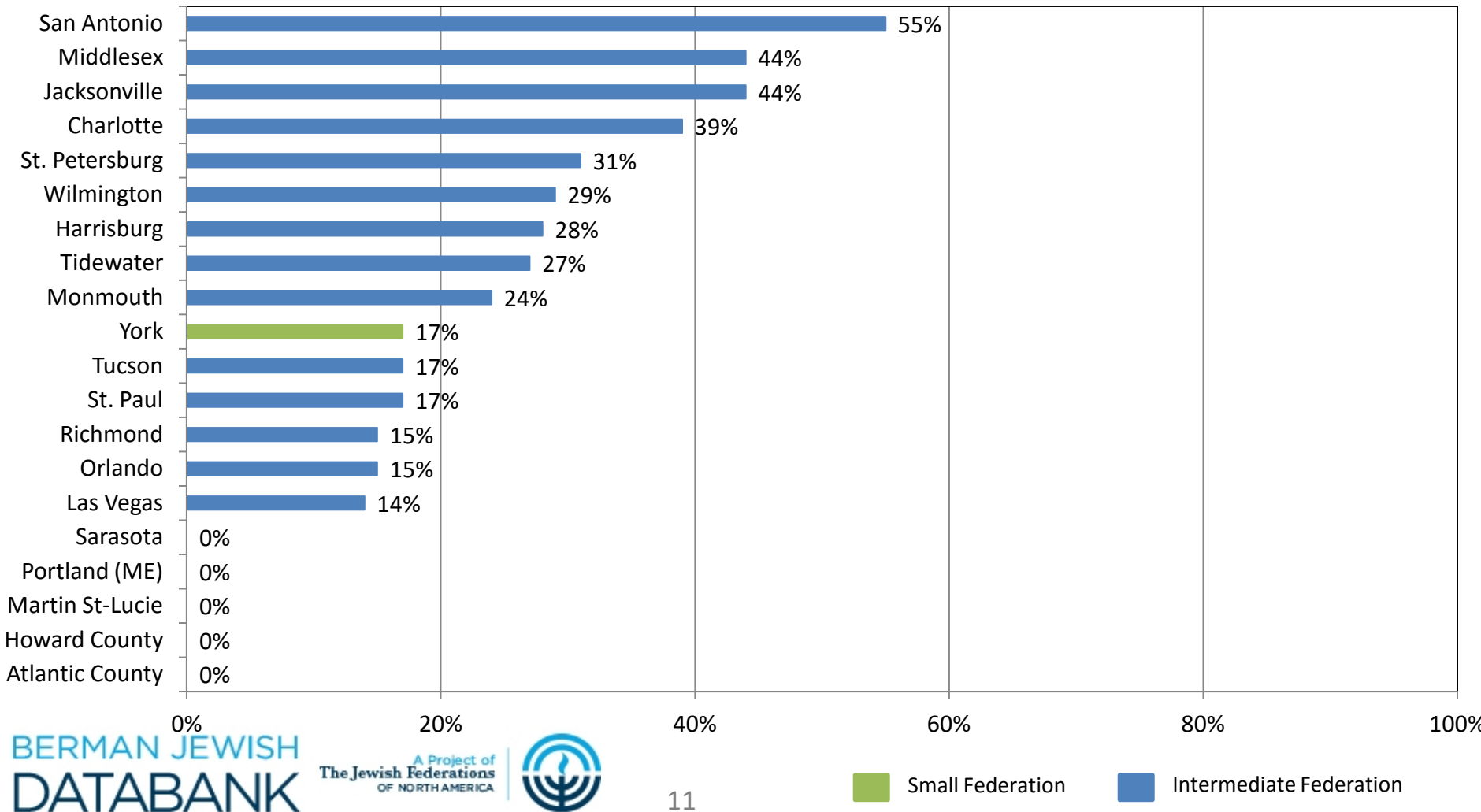


# Synagogue Membership

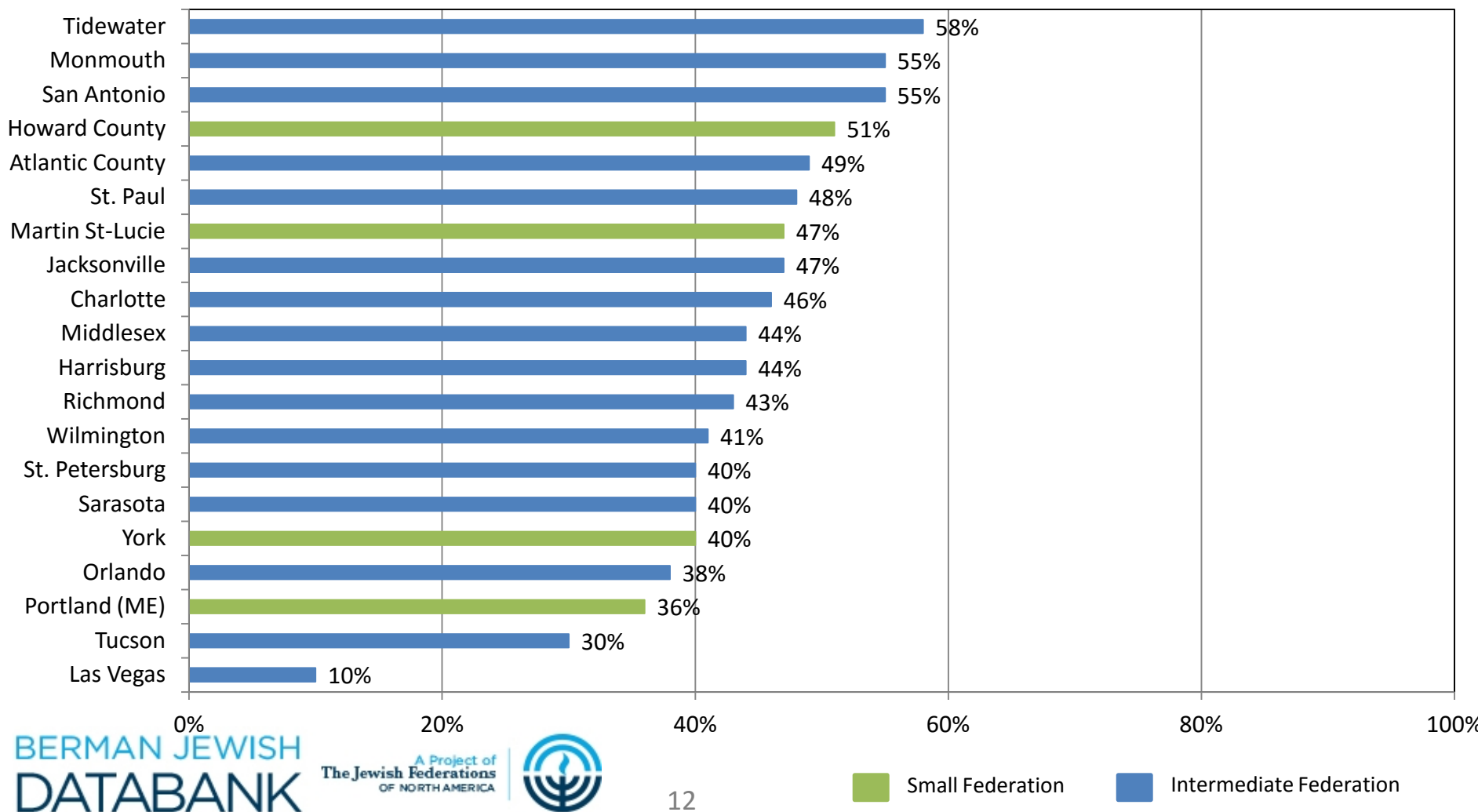
- Percentage who are Members of a Synagogue By age of head of household (slides 11-15)
  - Under 35 (slide 11)
  - 35-49 (slide 12)
  - 50-64 (slide 13)
  - 65-74 (slide 14)
  - 75+ (slide 15)
- Members of Synagogues: Families with Children (slide 16)
- Members of Synagogues by Marriage (slides 17-18)
  - In-married (slide 17)
  - Intermarried (slide 18)
- Comparison of Membership (slides 19-22):
  - Both Synagogue and JCC (slide 19)
  - Synagogue only (slide 20)
  - JCC only (slide 21)
  - Neither Synagogue nor JCC (slide 22)



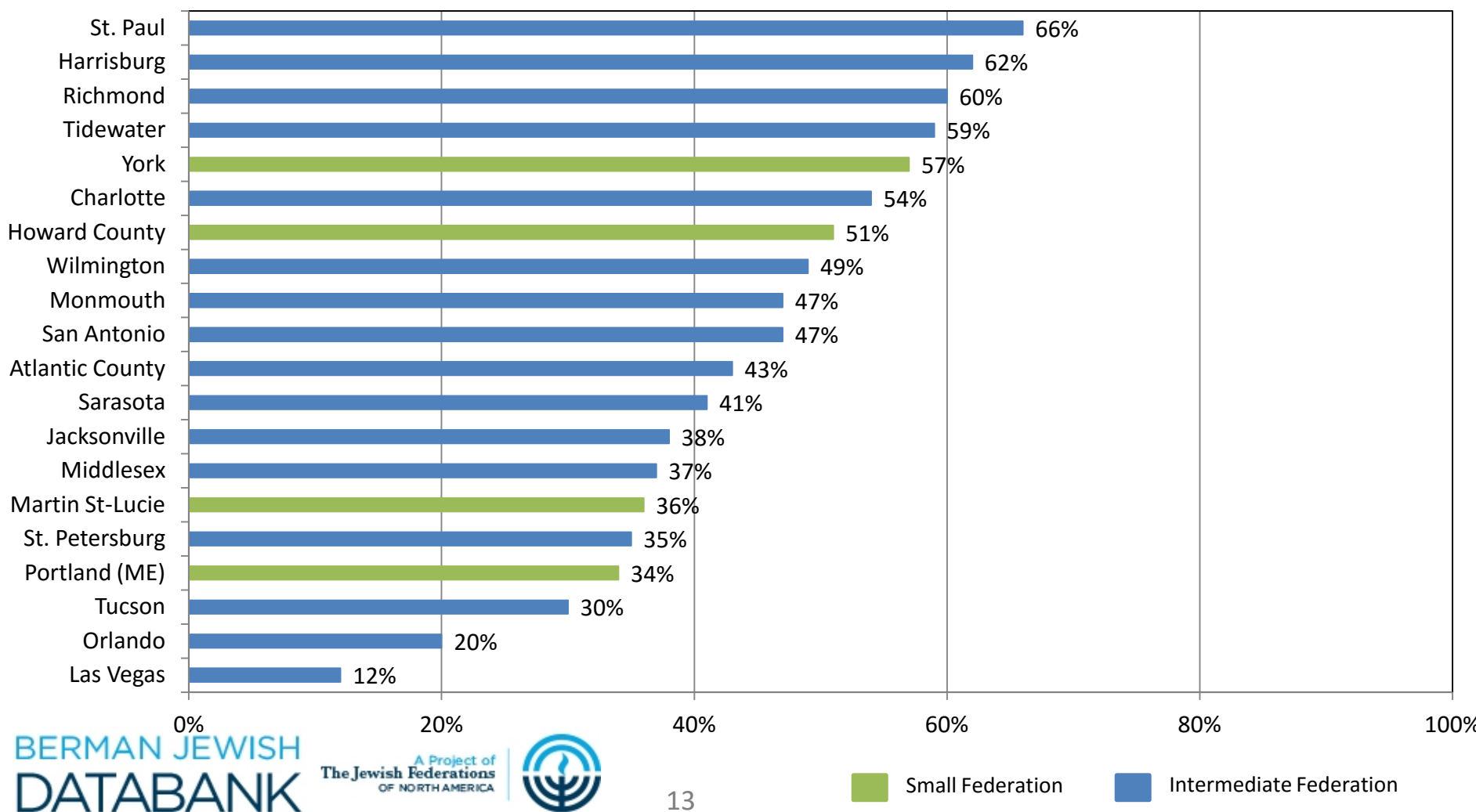
# Jewish Households with Head of Household < 35 years old: % Members of a Synagogue



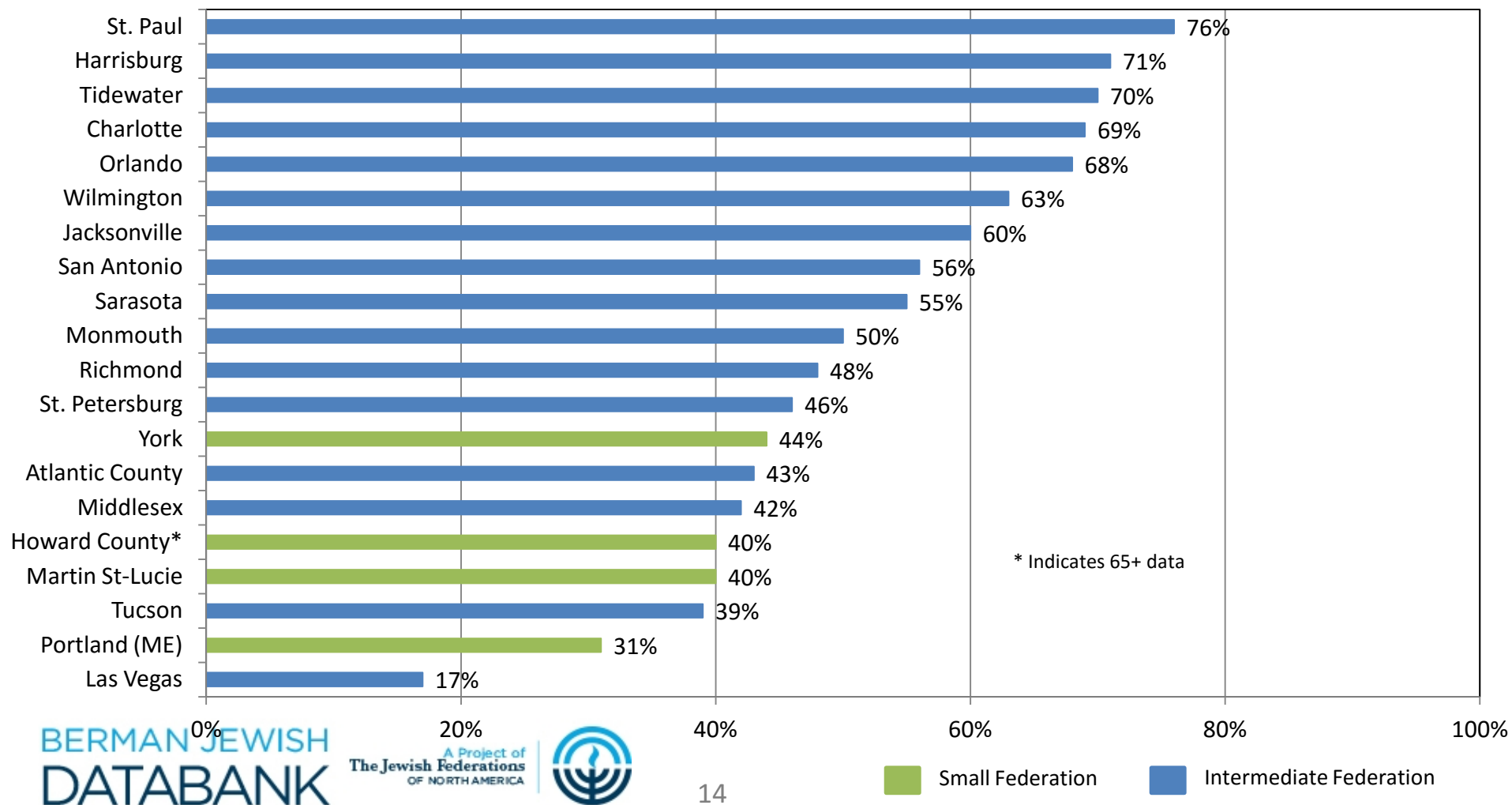
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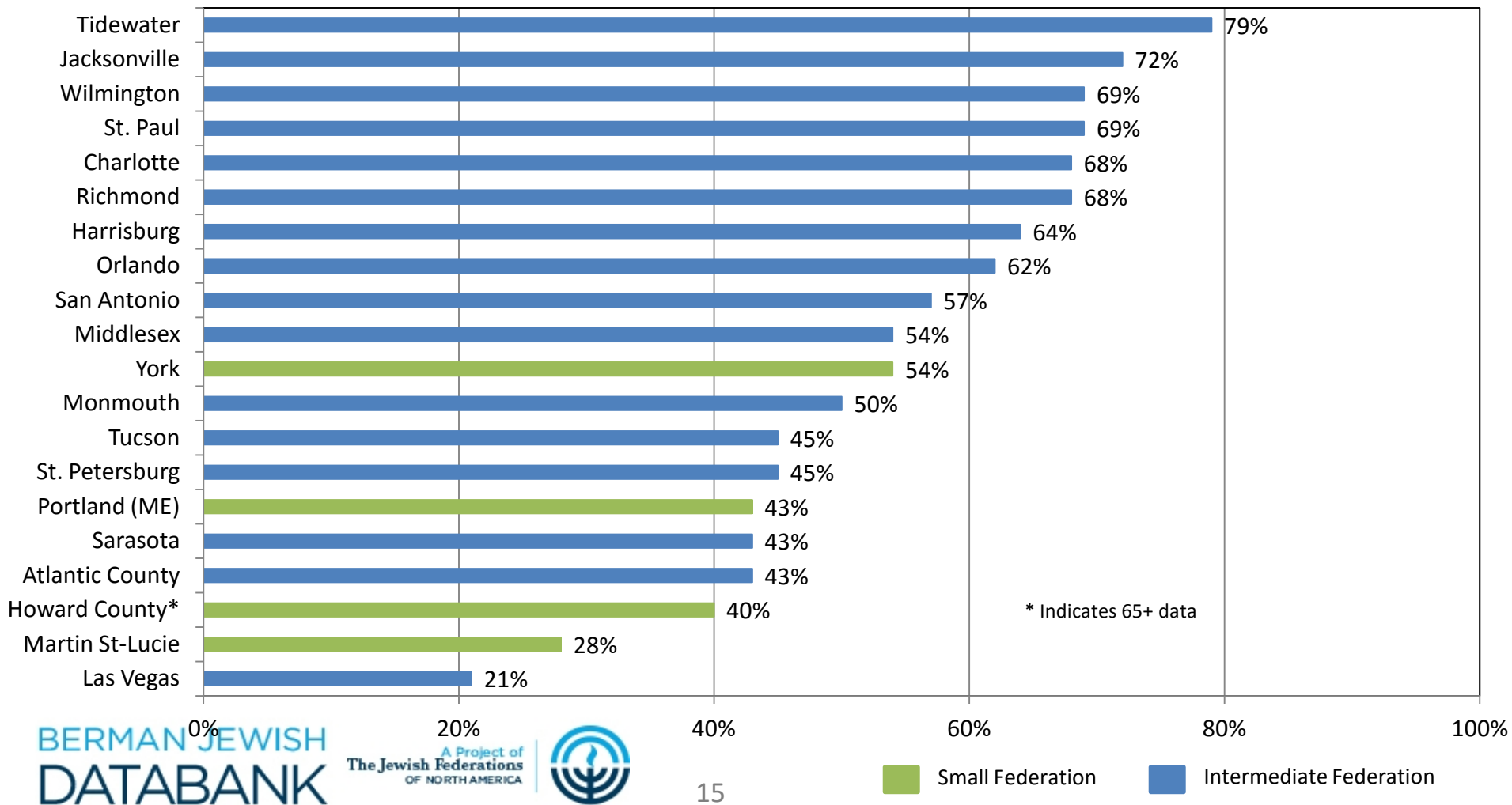
# Jewish Households with Head of Household 50–64 years old: % Members of a Synagogue



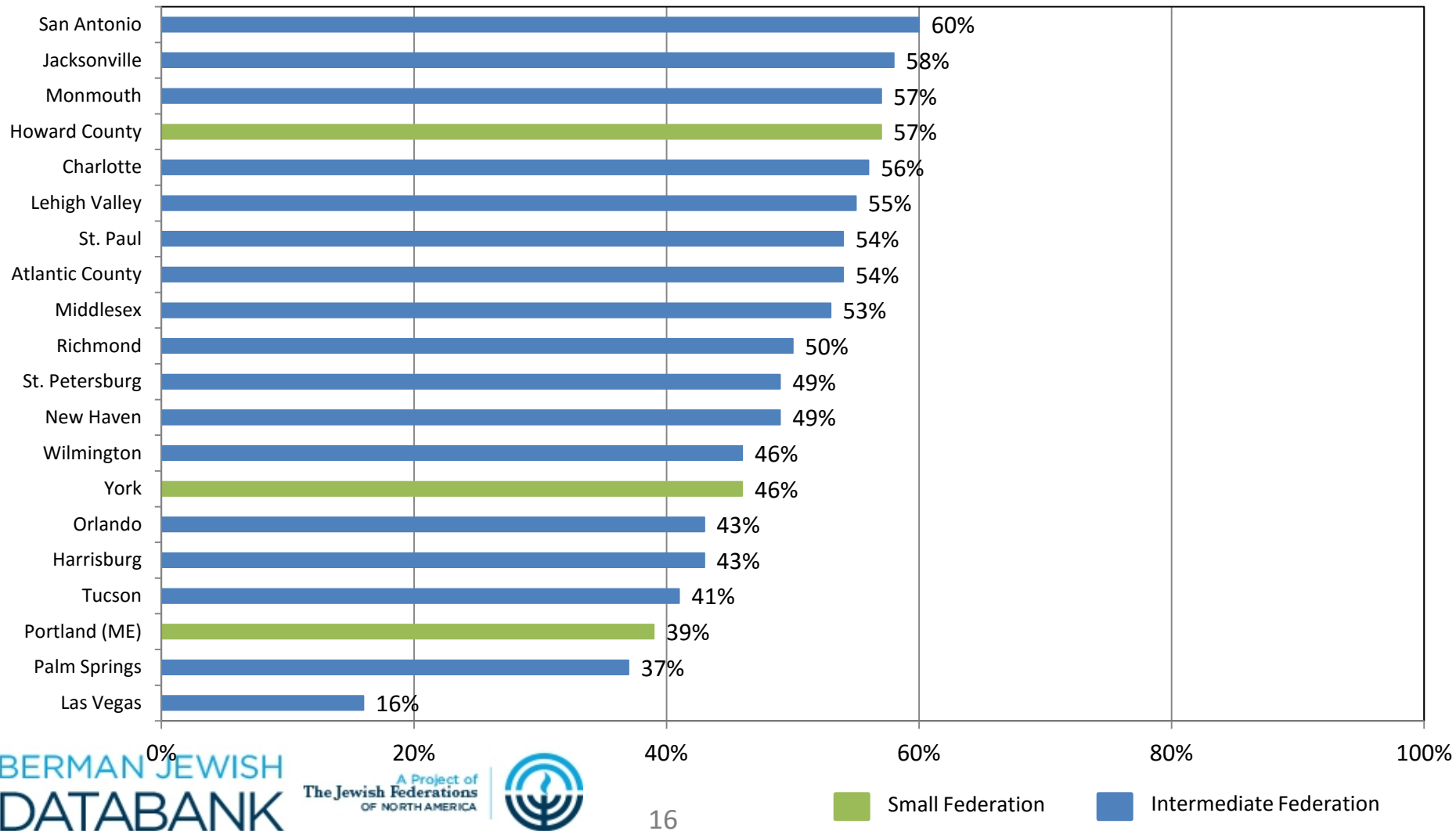
# Jewish Households with Head of Household 65-74 years old: % Members of a Synagogue



# Jewish Households with Head of Household 75+ years old: % Members of a Synagogue

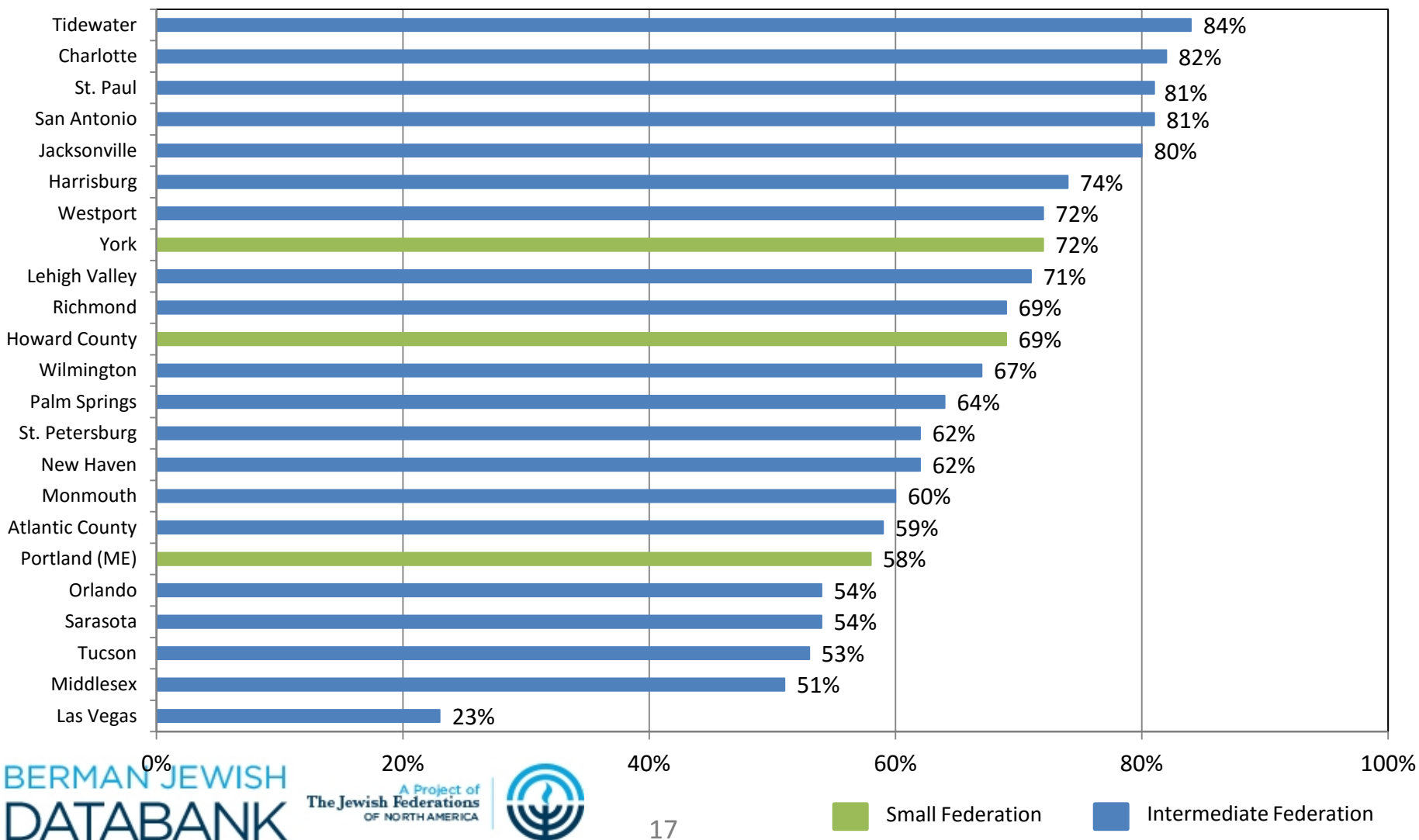


# Jewish Households with Children: % Members of a Synagogue

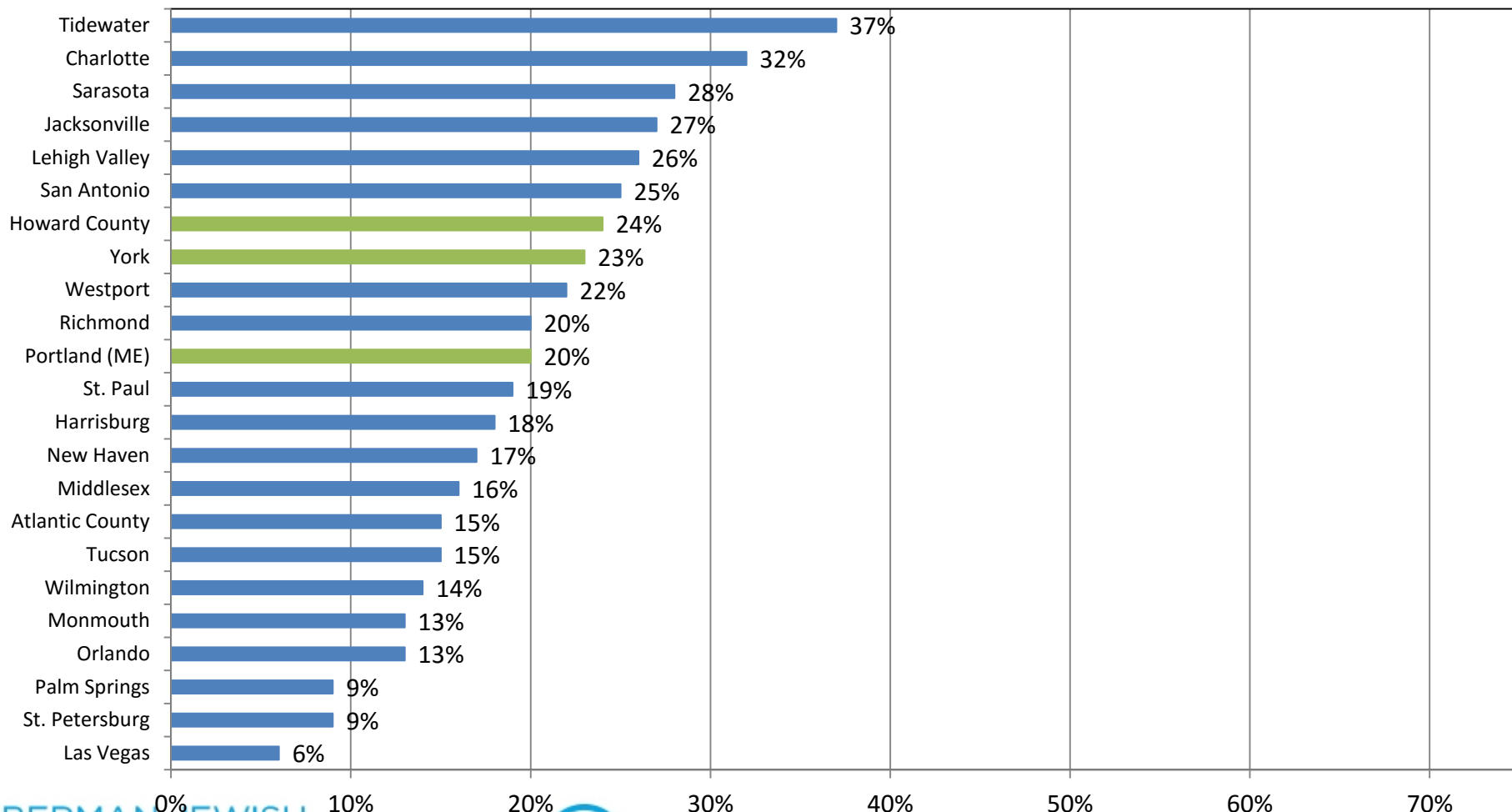




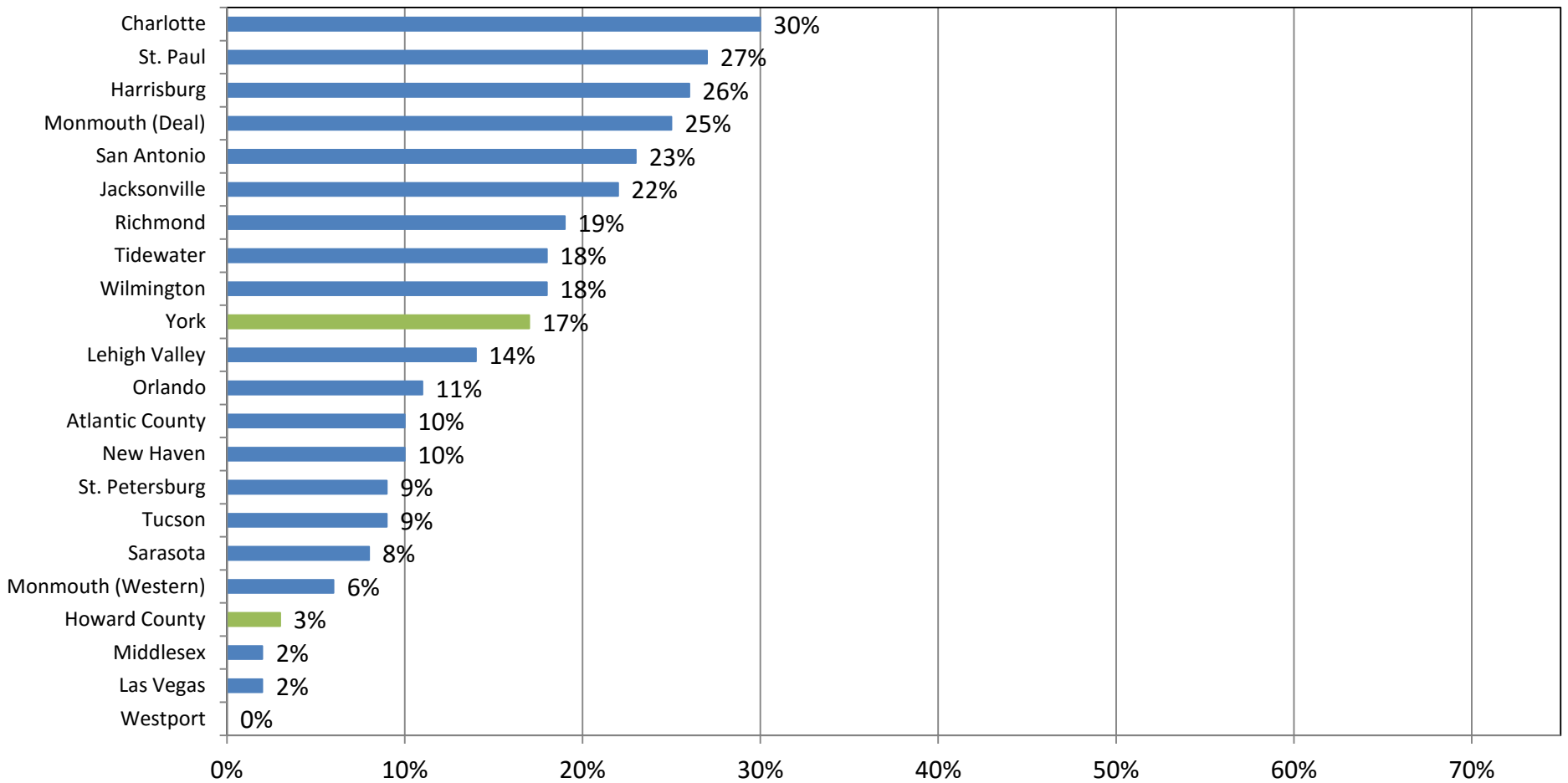
# In-married Jewish Households: % Members of a Synagogue



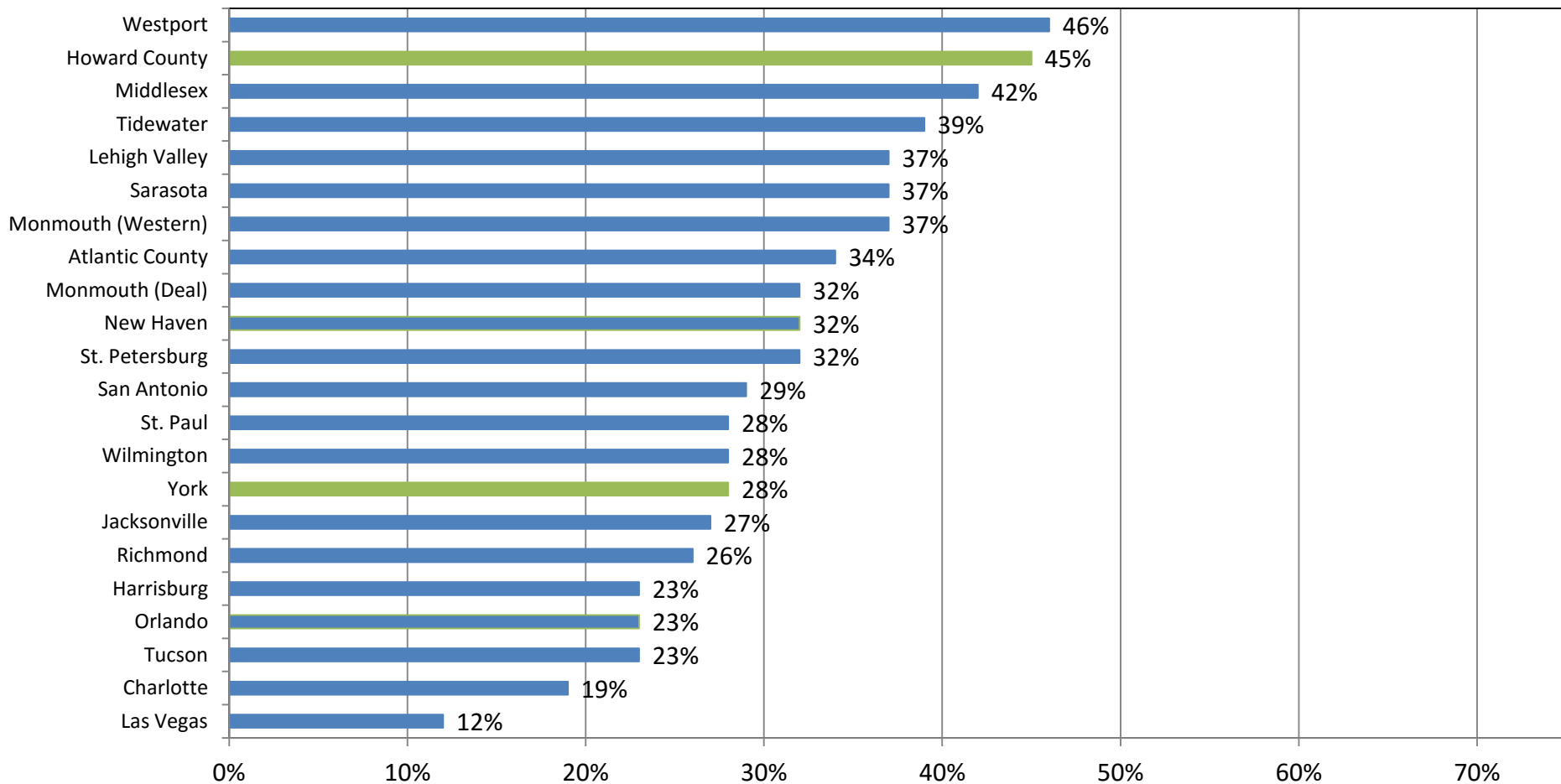
# Intermarried Jewish Households: % Members of a Synagogue



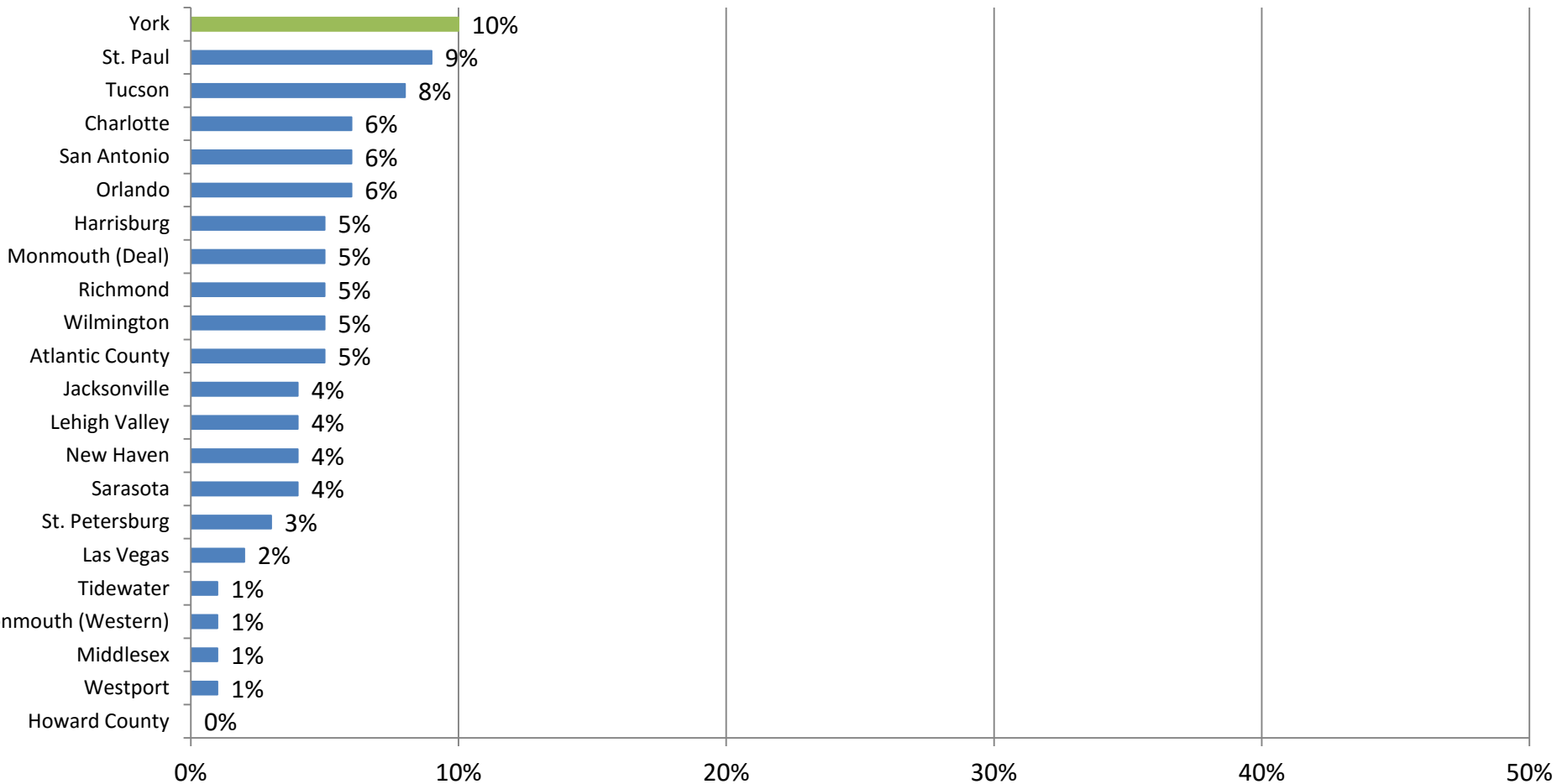
# Jewish Households: % Member of Both Synagogue and JCC



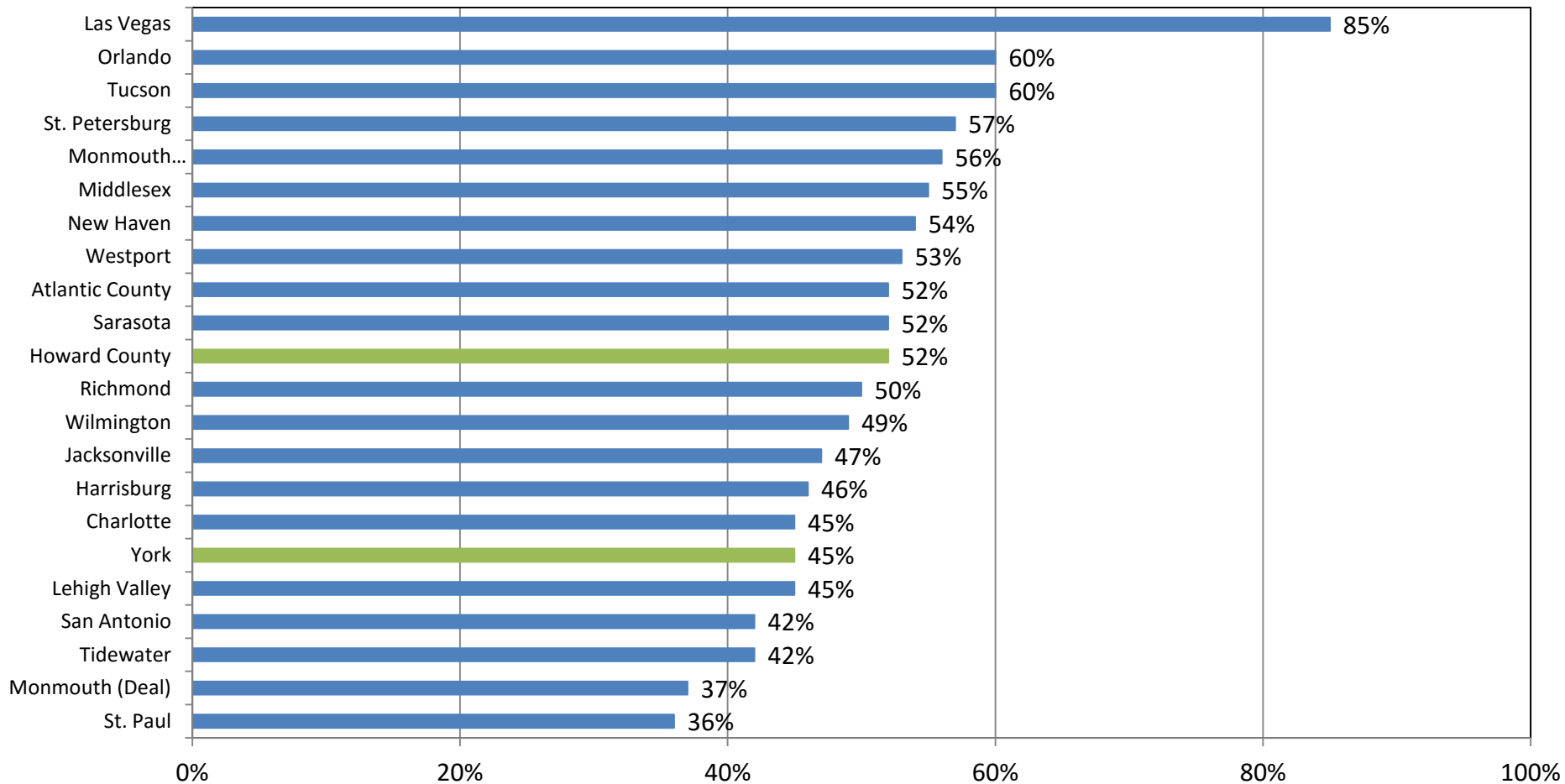
# Jewish Households: % Member of Synagogue and Not Member of JCC



# Jewish Households: % Member of JCC and Not Member of Synagogue



# Jewish Households: % Member of Neither JCC Nor Synagogue

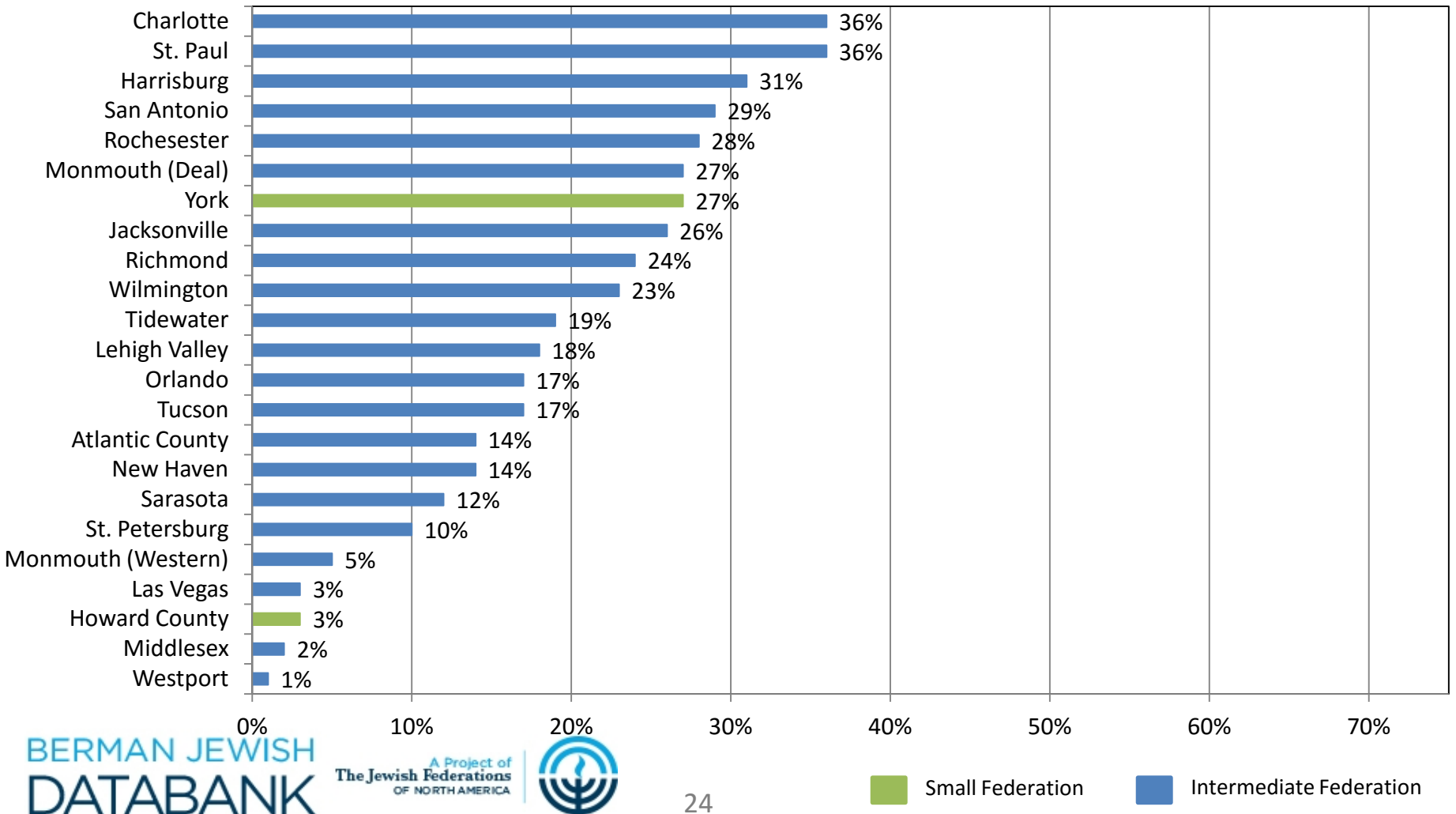


# JCC Membership

- Membership at JCCs (slides 24-26)
  - Jewish Households (slide 24)
  - Families with Children (slide 25)
  - Intermarried Household (slide 26)
- Comparison of synagogue membership to JCC membership for Intermarried Households (slide 27)
- Somewhat or Very Familiar with JCCs (slide 28)
- Participate in JCCs without Membership to JCC (slide 29)

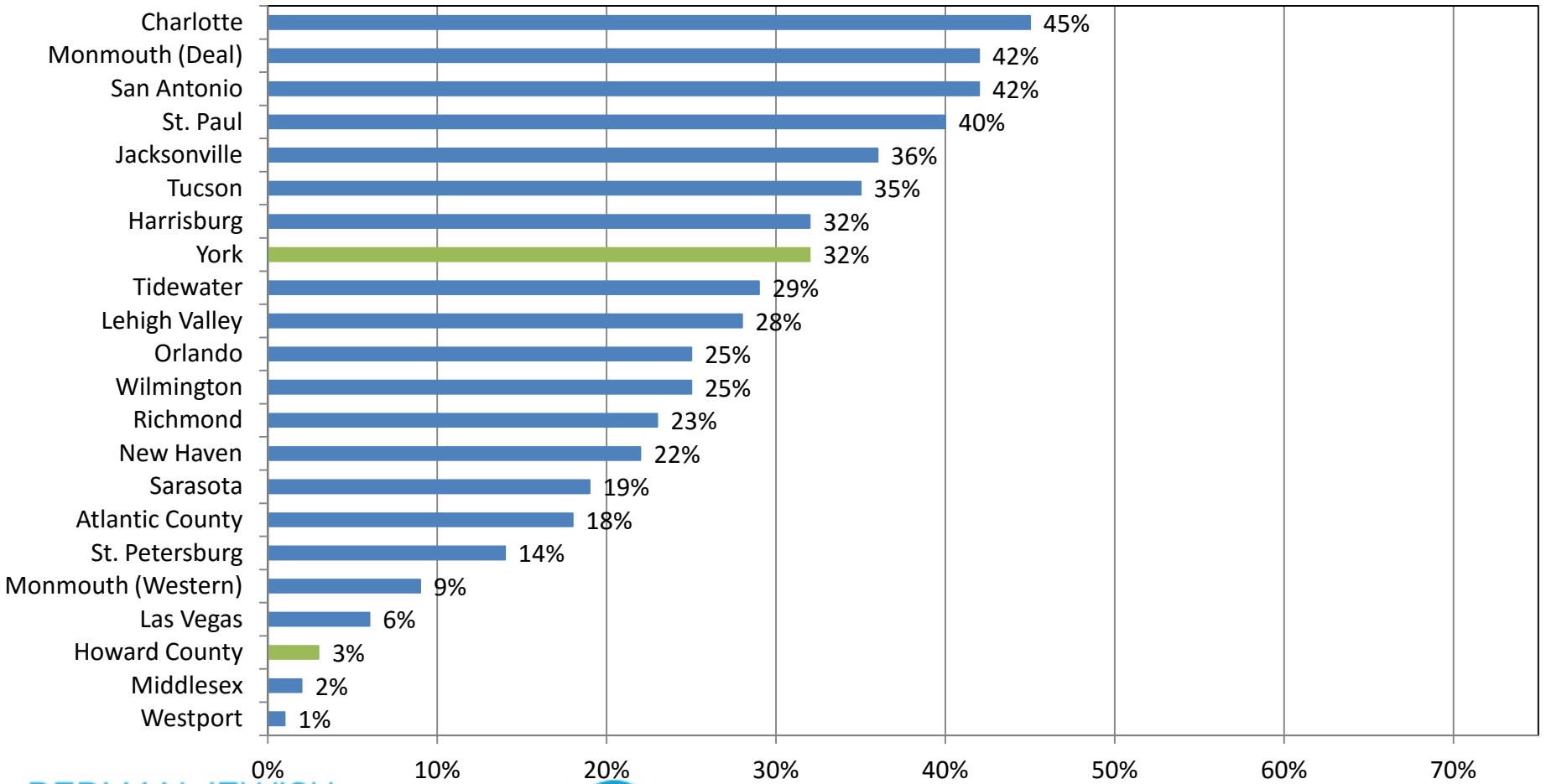


# Jewish Households: % Currently Members of Local JCC

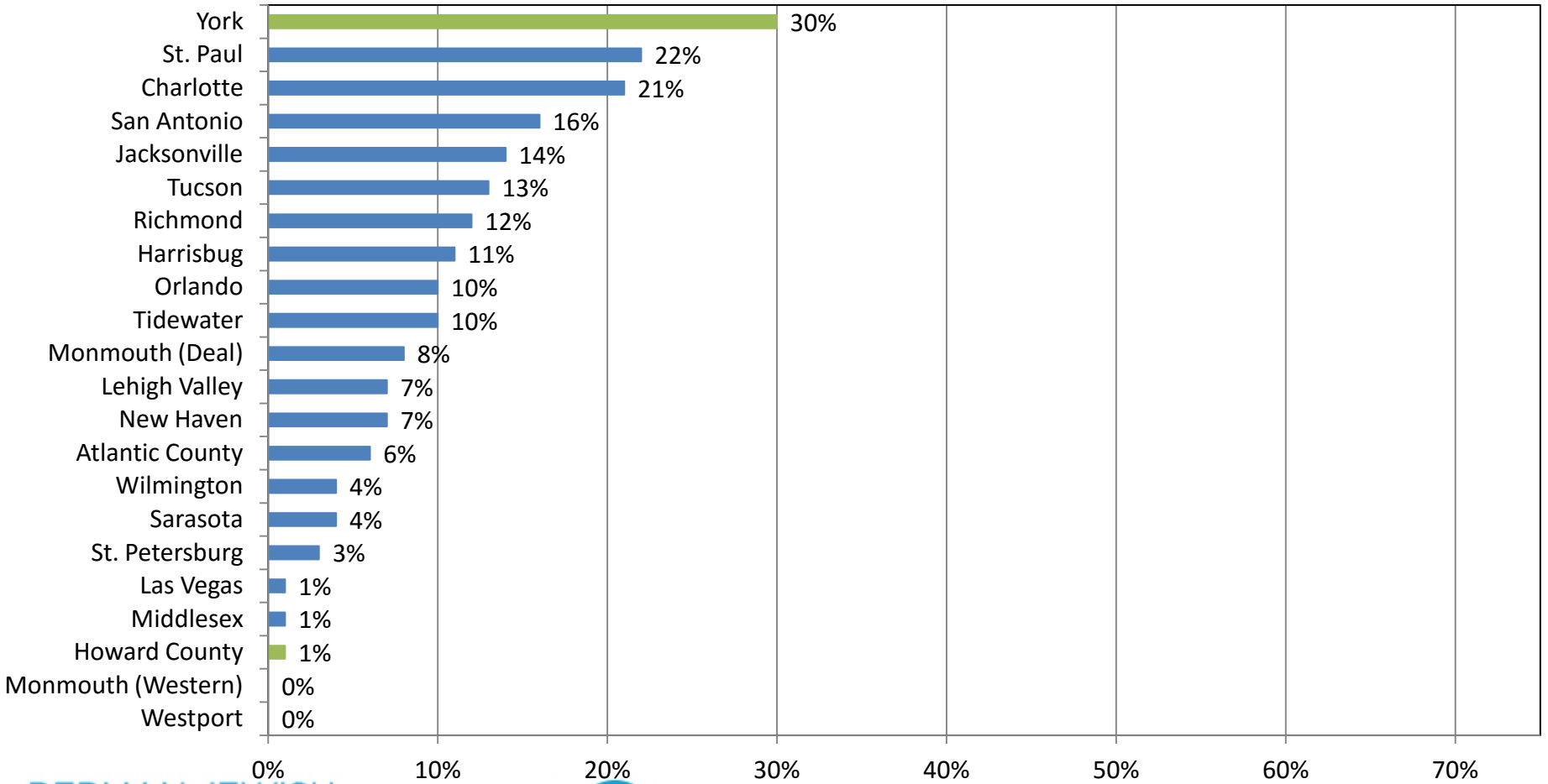




# Members of Local JCC: % Families with Children

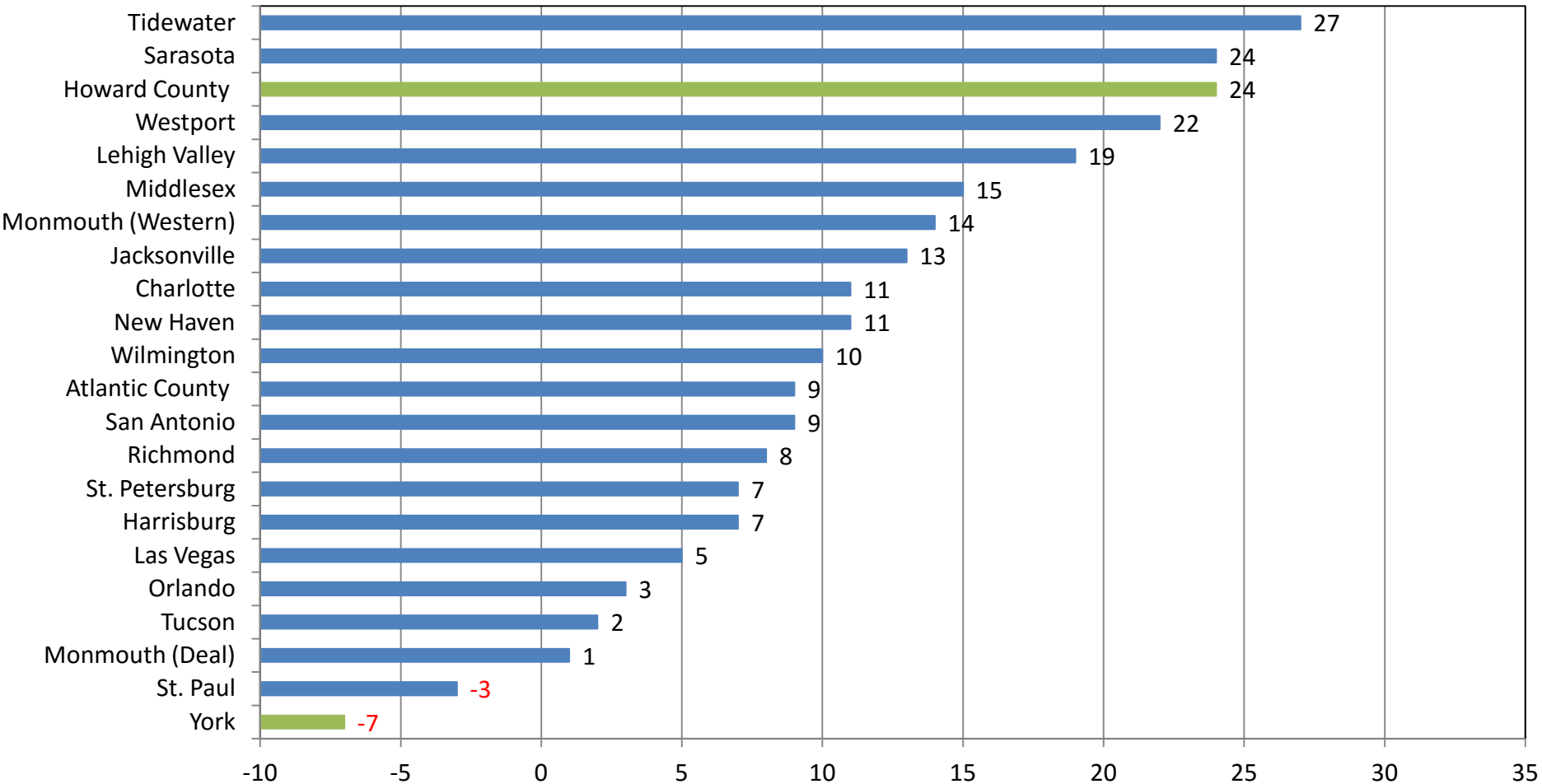


# Members of Local JCC: % Intermarried Households

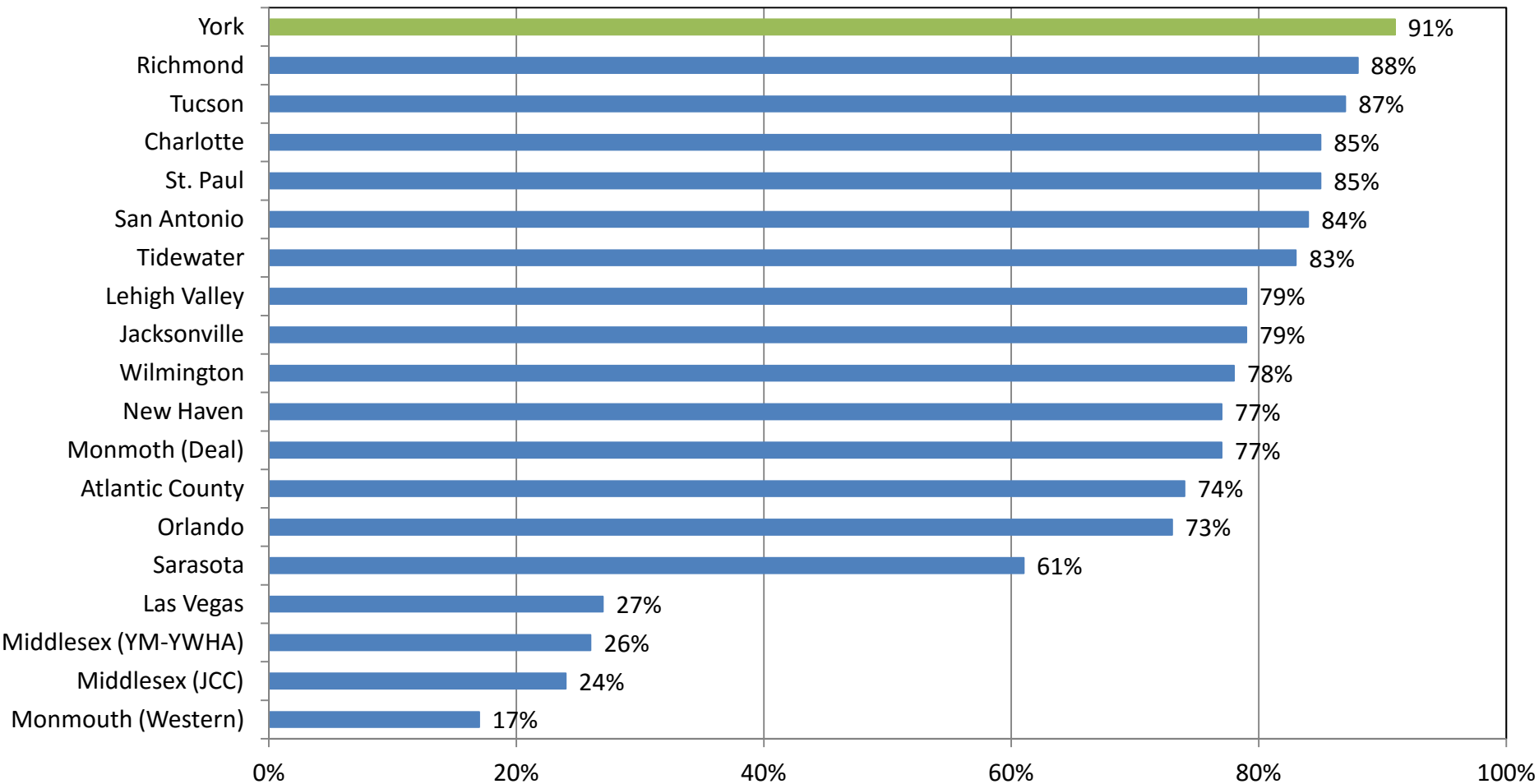


# Extent to Which Intermarried Jewish Households Are More Likely to Be Members of a Synagogue Than the Local JCC

(Percentage Point Difference = % Synagogue Member – % JCC Member)

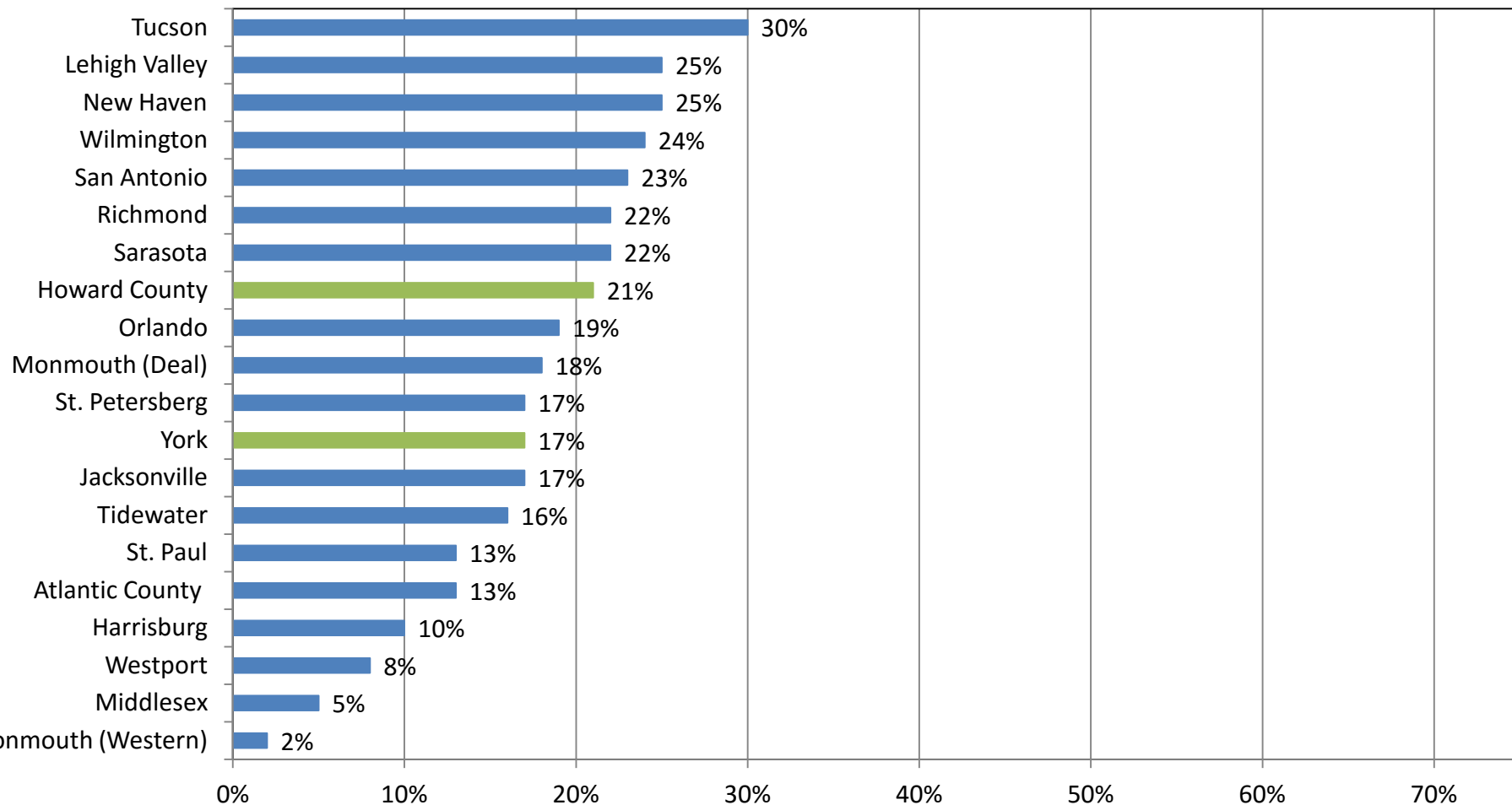


# All Respondent: % Very or Somewhat Familiar with the Local JCC



# Jewish Households:

## % Participated in a Local JCC Program in the Past Year Without Being a Member of the JCC

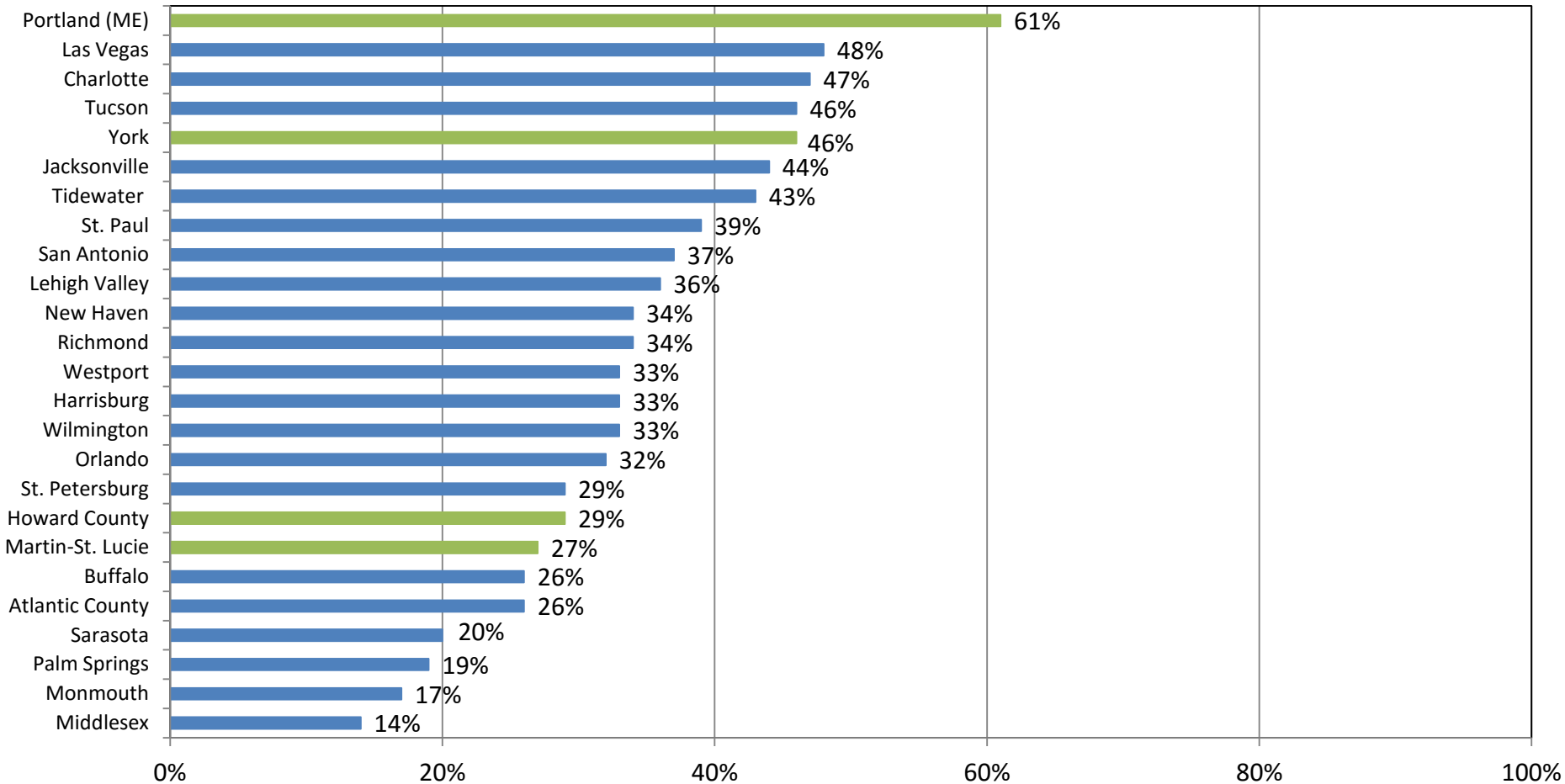


# Intermarriage

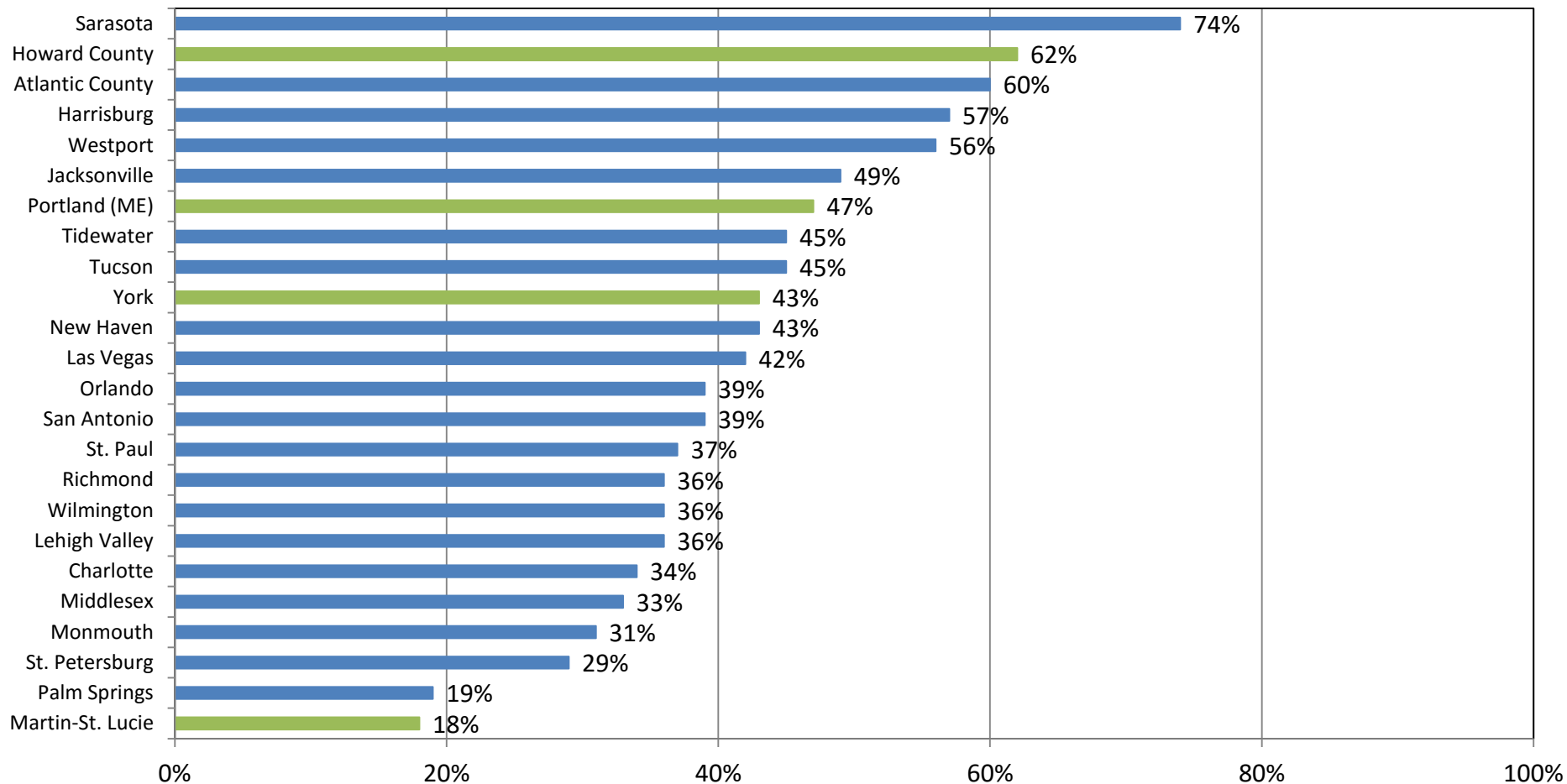
- Intermarriage is defined in this data set as a marriage in which one spouse currently considers himself/herself Jewish and the other spouse does not currently consider himself/herself Jewish
- Intermarried Couples (slide 31)
- Jewish Children in Intermarried Households (slide 32)
- Jewish Children in Jewish Households (slide 33)
- Intermarried Couples by Age (slides 34-38)
  - <35 (slide 34)
  - 35-49 (slide 35)
  - 50-64 (slide 36)
  - 65-74 (slide 37)
  - 65+ (slide 38)



# Married Couples: % Intermarried

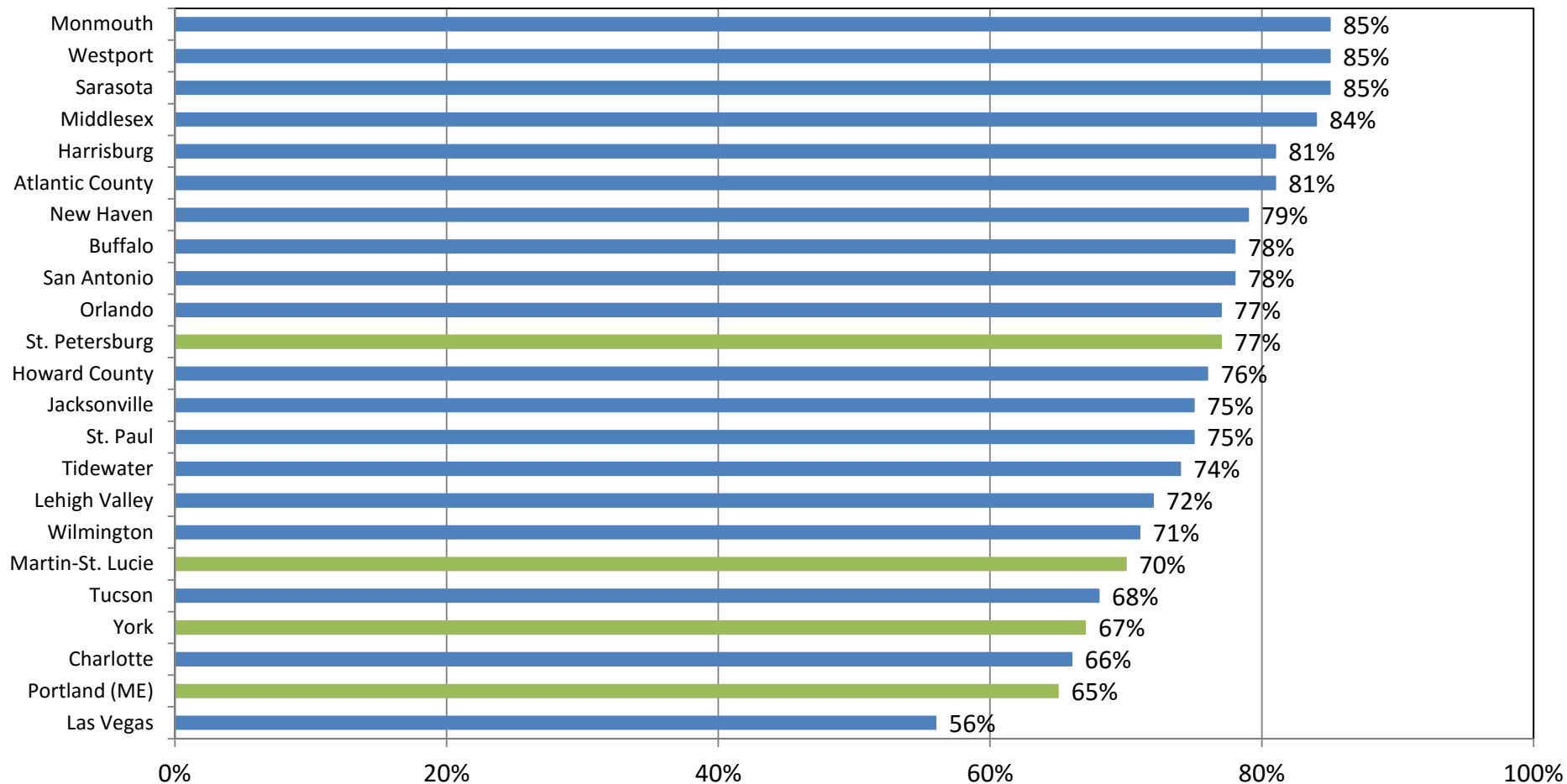


# Children Under 18 in Intermarried Households: % Being Raised Jewish

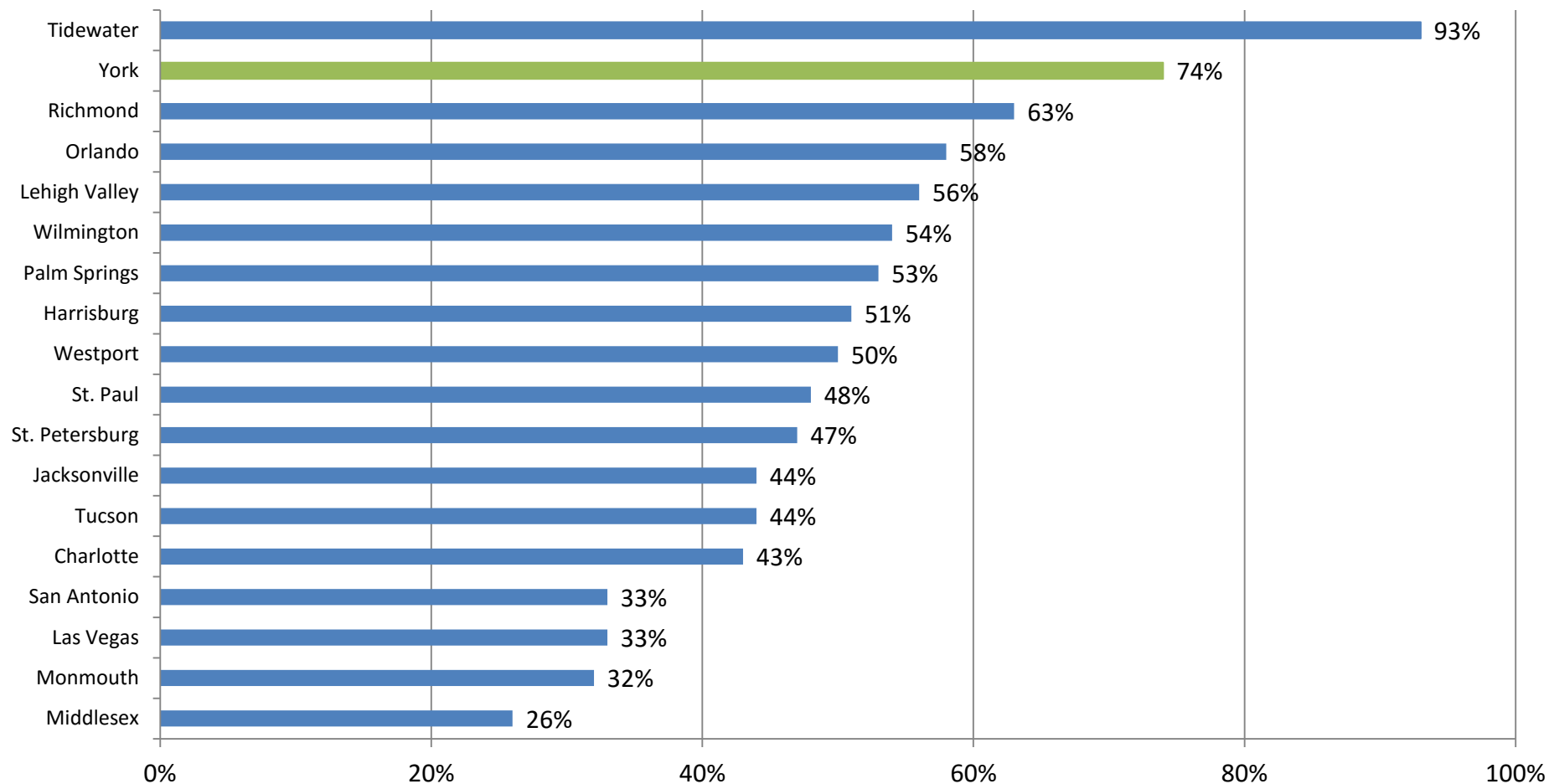




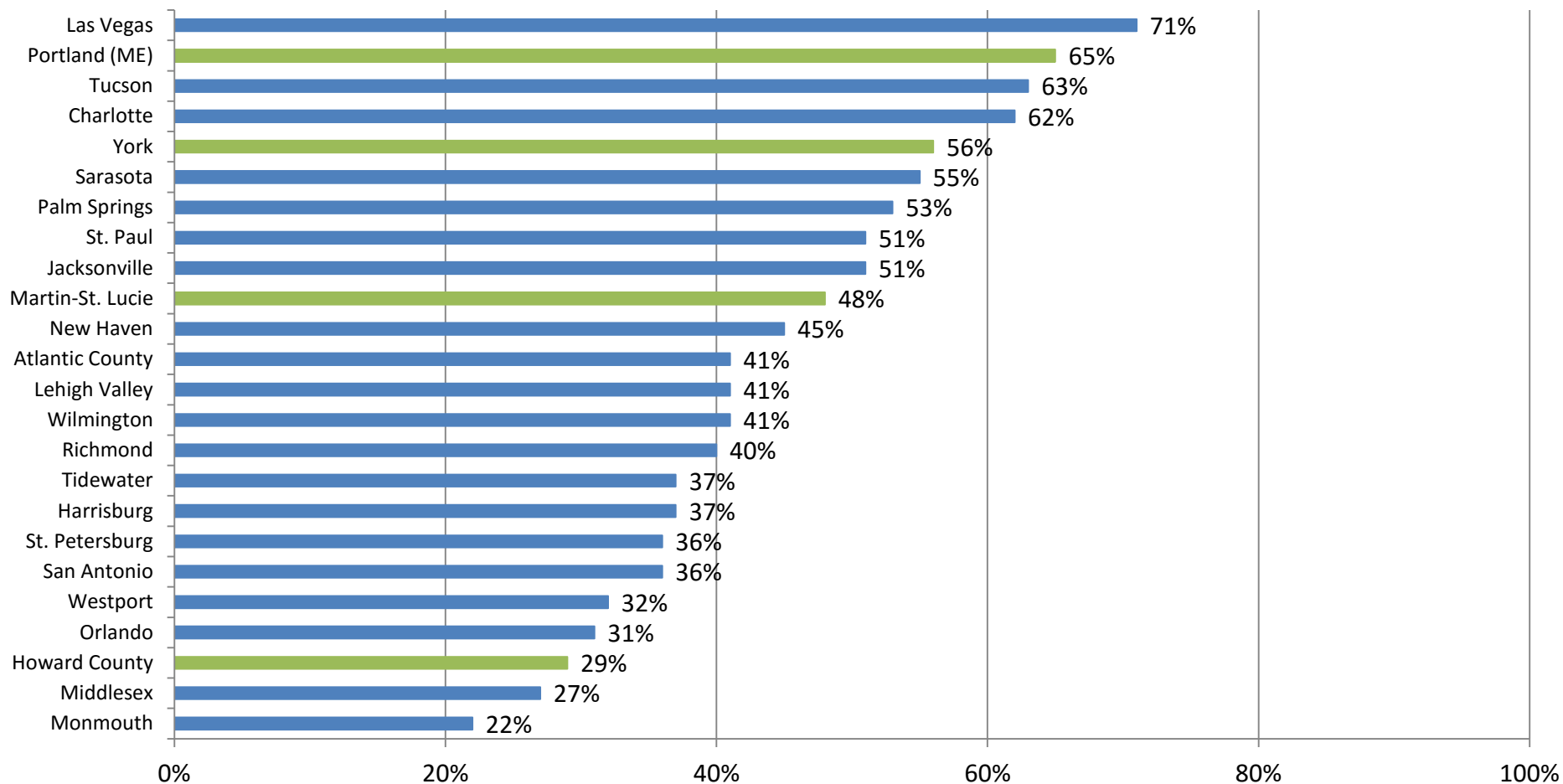
# Children Under 18 in Jewish Households: % Being Raised Jewish



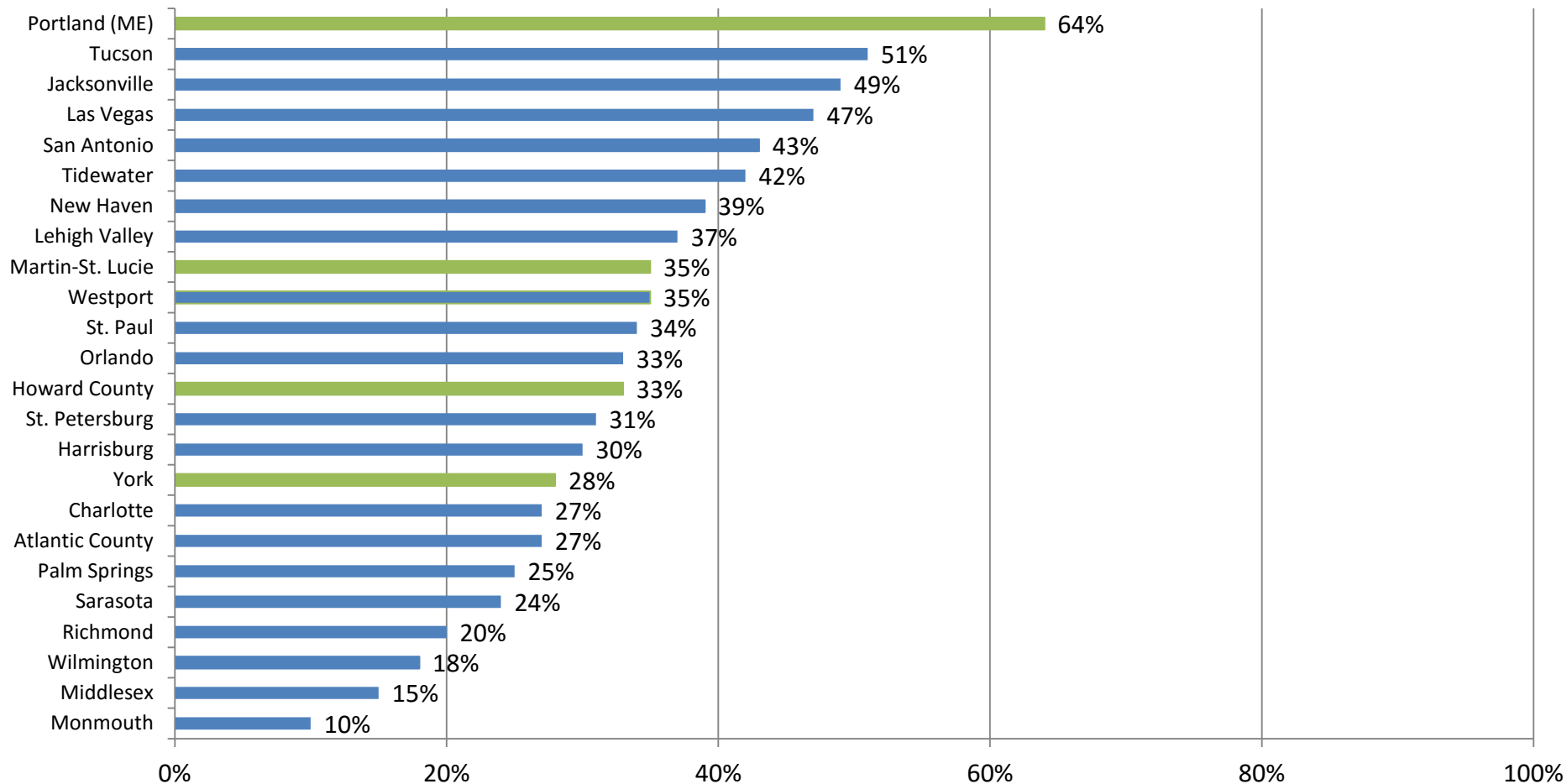
# Jewish Households with Head of Household Under 35 years old: % Intermarried



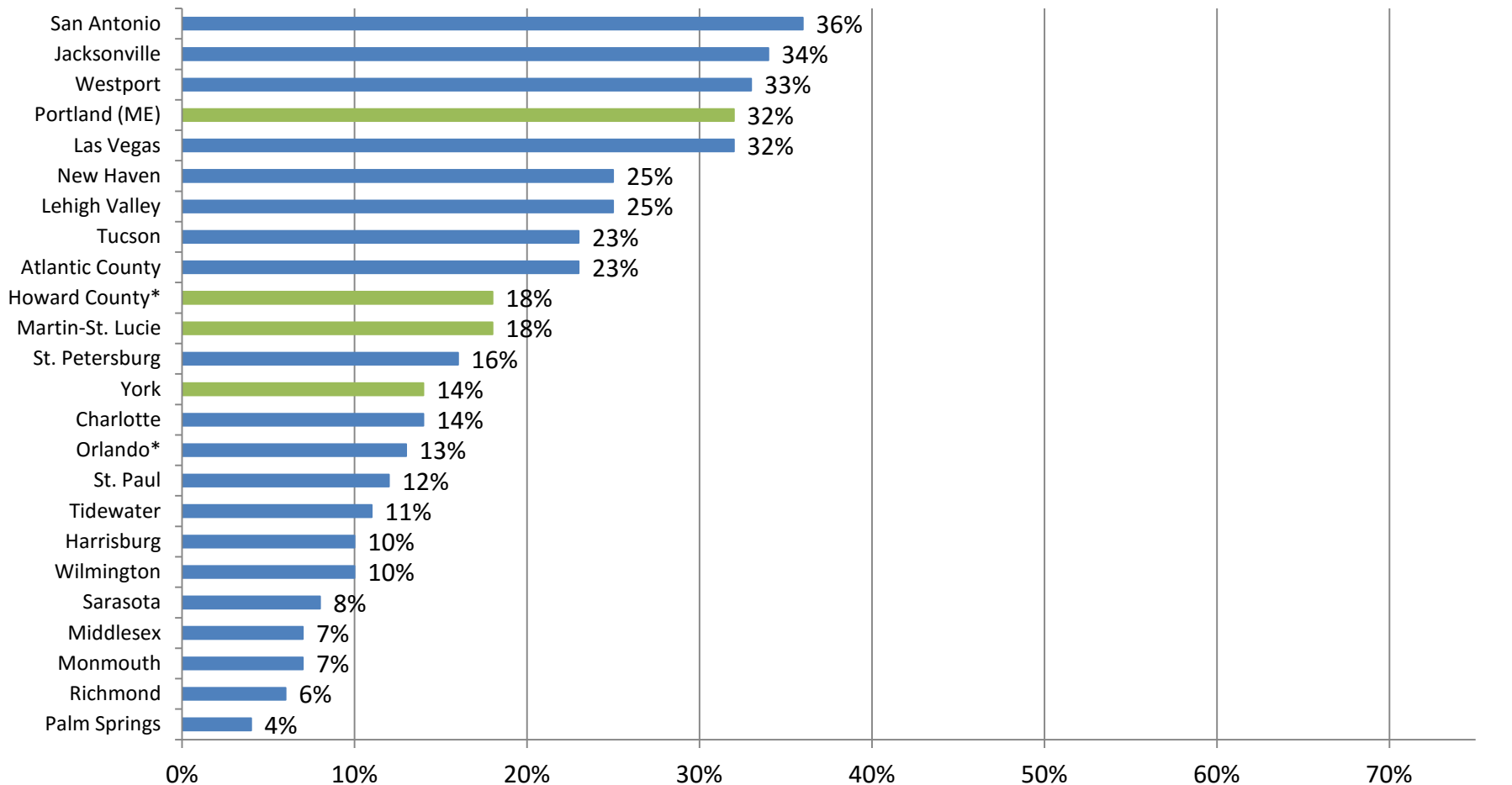
# Jewish Households with Head of Household 35 – 49 years old: % Intermarried



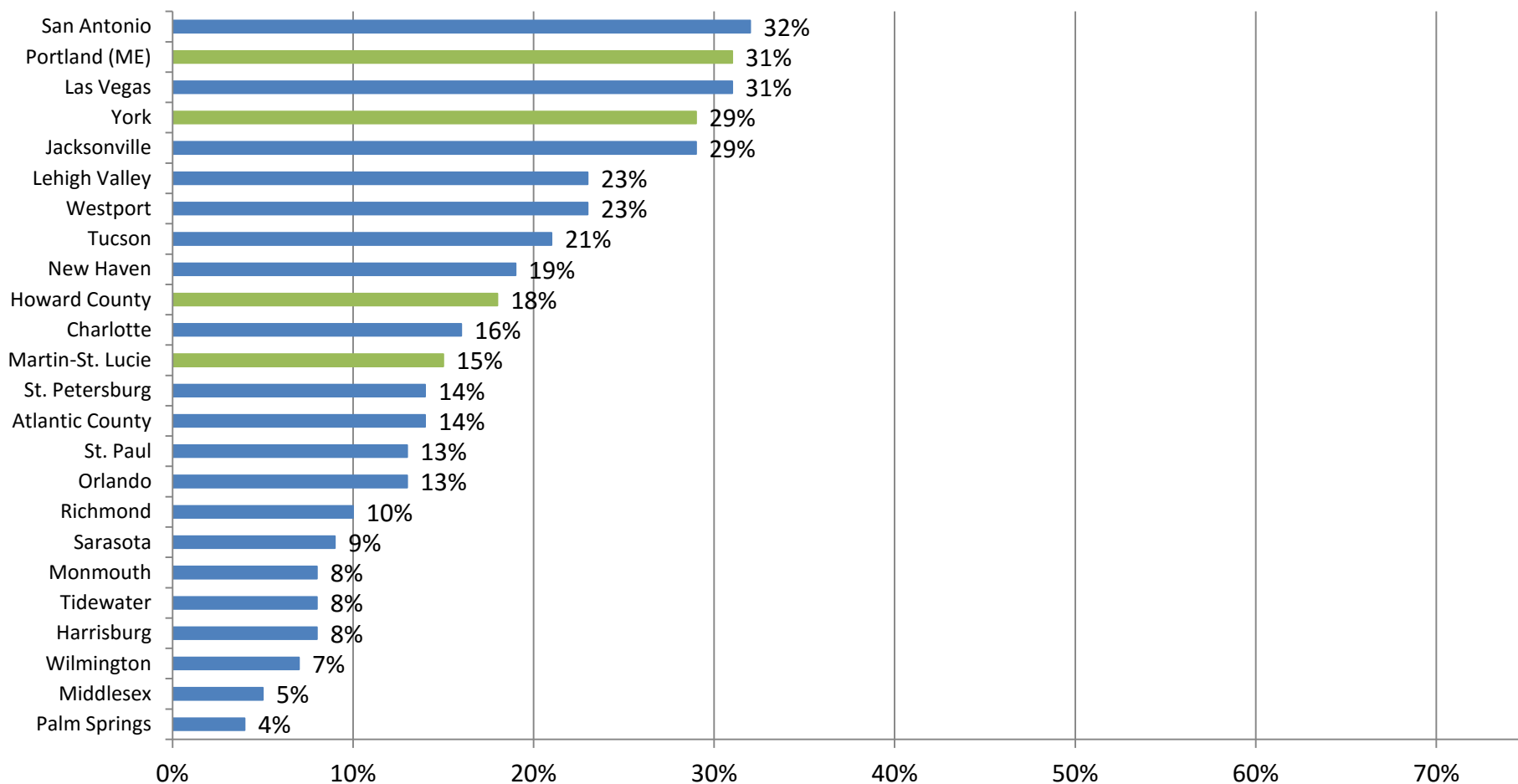
# Jewish Households with Head of Household 50 – 64 years old: % Intermarried



# Jewish Households with Head of Household 65 – 74 years old: % Intermarried



# Jewish Households with Head of Household 65+ years old: % Intermarried

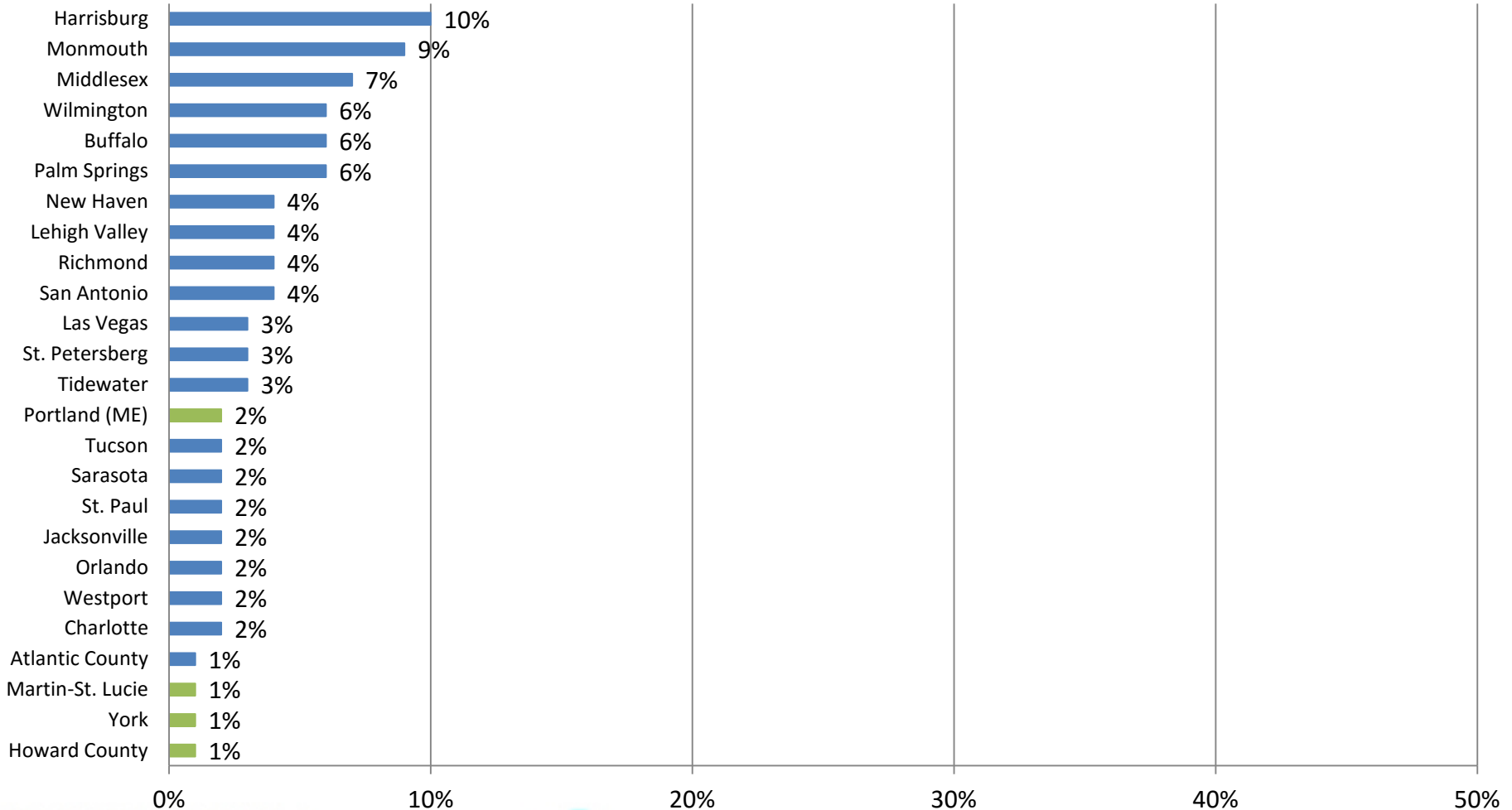


# Jewish Identity

- Jewish Identity by Sect (slides 40-44)
  - Orthodox (slide 40)
  - Conservative (slide 41)
  - Reform (slide 42)
  - Reconstructionist (slide 43)
  - Just Jewish (slide 44)
- Feel Very or Somewhat Part of Jewish Community (slide 45)

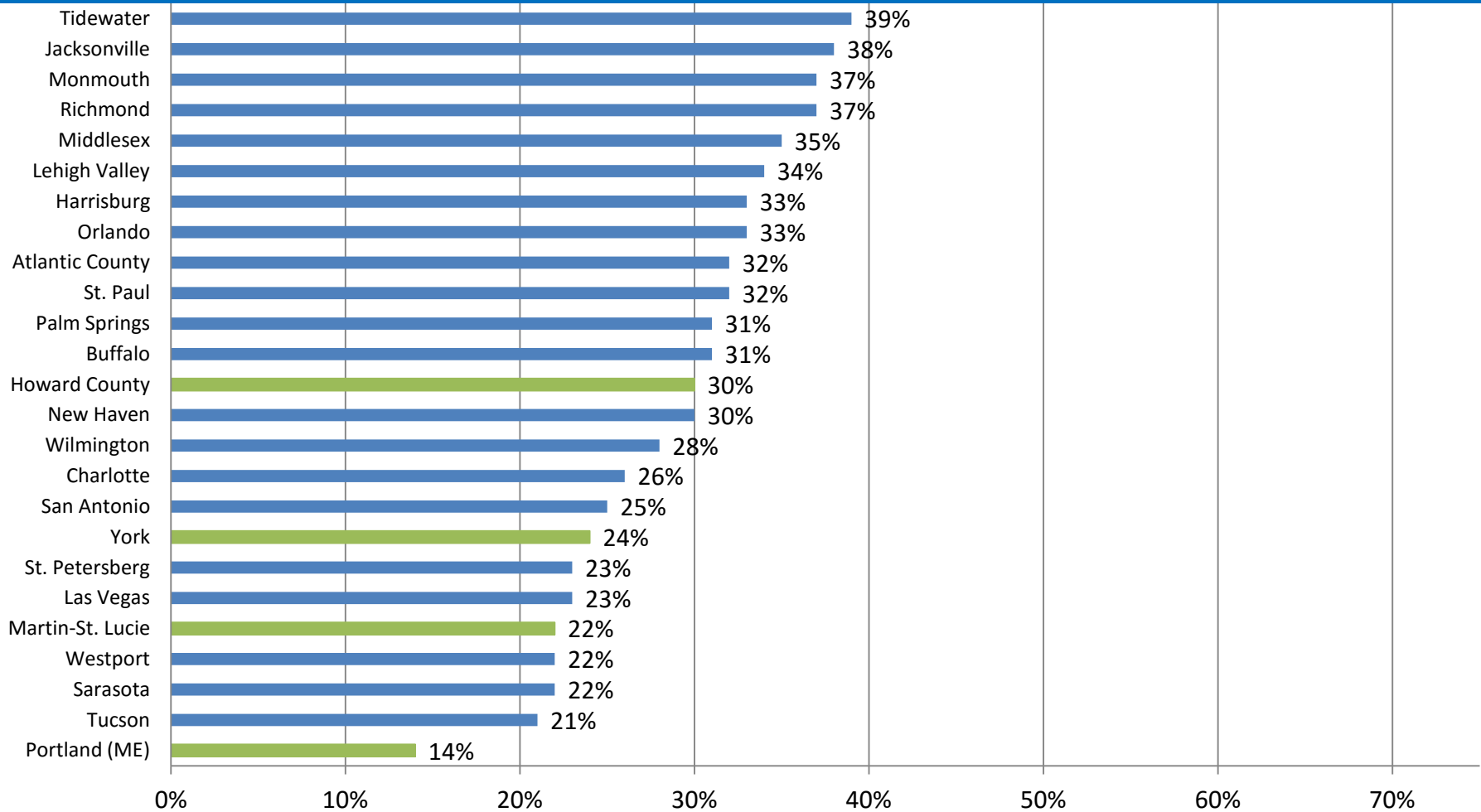


# Jewish Respondents: % Identify as Orthodox

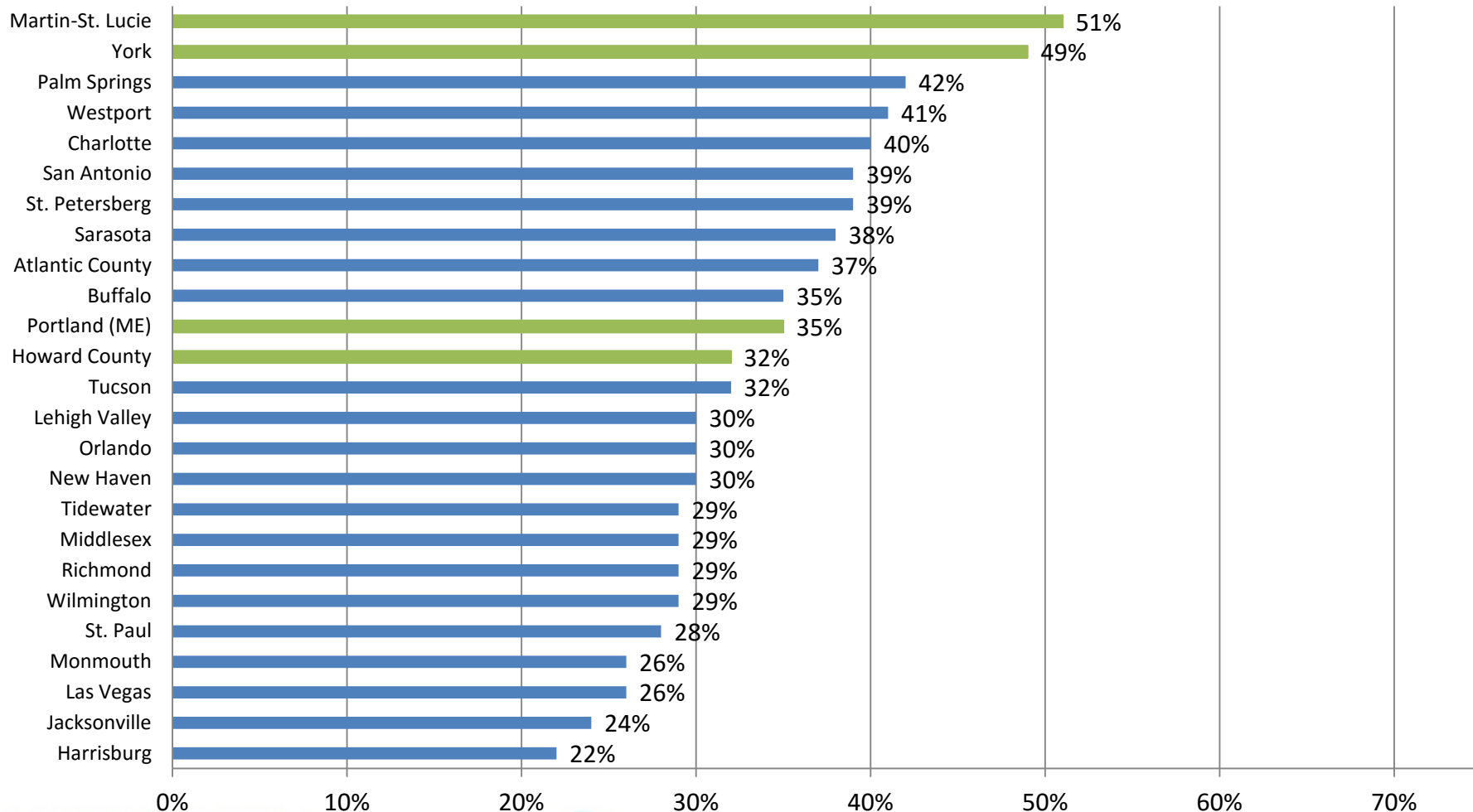




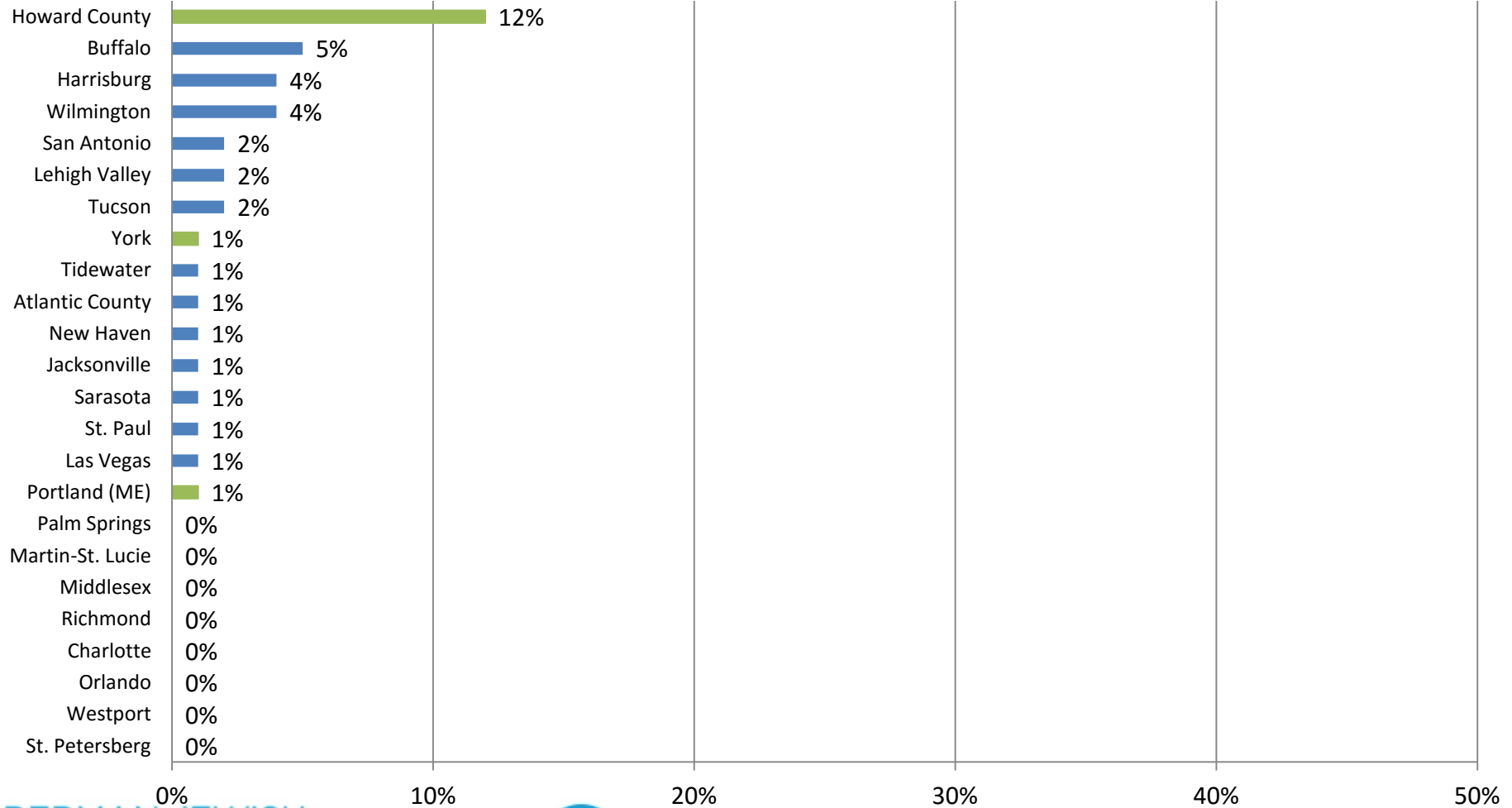
# Jewish Respondents: % Identify as Conservative



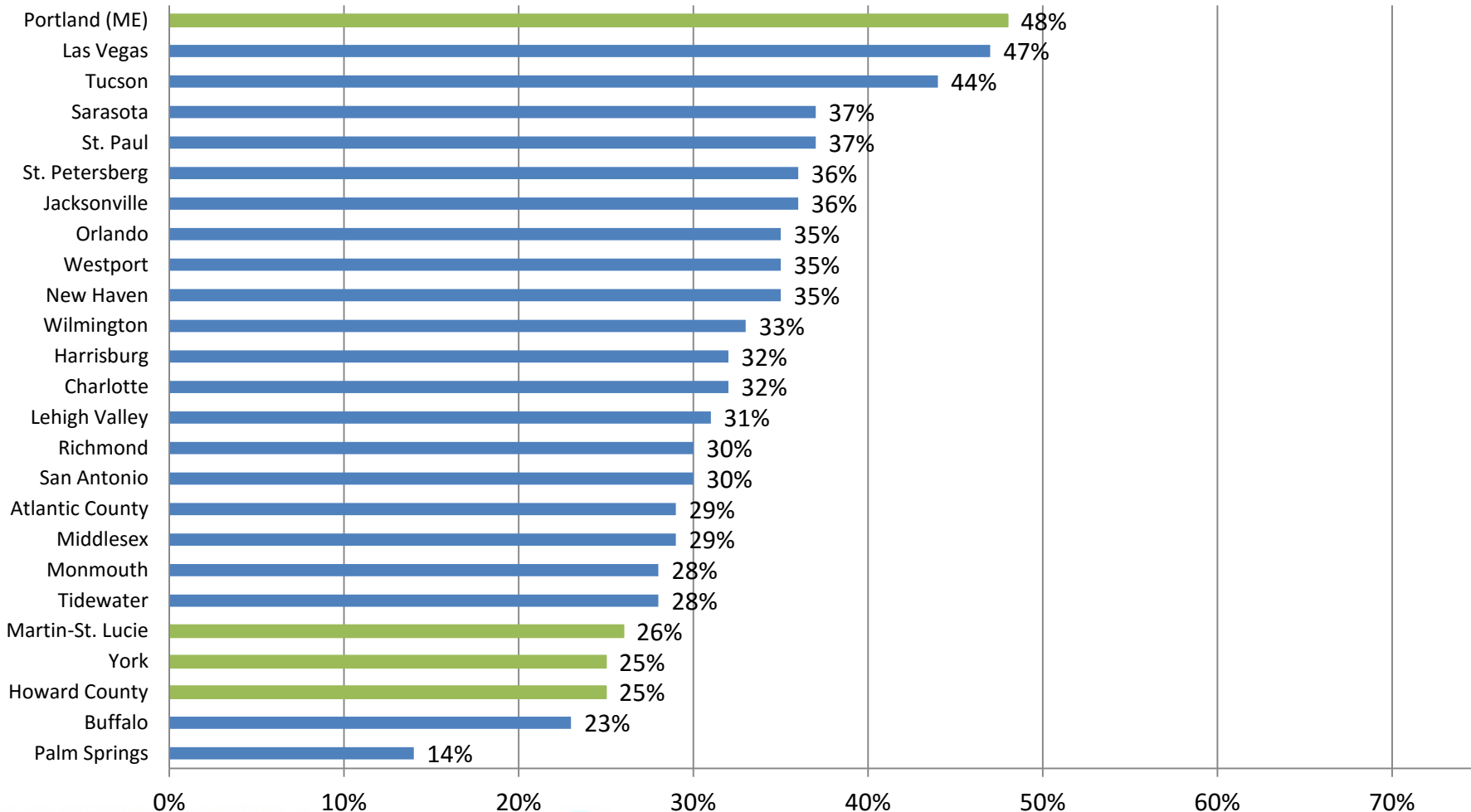
# Jewish Respondents: % Identify as Reform



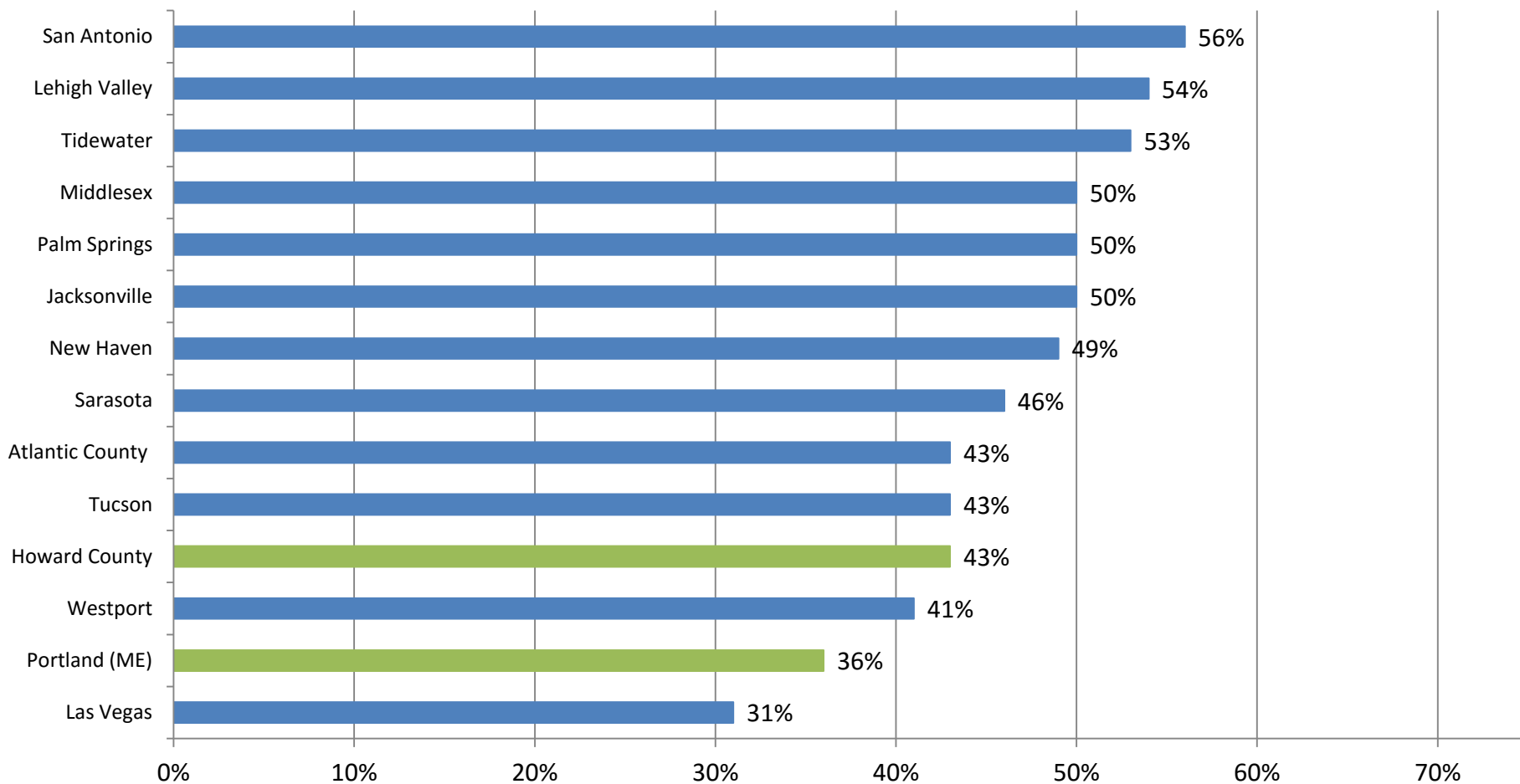
# Jewish Respondents: % Identify as Reconstructionist



# Jewish Respondents: % Identify as Just Jewish



# Jewish Respondents: % Very Much or Somewhat Feel Part of the Jewish Community

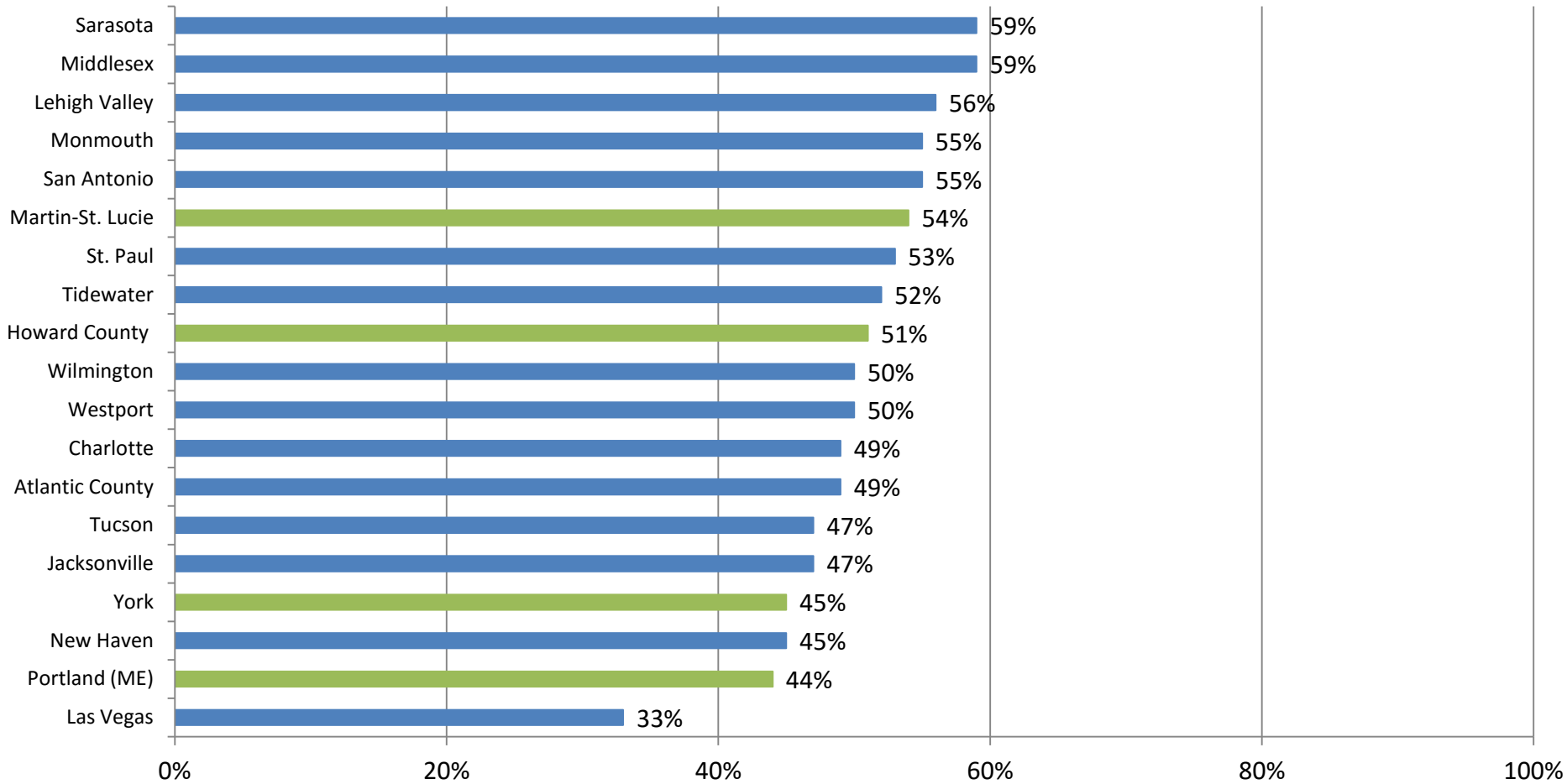


# Donations

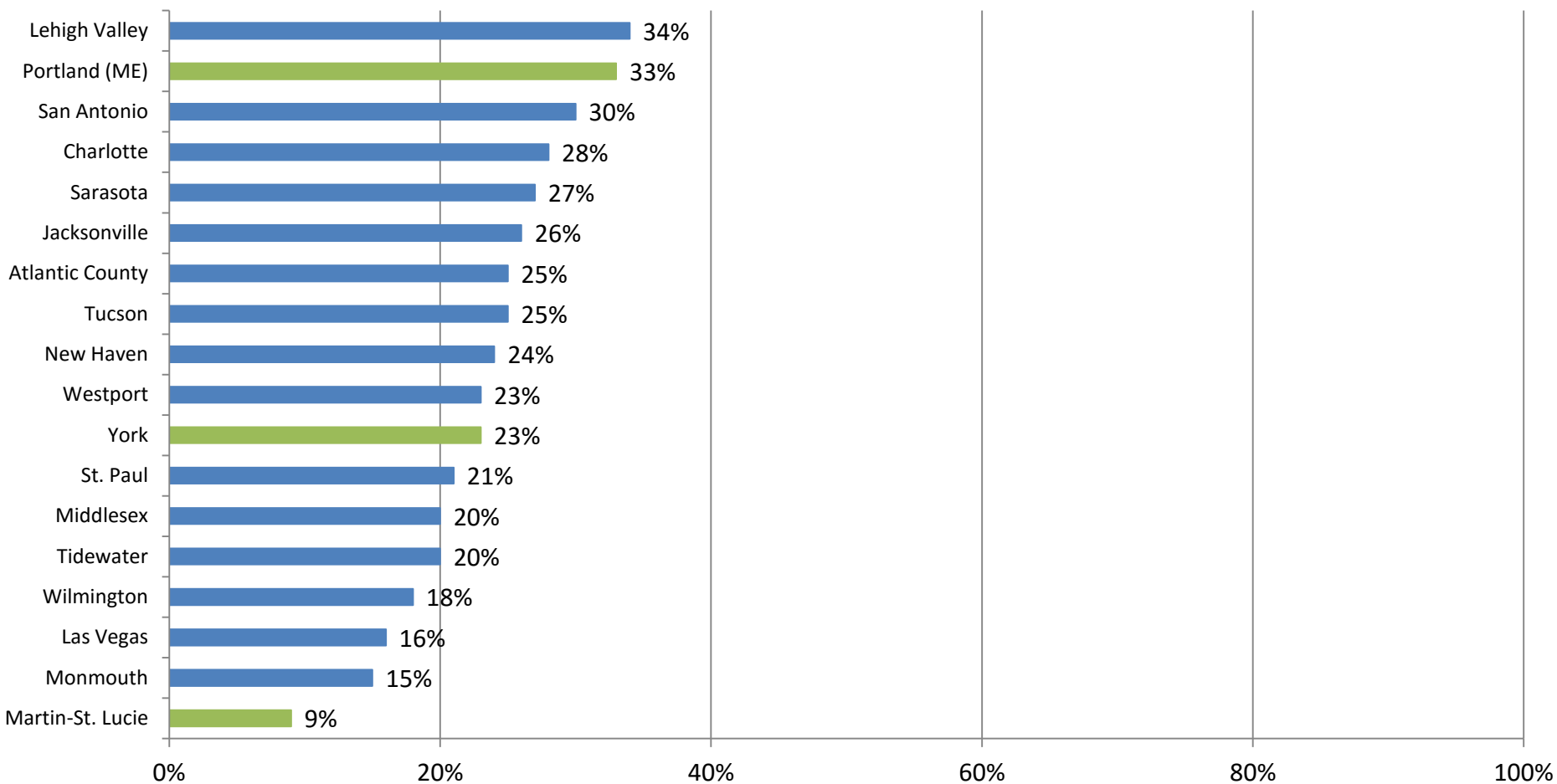
- Donated to Jewish Organization (slide 47)
- Donated \$500+ to Jewish Organization (slide 48)
- Recipients of Charitable Donations (slides 49-52)
  - Donated to both Jewish and Non-Jewish Organizations (slide 49)
  - Donated to Jewish Organizations only (slide 50)
  - Donated to Non-Jewish Organizations only (slide 51)
  - Donated to neither Jewish nor Non-Jewish Organizations (slide 52)
- Split of Donations to Jewish and Non-Jewish organizations, and local Federation (slides 53-55)
  - Jewish Organizations Only (slide 53)
  - Non-Jewish Organizations Only (slide 54)
    - Donations to Local Federations (from available money donated to Jewish organizations) (slide 54)
  - Local Federation (slide 55)



# Jewish Households: % Donated to Jewish Charities other than the Local Federation Within the Past Year

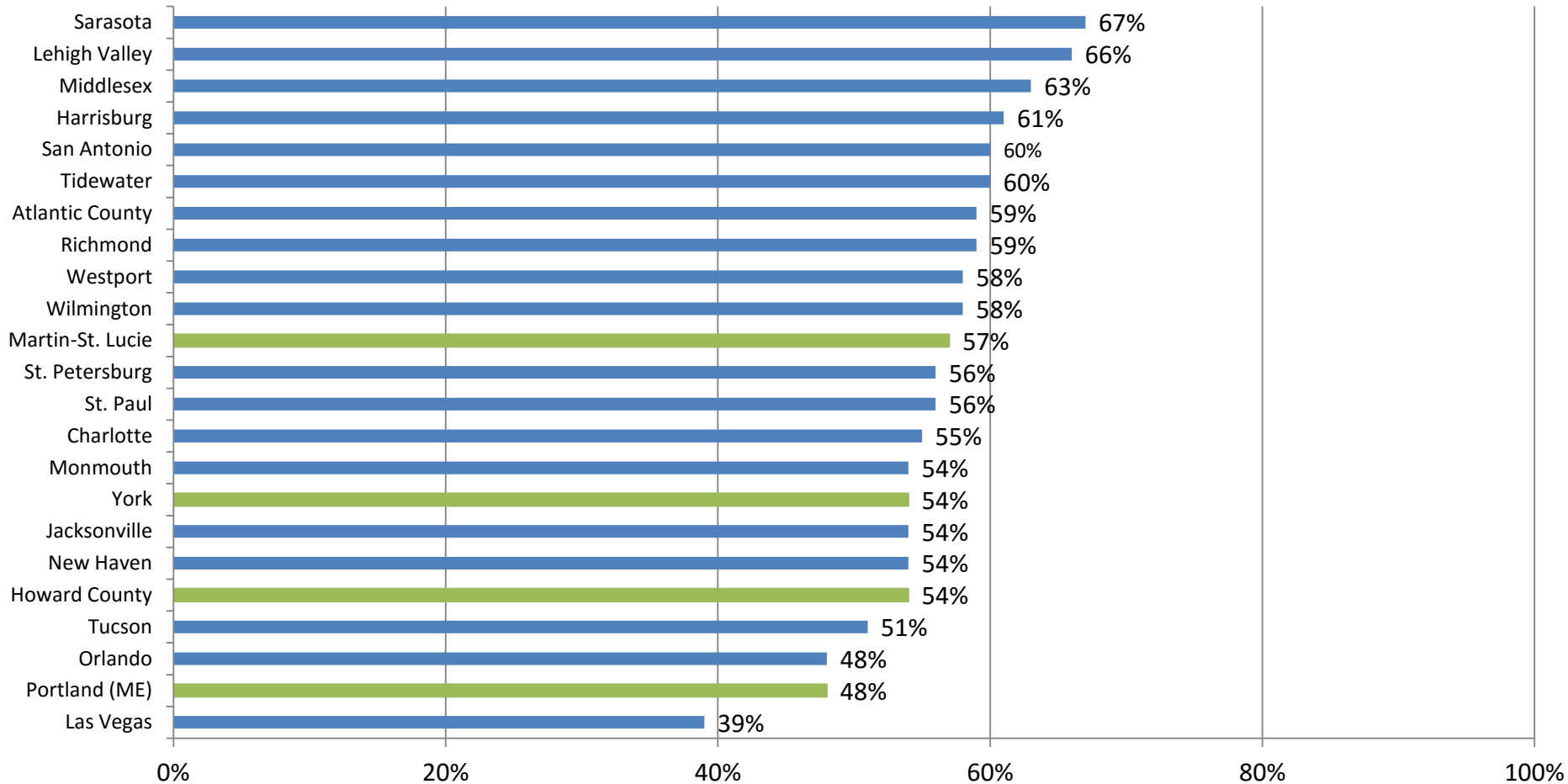


# Jewish Households that Donated to Jewish Households: % Donated \$500 or more to Jewish Charities other than Local Federation Within the Past Year

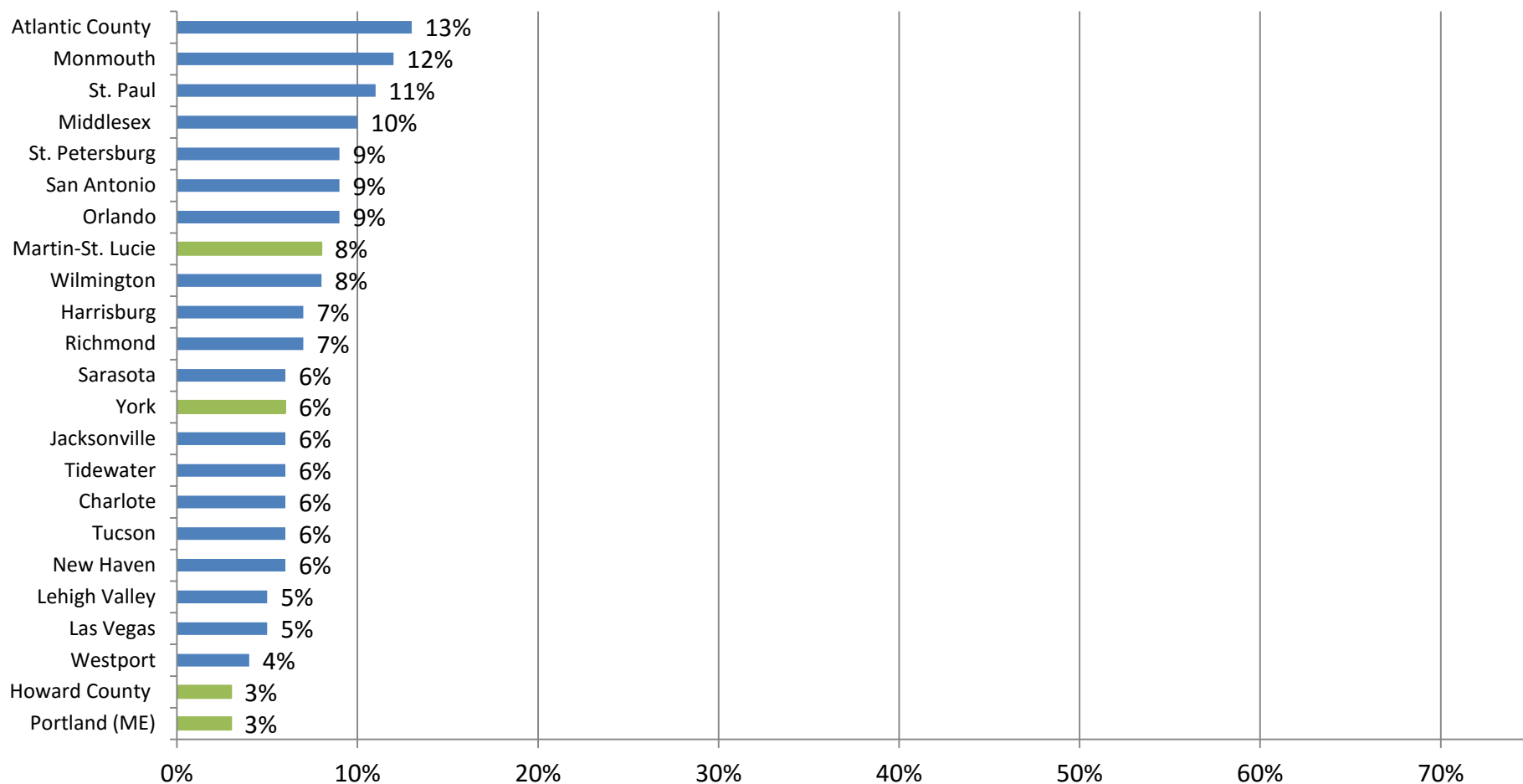




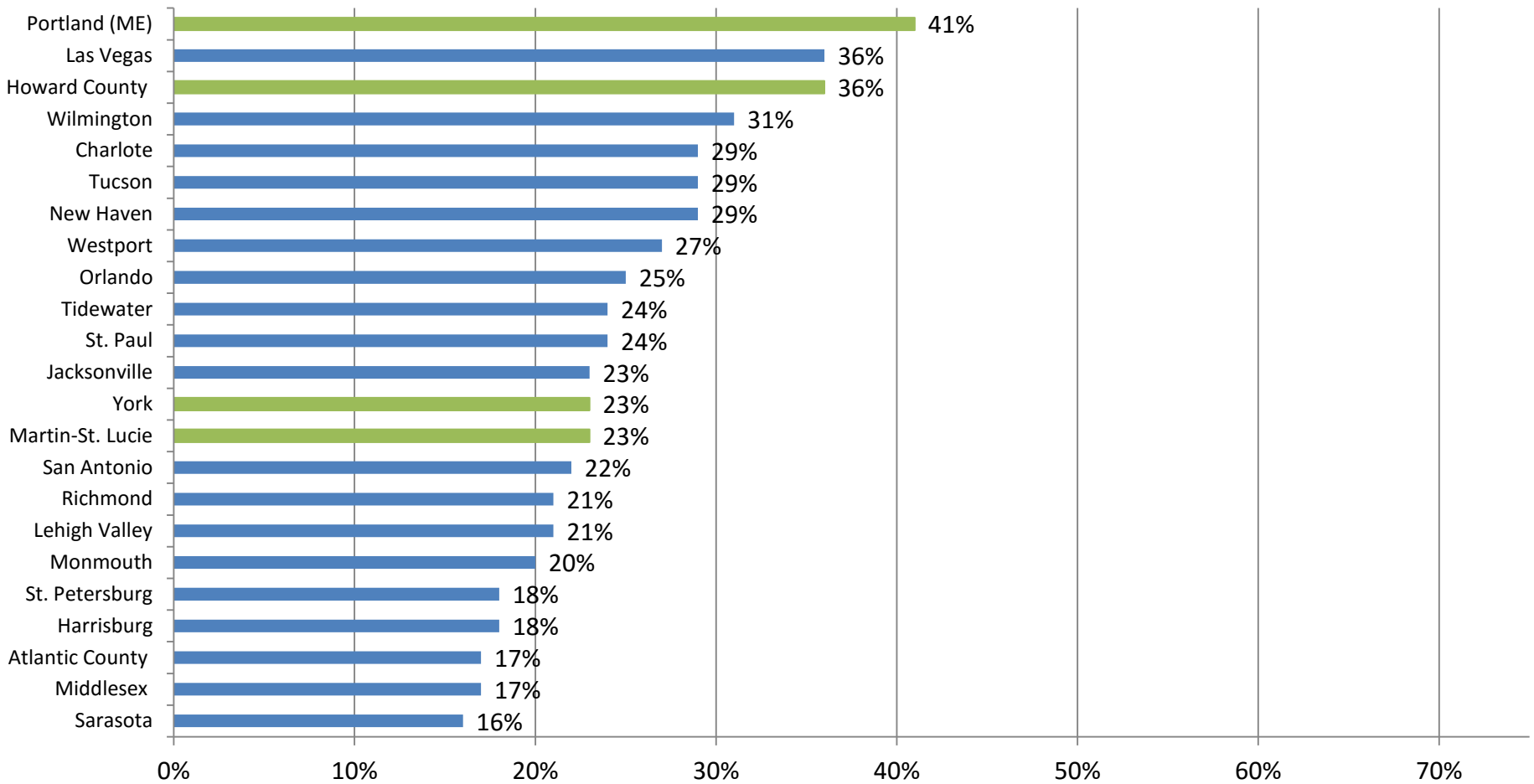
# Jewish Households: % Donated to Both Jewish and Non-Jewish Charities Within the Past Year



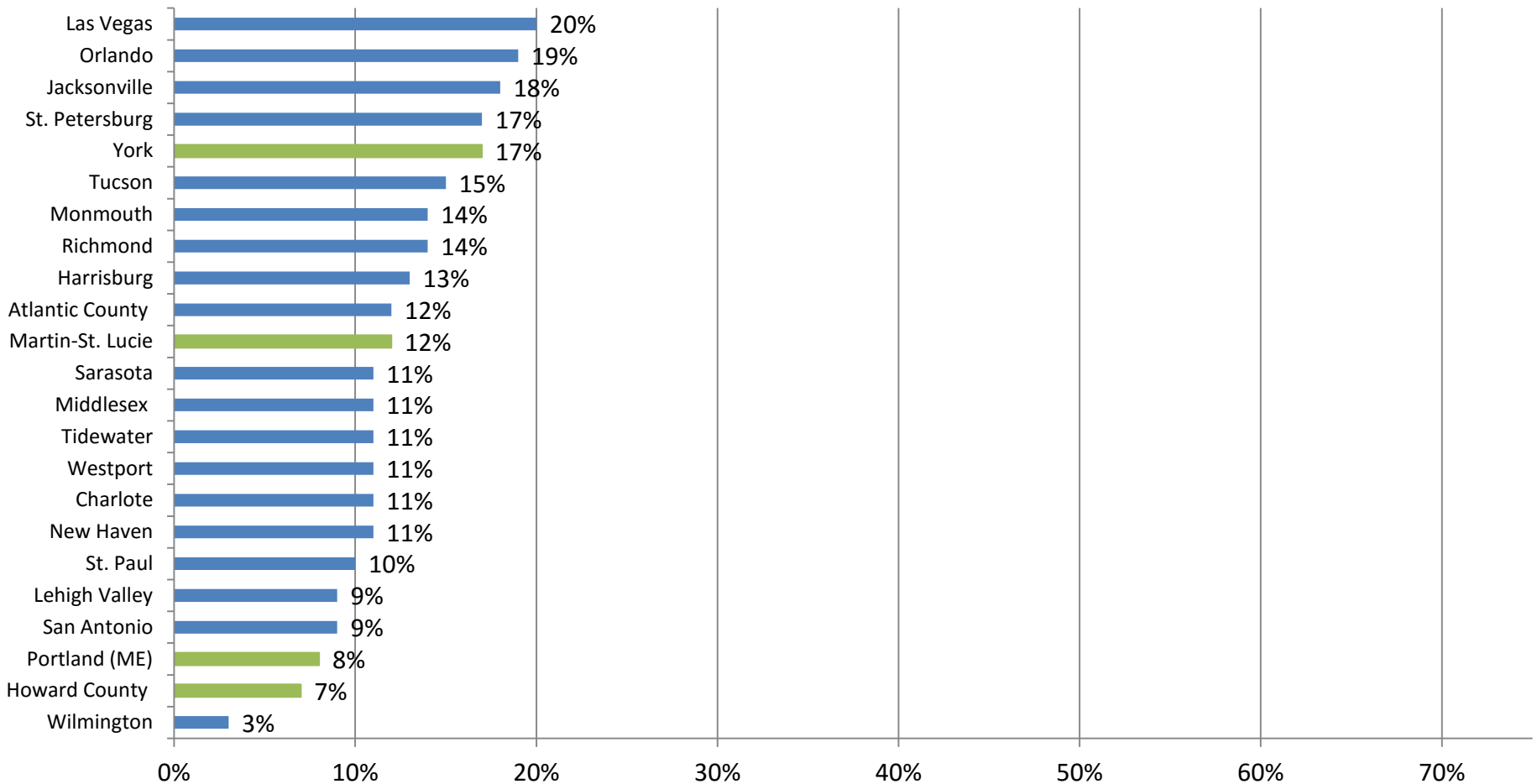
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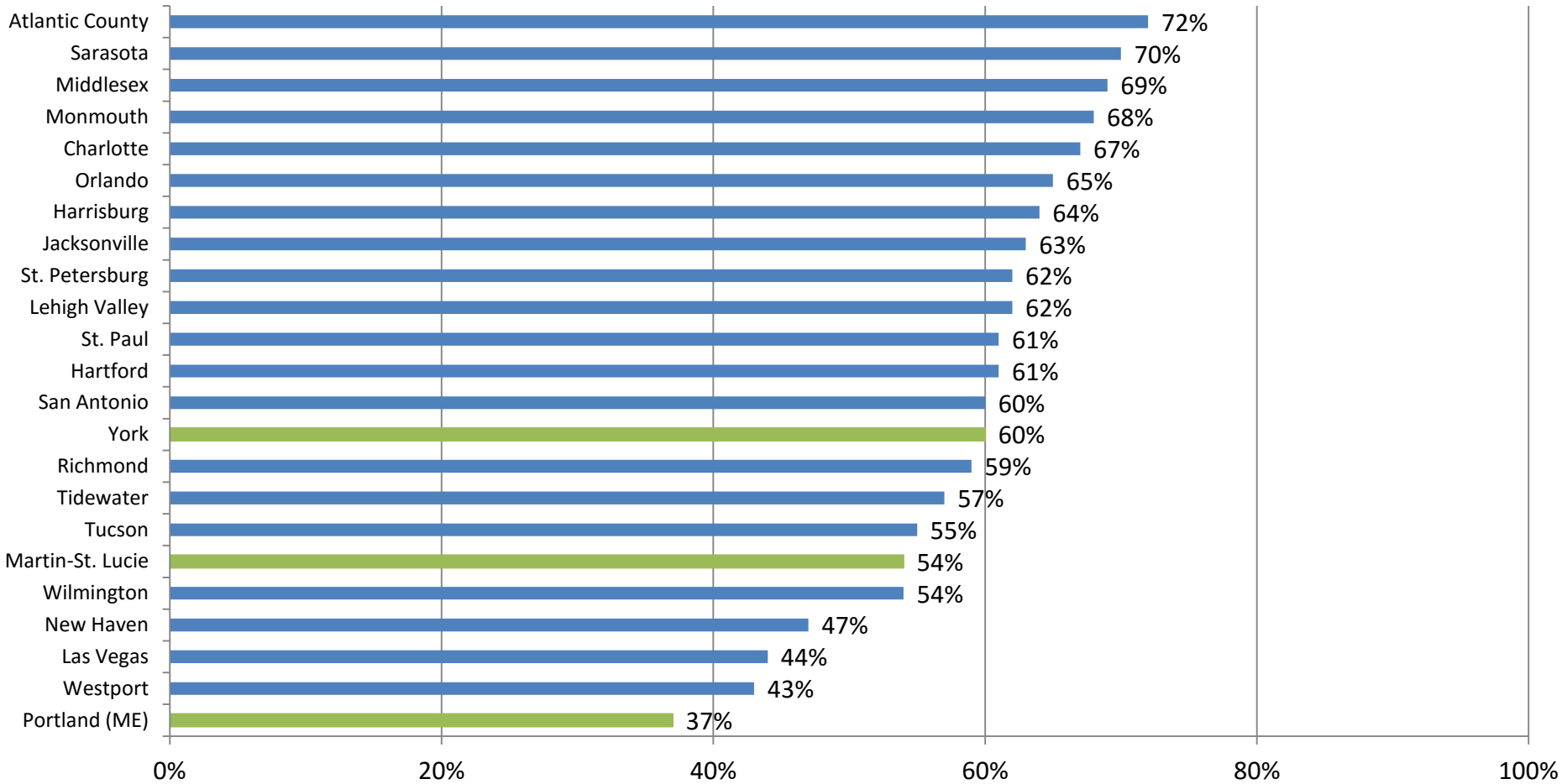
# Jewish Households: % Donated Only to Non-Jewish Charities Within the Past Year



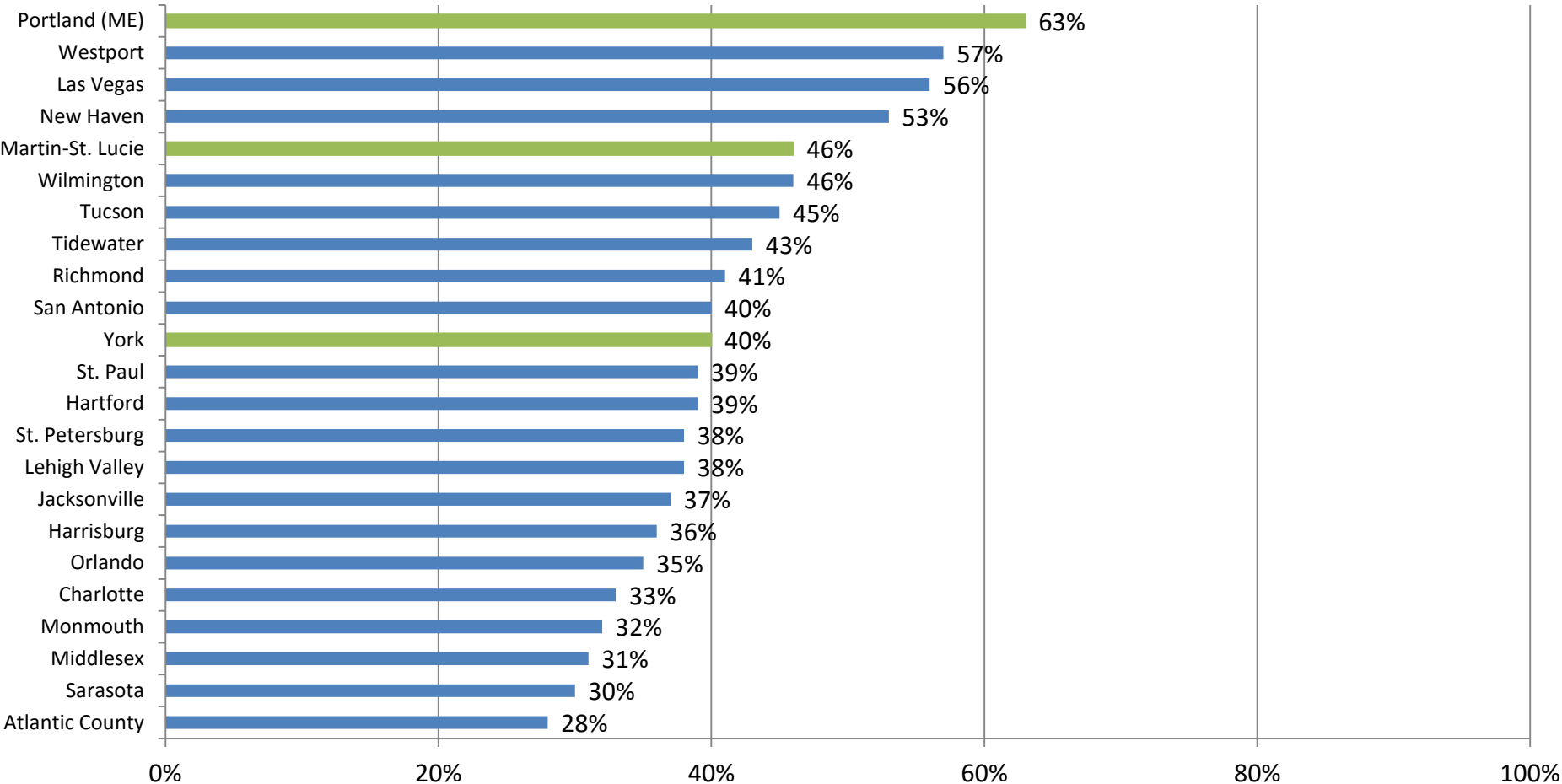
# Jewish Households: % Did Not Donate to Charity Within the Past Year



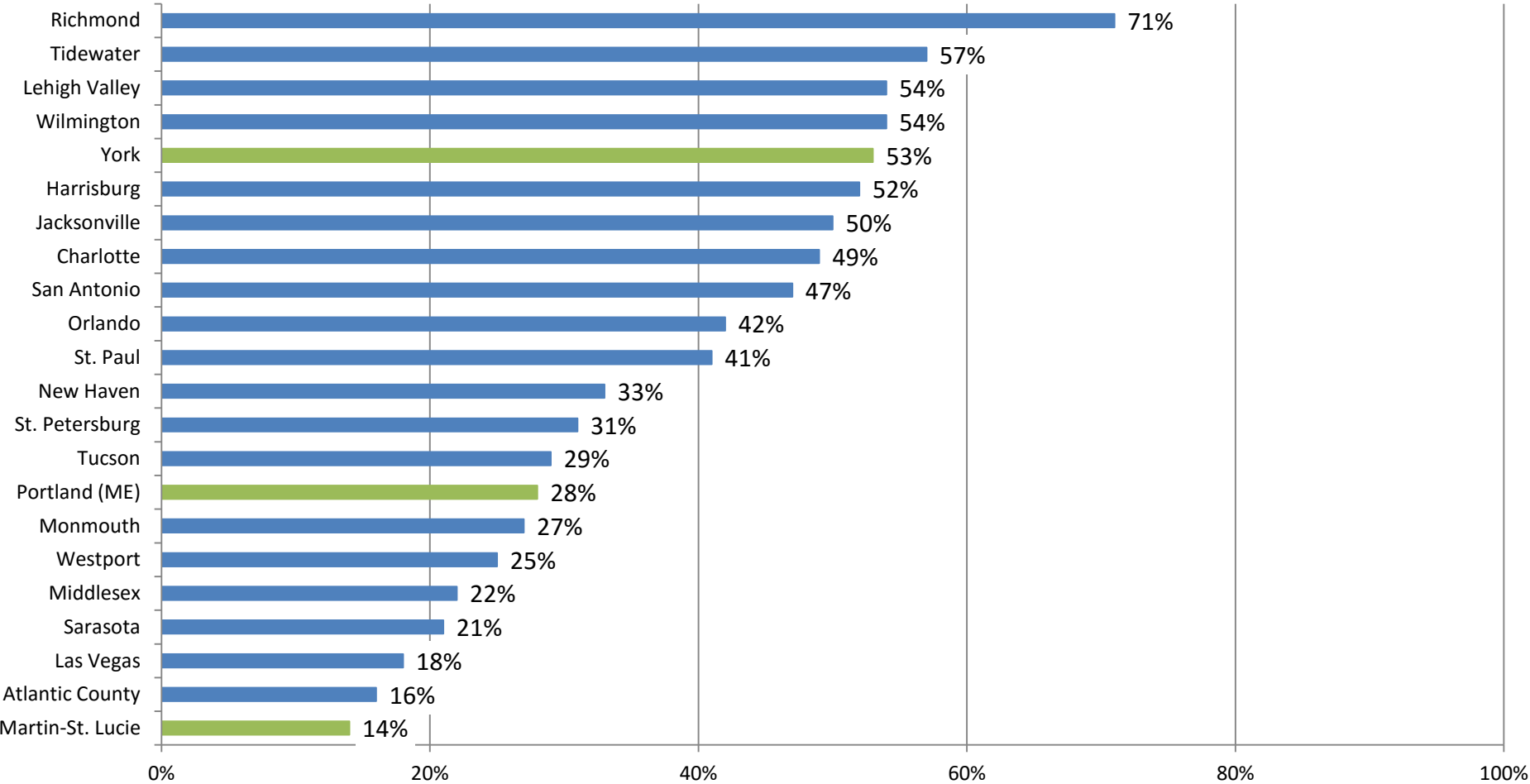
# Donations from Jewish Households: % of the Dollars that went to Jewish Charities



# Donations from Jewish Households: % of the Dollars that went to Non-Jewish Charities



# Donations from Jewish Households to Jewish Charities: % of the Dollars that went to Local Federation



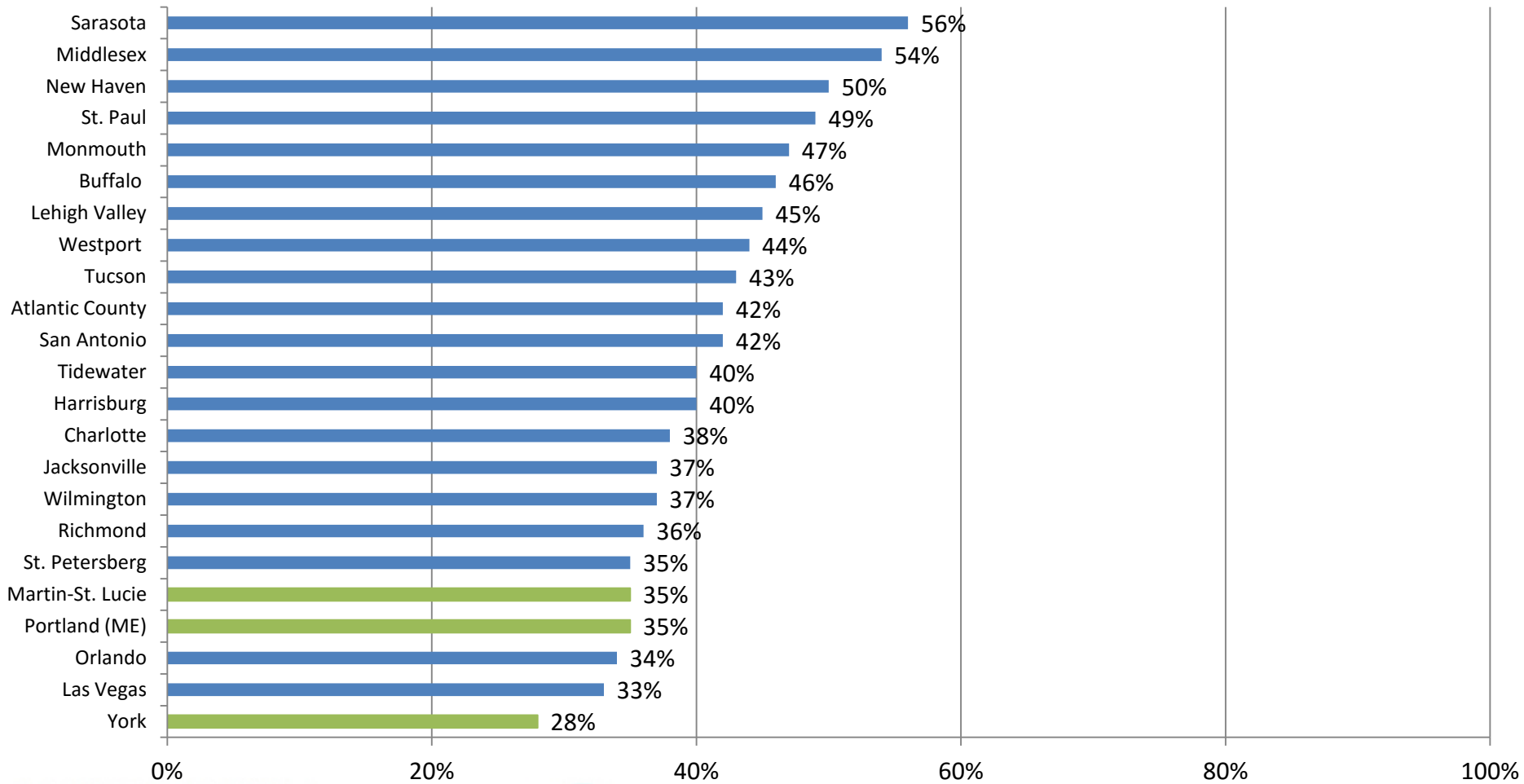
# Israel

- Member of Household Traveled to Israel (slide 57)
- Member of Household Traveled to Israel on Specifically Jewish Trip (slide 58)
- Emotional Attachment to Israel: Extremely or Very Emotionally Attached (slide 59)
- Motivations to Donate to Jewish Organizations: (slides 60-63)
  - Supporting People of Israel (slide 60)
  - Supporting Educational Trips (slide 61)
  - Donate More to Local Federation to Support Local Needs (slide 62)
  - Donate More to Local Federation to Support Israel and Overseas Needs (slide 63)

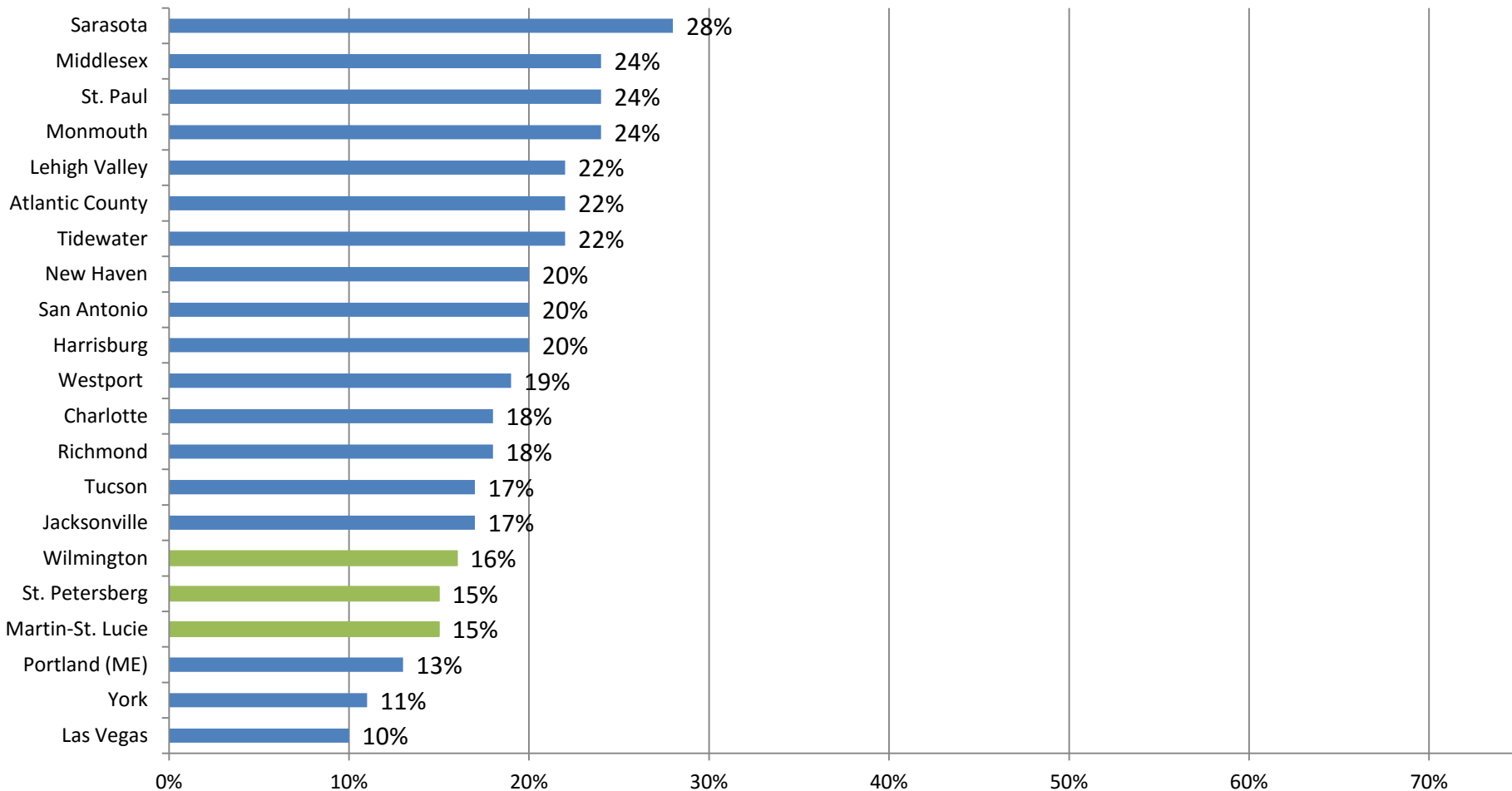




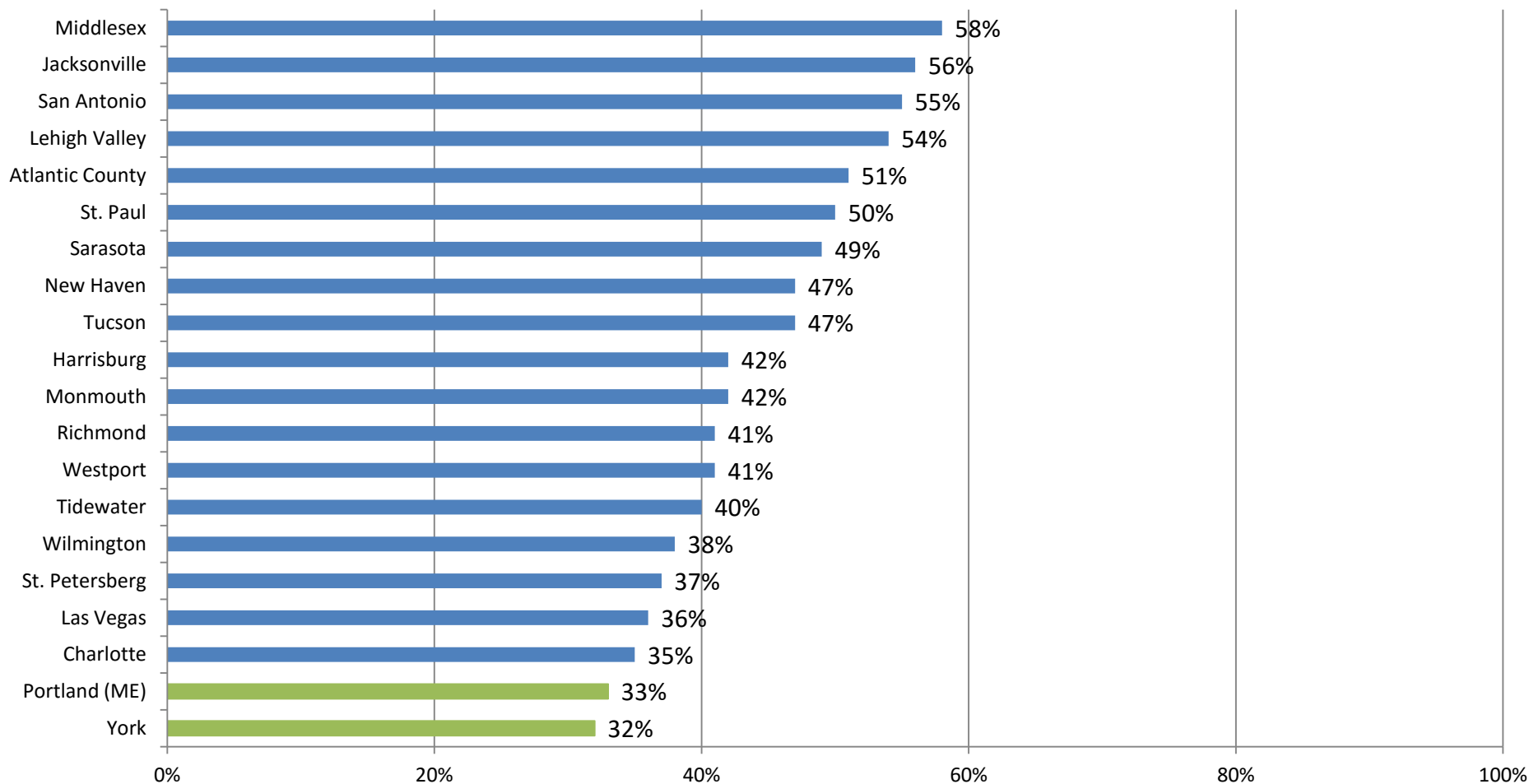
# Jewish Households: % in which a Member Visited Israel



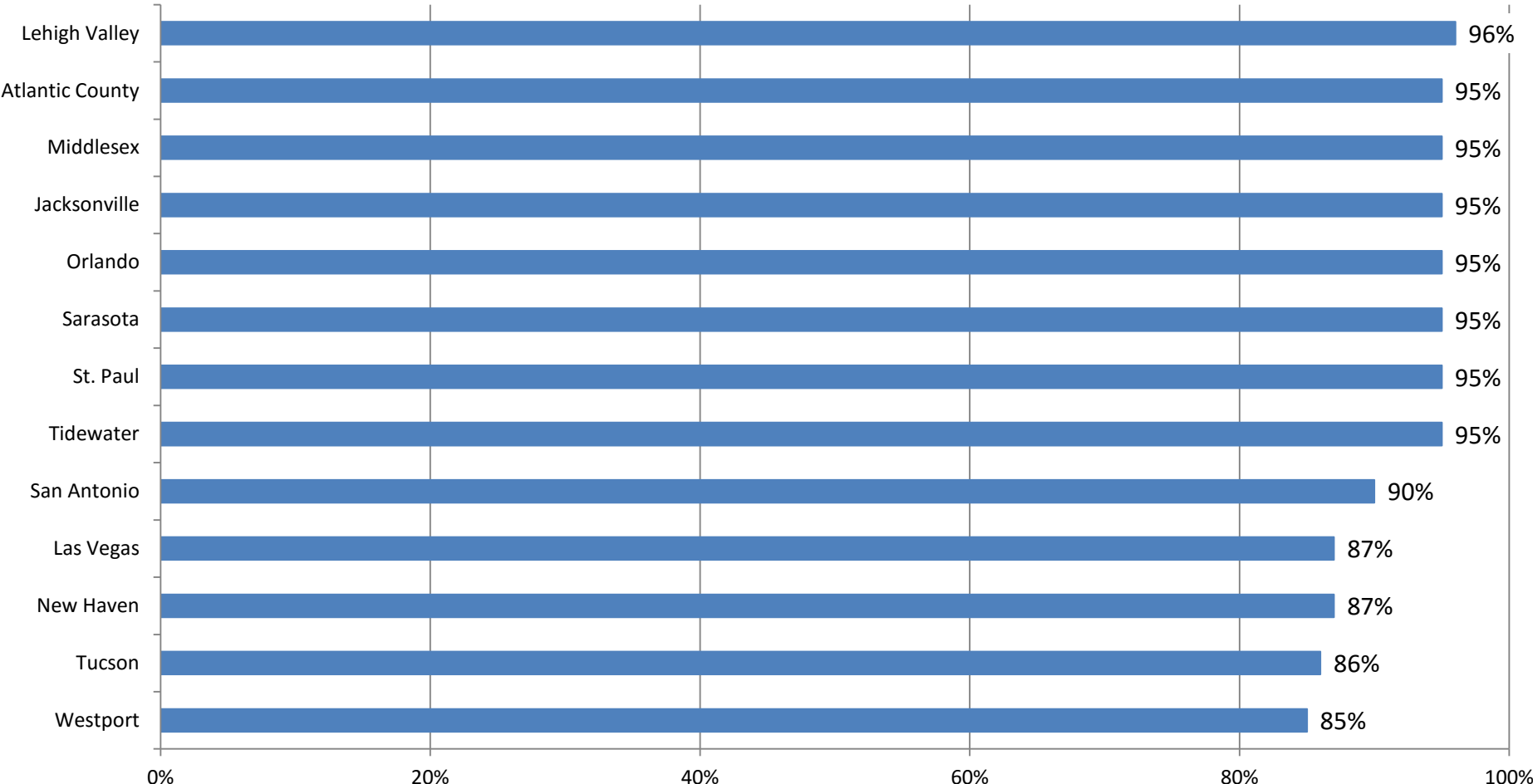
# Jewish Households: % in which a Member Visited Israel on a trip Sponsored by a Jewish Group



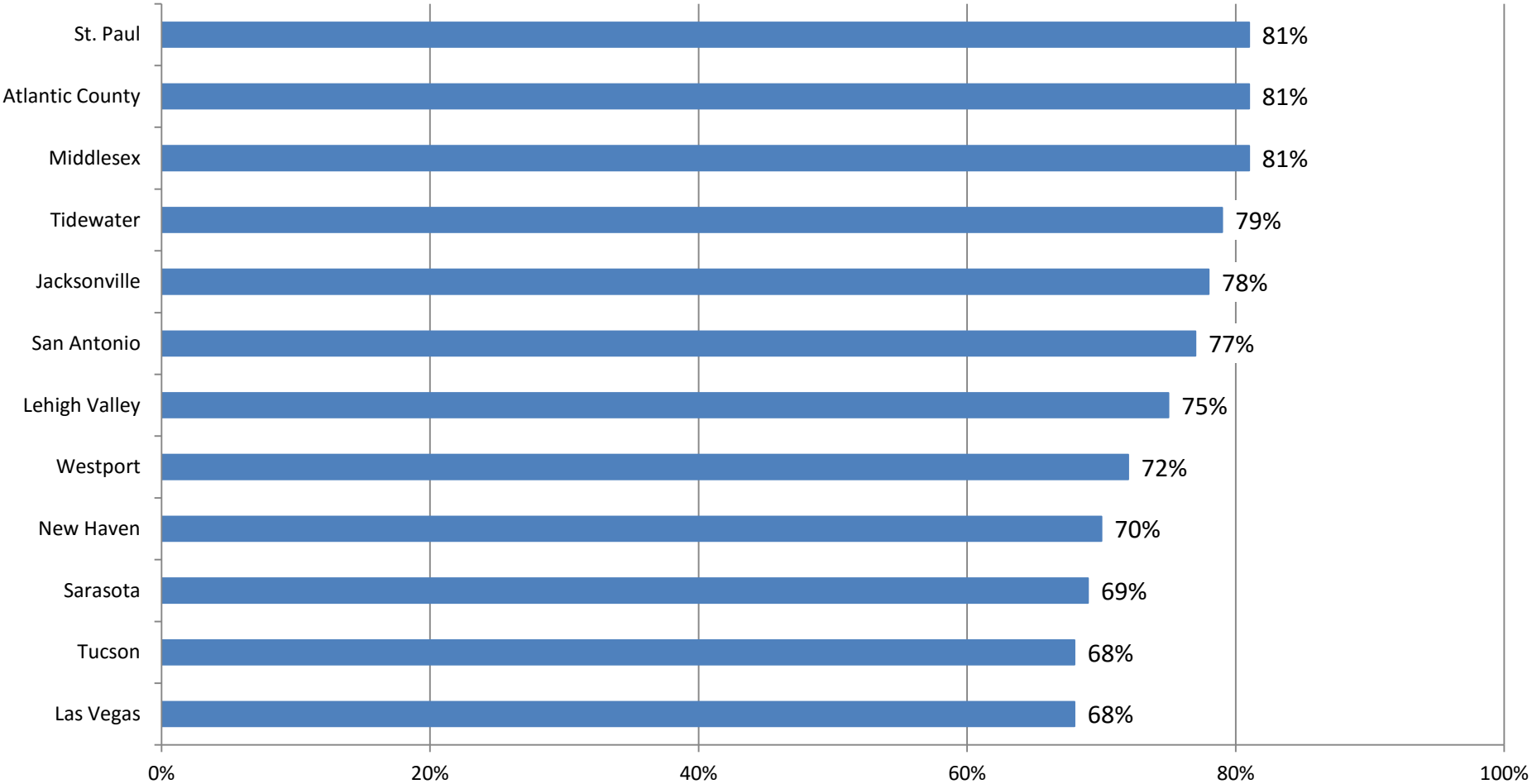
# Jewish Respondents: % Extremely or Very Emotionally Attached to Israel



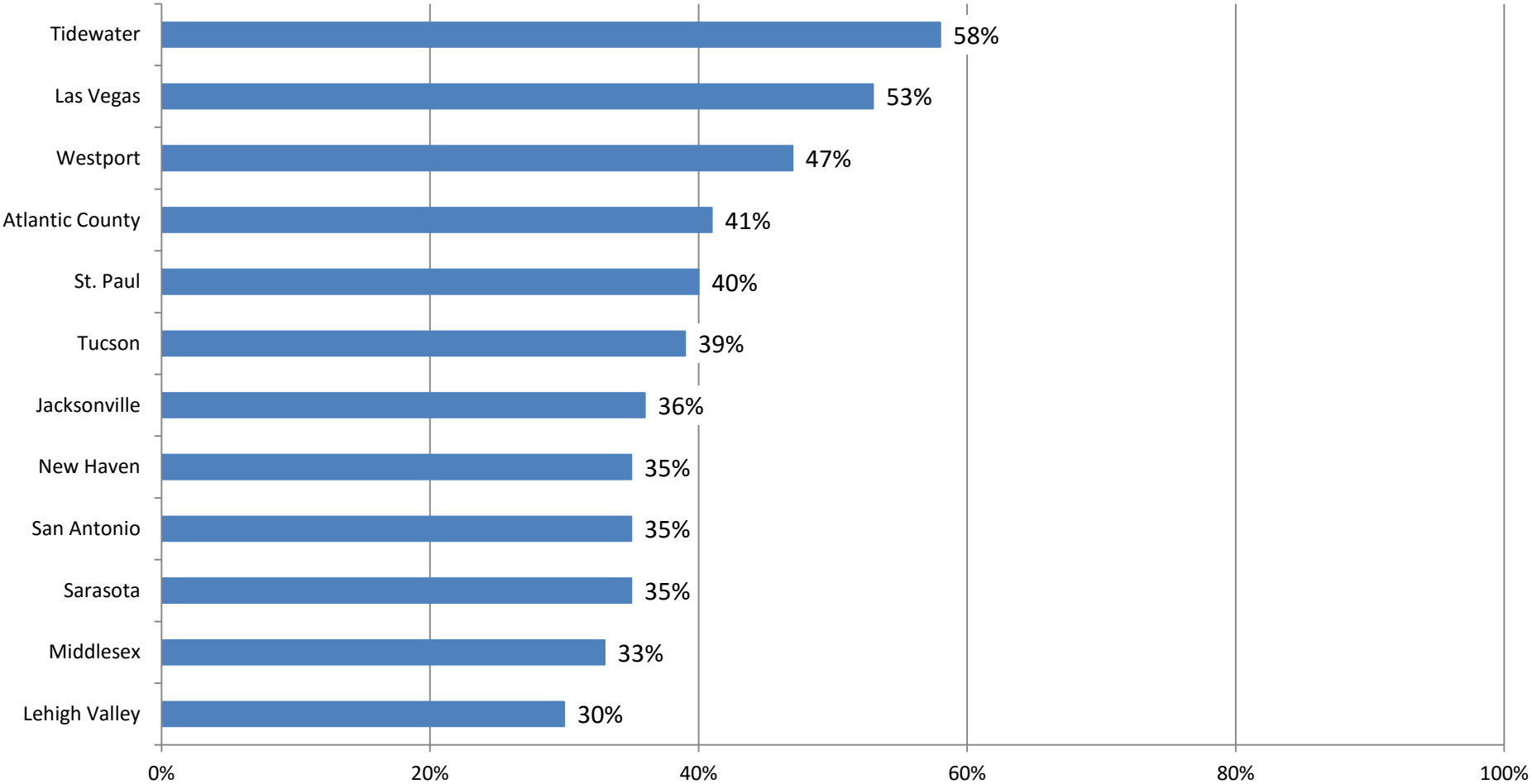
# Respondents in Jewish Households Who Donated \$100+ to Jewish Charities in the Past Year: % “Supporting the People of Israel” as a Very or Somewhat Important Motivation to Donate to a Jewish Organization



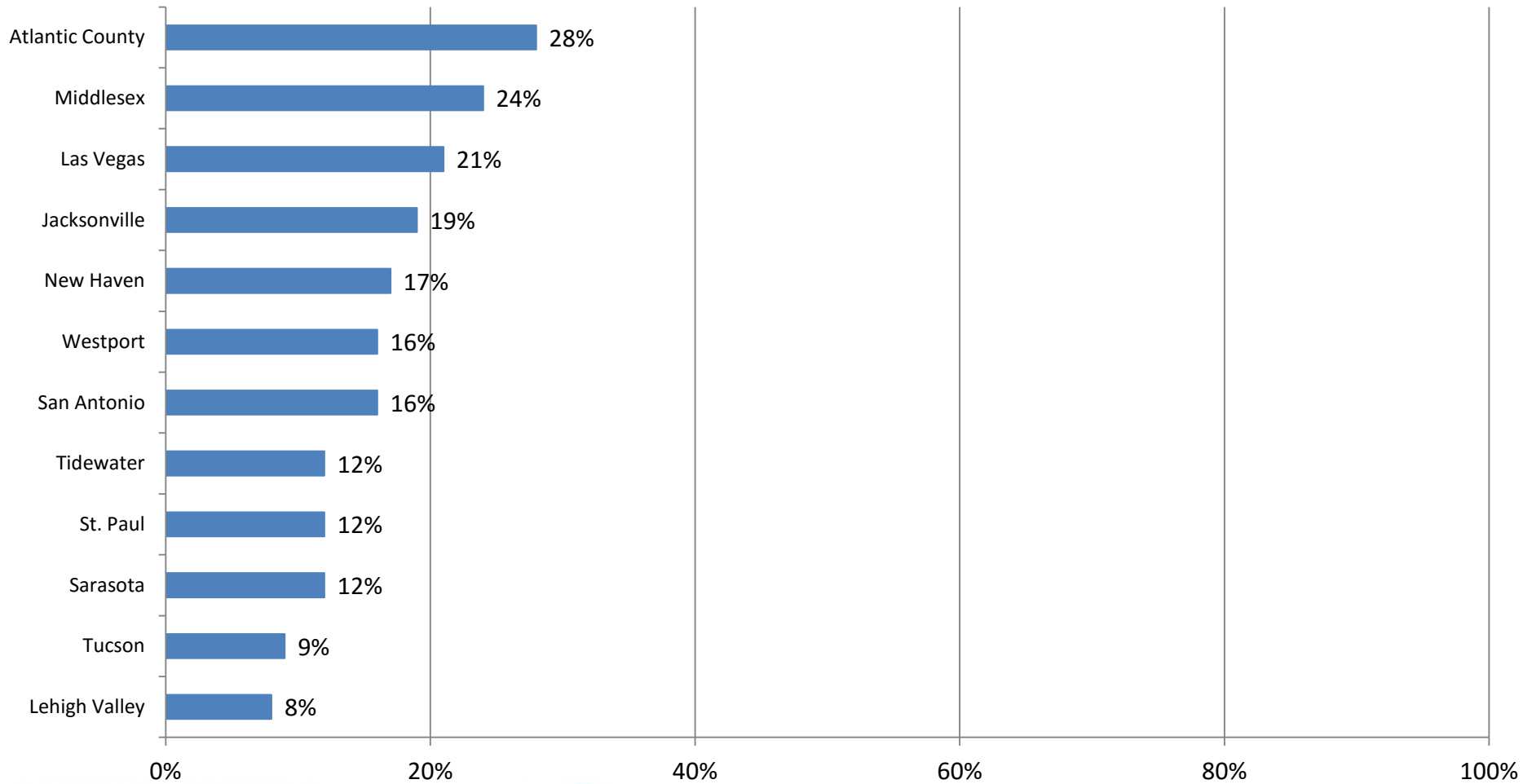
# Respondents in Jewish Households Who Donated \$100+ to Jewish Charities in the Past Year: % “Supporting Educational Trips to Israel ” as a Very or Somewhat Important Motivation to Donate to a Jewish Organization



# Respondents in Jewish Households who donated \$100+ to Jewish Charities in the Past Year: % Would Donate More to the Local Jewish Federation if More Money Went to Local Needs as Opposed to Needs in Israel and Overseas



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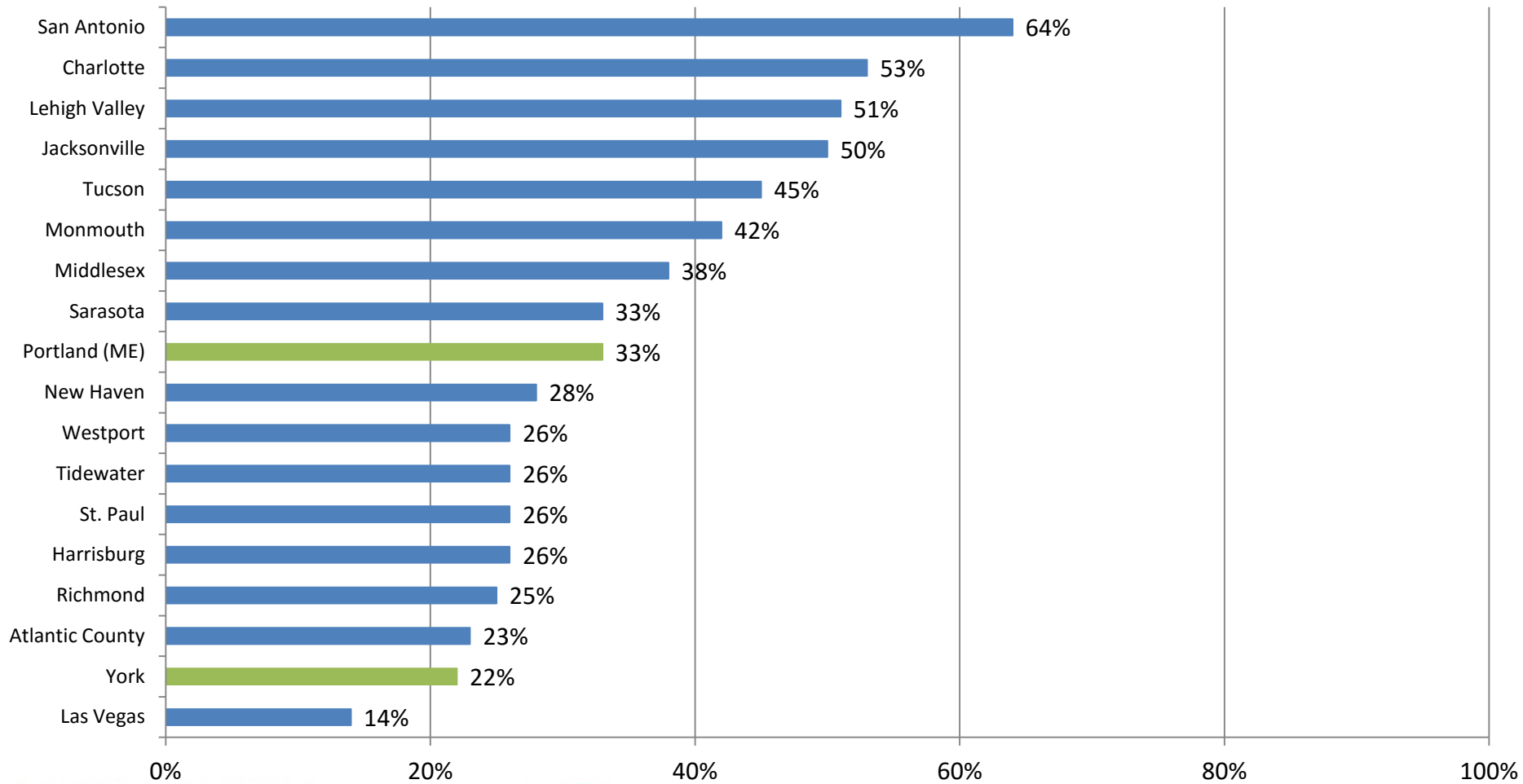
# Education

- Preschool Comparison (slides 65-p68)
- Day Schools (slide 69-73)
- Retention Rate of Formal Education (slide 74)
- Formal Jewish Education (slide 75)
- Camp and other Informal Jewish Education (slide 76-84)

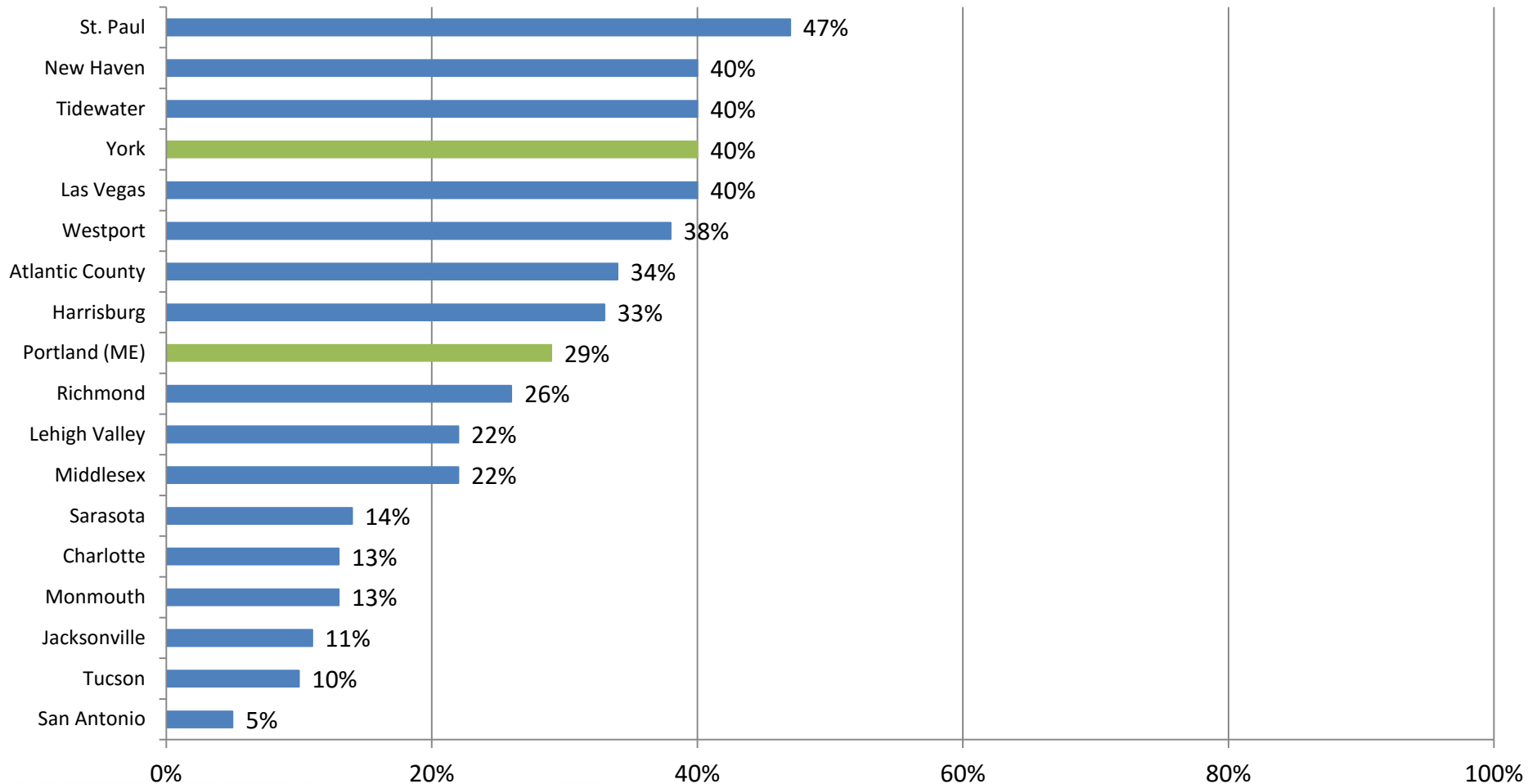




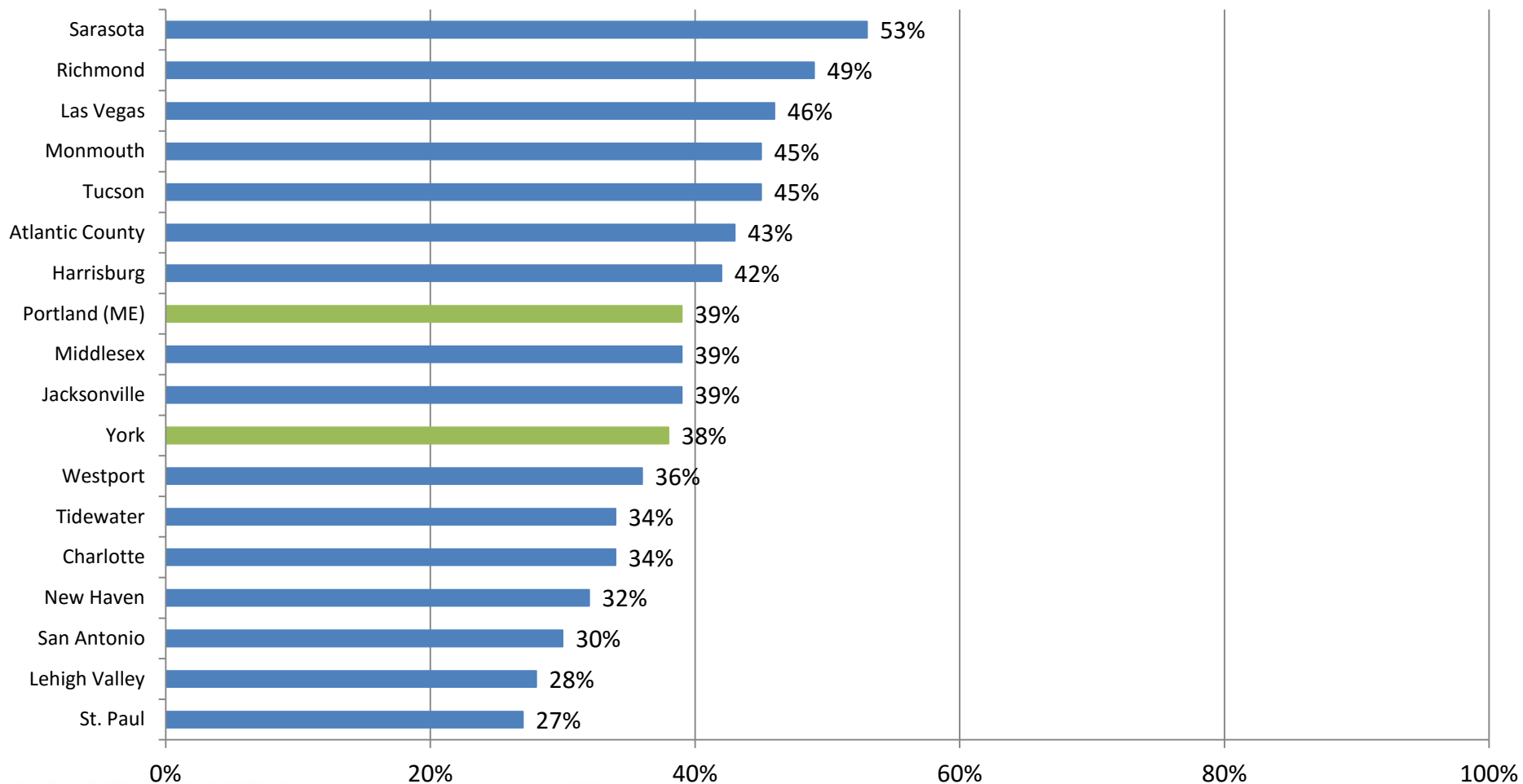
# Jewish Children Age 0-5: % Attend Jewish Preschool/Child Care Programs



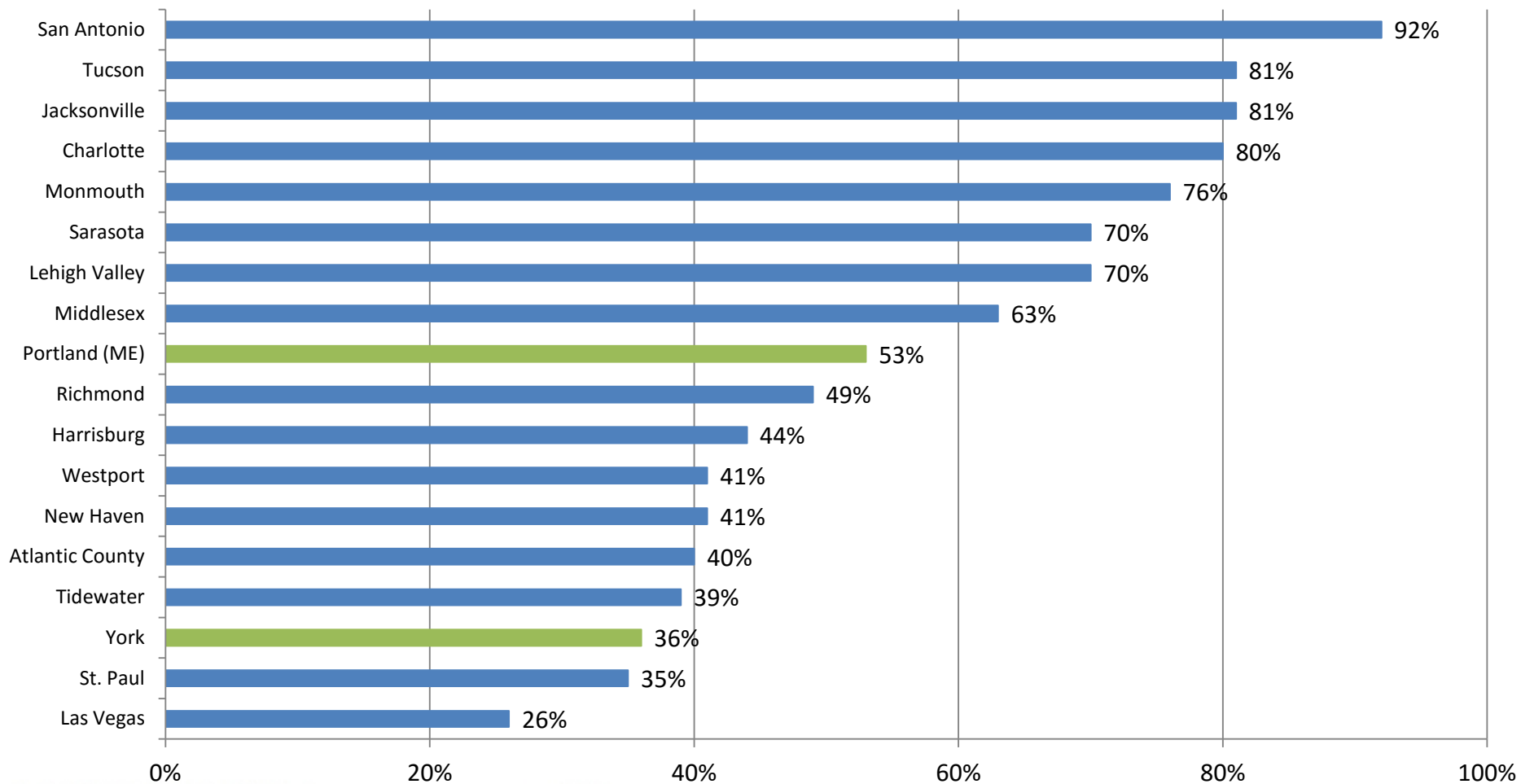
# Jewish Children Age 0-5: % Attend Non-Jewish Preschool/Child Care Programs



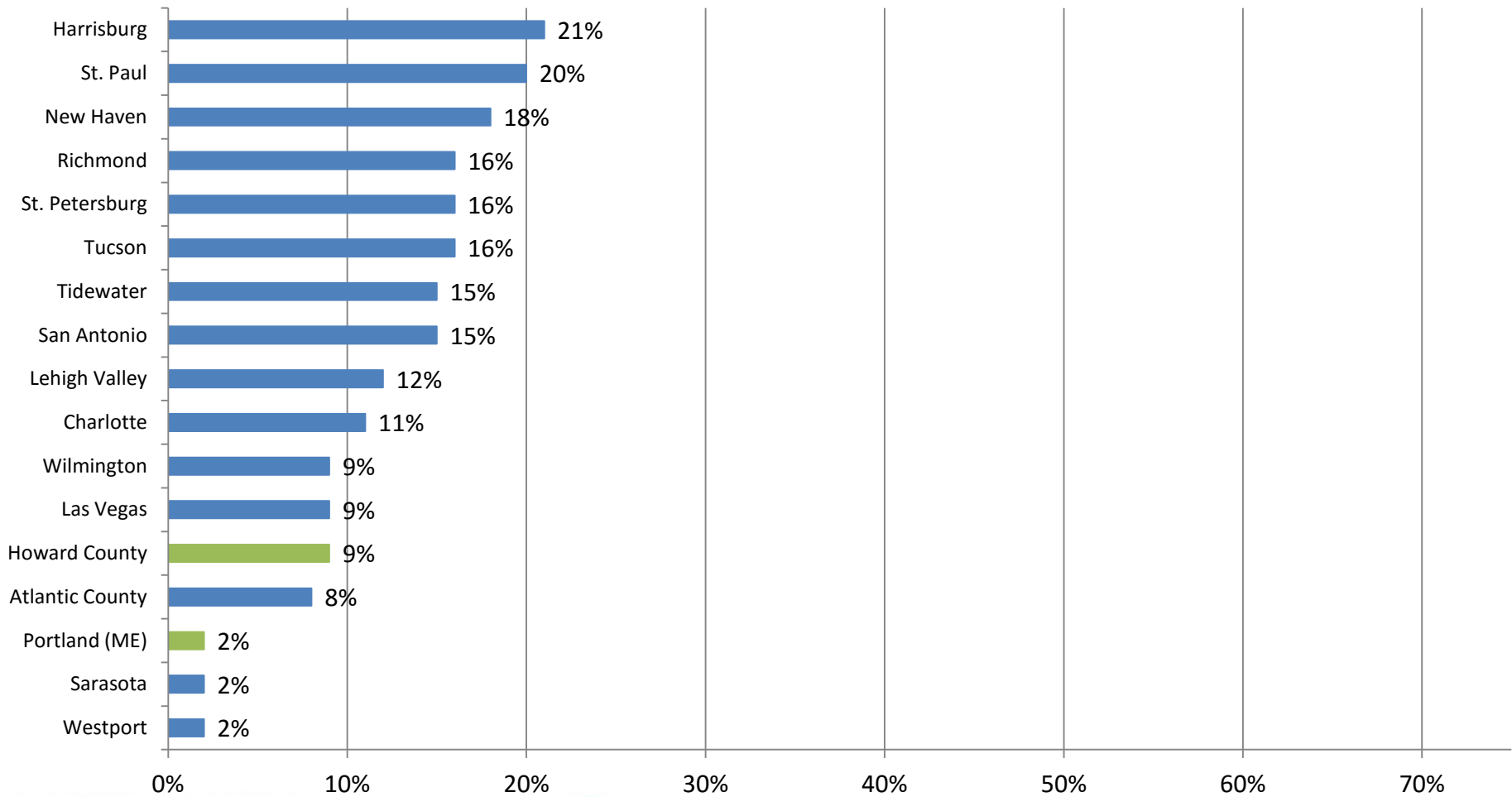
# Jewish Children Age 0-5: % Do Not Attend a Preschool/Child Care Program



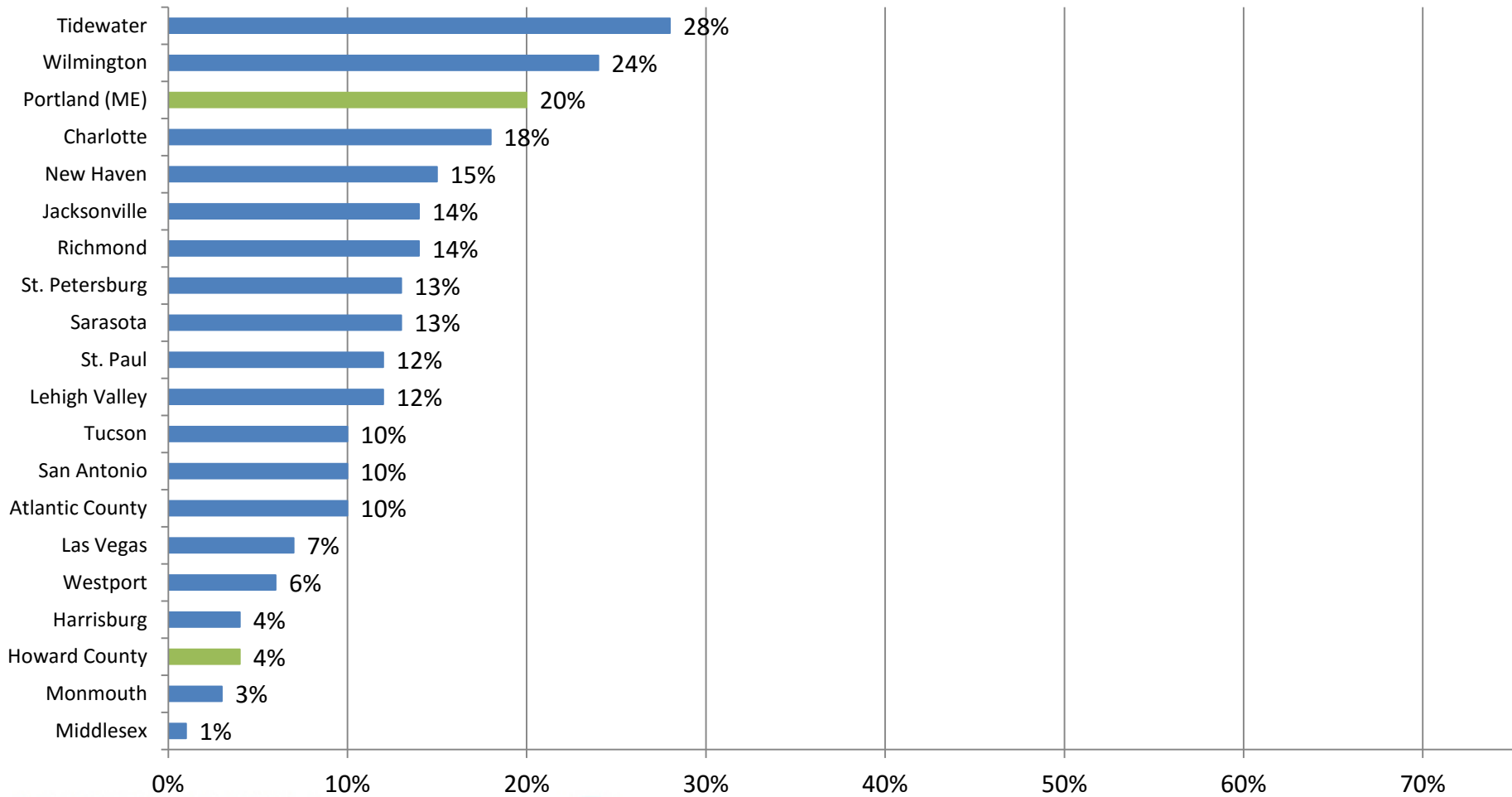
# Market Share of Children Age 0-5 Attending Jewish Preschool and/or Child Care Programs



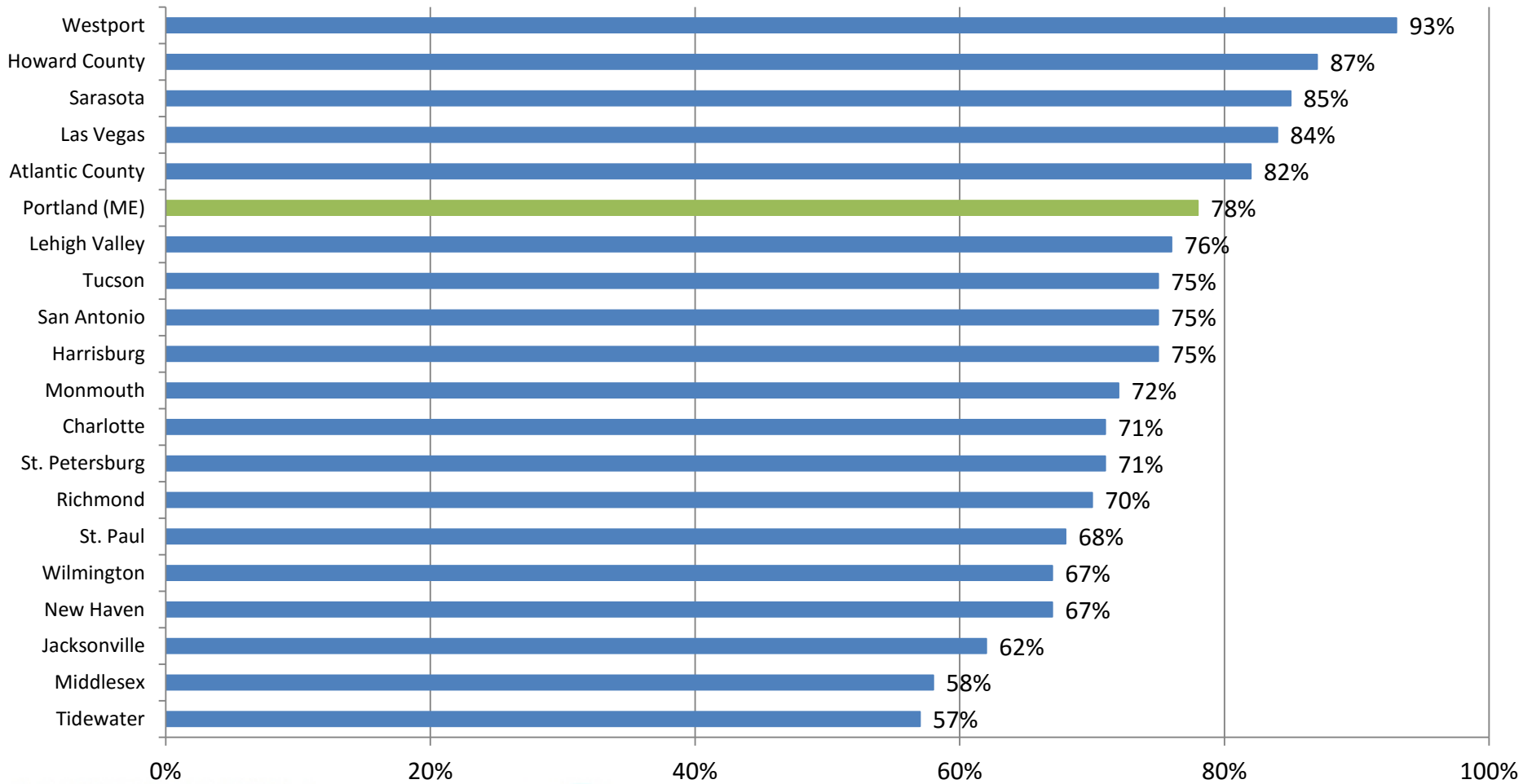
# Jewish Children Age 5-17: % Currently Attend Jewish Day School



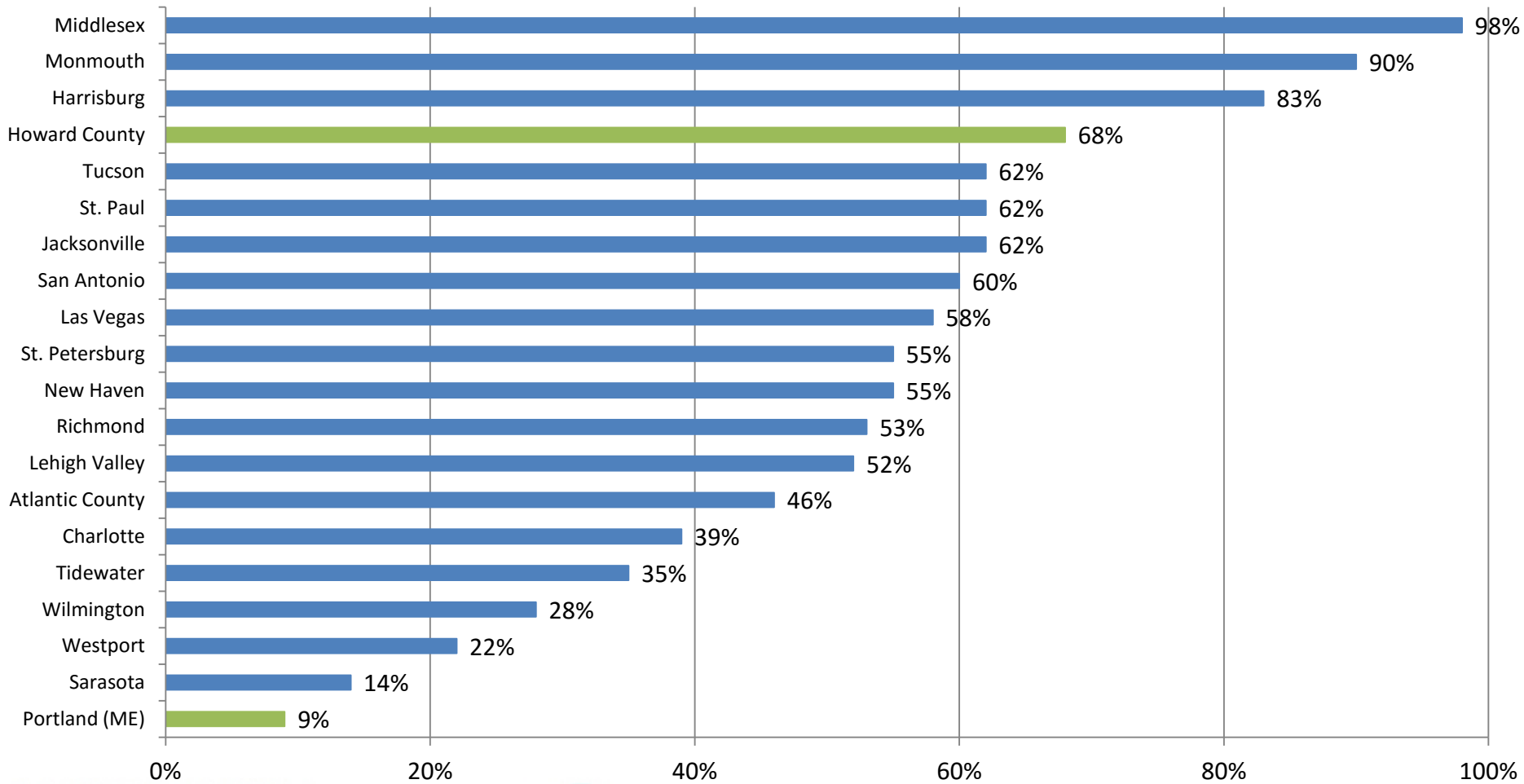
# Jewish Children Age 5-17: % Currently Attend Non-Jewish Private Schools



# Jewish Children Age 5-17: % Currently Attend Public Schools

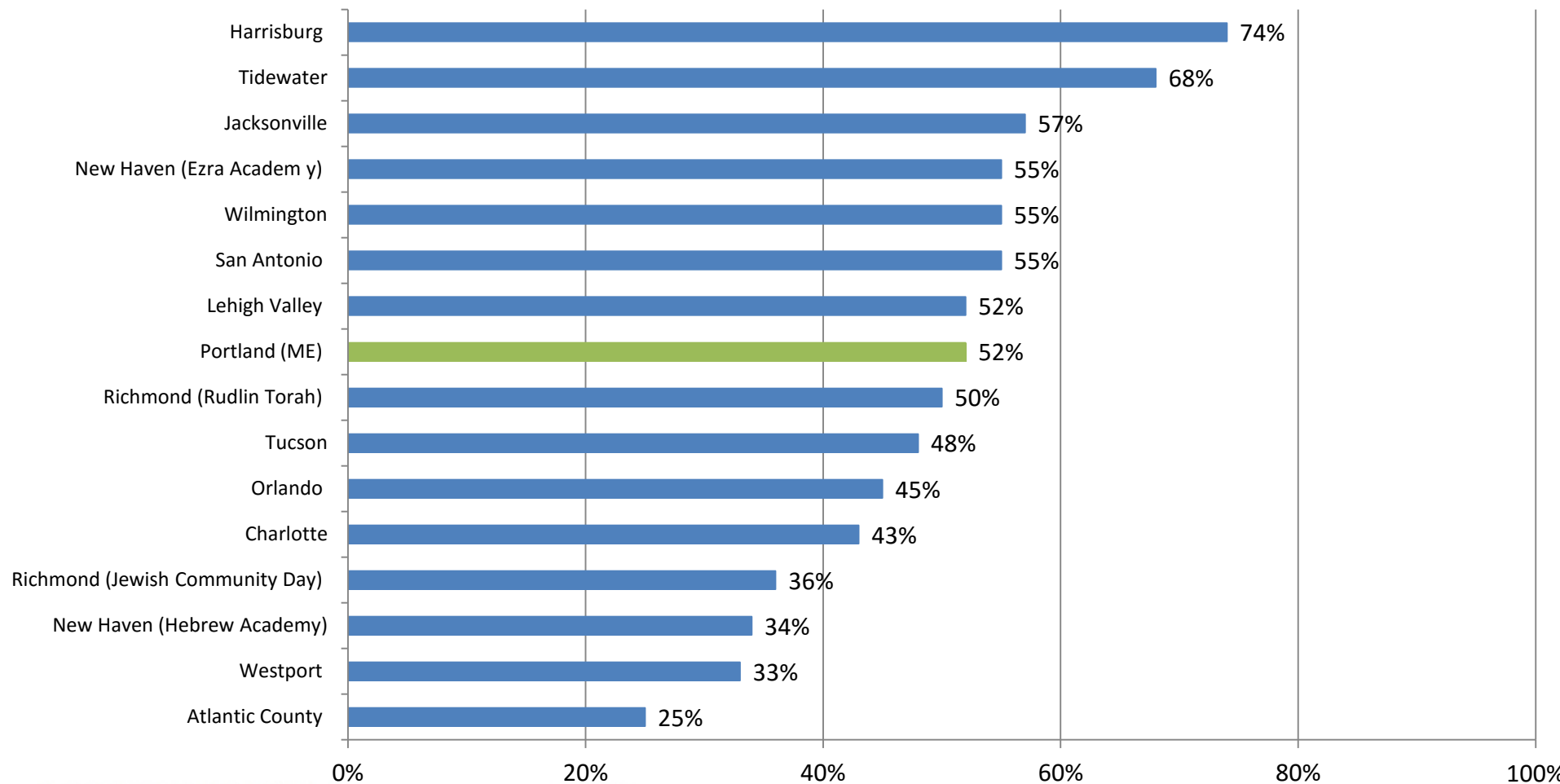


# Jewish Children Age 5-17: Market Share for Jewish Day School

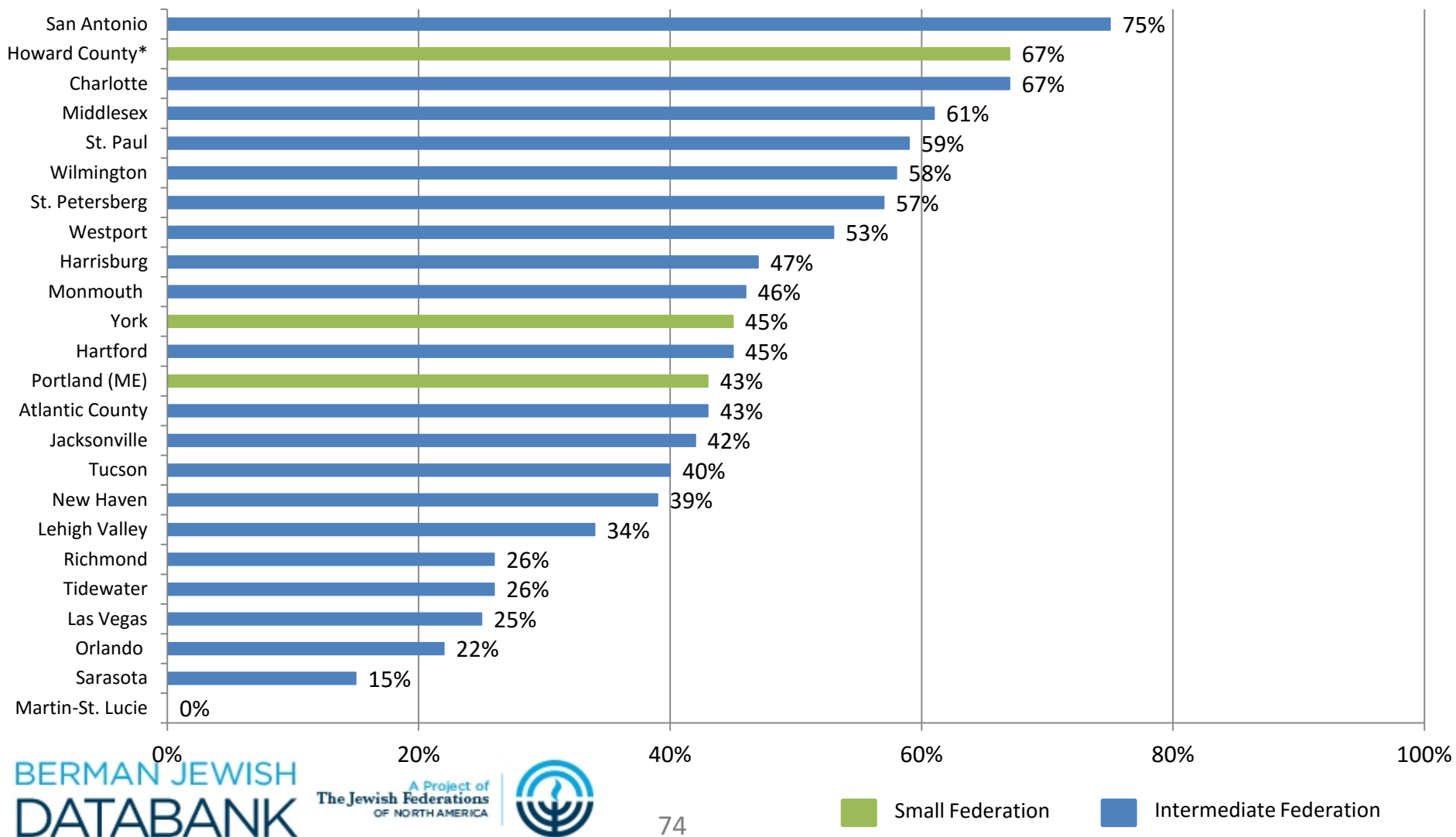




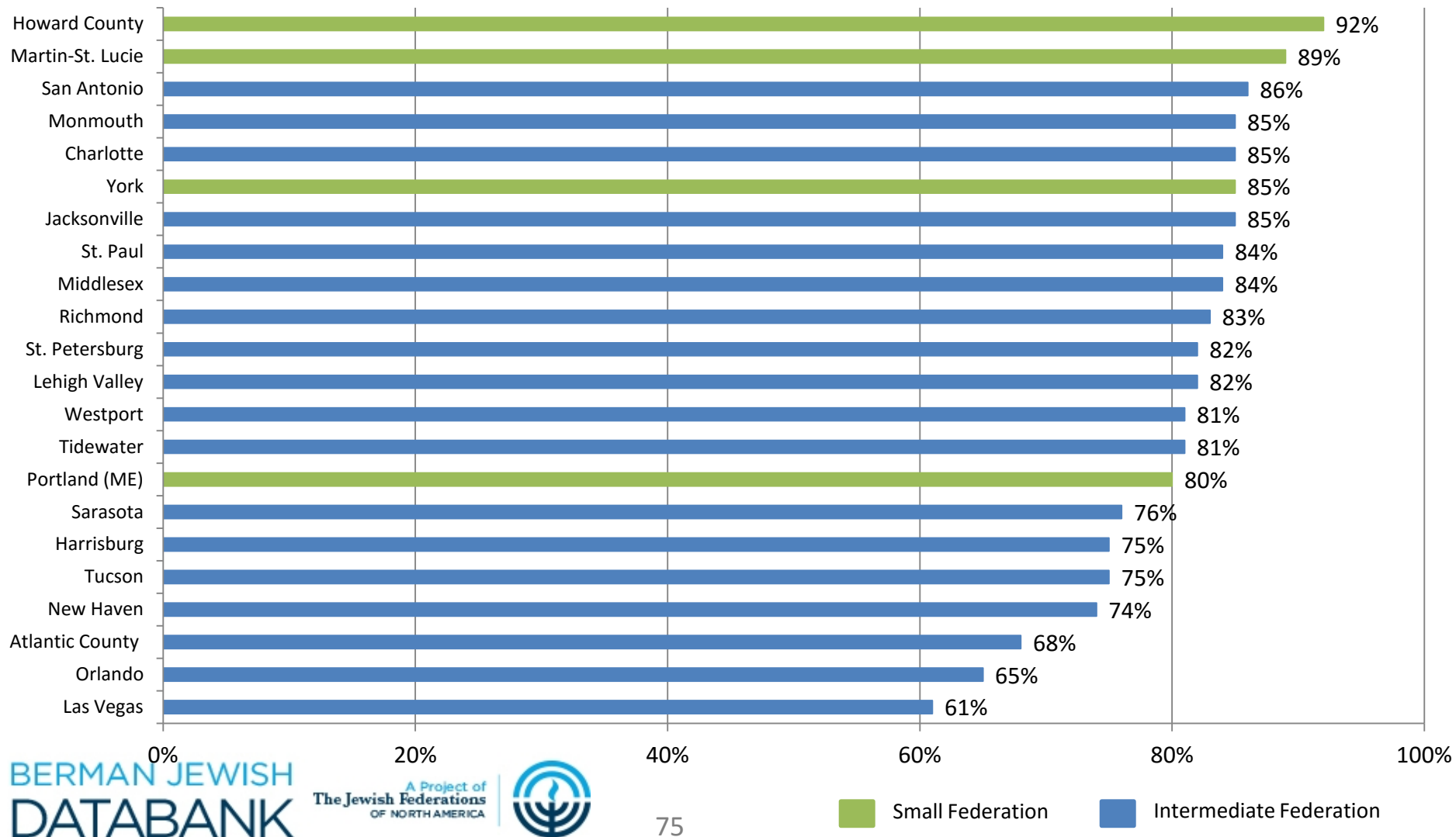
# All Respondents: % Very or Somewhat Familiar with the Local Jewish Day School



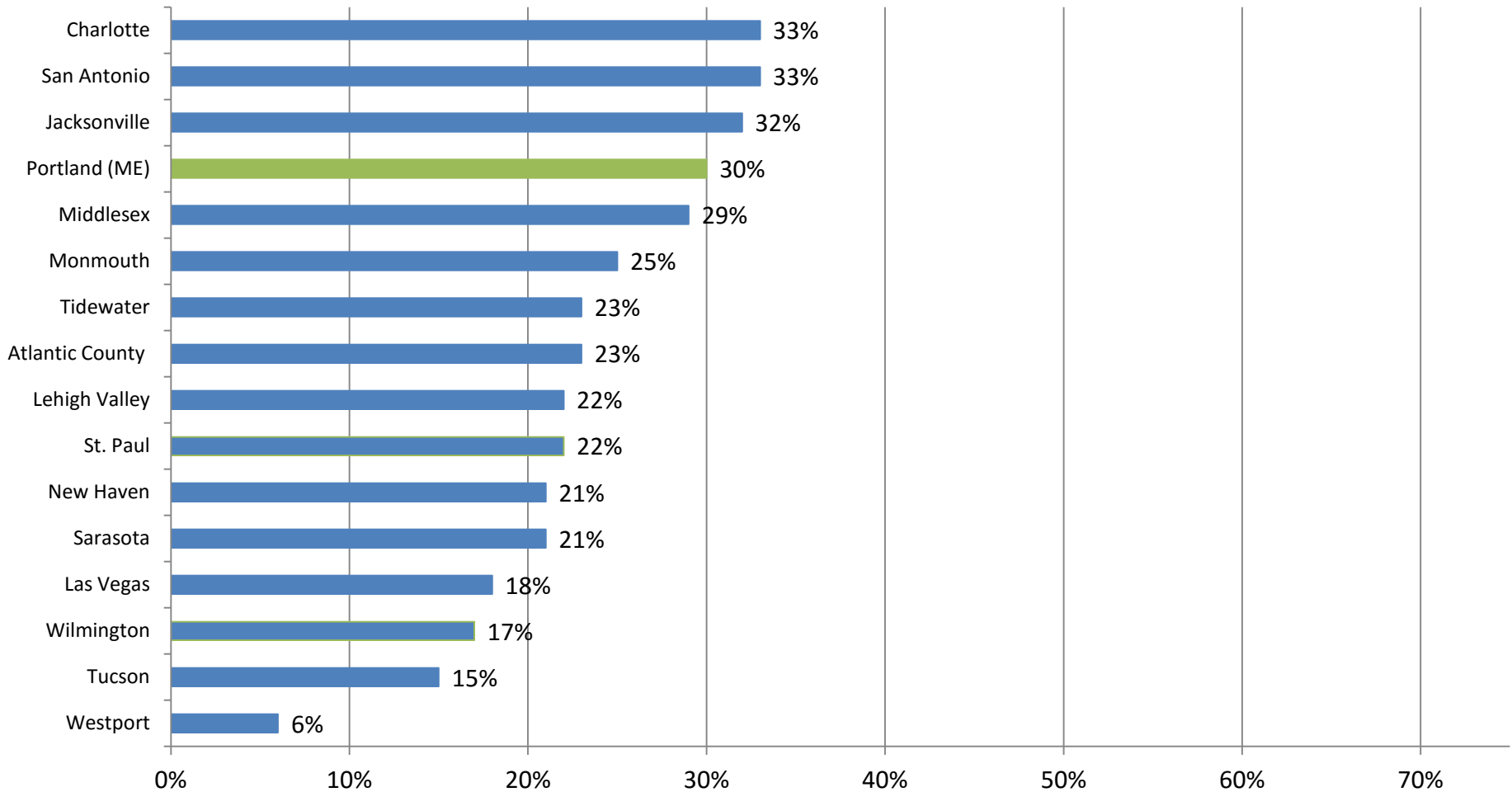
# Jewish Children who Attended Formal Jewish Education from Ages 5-12: % of Jewish Students who continue their Formal Jewish Education after their B'nai Mitzvah



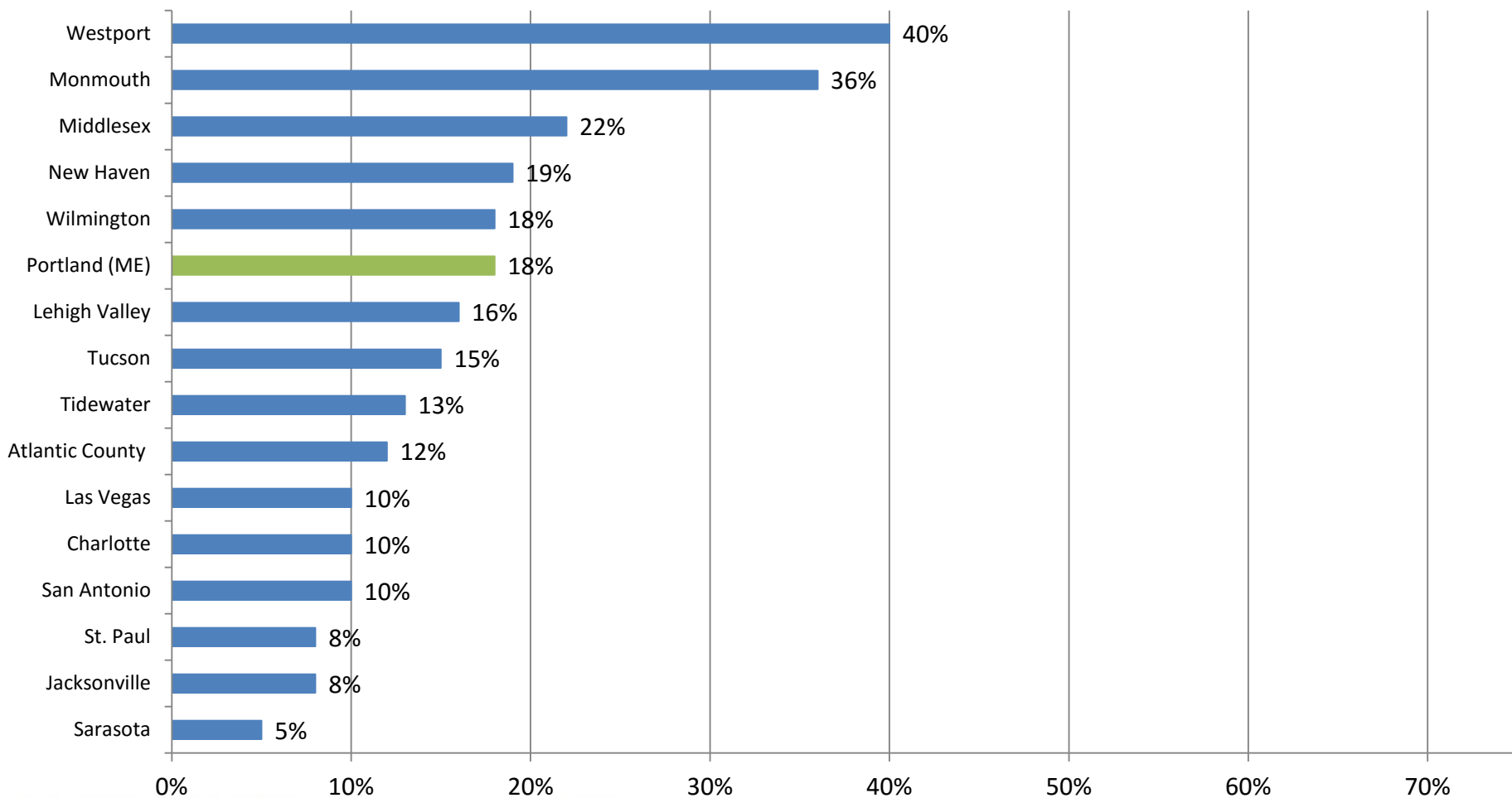
# Jewish Children 5-17: % Ever Attended Formal Jewish Education



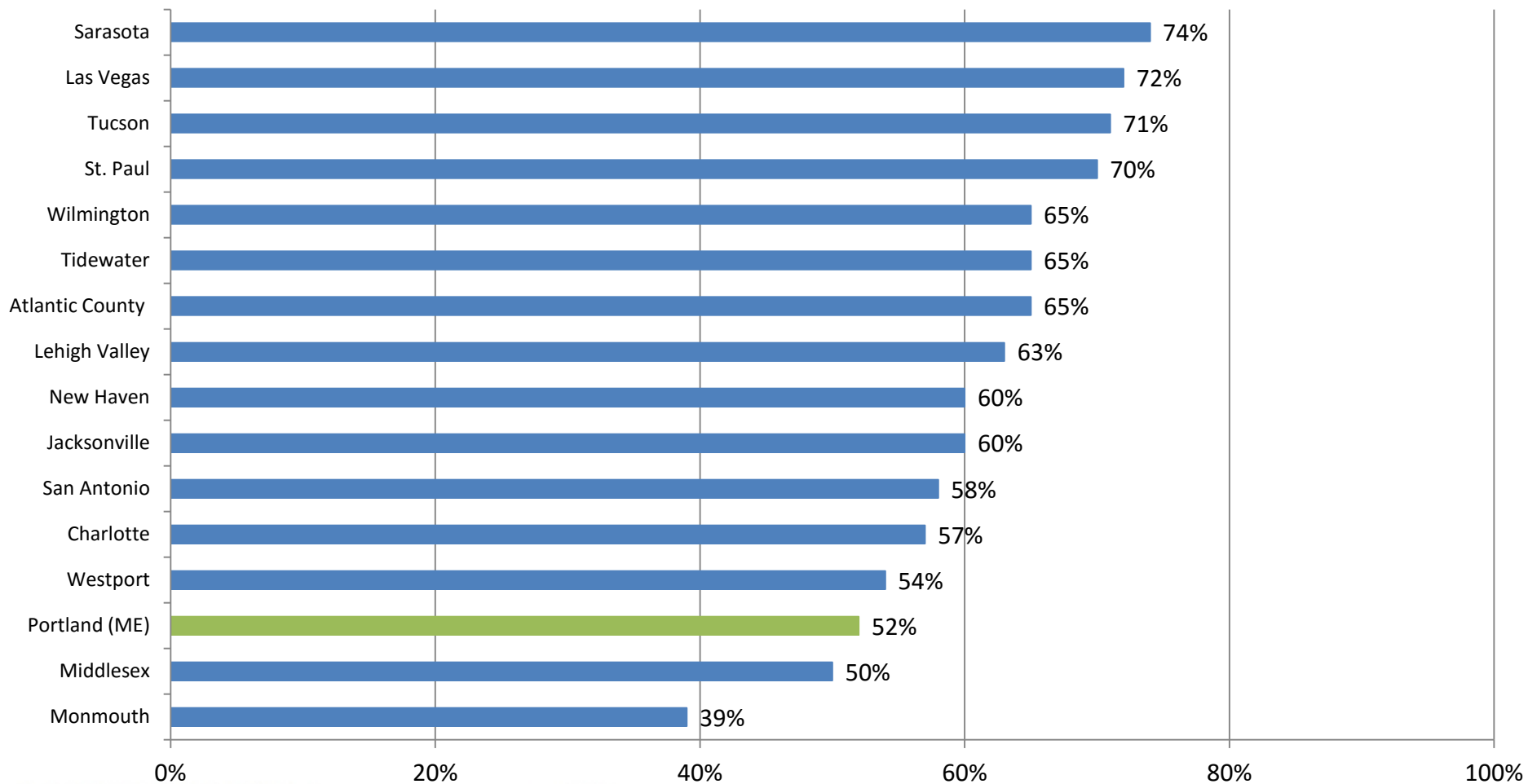
# Jewish Children Age 3-17: % Attended or Worked at Jewish Day Camp this Past Summer



# Jewish Children Age 3-17: % Attended or Worked at a Non-Jewish Day Camp This Past Summer

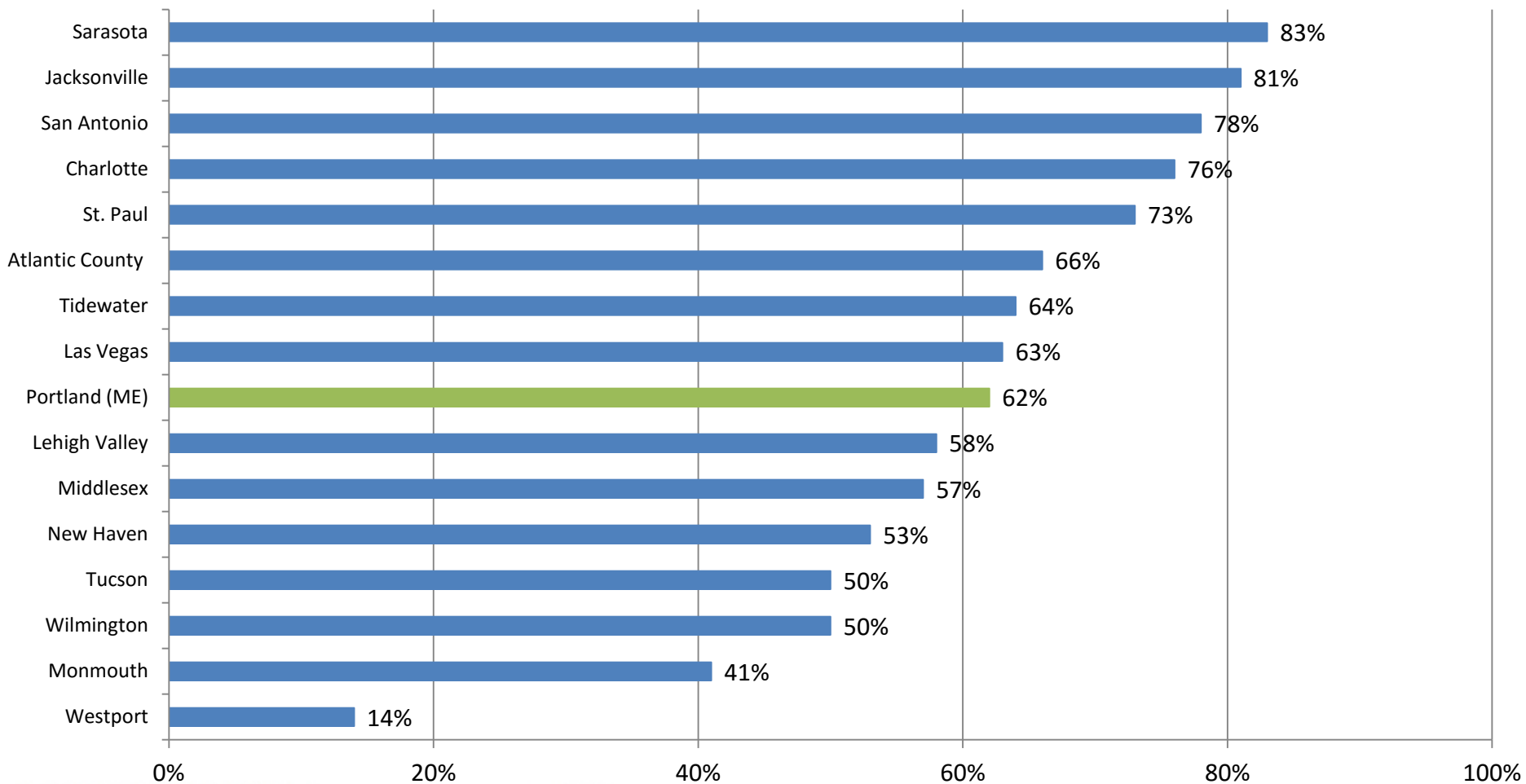


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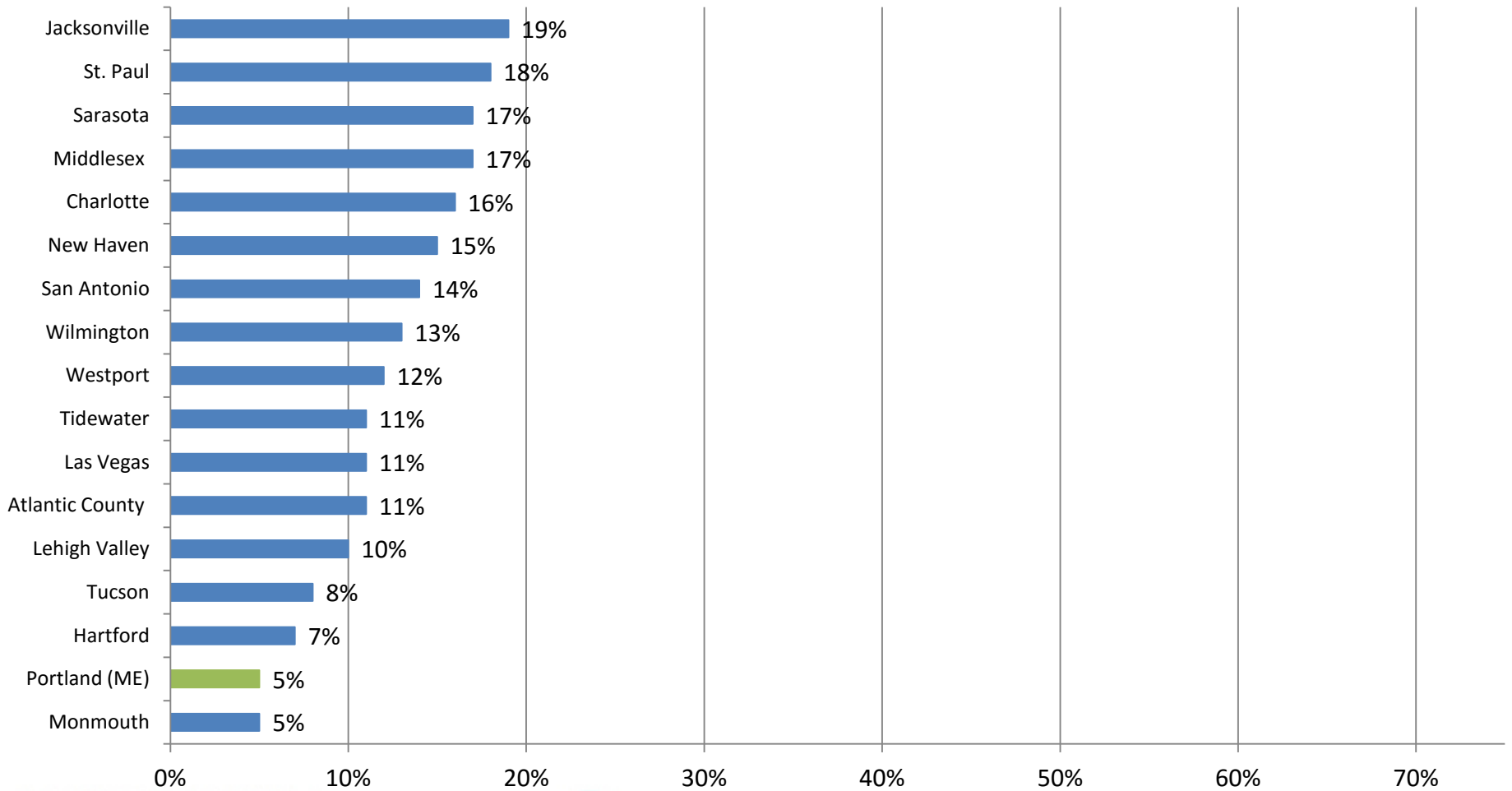


# Jewish Children Age 3-17 who Attended or Worked at a Day Camp this Past Summer:

## % Jewish Day Camp

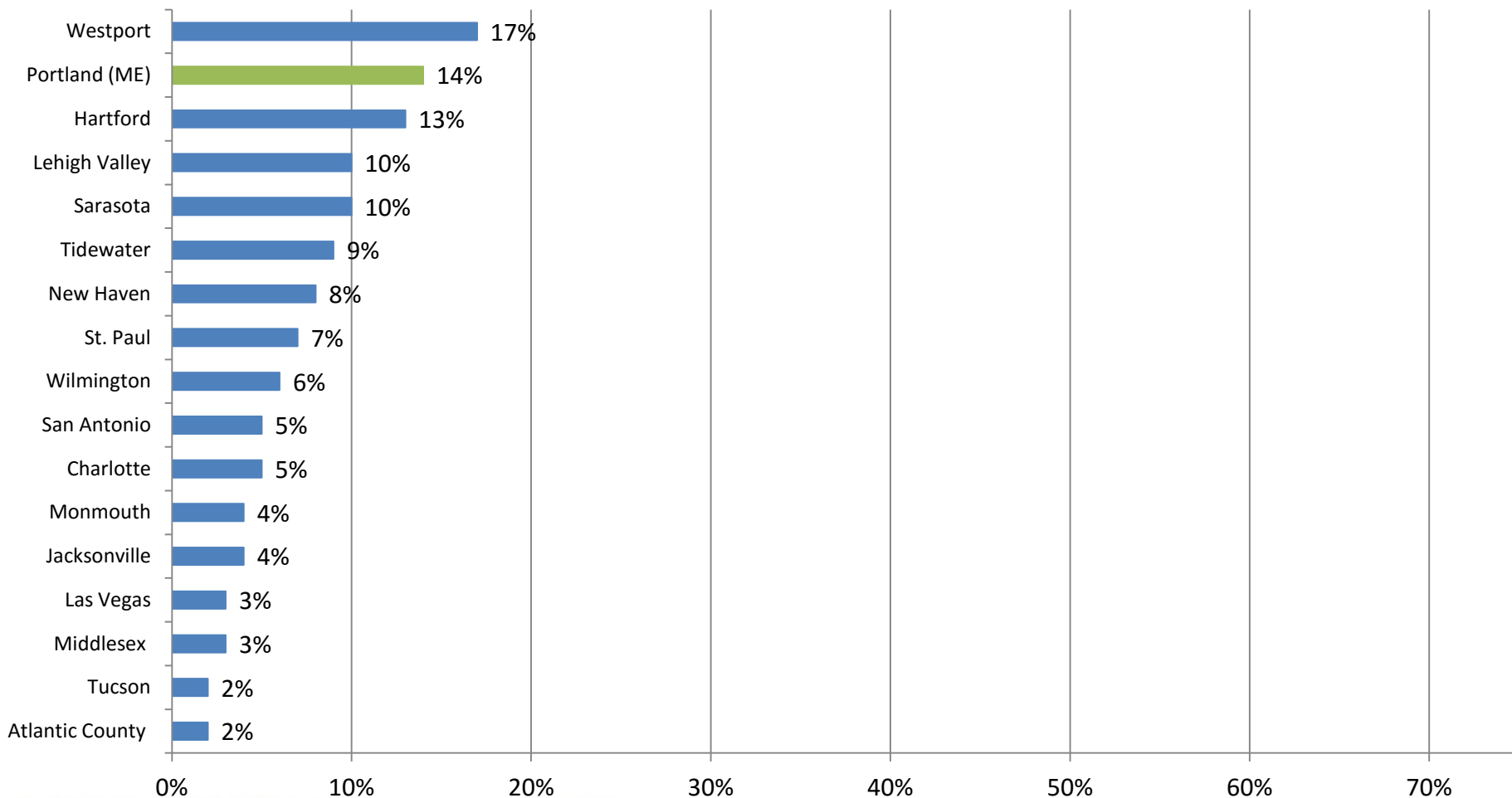


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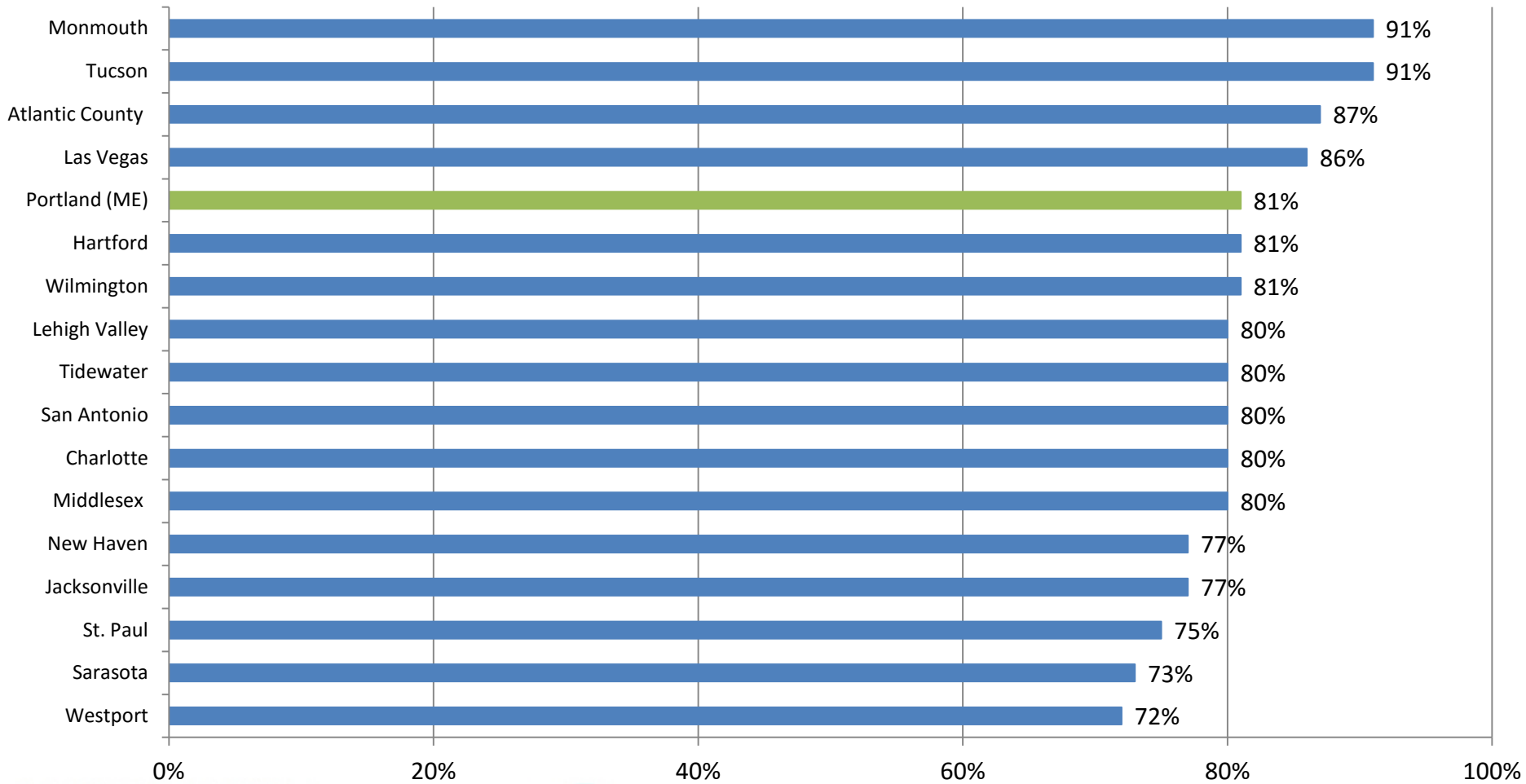




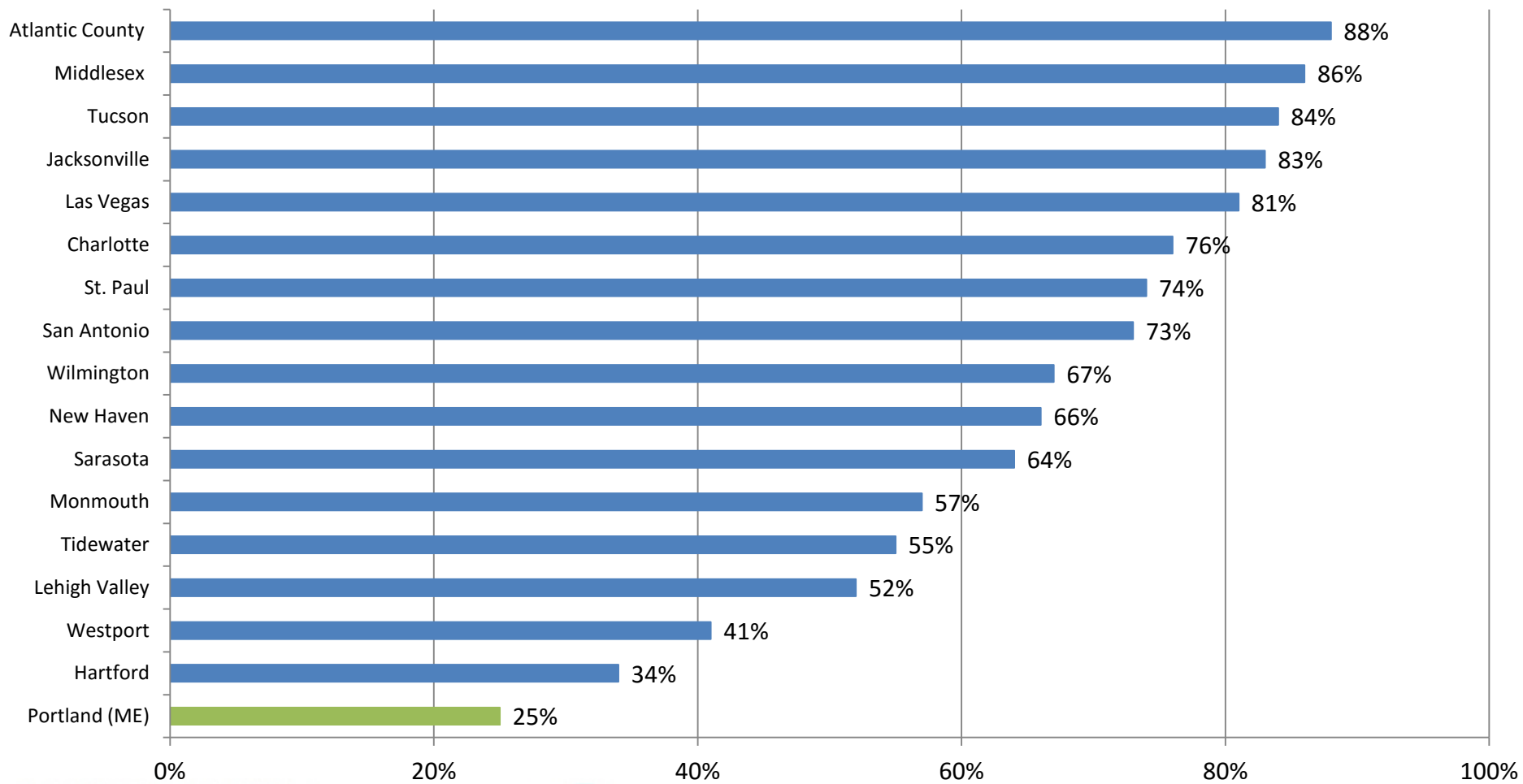
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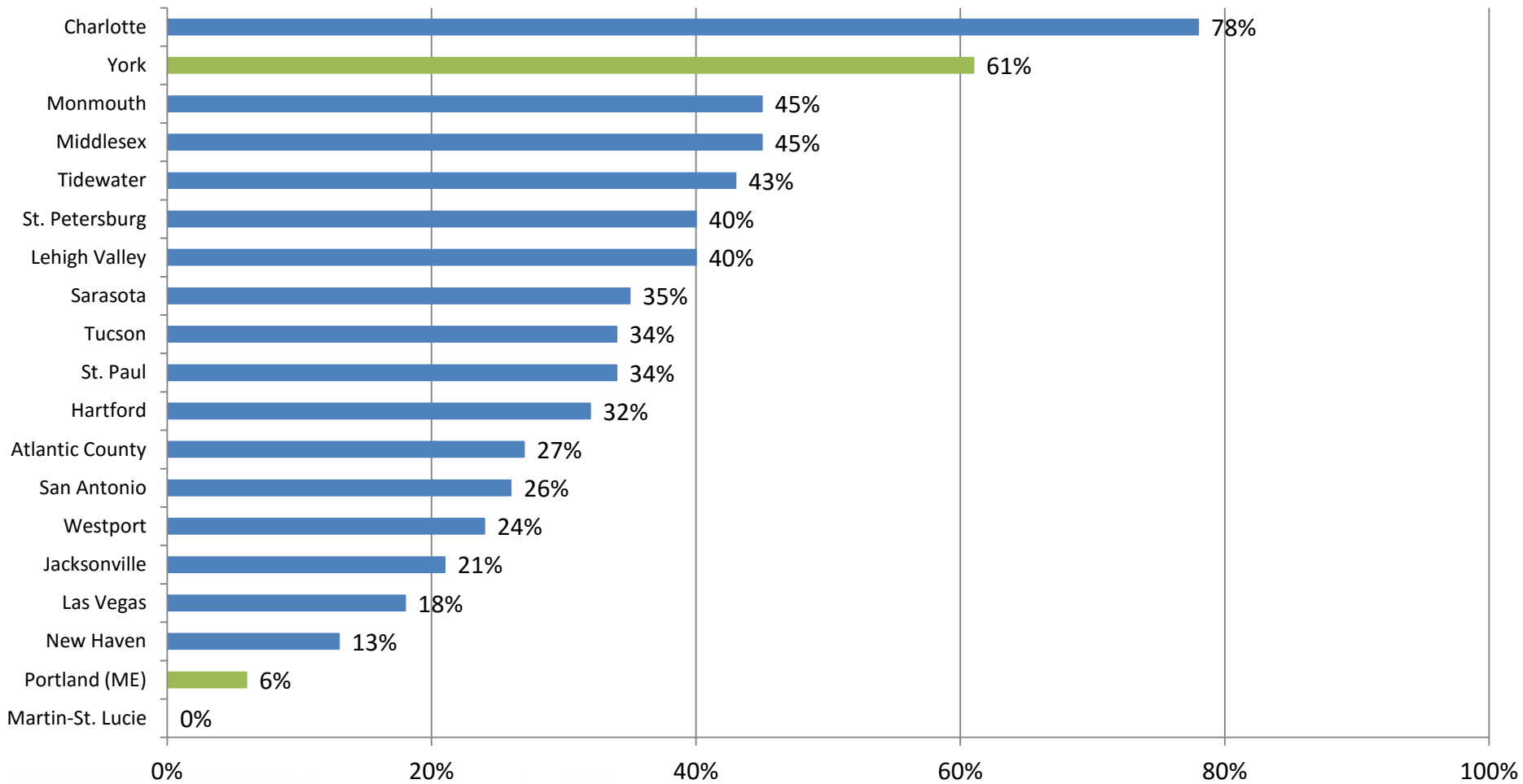
# Jewish Children Age 6-17: % Did Not Attend or Work at an Overnight Camp This Past Summer



# Jewish Children Age 6-17 who Attended or Worked at an Overnight Camp this Past Summer: % Jewish Overnight Camp



# Jewish Children Age 13-17: % Participate in a Jewish Teenage Youth Group

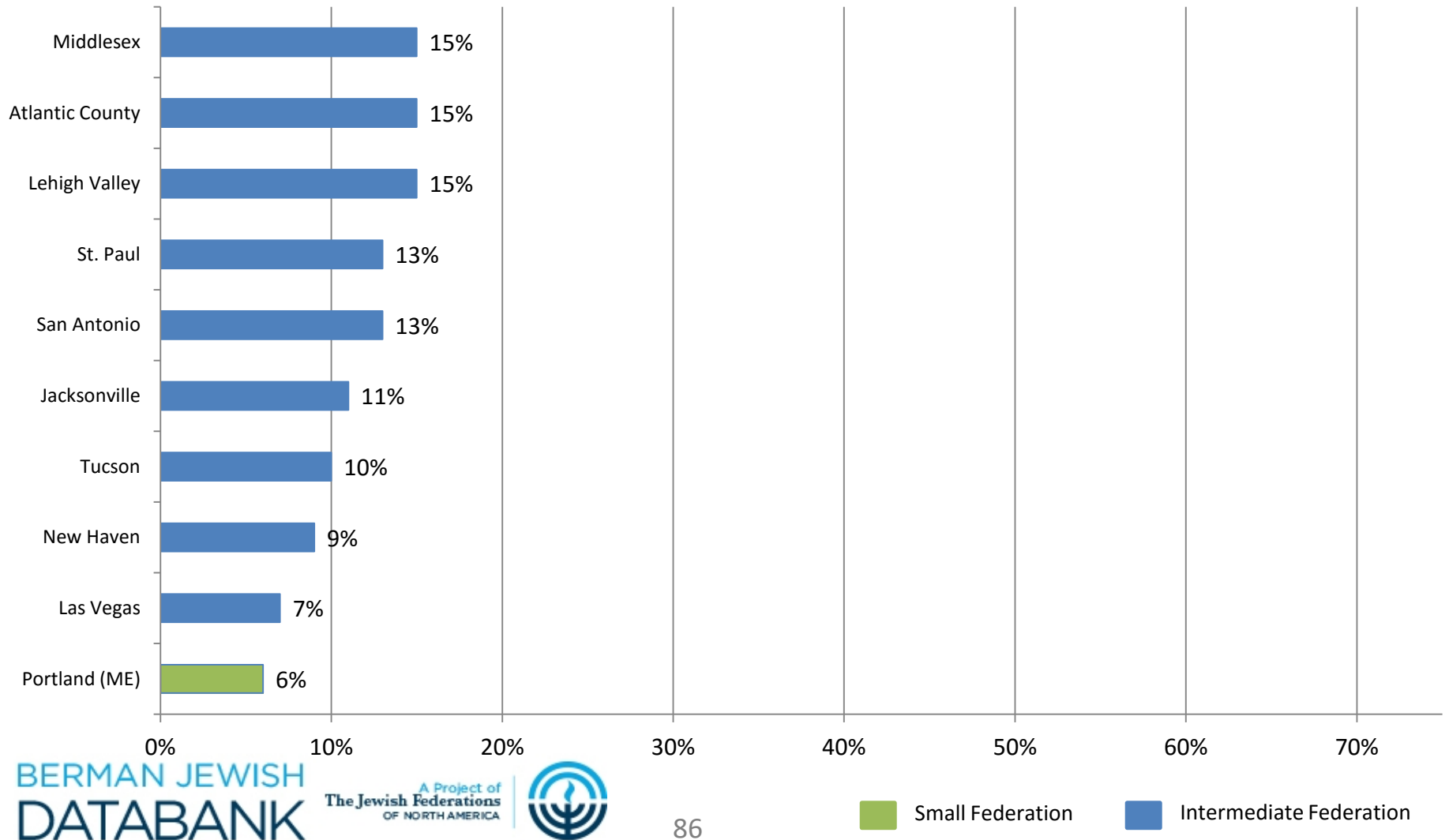


# Volunteerism

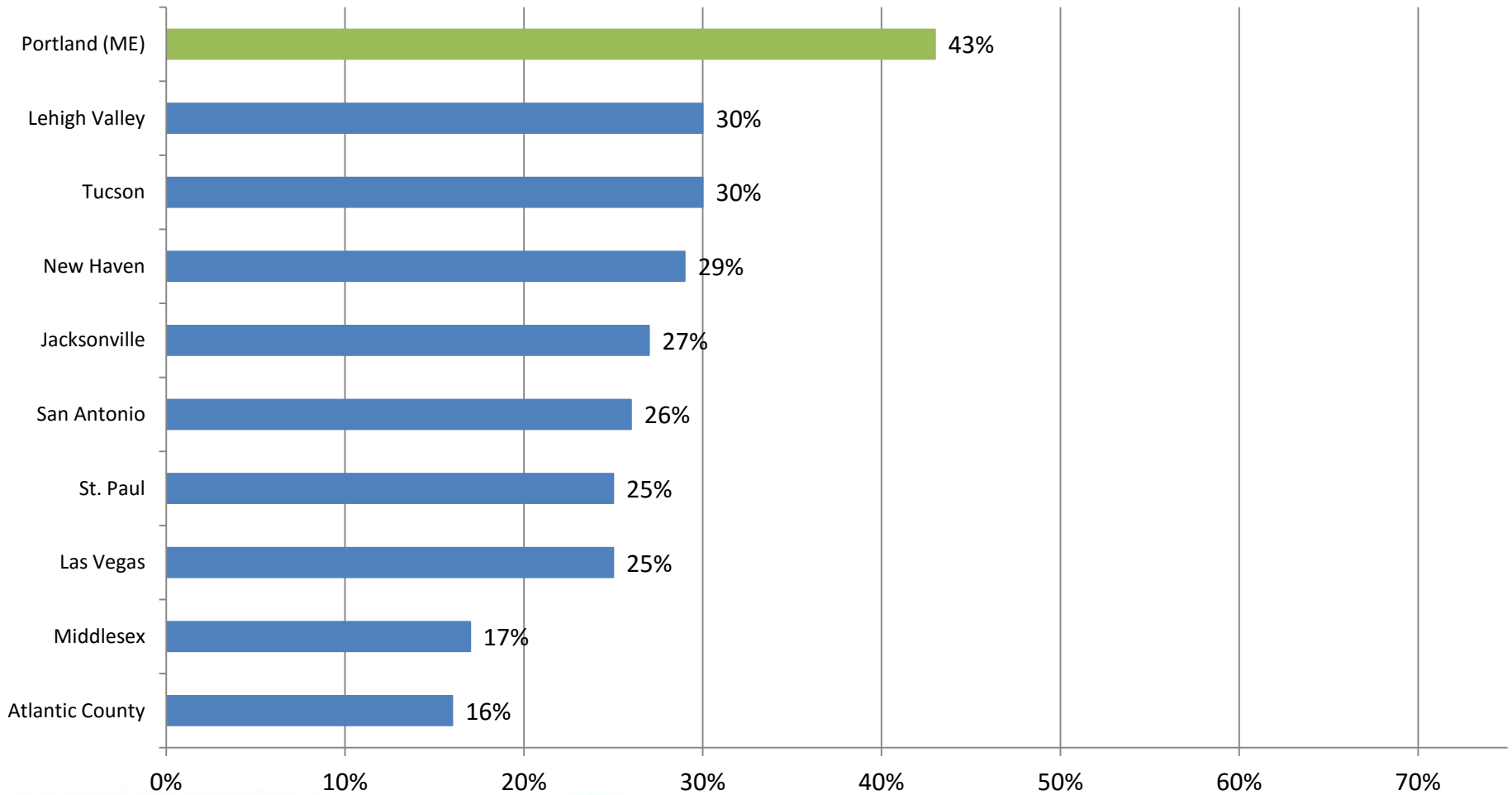
- For Jewish Organizations Only (slide 86)
- For Non-Jewish Organizations Only (slide 87)
- For both Jewish and Non-Jewish Organizations (slide 88)
- Doesn't Volunteer (slide 89)



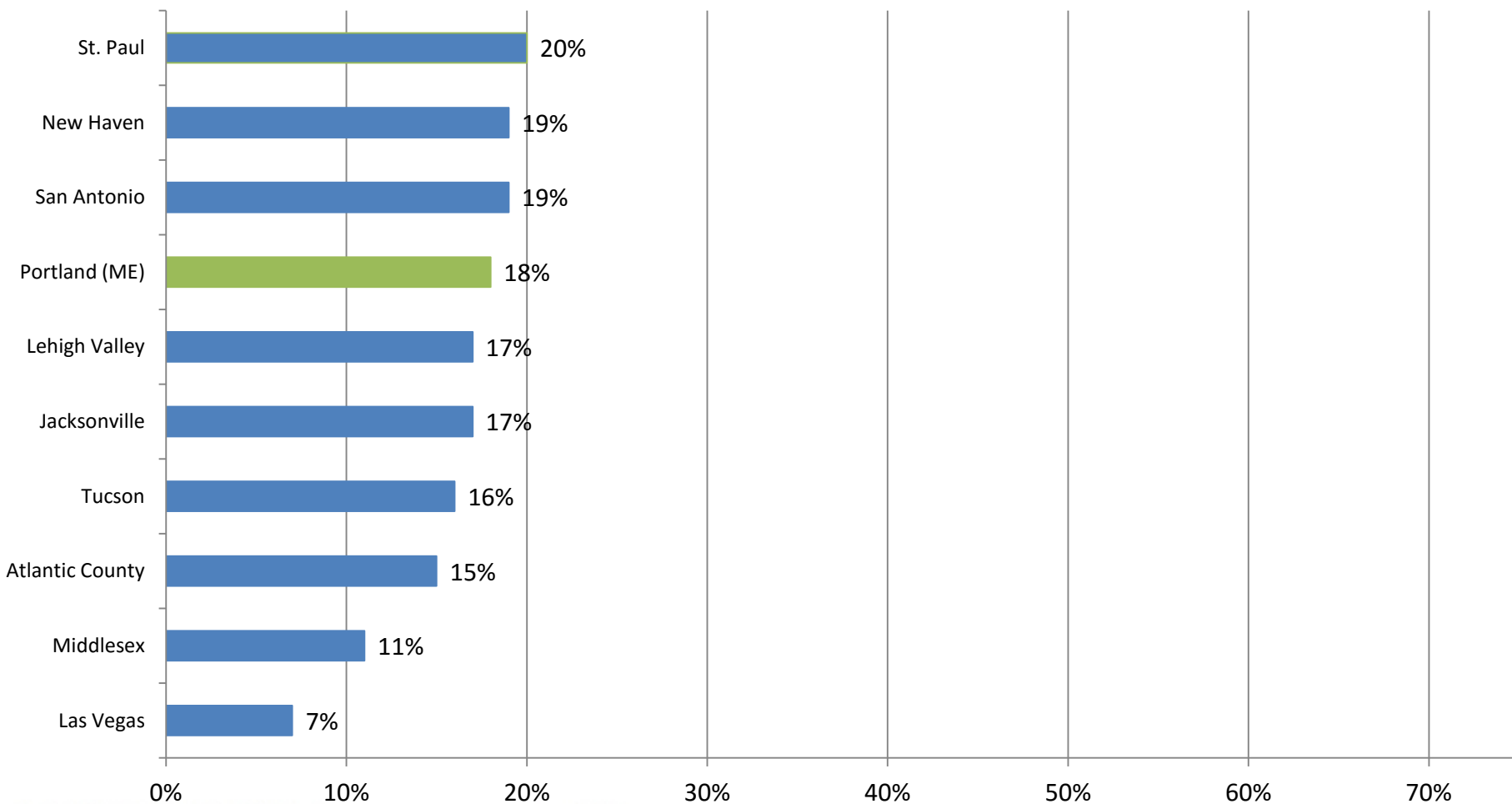
# Jewish Respondents: % Volunteered for Jewish Organizations Only in the Past Year



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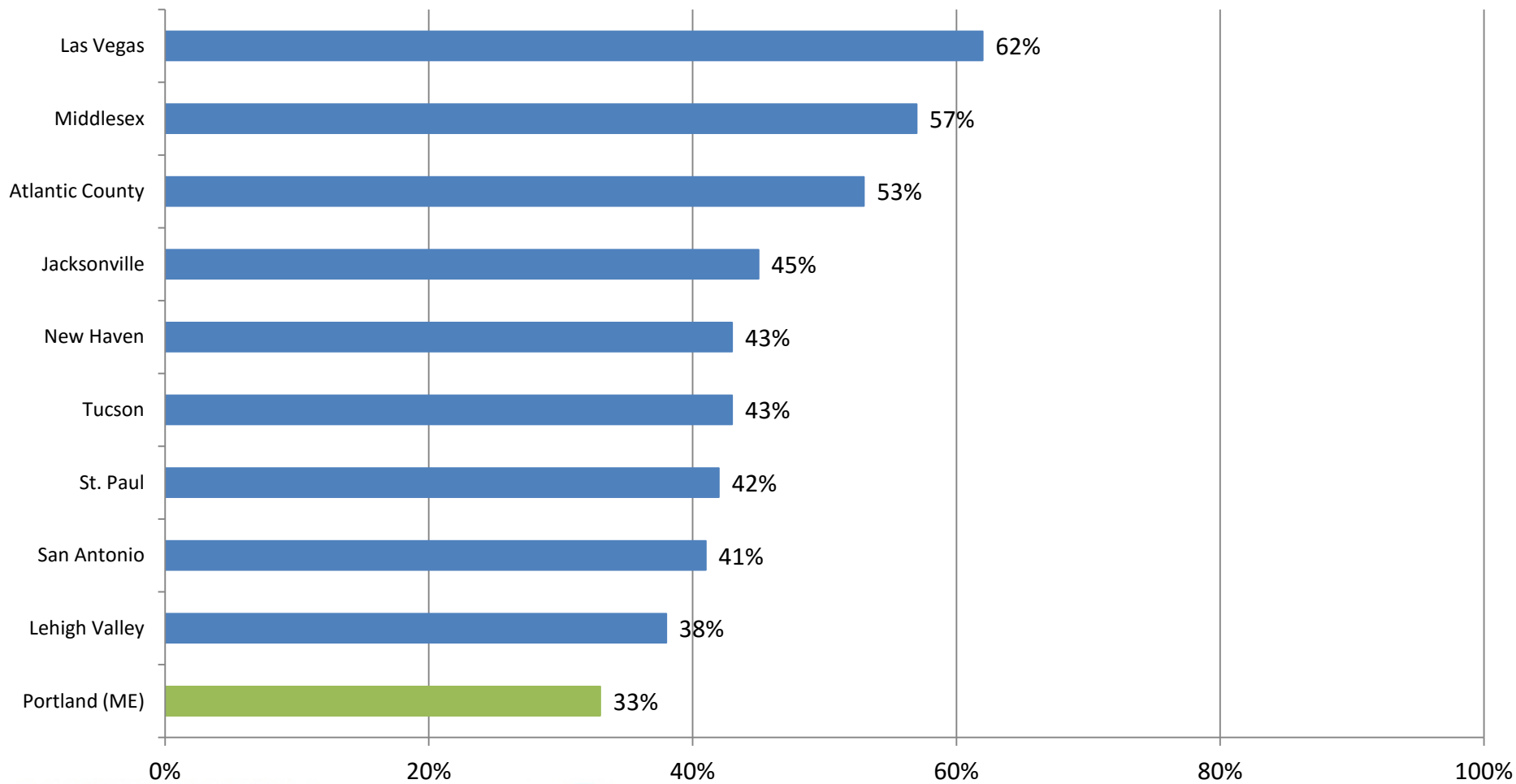


# Jewish Respondents: % Volunteered for both Jewish and Non-Jewish Organizations in the Past Year





# Jewish Respondents: % Did not Volunteer in the Past Year

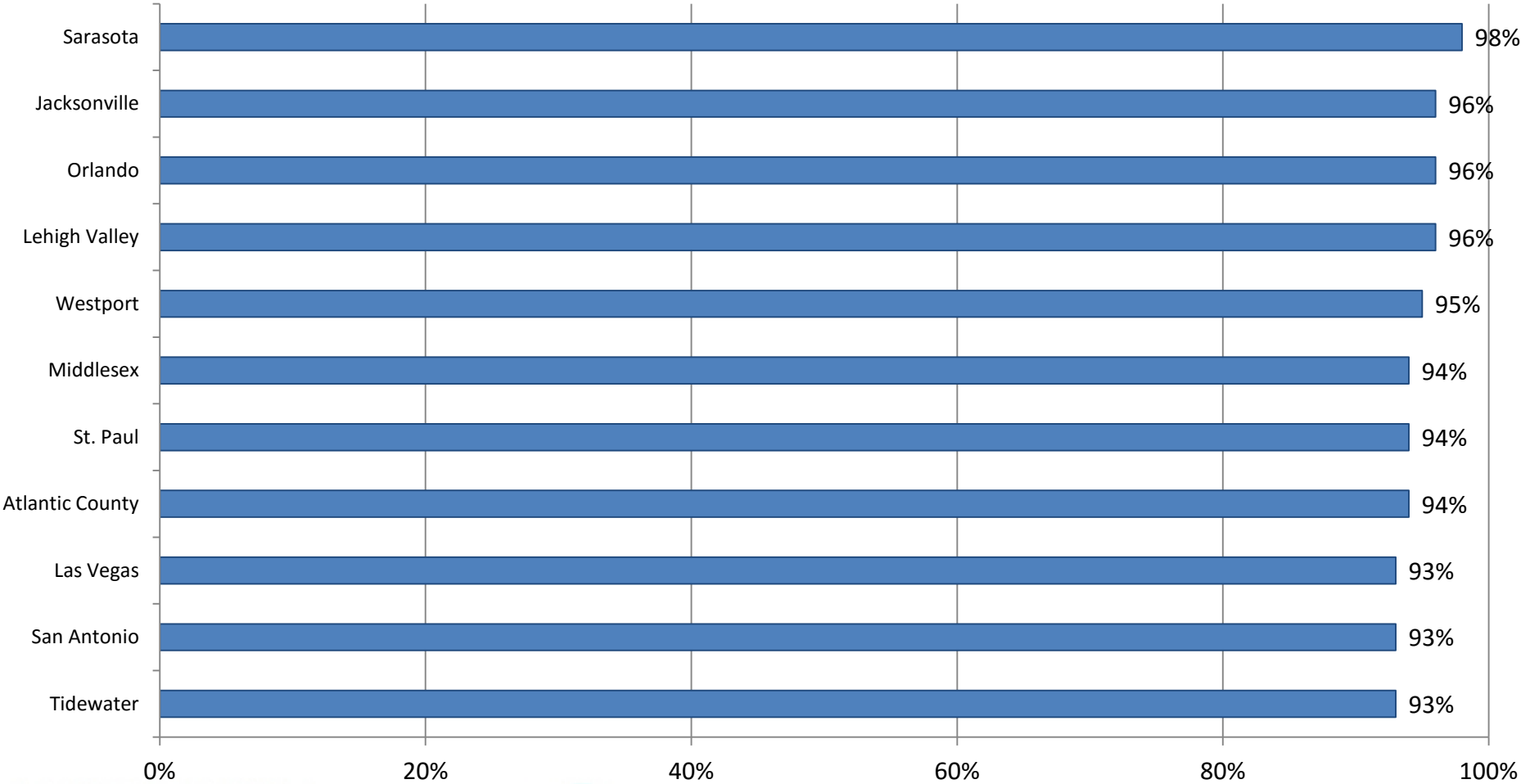


# Motivations to Donate

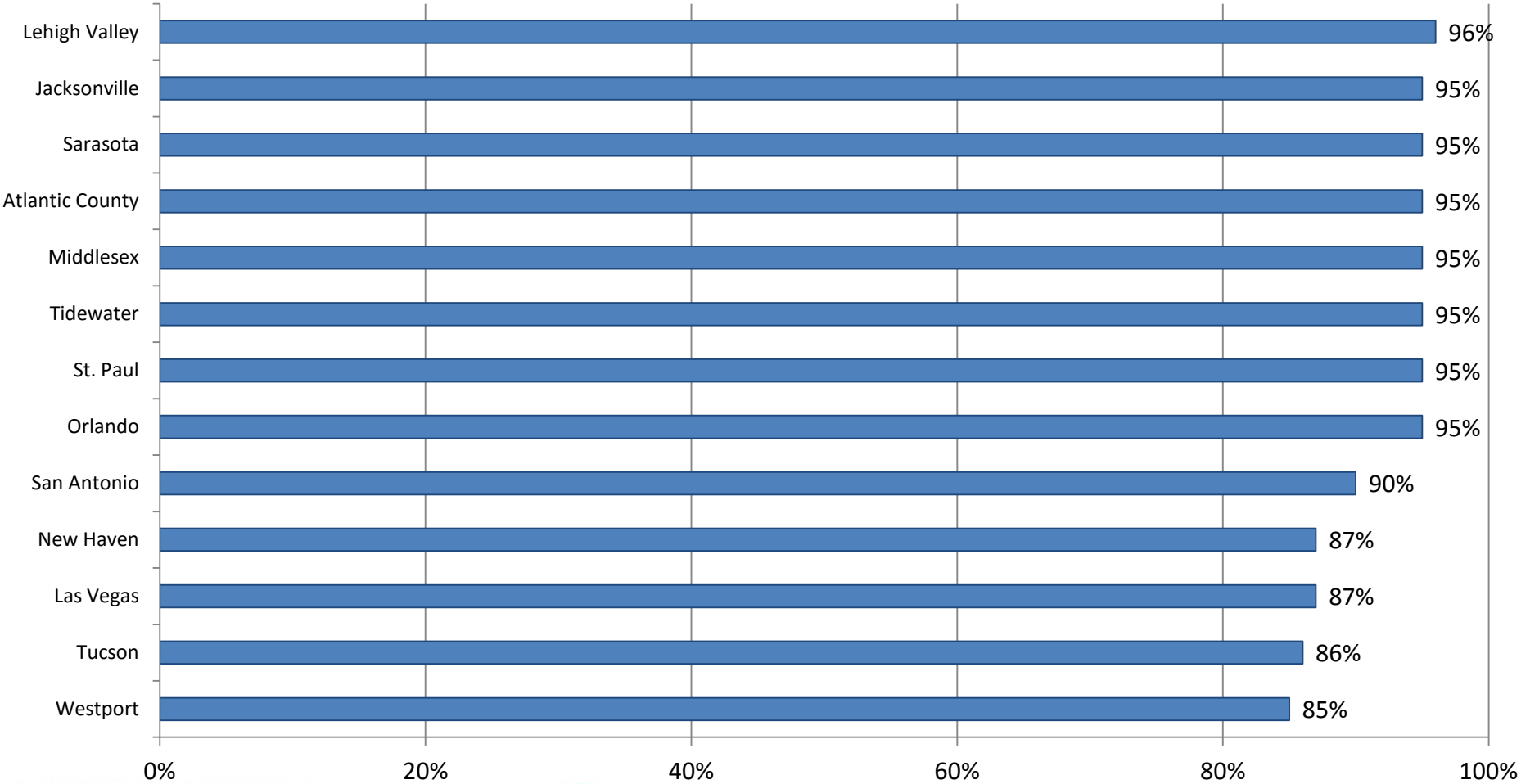
- Combating Anti-Semitism (slide 91)
- Supporting People of Israel (slide 92)
- Providing Social Services to Elderly (slide 93)
- Providing Jewish Education to Children (slide 94)
- Helping Distressed Jews Overseas (slide 95)
- Providing Counseling to Jews (slide 96)
- Supporting Educational Trips to Israel (slide 97)
- Providing Social, Recreational, and Cultural Activities (slide 98)



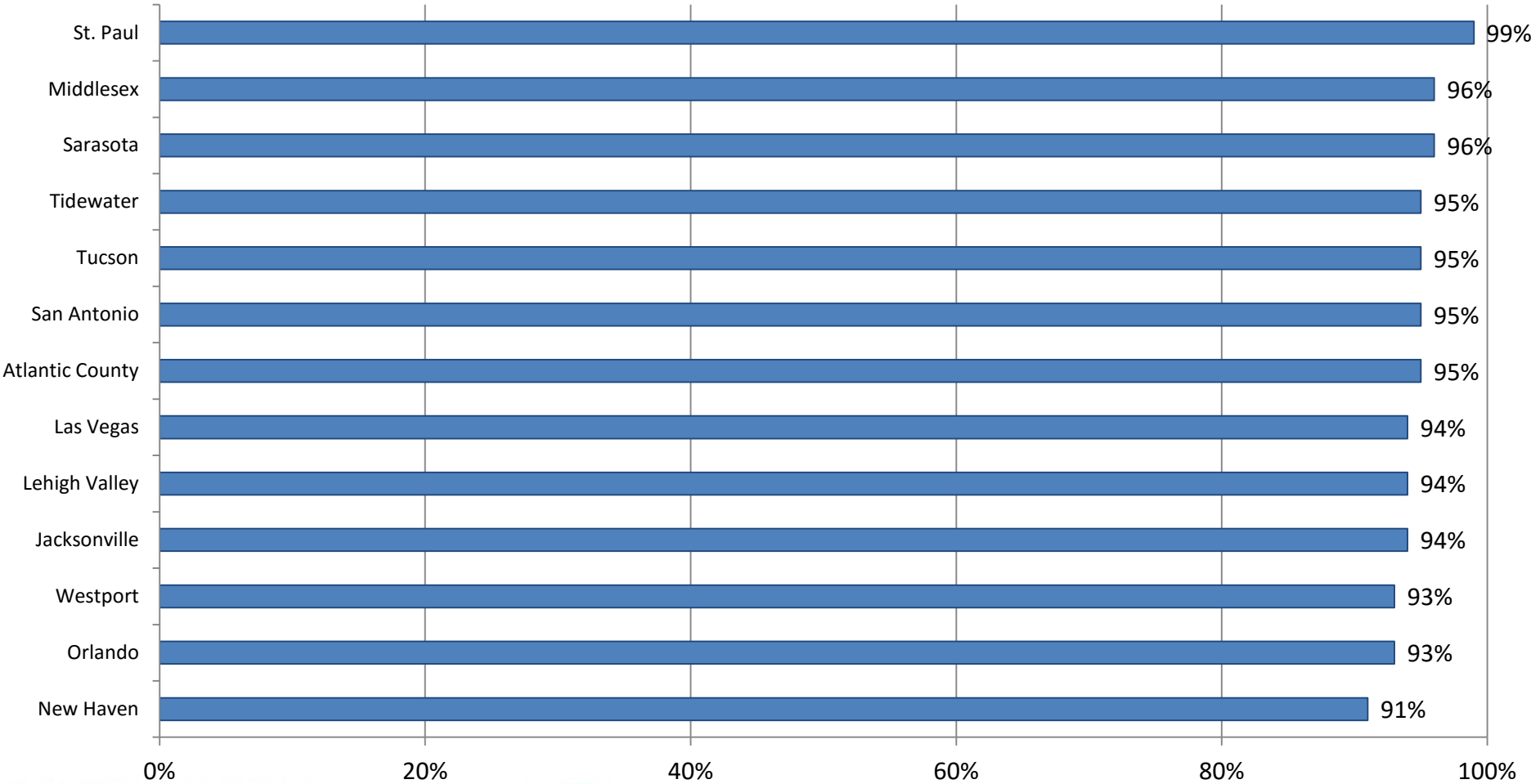
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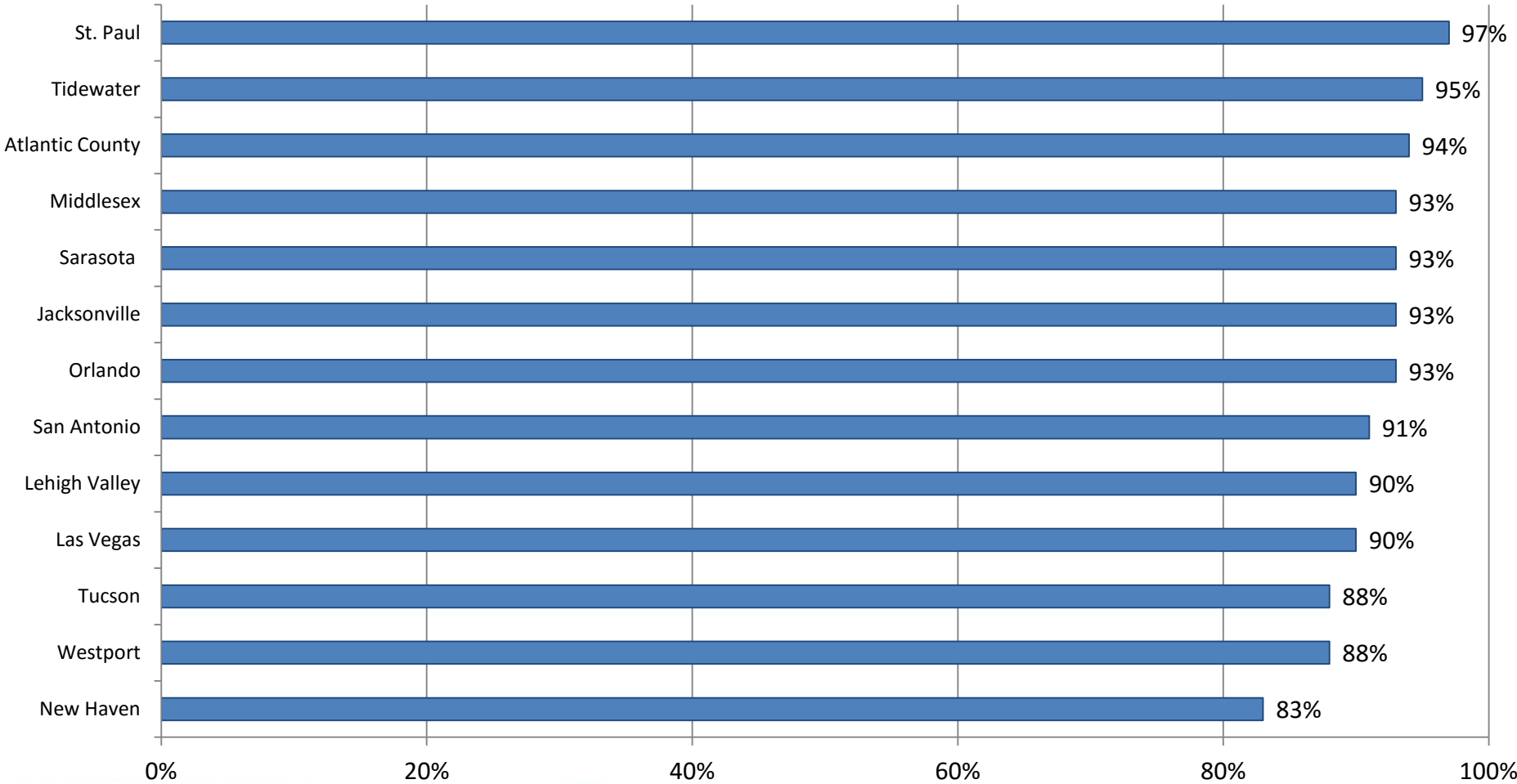
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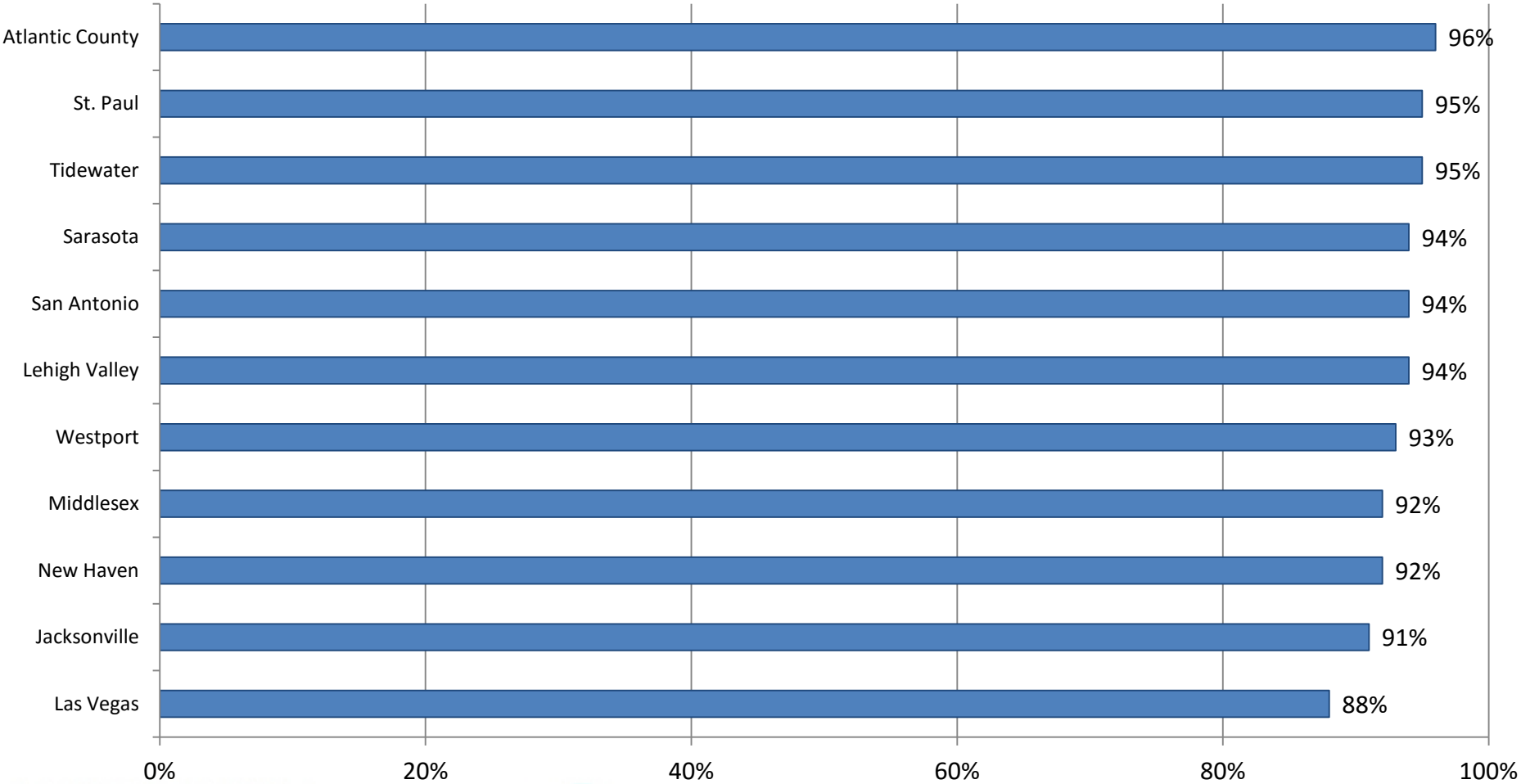
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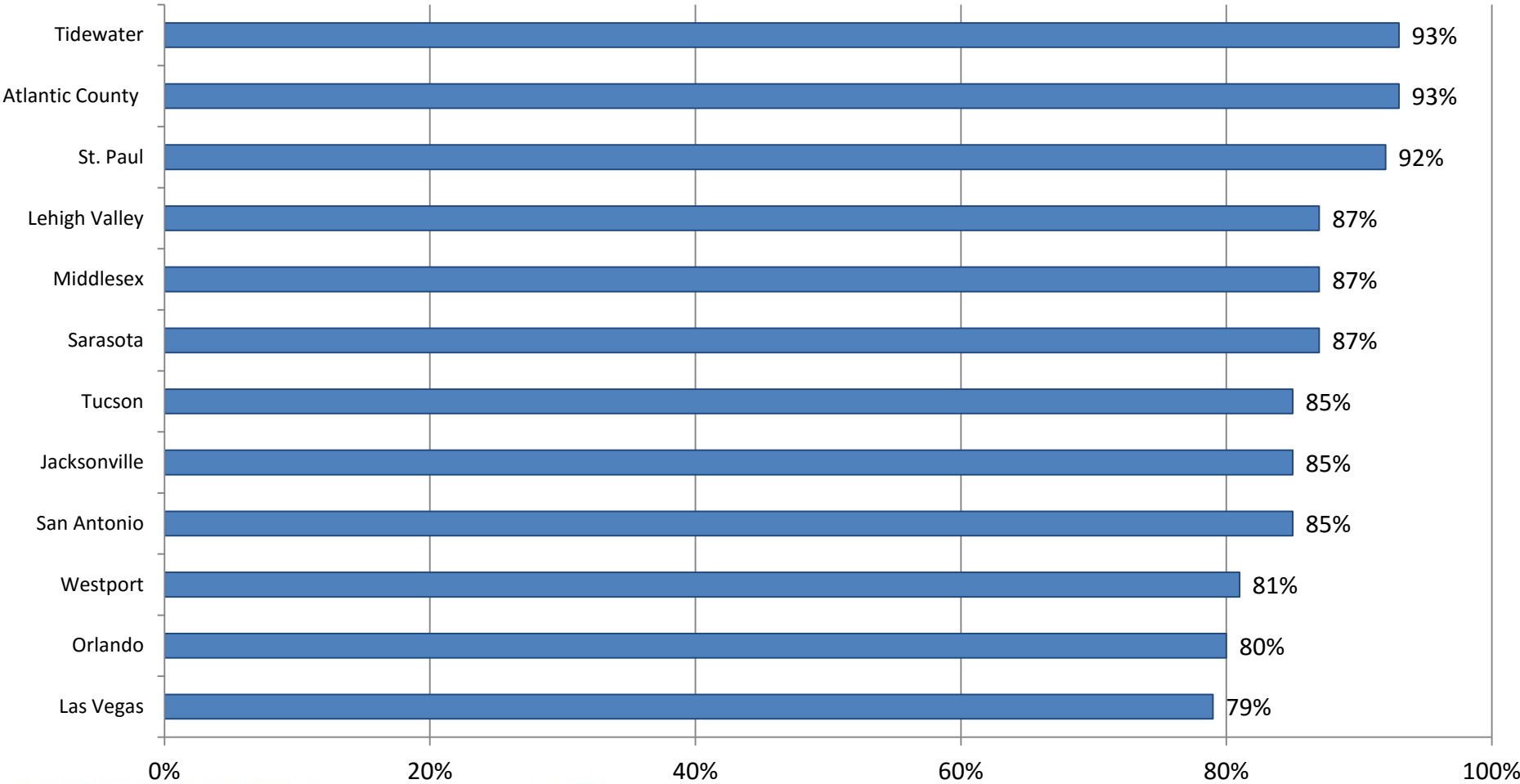
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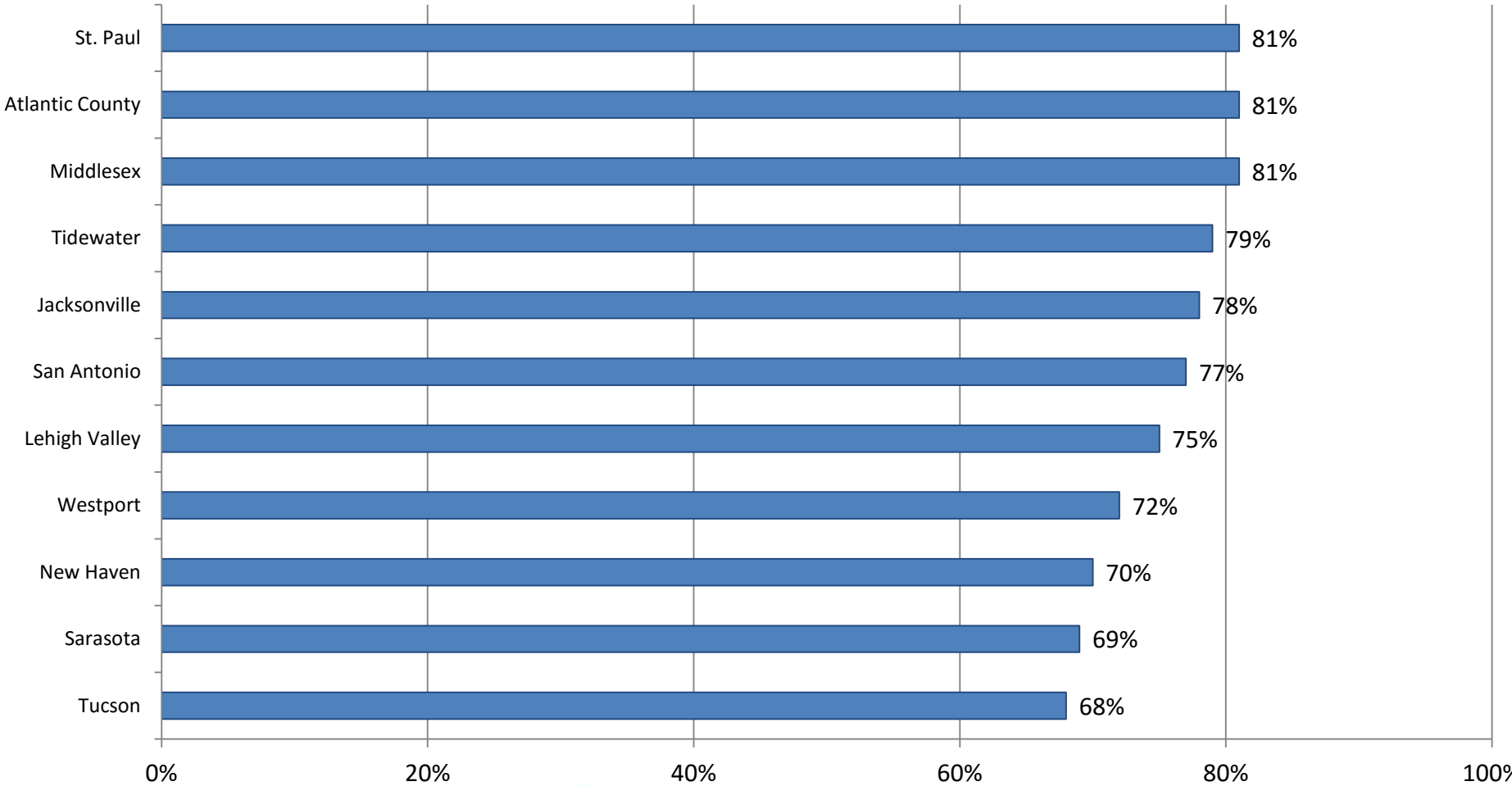


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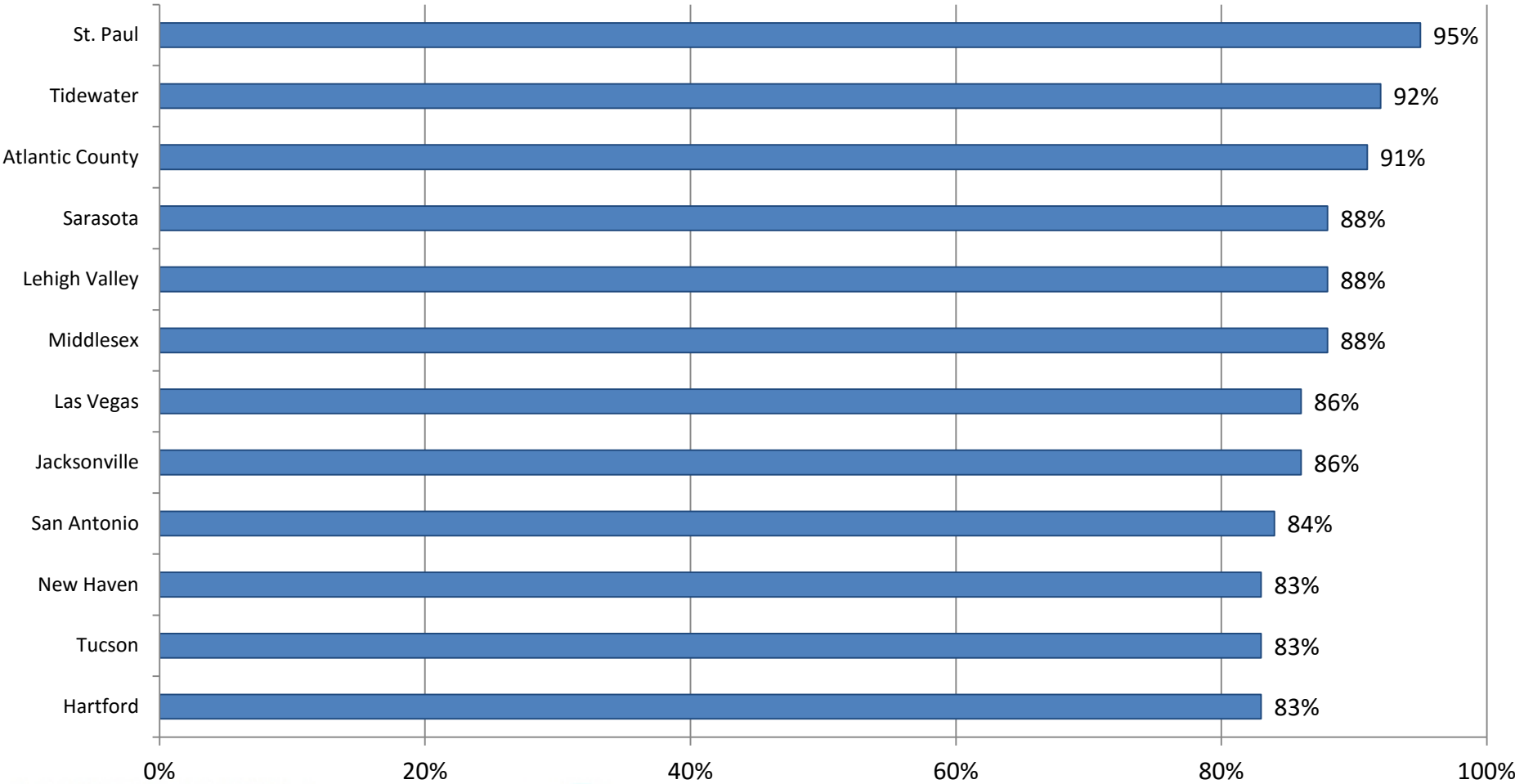




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# Respondents in Jewish Households Who Donated \$100+ to Jewish Charities in the Past Year: % “Providing Social, Recreational and Cultural Activities” as a Very or Somewhat Important Motivation to Donate to Jewish Organization



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