



The State of Antisemitism in America 2022

The following is a breakdown of key findings from the parallel surveys comprising AJC’s *State of Antisemitism in America 2022 report*, shown for various audiences in comparison to the national average. All groupings have at least 200 in the disaggregated sample size (n>200, usually). The below demographic breakdown consists of the responses from 550 Jews from the Northeast Census region; 206 Jews from the Midwest Census region; 364 from the South Census region; and 313 from the West Census region. The Survey of U.S. Adults polls 215 adults from the Northeast; 242 adults from the Midwest Census region; 472 adults from the South Census region; and 285 adults from the West Census region. The margin of error for the two parallel surveys is +/- 3.9% at the 95% confidence level; the margin of error for each demographic breakdown will be slightly larger.

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Northeast

JEWISH AMERICANS

How much of a problem is antisemitism in America today?

NATIONAL AVERAGE:

89% a problem
11% not a problem

NORTHEAST:

89% a problem
10% not a problem

Over the past five years, has antisemitism increased, decreased, or stayed the same?

NATIONAL AVERAGE:

82% increased
16% stayed the same
2% decreased

NORTHEAST:

84% increased
15% stayed the same
1% decreased

Compared to one year ago, is the status of Jews more secure, the same, or less secure?

NATIONAL AVERAGE

4% more secure
55% about the same
41% less secure

NORTHEAST:

3% more secure
52% about the same
46% less secure

Over the past 12 months, have you, yourself, been the target of an antisemitic physical attack?

NATIONAL AVERAGE:

3% yes
97% no

NORTHEAST:

1% yes
99% no

Over the past 12 months, have you, yourself, been the target of an antisemitic remark in person?

NATIONAL AVERAGE:

20% yes
80% no

NORTHEAST:

16% yes
84% no

Over the past 12 months, have you, yourself, been the target of an antisemitic remark or post online or on social media?

NATIONAL AVERAGE:

13% yes
87% no

NORTHEAST:

11% yes
89% no

In the past 12 months, have you avoided publicly wearing, carrying, or displaying anything that might help people identify you as Jewish out of concern for your safety or comfort as a Jew?

NATIONAL AVERAGE:

23% yes
76% no

NORTHEAST:

18% yes
82% no

In the past 12 months, have you avoided certain places, events, or situations out of concern for your safety or comfort as a Jew?

NATIONAL AVERAGE:

16% yes
84% no

NORTHEAST:

15% yes
85% no

In the past 12 months, have you avoided posting content online that would identify you as a Jew or reveal your views on Jewish issues?

NATIONAL AVERAGE:

27% yes
72% no

NORTHEAST:

20% yes
79% no

How much, if anything, have you heard about Jews being taken hostage at a synagogue in Colleyville, Texas in January 2022?

NATIONAL AVERAGE:

54% a lot/some
45% not much/nothing

NORTHEAST:

58% a lot/some
42% not much/nothing

To what extent, if at all, has hearing about this situation made you feel less safe as a Jewish person in the US?

NATIONAL AVERAGE:

51% great deal/fair amount
49% little/not at all

NORTHEAST:

47% great deal/fair amount
53% little/not at all

U.S. ADULTS

How familiar are you with the term antisemitism?

NATIONAL AVERAGE:

69% have heard of it and know what it means
22% heard the term but unsure what it means
9% have never heard the term

NORTHEAST:

73% have heard of it and know what it means
23% heard the term but unsure what it means
4% have never heard the term

How much of a problem is antisemitism in America today?

NATIONAL AVERAGE:

68% serious/somewhat serious problem
24% not much/not a problem
8% not sure

NORTHEAST:

70% serious/somewhat serious problem
25% not much/not a problem
5% unsure

Over the past five years, do you think antisemitism has increased, stayed the same, or decreased?

NATIONAL AVERAGE:

47% increased
26% stayed the same
15% decreased
13% unsure

NORTHEAST:

50% increased
33% stayed the same
12% decreased
5% unsure

Over the past 12 months, have you seen any antisemitic incidents, such as negative remarks or online content about Jewish people, or physical attacks on Jewish people or their religious facilities?

NATIONAL AVERAGE:

36% yes
64% no

NORTHEAST:

34% yes
66% no

Do you, personally, happen to know someone who is Jewish?

NATIONAL AVERAGE:

66% yes
34% no

NORTHEAST:

77% yes
23% no

South

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SOUTH:

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10% not a problem

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SOUTH:

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54% about the same
42% less secure

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NATIONAL AVERAGE:

3% yes
97% no

SOUTH:

7% yes
93% no

Over the past 12 months, have you, yourself, been the target of an antisemitic remark in person?

NATIONAL AVERAGE:

20% yes
80% no

SOUTH:

25% yes
75% no

Over the past 12 months, have you, yourself, been the target of an antisemitic remark or post online or on social media?

NATIONAL AVERAGE:

13% yes
87% no

SOUTH:

19% yes
81% no

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23% yes
76% no

SOUTH:

27% yes
73% no

In the past 12 months, have you avoided certain places, events, or situations out of concern for your safety or comfort as a Jew?

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16% yes
84% no

SOUTH:

19% yes
81% no

In the past 12 months, have you avoided posting content online that would identify you as a Jew or reveal your views on Jewish issues?

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27% yes
72% no

SOUTH:

35% yes
64% no

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SOUTH:

59% a lot/some
40% not much/nothing

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36% yes
64% no

SOUTH:

39% yes
61% no

Do you, personally, happen to know someone who is Jewish?

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66% yes
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SOUTH:

60% yes
40% no

Midwest

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MIDWEST:

78% increased
18% stayed the same
4% decreased

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76% no

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MIDWEST:

8% yes
92% no

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12% yes
88% no

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