
CHAPTER 9 | WESTCHESTER

**South-Central Westchester
Sound Shore Communities
River Towns
North-Central and
Northwestern Westchester**

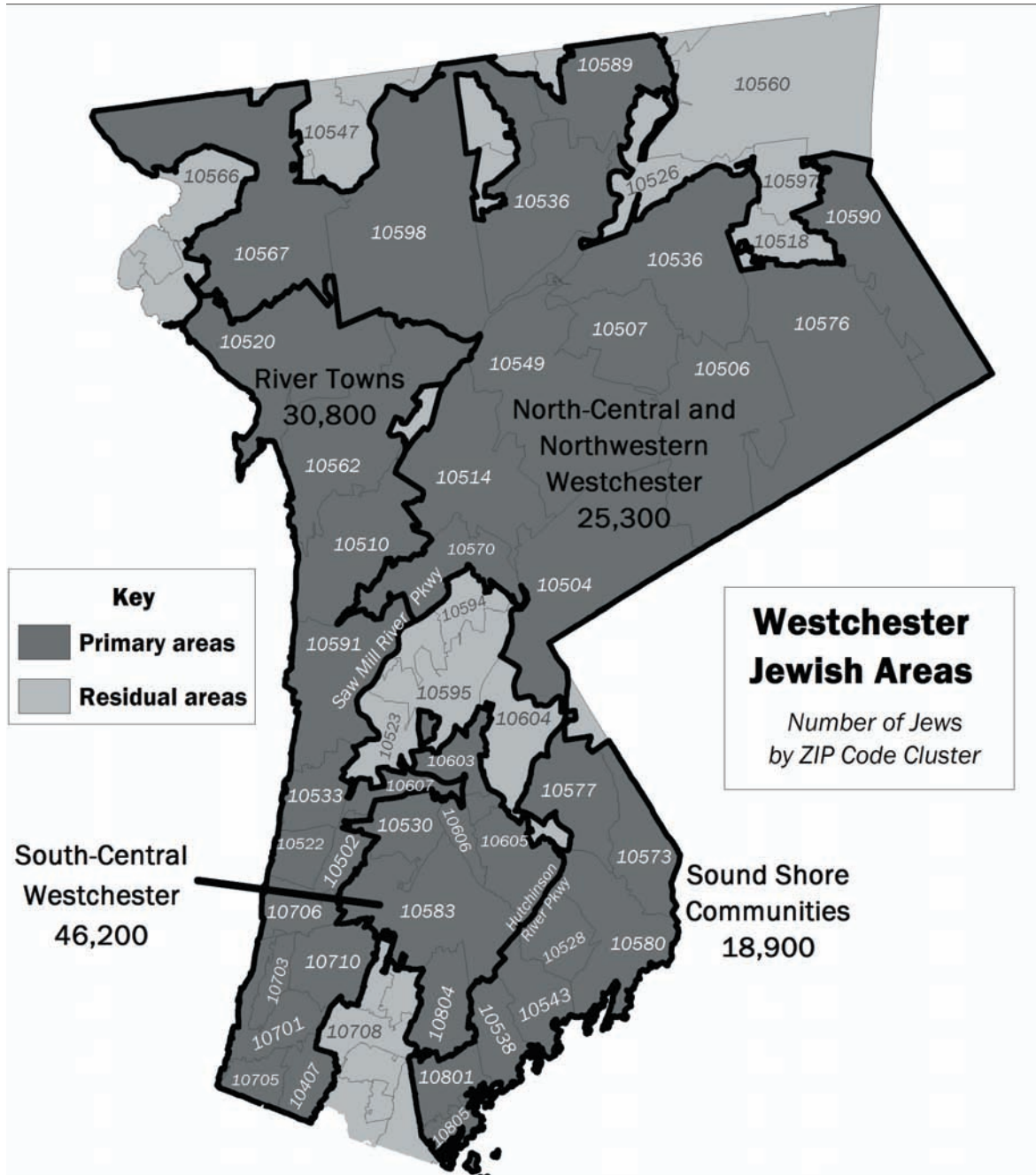


Exhibit 42: **Westchester: Population and Household Estimates by Area, 2011**

Primary Area**	All Households (Census)*	Jewish Households	Jewish Households as a Percent of All Households	Jews	Jews in Area as a Percent of Jews in County	All People (Census)*	People in Jewish Households	People in Jewish Households as a Percent of All People in Area
South-Central Westchester	49,800	17,900	36%	46,200	34%	128,800	50,700	40%
Sound Shore Communities	59,400	9,200	15%	18,900	14%	170,400	22,900	14%
River Towns	108,600	13,700	13%	30,800	23%	294,300	37,100	13%
North-Central and Northwestern Westchester	49,100	10,000	20%	25,300	19%	141,100	32,400	23%
Westchester Residual Areas**	80,217	9,200	10%	15,000	11%	214,522	18,100	8%
TOTAL, WESTCHESTER COUNTY	347,200	60,000	17%	136,200	100%	949,100	161,200	17%

Sources: Jewish Community Study of New York: 2011 and 2010 U.S. Census data.

Note: All data is rounded to the nearest hundred for presentation.

* The 2010 U.S. Census-based county household and population totals in this table differ slightly from the county totals listed in exhibit 1-13 in the *Jewish Community Study of New York: 2011 Comprehensive Report* either due to small rounding differences or because Jewish areas in this chart are based on clusters of ZIP codes and some ZIP codes cross county boundaries. Please note that when such boundary-crossing ZIP codes occur, the population's numbers are included in only one county.

** Primary areas are clusters of ZIP codes with at least 90 interviews corresponding to a population of at least 25,000 Jewish residents (and a margin of error below 14); this chapter includes complete profiles of the Jewish population in these areas. Residual areas consist of the population residing outside the areas described above.

WESTCHESTER: COUNTY OVERVIEW

Demography and Jewish Characteristics

Over the past nine years, Westchester has experienced the largest Jewish population growth of the three suburban areas. In Westchester, from 2002 to 2011 there has been a 5% increase in both the number of Jews and in the number of people in Jewish households and a 9% increase in the number of Jewish households. This is dramatically different from the prior 11-year period, in which the number of Jewish households grew by 40% and people in Jewish households grew by 47%. The county's Jewish population is mostly concentrated in South-Central Westchester in such communities as Scarsdale, New Rochelle, and White Plains; substantial yet somewhat smaller Jewish concentrations are found in the River Towns and also in North-Central and Northwestern Westchester, in such places as Chappaqua and Briarcliff Manor.

Westchester is exhibiting the same “graying” patterns as many of the other profiled counties (with the exception of Brooklyn and the Bronx). Since 2002, the percentage of children ages 17 and under in Westchester Jewish households has decreased from 27% to 21%, and the percentage of seniors has increased from 17% to 21%. During the past nine years in Westchester, the proportion of married or partnered individuals has decreased from 75% in 2002 to 67% in 2011 and the proportion of those who have never married has increased from 9% in 2002 to 16% in 2011. The most vivid manifestation of these changes is apparent in Westchester's changed household structure: from 2002 to 2011, the proportion of households with children ages 17 and under decreased from 39% to 28%.

People in Need

By all measures, Westchester is an affluent county. Fifty-four percent of Jewish households in this county have annual incomes of more than \$100,000 and 44% report that they have extra money or are wealthy. In Westchester, only 22% of Jewish households have annual incomes of less than \$50,000, which is substantially lower than the overall proportion of households in this income category (42%). Similarly, only 7% of Westchester Jewish households are poor, which is substantially lower than the proportion in the eight-county area (18%). Yet even in this economically robust area, 26% report that they cannot make ends meet or are just managing, a 30% increase since 2002. In Westchester, the men's employment rate (86%) is above the eight-county average (80%) and the women's employment rate (73%) is comparable to the average (71%). Only 44% of individuals ages 75 and over live alone, which is below the 53% eight-county rate.

Jewish Engagement, Connections, and Education

Since 2002, the proportion of Jews in Westchester who identify as Orthodox has remained about the same: 9% in 2002 and 11% in 2011. Concurrently, there has been a substantial decrease in the percentage of people who identify as Conservative, from 31% in 2002 to 22% in 2011, and a smaller decrease in Reform identification, from 42% in 2002 to 37% in 2011. From 2002 to 2011, there has been a more than threefold increase in the proportion of people who identify as secular or no religion, from 6% in 2002 to 20% in 2011. There have been some small increases in several Jewish ritual behaviors since 2002, specifically in the proportion that light Shabbat candles and keep kosher. Although Westchester's Jewish-engagement profile is somewhat lower than the county's 2002 profile, it is comparable to the overall eight-county 2011 rates; for example, the proportion in Westchester that states being Jewish is very important to them decreased from 59% in 2002 to 55% in 2011 yet remains consistent with the overall rate (57%). Similarly, travel to Israel has decreased slightly from 54% in 2002 to 51% in 2011 (which is similar to the overall rate of 49%) and 54% have attended a Jewish cultural event, higher than the overall rate (49%) yet lower than Westchester's 2002 rate (66%). Inconsistent with this pattern is the decreased percentage — from 31% in 2002 to 22% in 2011 — of Jewish children ages 5 to 17 who attend or have attended Jewish day school and the county's slightly increased intermarriage rate, from 25% in 2002 to 28% in 2011, which is above the overall intermarriage rate (22%).

Philanthropy

Westchester's philanthropic giving is consistent with its economic profile. Ninety percent of its Jewish households make charitable gifts (compared with 82% overall) and 62% donate to a combination of Jewish and non-Jewish causes (compared with 44% overall); 4% donate exclusively to Jewish charities, a lower percentage than overall (15%). Although the proportion of Westchester Jewish households that donates to UJA-Federation of New York is the second highest in the eight-county area, Westchester has also experienced a 24% decrease in the number of households reporting a donation to UJA-Federation of New York, from 45% in 2002 to 35% in 2011 — the single largest decline in reported UJA-Federation of New York giving across the eight counties.

Exhibit 43: **Westchester: Jewish Population Estimates, 1991, 2002, and 2011**

Population Estimates	1991	2002	2011
Jewish Households	39,000	54,600	60,000
Jews	92,000	129,100	136,200
People in Jewish Households (including non-Jews)	104,000	152,600	161,200
People in Jewish Households as a Percent of All People in County	12%	17%	17%

Exhibit 43a: **Westchester: Demography and Social Characteristics, 2011**

Age Distribution	Percent of All People in Jewish Households
0–17	21%
18–39	19%
40–64	40%
65–74	8%
75+	13%

Marital Status	Percent of All Respondents
Married	63%
Partnered	4%
Never Married	16%
Separated or Divorced	7%
Widowed	11%

	Percent of Households
Russian-Speaking Jewish Households	4%
Households With a Holocaust Survivor	5%

Exhibit 43a (continued): **Westchester: Demography and Social Characteristics, 2011****Household Composition (Percent of Households)**

Households With Children 17 and Younger		28%
Households With Only Adults 18–64		36%
Households With Seniors 65+ (no children 17 and younger)		35%

Annual Household Income	Percent of Households
Under \$50,000	22%
\$50,000–\$99,999	25%
\$100,000–\$149,000	24%
\$150,000+	30%

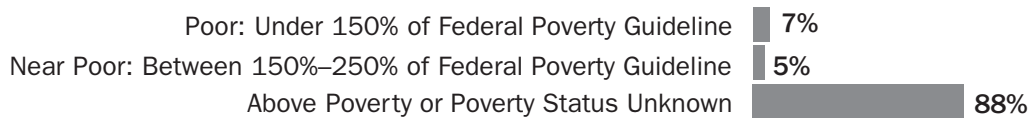
Home Ownership	Percent of Households
Own	83%
Rent	17%

Employment Status by Gender	Percent of Respondents and Spouses Ages 18–64
Employed Males*	86%
Employed Females*	73%

* Includes full-time, part-time, and self-employed.

Exhibit 43b: **Westchester: People In Need, 2011**

Subjective Assessment of Household Financial Condition	Percent of Households
Cannot Make Ends Meet or Just Managing	26%
Have Enough	30%
Have Extra Money or Wealthy	44%

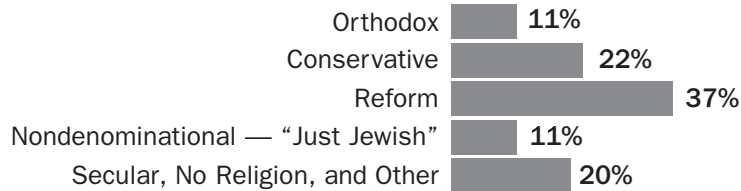
Poverty (Percent of Households)

Vulnerable Seniors	Percent of Senior Households
Need Help With Activities of Daily Living	16%

Isolated Seniors	Percent of Seniors in Age Group
Ages 65 to 74 Living Alone	10%
Ages 75+ Living Alone	44%

Seeking Assistance for Human-Service Needs	Number of Households*
Assistance for Household Member's Serious or Chronic Illness	7,700
Help With Food or Housing	2,700
Help Finding a Job or Choosing an Occupation	8,500
Services for an Adult With a Disability	11,200
Homecare Services for an Older Adult in the Household	1,500
Help for a Child With a Physical, Developmental, or Learning Disability or Other Special Needs	4,500

* We are reporting absolute numbers rather than percentages for this variable because, due to filtering, the information is based on a small amount of data and we believe that local areas are most interested in actual numbers.

Exhibit 43c: **Westchester: Jewish Engagement, Connections, and Education, 2011****Denomination (Percent of Respondents)****Jewish Affiliations and Participation****Percent**

Synagogue Member, Anyone in Household	52%
JCC: Anyone in Household Went to a Program in Past Year	38%
Jewish Organization, Belong/Regularly Participate, Anyone in Household	24%
Jewish Museum or Jewish Cultural Event, Respondent Went in Past Year	54%
Respondent Has Ever Traveled to Israel	51%
Respondent Feels Very Attached to Israel	39%
Respondent’s Closest Friends Are Mostly Jewish	48%

Feeling Connected**Percent of Respondents**

Being Jewish Is Very Important	55%
Being Part of Jewish Community Is Very Important	41%
Feels Part of a Jewish Community — A Lot	37%
Wish Knew More About Being Jewish	21%

Jewish-Engagement Level⁵⁵**Percent**

High	39%
Moderate	27%
Low	34%

⁵⁵ These percentages are based on the Index of Jewish Engagement as defined on page 118 of the *Jewish Community Study of New York: 2011 Comprehensive Report*. This summary classification consists of 12 items: attending a program or event at a Jewish community center or YM-YWHA; belonging to a synagogue; belonging to a Jewish organization; usually or always attending a Passover seder; usually or always lighting Sabbath candles; usually or always lighting Chanukah candles; feeling it’s very important to be part of a Jewish community; regularly talking about Jewish-related topics with Jewish friends; feeling a lot a part of a Jewish community; volunteering for Jewish organizations or causes; having closest friends who are mostly Jewish; and contributing to any Jewish charity, including UJA-Federation of New York. Households with high scores affirmed seven or more items, with moderate scores affirmed four to six items, and with low scores affirmed three or fewer items.

Exhibit 43c (continued): **Westchester: Jewish Engagement, Connections, and Education, 2011**

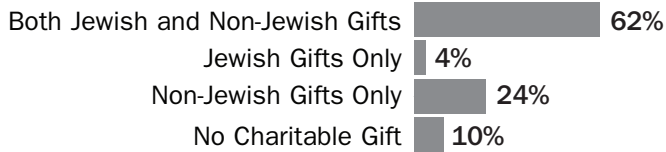
Jewish Practices and Behaviors	Percent
Household Member Attends Seder — Usually + Always	75%
Chanukah Candles Lit in Household — Usually + Always	71%
Yom Kippur, Respondent Fasts All Day	57%
Sabbath Candles Lit Friday Night in Household — Usually + Always	24%
Kosher Household	20%
Shabbat Meal, Respondent Participates — Sometimes + Regularly	45%
Respondent Talks Regularly About Jewish-Related Topics With Jewish Friends	35%
Respondent Studies Informally, Alone, With Friend, or With Teacher	35%

Jewish Education	Percent of Jewish Children Ages 5–17
Day School — Current or Previous	22%
Supplemental School — Current or Previous	53%
Tutoring or Other Type of Jewish Education — Current or Previous	11%
None Ever	15%

	Number of Jewish Children Ages 0–4*
Jewish Preschool or Daycare Program	1,300

In-Married and Intermarried Households	Percent of Married Couples
In-Married (including conversionary marriages)	72%
Intermarried	28%

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Exhibit 43d: **Westchester: Philanthropy and Volunteering, 2011****Charitable Giving (Percent of Households)****Giving to UJA-Federation of New York****Percent of Households**

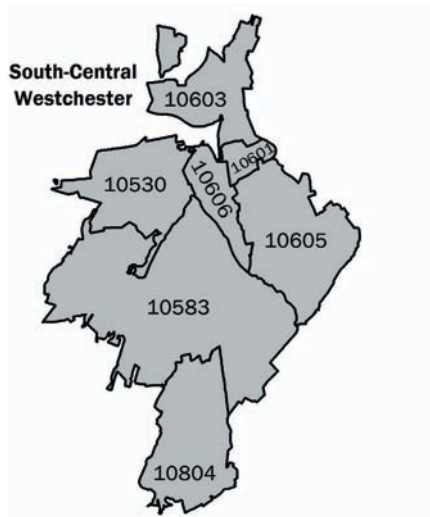
Contributed to UJA-Federation	35%
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Volunteering**Percent of All Respondents
Who Volunteer***

Both Jewish and Non-Jewish Organizations	49%
Jewish Organizations Only	11%
Non-Jewish Organizations Only	41%

* Asked only of respondents who said they volunteered their time for any type of charitable organization.

SOUTH-CENTRAL WESTCHESTER



Demography and Social Characteristics

South-Central Westchester includes the areas of Scarsdale, New Rochelle, White Plains, and Hartsdale. In South-Central Westchester, there are 17,900 Jewish households in which 50,700 people reside, of whom 46,200 are Jews. The area's Jewish density is 40%, which is quite high. South-Central Westchester's Jewish population has increased 26% since 2002.⁵⁶

In the area, 20% of the people in Jewish households are ages 65 and over and 26% are under age 18, the highest proportion of children of any of the profiled Westchester areas. South-Central Westchester household structures are fairly balanced between those that contain a child (35%) and those that are senior households (38%), containing only seniors and no one under age 18. In South-Central Westchester, 73% of respondents are married or partnered and only 9% have never been married, lower than both the Westchester rate and the eight-county rate of those who have never married (16% and 21%, respectively). Five percent of Jewish households in this area include a Russian speaker and 7% include a Holocaust survivor.

⁵⁶ Comparisons in this narrative are based on recalculations of the 2002 data to reflect the 2011 ZIP code groupings.

People in Need

South-Central Westchester appears to be an economically stable area as evidenced by the nearly 1 in 5 (19%) households with annual incomes of under \$50,000, comparable to the Westchester rate (22%) and a little less than half of the eight-county rate (42%). Sixty-three percent of area households have annual incomes of \$100,000 or more, which is both higher than the Westchester rate (54%) and more than twice as high as the eight-county rate (30%). The employment rate for men in South-Central Westchester (91%) is above the eight-county average (80%), and for women the employment rate (72%) is comparable to the eight-county rate (71%). In South-Central Westchester, only 39% of those ages 75 and over live alone, which is lower than the overall rate (53%).

Jewish Engagement, Connections, and Education

On multiple indicators, South-Central Westchester qualifies as one of the most Jewishly connected and identified areas. Nearly a fifth (19%) of the area's respondents identify as Orthodox (the highest percentage of all the profiled Westchester areas), 22% as Conservative, 35% as Reform, and 15% as secular or having no religion. In this area, 70% of households belong to a synagogue, one of the highest proportions in the eight-county area. Jewish residents in this area also exhibit high rates of participation in Jewish community center programs (52%), Jewish cultural attendance (65%), and having traveled to Israel (71% in this area, compared with 51% in Westchester and 49% overall in the eight-county area). Corresponding with their strong formal Jewish connections, Jewish residents of South-Central Westchester have strong subjective feelings of Jewish identity: 70% state that being Jewish is very important to them and 56% say that being part of a Jewish community is very important to them, considerably higher than the Westchester (41%) and the eight-county rates (44%). Fifty-eight percent of Jewish respondents in this area report that most of their close friends are Jewish — higher than in Westchester (48%) and the eight-county area (52%). This might at least partially account for the finding that only 16% of marriages in this area are intermarriages, lower than overall in Westchester.

Philanthropy

South-Central Westchester's level of philanthropy to Jewish causes exceeds the Westchester rate and also the eight-county rate: 73% of households donate to a combination of Jewish and non-Jewish causes and 6% donate exclusively to Jewish causes; only 15% donate exclusively to non-Jewish causes, lower than overall in Westchester and in the eight-county area (24% for both). Forty-three percent of the households in this area say they contribute to UJA-Federation of New York; in fact, in terms of its rate of contributing to UJA-Federation, South-Central Westchester is the third-highest area in the eight counties, after Great Neck and the Five Towns.

Exhibit 44: **South-Central Westchester: Jewish Population Estimates, 2002 and 2011**

Population Estimates	2002	2011
Jewish Households	14,200	17,900
Jews	36,600	46,200
People in Jewish Households (including non-Jews)	39,300	50,700
People in Jewish Households as a Percent of All People in Area	32%	40%

Exhibit 44a: **South-Central Westchester: Demography and Social Characteristics, 2011**

Age Distribution	Percent of All People in Jewish Households
0-17	26%
18-39	17%
40-64	37%
65-74	6%
75+	14%

Marital Status	Percent of All Respondents
Married	70%
Partnered	3%
Never Married	9%
Separated or Divorced	5%
Widowed	14%

	Percent of Households
Russian-Speaking Jewish Households	5%

Exhibit 44a (continued): **South-Central Westchester: Demography and Social Characteristics, 2011**

Household Composition (Percent of Households)

Households With Children 17 and Younger		35%
Households With Only Adults 18–64		27%
Households With Seniors 65+ (no children 17 and younger)		38%

Annual Household Income	Percent of Households
Under \$50,000	19%
\$50,000–\$99,999	19%
\$100,000–\$149,000	30%
\$150,000+	33%

Home Ownership	Percent of Households
Own	88%
Rent	12%

Employment Status by Gender	Percent of Respondents and Spouses Ages 18–64
Employed Males*	91%
Employed Females*	72%

* Includes full-time, part-time, and self-employed.

Exhibit 44b: **South-Central Westchester: People In Need, 2011**

Subjective Assessment of Household Financial Condition	Percent of Households
Cannot Make Ends Meet or Just Managing	29%
Have Enough	19%
Have Extra Money or Wealthy	52%

Poverty (Percent of Households)

Poor: Under 150% of Federal Poverty Guideline	8%
Near Poor: Between 150%–250% of Federal Poverty Guideline	5%
Above Poverty or Poverty Status Unknown	87%

Vulnerable Seniors	Percent of Senior Households
Need Help With Activities of Daily Living	20%

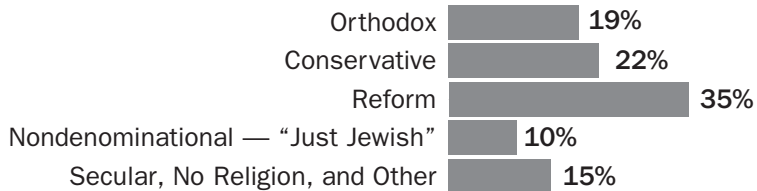
Isolated Seniors	Percent of Seniors in Age Group
Ages 65 to 74 Living Alone	9%
Ages 75+ Living Alone	39%

Seeking Assistance for Human-Service Needs	Number of Households*
Assistance for Household Member's Serious or Chronic Illness	1,900
Help With Food or Housing	1,000
Help Finding a Job or Choosing an Occupation	1,800
Services for an Adult With a Disability	2,900
Homecare Services for an Older Adult in the Household	600
Help for a Child With a Physical, Developmental, or Learning Disability or Other Special Needs	2,300

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Exhibit 44c: **South-Central Westchester: Jewish Engagement, Connections, and Education, 2011**

Denomination (Percent of Respondents)



Jewish Affiliations and Participation

Percent

Synagogue Member, Anyone in Household	70%
JCC: Anyone in Household Went to a Program in Past Year	52%
Jewish Organization, Belong/Regularly Participate, Anyone in Household	33%
Jewish Museum or Jewish Cultural Event, Respondent Went in Past Year	65%
Respondent Has Ever Traveled to Israel	71%
Respondent Feels Very Attached to Israel	50%
Respondent’s Closest Friends Are Mostly Jewish	58%

Feeling Connected

Percent of Respondents

Being Jewish Is Very Important	70%
Being Part of Jewish Community Is Very Important	56%
Feels Part of a Jewish Community — A Lot	51%
Wish Knew More About Being Jewish	22%

Jewish-Engagement Level*

Percent

High	58%
Moderate	25%
Low	17%

* See page 349 for a description of the Index of Jewish Engagement and definitions of high, moderate, and low scores.

Exhibit 44c (continued): **South-Central Westchester: Jewish Engagement, Connections, and Education, 2011**

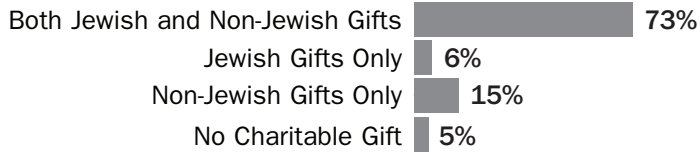
Jewish Practices and Behaviors	Percent
Household Member Attends Seder — Usually + Always	87%
Chanukah Candles Lit in Household — Usually + Always	79%
Yom Kippur, Respondent Fasts All Day	69%
Sabbath Candles Lit Friday Night in Household — Usually + Always	36%
Kosher Household	30%
Shabbat Meal, Respondent Participates — Sometimes + Regularly	61%
Respondent Talks Regularly About Jewish-Related Topics With Jewish Friends	38%
Respondent Studies Informally, Alone, With Friend, or With Teacher	37%

Jewish Education	Percent of Jewish Children Ages 5–17
Day School — Current or Previous	33%
Supplemental School — Current or Previous	35%
Tutoring or Other Type of Jewish Education — Current or Previous	12%
None Ever	21%

	Number of Jewish Children Ages 0–4**
Jewish Preschool or Daycare Program	800

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In-Married and Intermarried Households	Percent of Married Couples
In-Married (including conversionary marriages)	84%
Intermarried	16%

Exhibit 44d: **South-Central Westchester: Philanthropy and Volunteering, 2011****Charitable Giving (Percent of Households)****Giving to UJA-Federation of New York****Percent of Households**

Contributed to UJA-Federation	43%
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Volunteering**Percent of All Respondents
Who Volunteer***

Both Jewish and Non-Jewish Organizations	50%
Jewish Organizations Only	20%
Non-Jewish Organizations Only	30%

* Asked only of respondents who said they volunteered their time for any type of charitable organization. See exhibit B-26 on page 424 for the total percent that volunteered within this area.

SOUND SHORE COMMUNITIES



Demography and Social Characteristics

The Sound Shore Communities include Larchmont, New Rochelle, Mamaroneck, Rye, and Harrison/Purchase. In this area are 9,200 Jewish households in which 22,900 people reside, of whom 18,900 are Jews. The Sound Shore Communities' Jewish density is 14%, which means that people in Jewish households in the area make up 14% of the entire area's population. Since 2002, the area's Jewish population has remained stable with no growth or population decrease.⁵⁷ Children under age 18 compose 23% of the people in Jewish households in the area, and seniors ages 65 and over compose another 21%. The largest age group in this area (37%) consists of people ages 40 to 64. The Sound Shore Communities' household structure is almost evenly balanced among households that include children (33%), households containing people ages 40 to 64 but no children and no seniors (31%), and senior households containing only seniors and no one under age 18 (36%). In this area, 57% are married or partnered and 19% have never been married.

People in Need

The Sound Shore Communities' Jewish households generally appear to be financially well-off, but there are several indications that they might not be as affluent as other Jewish areas in Westchester. Although only 20% of households have annual incomes of under \$50,000 (below both the Westchester and eight-county averages), 9% are poor, which is above the Westchester rate though below the eight-county

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average (19%). Additionally, this area has a lower proportion of households with annual incomes of \$100,000 or more (47%) than overall in Westchester (54%), although this proportion is considerably above the regional rate (30%). The proportion that owns their own homes in the Sound Shore Communities (74%) is also lower than overall in Westchester (83%). In this area, 88% of the men are employed (above the eight-county rate of 80%) and 65% of the women are employed (below the eight-county rate of 71%). In the South Shore Communities, 49% of those ages 75 and older live alone, which is the highest rate in Westchester yet slightly lower than the eight-county rate (53%).

Jewish Engagement, Connections, and Education

Forty-one percent of the Sound Shore Communities' respondents identify as Reform, 22% identify as Conservative, 2% identify as Orthodox, and 26% identify as secular or having no religion — the highest proportion in Westchester. In terms of formal Jewish connections, the area is on par or somewhat below the overall Westchester rates on a variety of Jewish indicators: 44% of Jewish households belong to a synagogue, compared with 52% in Westchester; 34% participate in programs at Jewish community centers, compared with 38% in Westchester; and 49% attend Jewish cultural events, compared with 54% in Westchester. The proportion that has been to Israel in this area (48%) is comparable to Westchester (51%) and overall rates (49%); however, Jewish residents of Westchester's Sound Shore Communities demonstrate lower levels of subjective Jewish identity, including lower levels that say being Jewish is very important to them (46% in the Sound Shore Communities versus 55% in Westchester and 57% overall). Similarly, only 35% indicate that being part of a Jewish community is very important to them, compared with 41% in Westchester and 44% overall. Possibly not coincidentally, among the profiled Westchester areas the Sound Shore Communities has both the lowest percentage of people who report that their close friends are mostly Jewish (35%) and the highest rate of intermarriage (37%). Regarding Jewish ritual behavior, the Sound Shore Communities' Jewish respondents are somewhat lower than elsewhere in Westchester, especially regarding the level of Chanukah candlelighting (60% in this area and 71% in Westchester). Jewish respondents in this area are also lower than overall Westchester rates regarding participation in Shabbat meals (42% in this area, 45% in Westchester, and 46% overall) and the proportion of people who keep kosher (16% in this area, 20% in Westchester, and 32% overall). That people in this area are interested in learning more about Jewish life is reflected by the 26% who state that they wish they knew more about being Jewish, which is higher than both the Westchester and eight-county rates (21% and 22%, respectively).

Philanthropy

In the Sound Shore Communities, 67% of Jewish households say they contribute to a combination of Jewish and non-Jewish causes and 2% contribute exclusively to Jewish organizations. The percentage that contributes exclusively to non-Jewish organizations (24%) is identical to the Westchester and eight-county rates. Thirty-six percent of Jewish households in the Sound Shore Communities report contributing to UJA-Federation of New York, which is higher than the eight-county rate (24%) yet about the same as the Westchester rate (35%).

Exhibit 45: **Sound Shore Communities: Jewish Population Estimates, 2002 and 2011**

Population Estimates	2002	2011
Jewish Households	7,900	9,200
Jews	19,000	18,900
People in Jewish Households (including non-Jews)	22,900	22,900
Number of People in Jewish Households as a Percent of All People in Area	14%	14%

Exhibit 45a: **Sound Shore Communities: Demography and Social Characteristics, 2011**

Age Distribution	Percent of All People in Jewish Households
0-17	23%
18-39	20%
40-64	37%
65-74	9%
75+	12%

Marital Status	Percent of All Respondents
Married	56%
Partnered	1%
Never Married	19%
Separated or Divorced	12%
Widowed	12%

	Percent of Households
Russian-Speaking Jewish Households	4%

Exhibit 45a (continued): **Sound Shore Communities: Demography and Social Characteristics, 2011**

Household Composition (Percent of Households)

Households With Children 17 and Younger	33%
Households With Only Adults 18–64	31%
Households With Seniors 65+ (no children 17 and younger)	36%

Annual Household Income	Percent of Households
Under \$50,000	20%
\$50,000–\$99,999	33%
\$100,000–\$149,000	17%
\$150,000+	30%

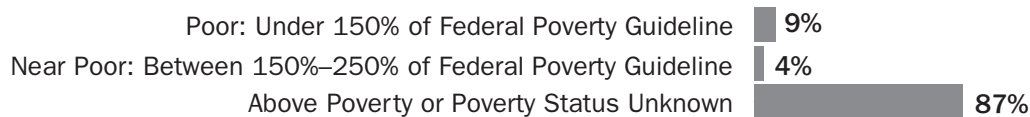
Home Ownership	Percent of Households
Own	74%
Rent	26%

Employment Status by Gender	Percent of Respondents and Spouses Ages 18–64
Employed Males*	88%
Employed Females*	65%

* Includes full-time, part-time, and self-employed.

Exhibit 45b: **Sound Shore Communities: People In Need, 2011**

Subjective Assessment of Household Financial Condition	Percent of Households
Cannot Make Ends Meet or Just Managing	21%
Have Enough	36%
Have Extra Money or Wealthy	43%

Poverty (Percent of Households)

Vulnerable Seniors	Percent of Senior Households
Need Help With Activities of Daily Living	10%

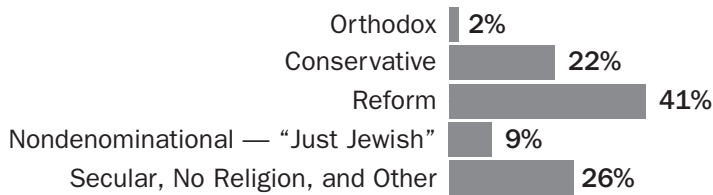
Isolated Seniors	Percent of Seniors in Age Group
Ages 65 to 74 Living Alone	21%
Ages 75+ Living Alone	49%

Seeking Assistance for Human-Service Needs	Number of Households*
Assistance for Household Member's Serious or Chronic Illness	1,700
Help With Food or Housing	600
Help Finding a Job or Choosing an Occupation	1,500
Services for an Adult With a Disability	1,700
Homecare Services for an Older Adult in the Household	<100
Help for a Child With a Physical, Developmental, or Learning Disability or Other Special Needs	500

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Exhibit 45c: **Sound Shore Communities: Jewish Engagement, Connections, and Education, 2011**

Denomination (Percent of Respondents)



Jewish Affiliations and Participation	Percent
Synagogue Member, Anyone in Household	44%
JCC: Anyone in Household Went to a Program in Past Year	34%
Jewish Organization, Belong/Regularly Participate, Anyone in Household	21%
Jewish Museum or Jewish Cultural Event, Respondent Went in Past Year	49%
Respondent Has Ever Traveled to Israel	48%
Respondent Feels Very Attached to Israel	38%
Respondent's Closest Friends Are Mostly Jewish	35%

Feeling Connected	Percent of Respondents
Being Jewish Is Very Important	46%
Being Part of Jewish Community Is Very Important	35%
Feels Part of a Jewish Community — A Lot	32%
Wish Knew More About Being Jewish	26%

Jewish-Engagement Level*	Percent
High	28%
Moderate	34%
Low	39%

* See page 349 for a description of the Index of Jewish Engagement and definitions of high, moderate, and low scores.

Exhibit 45c (continued): **Sound Shore Communities: Jewish Engagement, Connections, and Education, 2011**

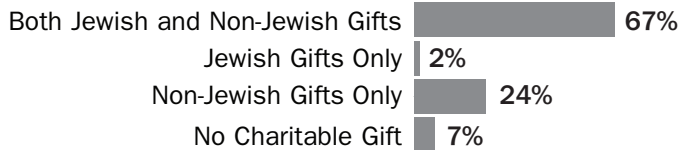
Jewish Practices and Behaviors	Percent
Household Member Attends Seder — Usually + Always	70%
Chanukah Candles Lit in Household — Usually + Always	60%
Yom Kippur, Respondent Fasts All Day	60%
Sabbath Candles Lit Friday Night in Household — Usually + Always	18%
Kosher Household	16%
Shabbat Meal, Respondent Participates — Sometimes + Regularly	42%
Respondent Talks Regularly About Jewish-Related Topics With Jewish Friends	29%
Respondent Studies Informally, Alone, With Friend, or With Teacher	41%

Jewish Education	Percent of Jewish Children Ages 5–17
Day School — Current or Previous	9%
Supplemental School — Current or Previous	58%
Tutoring or Other Type of Jewish Education — Current or Previous	27%
None Ever	6%

	Number of Jewish Children Ages 0–4**
Jewish Preschool or Daycare Program	200

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In-Married and Intermarried Households	Percent of Married Couples
In-Married (including conversionary marriages)	63%
Intermarried	37%

Exhibit 45d: **Sound Shore Communities: Philanthropy and Volunteering, 2011****Charitable Giving (Percent of Households)****Giving to UJA-Federation of New York****Percent of Households**

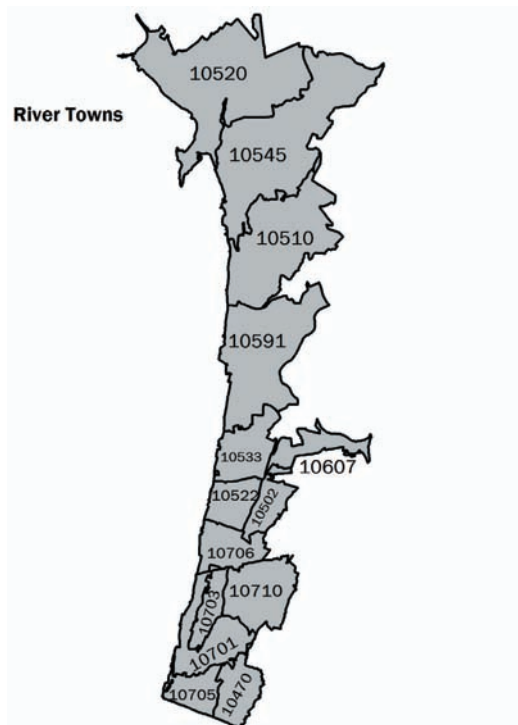
Contributed to UJA-Federation	36%
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Volunteering**Percent of All Respondents
Who Volunteer***

Both Jewish and Non-Jewish Organizations	50%
Jewish Organizations Only	2%
Non-Jewish Organizations Only	48%

* Asked only of respondents who said they volunteered their time for any type of charitable organization. See exhibit B-26 on page 424 for the total percent that volunteered within this area.

RIVER TOWNS



Demography and Social Characteristics

The River Towns includes Ardsley, Tarrytown, Irvington, Hastings on Hudson, and Yonkers. In this area, there are 13,700 Jewish households in which 37,100 people reside, of whom 30,800 are Jews. The area's Jewish density is 13%. Since 2002, this area has experienced substantial growth (19%) in its Jewish population.⁵⁸ Individuals under age 18 compose 17% of those residing in Jewish households in the area, the smallest proportion of children among the profiled Westchester areas; seniors compose 21% of Jewish household residents.

People in Need

The River Towns is an economically successful area, though possibly slightly less prosperous than some of the other Westchester Jewish communities. More than half (53%) of the Jewish households in this area have annual incomes exceeding \$100,000 and 22% have annual incomes of less than \$50,000; both of these proportions are equivalent to the Westchester rates. Nine percent of households are poor, which is slightly higher than the Westchester rate (7%) yet much lower than the overall regional rate (19%).

⁵⁸ Comparisons in this narrative are based on recalculations of the 2002 data to reflect the 2011 ZIP code groupings.

Home ownership in the River Towns (75%) is below the Westchester average (83%). Employment among men in the River Towns (70%) is the lowest among men in any of the suburban areas and lower than the eight-county average for men (80%); in contrast, the employment rate for women in the River Towns is above average (78% in River Towns and 71% overall). In this area, 44% of those ages 75 and over live alone, which is below the eight-county rate.

Jewish Engagement, Connections, and Education

In the River Towns, 39% of Jewish respondents identify as Reform, 26% identify as Conservative, and 7% identify as Orthodox. On several measures of Jewish connection, River Towns Jewish residents are the second highest in Westchester (after South-Central Westchester), including synagogue membership (51%), Jewish community center participation (35%), and Jewish cultural attendance (61%). However, only 51% of River Towns Jewish respondents state that being Jewish is very important to them, compared with 55% in Westchester and 57% overall, and the proportion that indicates being part of a Jewish community is very important to them (38%) is lower than both the Westchester and the overall rates. Only 42% indicate that most of their close friends are Jewish, compared with 48% in Westchester and 52% overall. This area has the lowest level of having visited Israel (38%) among the four profiled Westchester communities. Compared with the overall Westchester averages, Jewish residents of the River Towns have slightly higher or equivalent rates of Jewish ritual behavior, including fasting on Yom Kippur (61% in the River Towns compared with 57% overall in Westchester), participating in a Shabbat meal (48% in the River Towns compared with 45% overall in Westchester), and keeping kosher (20% in the River Towns compared with 20% Westchester). A third (33%) of River Towns marriages are intermarriages, which is higher than both the Westchester and overall rates (28% and 22%, respectively).

Philanthropy

The River Towns is characterized by a high rate of overall giving (96%) and also one of the higher rates of giving exclusively to non-Jewish causes (28%) in the eight-county area; 66% of the area's Jewish households donate to a combination of Jewish and non-Jewish causes and 2% donate exclusively to Jewish causes. Thirty-eight percent of households say they give to UJA-Federation of New York, which is slightly higher than the overall Westchester rate (35%) and higher than the overall eight-county rate (24%).

Exhibit 46: **River Towns: Jewish Population Estimates, 2002 and 2011**

Population Estimates	2002	2011
Jewish Households	13,300	13,700
Jews	25,800	30,800
People in Jewish Households (including non-Jews)	31,800	37,100
People in Jewish Households as a Percent of All People in Area	11%	13%




Exhibit 46a: **River Towns: Demography and Social Characteristics, 2011**

Age Distribution	Percent of All People in Jewish Households
0–17	17%
18–39	21%
40–64	41%
65–74	7%
75+	14%

Marital Status	Percent of All Respondents
Married	65%
Partnered	8%
Never Married	12%
Separated or Divorced	7%
Widowed	8%

	Percent of Households
Russian-Speaking Jewish Households	2%

Exhibit 46a (continued): **River Towns: Demography and Social Characteristics, 2011****Household Composition (Percent of Households)**

Households With Children 17 and Younger		25%
Households With Only Adults 18–64		39%
Households With Seniors 65+ (no children 17 and younger)		35%

Annual Household Income	Percent of Households
Under \$50,000	22%
\$50,000–\$99,999	25%
\$100,000–\$149,000	28%
\$150,000+	25%

Home Ownership	Percent of Households
Own	75%
Rent	25%

Employment Status by Gender	Percent of Respondents and Spouses Ages 18–64
Employed Males*	70%
Employed Females*	78%

* Includes full-time, part-time, and self-employed.

Exhibit 46b: **River Towns: People In Need, 2011**

Subjective Assessment of Household Financial Condition	Percent of Households
Cannot Make Ends Meet or Just Managing	27%
Have Enough	37%
Have Extra Money or Wealthy	36%

Poverty (Percent of Households)

Poor: Under 150% of Federal Poverty Guideline	9%
Near Poor: Between 150%–250% of Federal Poverty Guideline	8%
Above Poverty or Poverty Status Unknown	83%

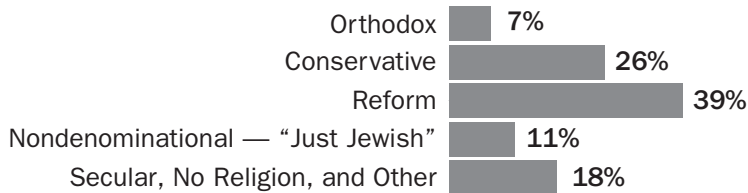
Vulnerable Seniors	Percent of Senior Households
Need Help With Activities of Daily Living	12%

Isolated Seniors	Percent of Seniors in Age Group
Ages 65 to 74 Living Alone	11%
Ages 75+ Living Alone	44%

Seeking Assistance for Human-Service Needs	Number of Households*
Assistance for Household Member's Serious or Chronic Illness	2,400
Help With Food or Housing	600
Help Finding a Job or Choosing an Occupation	2,000
Services for an Adult With a Disability	1,800
Homecare Services for an Older Adult in the Household	700
Help for a Child With a Physical, Developmental, or Learning Disability or Other Special Needs	700

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 Exhibit 46c: **River Towns: Jewish Engagement, Connections, and Education, 2011**

Denomination (Percent of Respondents)**Jewish Affiliations and Participation****Percent**

Synagogue Member, Anyone in Household	51%
JCC: Anyone in Household Went to a Program in Past Year	35%
Jewish Organization, Belong/Regularly Participate, Anyone in Household	29%
Jewish Museum or Jewish Cultural Event, Respondent Went in Past Year	61%
Respondent Has Ever Traveled to Israel	38%
Respondent Feels Very Attached to Israel	36%
Respondent’s Closest Friends Are Mostly Jewish	42%

Feeling Connected**Percent of Respondents**

Being Jewish Is Very Important	51%
Being Part of Jewish Community Is Very Important	38%
Feels Part of a Jewish Community — A Lot	31%
Wish Knew More About Being Jewish	24%

Jewish-Engagement Level***Percent**

High	38%
Moderate	32%
Low	31%

* See page 349 for a description of the Index of Jewish Engagement and definitions of high, moderate, and low scores.

Exhibit 46c (continued): **River Towns: Jewish Engagement, Connections, and Education, 2011**

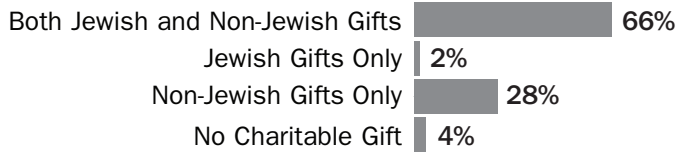
Jewish Practices and Behaviors	Percent
Household Member Attends Seder — Usually + Always	81%
Chanukah Candles Lit in Household — Usually + Always	79%
Yom Kippur, Respondent Fasts All Day	61%
Sabbath Candles Lit Friday Night in Household — Usually + Always	20%
Kosher Household	20%
Shabbat Meal, Respondent Participates — Sometimes + Regularly	48%
Respondent Talks Regularly About Jewish-Related Topics With Jewish Friends	42%
Respondent Studies Informally, Alone, With Friend, or With Teacher	39%

Jewish Education	Percent of Jewish Children Ages 5–17
Day School — Current or Previous	16%
Supplemental School — Current or Previous	67%
Tutoring or Other Type of Jewish Education — Current or Previous	3%
None Ever	15%

	Number of Jewish Children Ages 0–4**
Jewish Preschool or Daycare Program	100

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In-Married and Intermarried Households	Percent of Married Couples
In-Married (including conversionary marriages)	67%
Intermarried	33%

Exhibit 46d: **River Towns: Philanthropy and Volunteering, 2011****Charitable Giving (Percent of Households)****Giving to UJA-Federation of New York****Percent of Households**

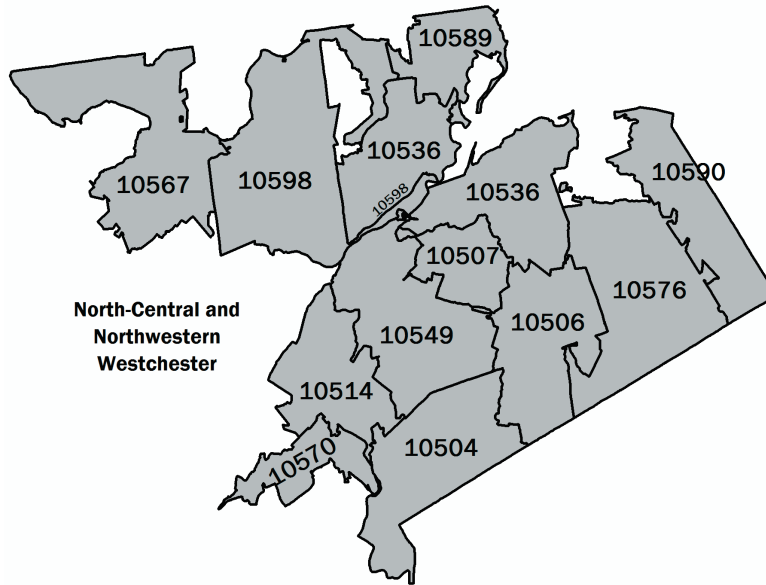
Contributed to UJA-Federation	38%
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Volunteering**Percent of All Respondents
Who Volunteer***

Both Jewish and Non-Jewish Organizations	52%
Jewish Organizations Only	5%
Non-Jewish Organizations Only	43%

* Asked only of respondents who said they volunteered their time for any type of charitable organization. See exhibit B-26 on page 424 for the total percent that volunteered within this area.

NORTH-CENTRAL AND NORTHWESTERN WESTCHESTER



Demography and Social Characteristics

North-Central and Northwestern Westchester includes Mt. Kisco, Chappaqua, Armonk, Bedford, and Pleasantville. In this area, there are 10,000 Jewish households in which 32,400 people reside, of whom 25,400 are Jews. North-Central and Northwestern Westchester's Jewish density is 23%. Since 2002, the Jewish population in this area has experienced a substantial (23%) decrease.⁵⁹ Twenty-one percent of the residents of Jewish households in this area are under age 18 and only 15% are ages 65 and over. In terms of household structure, 32% contain a child and 30% are senior households, the smallest proportion of senior households among the Westchester areas. Sixty-seven percent are married or partnered and 22% have never been married, a slightly higher proportion than in Westchester (16%) and higher than overall in the eight-counties (21%).

⁵⁹ Comparisons in this narrative are based on recalculations of the 2002 data to reflect the 2011 ZIP code groupings.

People in Need

North-Central and Northwestern Westchester is the most well-off of the profiled Westchester areas and, in fact, is the most affluent area in the eight-county region. It has a higher proportion of households with annual incomes in excess of \$100,000 (61%) than any other area and, inversely, the lowest proportion of households with annual incomes of under \$50,000 (10%). Ninety-seven percent own their own homes — also the highest in the eight-county area. Only 2% of North-Central and Northwestern Westchester's households are poor, substantially below the eight-county average (19%). In this area, men are employed at a rate above the average (88% in this area compared with 80% overall) and women are employed at a slightly higher-than-average rate (75% in this area compared with 71% overall).

Jewish Engagement, Connections, and Education

Of the Westchester areas, North-Central and Northwestern Westchester has the highest proportion of Reform-identified respondents (53%) and also a very high proportion that identify as secular or having no religion (23%). In general, this area is lower on formal and informal measures of Jewish connection than overall Westchester and lower than overall in the eight-county area. In terms of its level of Jewish cultural attendance, this area is comparable to Westchester (53% in this area and 54% in Westchester) and higher than overall in the eight-counties (49%). Otherwise, North-Central and Northwestern Westchester is lower on synagogue membership (46%), participation at Jewish community centers (26%), and having visited Israel (42%) than overall in Westchester. North-Central and Northwestern Westchester's Jewish residents also have lower levels of subjective Jewish identification than elsewhere: only 43% state that being Jewish is very important to them (compared with 55% overall in Westchester) and only 30% indicate that being part of a Jewish community is very important to them (compared with 41% in Westchester). Finally, 44% said that most of their close friends are Jewish, which is lower than both the local and regional rates (48% and 52%, respectively). Twenty-six percent of marriages in this area are intermarriages, which is comparable to the Westchester rate (28%) and higher than the eight-county rate (22%).

Philanthropy

Among the Westchester-area profiles, North-Central and Northwestern Westchester has the lowest overall level of philanthropic giving and also the lowest level of Jewish giving. Overall, 86% of the Jewish households in this area give charitable contributions. Fifty-nine percent contribute to a combination of Jewish and non-Jewish charities and less than 1% contributes exclusively to Jewish causes; 27% contribute exclusively to non-Jewish causes. Although it is the most affluent area in the eight-county region, North-Central and Northwestern Westchester by far has the lowest level of reported giving to UJA-Federation of New York (27%) among the Westchester areas, although this level is slightly higher than the eight-county rate (24%).

Exhibit 47: **North-Central and Northwestern Westchester: Jewish Population Estimates, 2002 and 2011**

Population Estimates	2002	2011
Jewish Households	12,100	10,000
Jews	32,700	25,400
People in Jewish Households (including non-Jews)	41,000	32,400
People in Jewish Households as a Percent of All People in Area	30%	23%

Exhibit 47a: **North-Central and Northwestern Westchester: Demography and Social Characteristics, 2011**

Age Distribution	Percent of All People in Jewish Households
0–17	21%
18–39	19%
40–64	47%
65–74	6%
75+	9%

Marital Status	Percent of All Respondents
Married	65%
Partnered	2%
Never Married	22%
Separated or Divorced	4%
Widowed	7%

	Percent of Households
Russian-Speaking Jewish Households	1%

Exhibit 47a (continued): **North-Central and Northwestern Westchester: Demography and Social Characteristics, 2011**

Household Composition (Percent of Households)

Households With Children 17 and Younger	32%
Households With Only Adults 18–64	38%
Households With Seniors 65+ (no children 17 and younger)	30%

Annual Household Income	Percent of Households
Under \$50,000	10%
\$50,000–\$99,999	29%
\$100,000–\$149,000	25%
\$150,000+	36%

Home Ownership	Percent of Households
Own	97%
Rent	3%

Employment Status by Gender	Percent of Respondents and Spouses Ages 18–64
Employed Males*	88%
Employed Females*	75%

* Includes full-time, part-time, and self-employed.

Exhibit 47b: **North-Central and Northwestern Westchester: People In Need, 2011**

Subjective Assessment of Household Financial Condition	Percent of Households
Cannot Make Ends Meet or Just Managing	25%
Have Enough	30%
Have Extra Money or Wealthy	45%

Poverty (Percent of Households)

Poor: Under 150% of Federal Poverty Guideline	2%
Near Poor: Between 150%–250% of Federal Poverty Guideline	1%
Above Poverty or Poverty Status Unknown	97%

Vulnerable Seniors	Percent of Senior Households
Need Help With Activities of Daily Living	23%

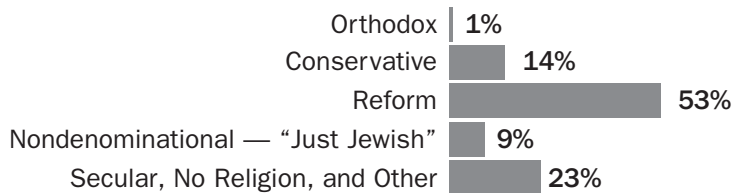
Isolated Seniors	Percent of Seniors in Age Group
Ages 65 to 74 Living Alone	32%
Ages 75+ Living Alone	46%

Seeking Assistance for Human-Service Needs	Number of Households*
Assistance for Household Member's Serious or Chronic Illness	1,200
Help With Food or Housing	200
Help Finding a Job or Choosing an Occupation	2,600
Services for an Adult With a Disability	2,000
Homecare Services for an Older Adult in the Household	200
Help for a Child With a Physical, Developmental, or Learning Disability or Other Special Needs	800

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Exhibit 47c: **North-Central and Northwestern Westchester: Jewish Engagement, Connections, and Education, 2011**

Denomination (Percent of Respondents)



Jewish Affiliations and Participation

Percent

Synagogue Member, Anyone in Household	46%
JCC: Anyone in Household Went to a Program in Past Year	26%
Jewish Organization, Belong/Regularly Participate, Anyone in Household	14%
Jewish Museum or Jewish Cultural Event, Respondent Went in Past Year	53%
Respondent Has Ever Traveled to Israel	42%
Respondent Feels Very Attached to Israel	30%
Respondent’s Closest Friends Are Mostly Jewish	44%

Feeling Connected

Percent of Respondents

Being Jewish Is Very Important	43%
Being Part of Jewish Community Is Very Important	30%
Feels Part of a Jewish Community — A Lot	29%
Wish Knew More About Being Jewish	10%

Jewish-Engagement Level*

Percent

High	30%
Moderate	29%
Low	41%

* See page 349 for a description of the Index of Jewish Engagement and definitions of high, moderate, and low scores.

Exhibit 47c (continued): **North-Central and Northwestern Westchester: Jewish Engagement, Connections, and Education, 2011**

Jewish Practices and Behaviors	Percent
Household Member Attends Seder — Usually + Always	71%
Chanukah Candles Lit in Household — Usually + Always	72%
Yom Kippur, Respondent Fasts All Day	41%
Sabbath Candles Lit Friday Night in Household — Usually + Always	16%
Kosher Household	7%
Shabbat Meal, Respondent Participates — Sometimes + Regularly	29%
Respondent Talks Regularly About Jewish-Related Topics With Jewish Friends	28%
Respondent Studies Informally, Alone, With Friend, or With Teacher	29%

Jewish Education	Percent of Jewish Children Ages 5–17
Day School — Current or Previous	15%
Supplemental School — Current or Previous	67%
Tutoring or Other Type of Jewish education — Current or Previous	8%
None Ever	10%

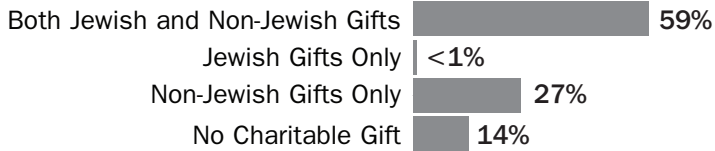
	Number of Jewish Children Ages 0–4**
Jewish Preschool or Daycare Program	100

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In-Married and Intermarried Households	Percent of Married Couples
In-Married (including conversionary marriages)	74%
Intermarried	26%

Exhibit 47d: **North-Central and Northwestern Westchester: Philanthropy and Volunteering, 2011**

Charitable Giving (Percent of Households)



Giving to UJA-Federation of New York

Percent of Households

Contributed to UJA-Federation	27%
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Volunteering

Percent of All Respondents Who Volunteer*

Both Jewish and Non-Jewish Organizations	4%
Jewish Organizations Only	41%
Non-Jewish Organizations Only	55%

* Asked only of respondents who said they volunteered their time for any type of charitable organization. See exhibit B-26 on page 424 for the total percent that volunteered within this area.

