

# THE STATE OF ANTISEMITISM IN AMERICA 2023

The following is a breakdown of key findings from the parallel surveys comprising AJC's *State of Antisemitism in America 2023 Report*, shown for various audiences in comparison to the national average. The below demographic breakdowns from the Survey of American Jews consist of the responses from 527 Jews from the Northeast, 213 Jews from the Midwest, 441 Jews from the South, and 347 Jews from the West. The Survey of U.S. Adults polls 190 adults from the Northeast, 244

adults from the Midwest, 507 adults from the South, and 282 adults from the West. The margin of error for the Survey of American Jews is +/- 3.2% at the 95% confidence level, and the margin of error for the Survey of U.S. adults is +/- 3.9% at the 95% confidence level. The margin of error for the below disaggregated groups will be larger.

The format of this document compares an individual Census region to the other three Census regions, depicted as Region (other 3 Census regions).

## DEMOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN BY CENSUS REGION

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# Northeast

## AMERICAN JEWS

**How much of a problem is antisemitism in America today?**

NATIONAL AVERAGE

A problem: 93%  
Not a problem: 6%

NORTHEAST

A problem: 96% (92%)  
Not a problem: 4% (8%)

**Over the past five years, do you think antisemitism has...**

NATIONAL AVERAGE

Increased: 86%  
Stayed the same: 12%  
Decreased: 2%

NORTHEAST

Increased: 86% (86%)  
Stayed the same: 12% (12%)  
Decreased: 2% (1%)

**Compared to a year ago, do you think the status of American Jews is...**

NATIONAL AVERAGE

More secure: 3%  
About the same: 34%  
Less secure: 63%

NORTHEAST

More secure: 2% (3%)  
About the same: 35% (34%)  
Less secure: 64% (62%)

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

NATIONAL AVERAGE

Yes: 22%  
No: 78%

NORTHEAST

Yes: 22% (22%)  
No: 78% (78%)

**Over the past 12 months, have you, yourself, been the target of antisemitic vandalism to, or messaging (such as flyers or pamphlets) left on your personal property?**

NATIONAL AVERAGE

Yes: 7%  
No: 93%

NORTHEAST

Yes: 5% (8%)  
No: 95% (92%)

**Over the past 12 months, have you seen or heard any antisemitic content (such as comments or posts) online or on social media? *This could be something directed at you, personally, or something you've observed.***

NATIONAL AVERAGE

Yes: 62%  
No: 38%

NORTHEAST

Yes: 63% (62%)  
No: 37% (38%)

**In the past 12 months, have you avoided publicly wearing, carrying, or displaying things that might help people identify you as a Jew out of fear of antisemitism?**

NATIONAL AVERAGE

Yes: 26%  
No: 73%

NORTHEAST

Yes: 21% (29%)  
No: 79% (71%)

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

NATIONAL AVERAGE

Yes: 26%  
No: 74%

NORTHEAST

Yes: 27% (26%)  
No: 73% (74%)

**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 out of fear of antisemitism?**

NATIONAL AVERAGE

Yes: 30%  
No: 69%

NORTHEAST

Yes: 29% (31%)  
No: 69% (69%)

**In the past five years, have any local businesses where you live been targets of antisemitism, such as graffiti or broken windows?**

NATIONAL AVERAGE

Yes: 19%  
No: 44%  
Don't know: 37%

NORTHEAST:

Yes: 20% (19%)  
No: 50% (40%)  
Don't know: 29% (40%)

## U.S. ADULTS

### How familiar are you with the term “antisemitism?”

#### NATIONAL AVERAGE

Have heard of it and know what it means: 70%  
Heard the term, but unsure what it means: 20%  
Have never heard of the term: 10%

#### NORTHEAST

Have heard of it and know what it means: 74% (69%)  
Heard the term, but unsure what it means: 21% (20%)  
Have never heard of the term: 5% (11%)

### How much of a problem do you think antisemitism, that is hostility or prejudice toward Jewish people, is in the United States today?

#### NATIONAL AVERAGE

A problem: 74%  
Not a problem: 19%  
Not sure: 8%

#### NORTHEAST

A problem: 84% (71%)  
Not a problem: 10% (21%)  
Not sure: 5% (8%)

### Over the past five years, do you think antisemitism has...

#### NATIONAL AVERAGE

Increased: 56%  
Stayed the same: 23%  
Decreased: 11%  
Not sure: 10%

#### NORTHEAST

Increased: 63% (54%)  
Stayed the same: 24% (23%)  
Decreased: 6% (12%)  
Not sure: 8% (10%)

### Over the past 12 months, have you personally seen or heard 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

Yes: 39%  
No: 61%

#### NORTHEAST

Yes: 43% (38%)  
No: 57% (62%)

### Do you personally know someone Jewish?

#### NATIONAL AVERAGE

Yes: 63%  
No: 37%

#### NORTHEAST

Yes: 82% (60%)  
No: 18% (40%)

# South

## AMERICAN JEWS

**How much of a problem is antisemitism in the U.S. today?**

NATIONAL AVERAGE

A problem: 93%  
Not a problem: 6%

SOUTH

A problem: 90% (95%)  
Not a problem: 9% (5%)

**Over the past five years, do you think antisemitism has...**

NATIONAL AVERAGE

Increased: 86%  
Stayed the same: 12%  
Decreased: 2%

SOUTH

Increased: 85% (87%)  
Stayed the same: 13% (11%)  
Decreased: 1% (2%)

**Compared to a year ago, do you think the status of American Jews is...**

NATIONAL AVERAGE

More secure: 3%  
About the same: 34%  
Less secure: 63%

SOUTH

More secure: 2% (3%)  
About the same: 34% (34%)  
Less secure: 64% (63%)

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

NATIONAL AVERAGE

Yes: 22%  
No: 78%

SOUTH

Yes: 21% (22%)  
No: 79% (78%)

**Over the past 12 months, have you, yourself, been the target of antisemitic vandalism to, or messaging (such as flyers or pamphlets) left on your personal property?**

NATIONAL AVERAGE

Yes: 7%  
No: 93%

SOUTH

Yes: 8% (7%)  
No: 92% (93%)

**Over the past 12 months, have you seen or heard any antisemitic content (such as comments or posts) online or on social media? *This could be something directed at you, personally, or something you've observed.***

NATIONAL AVERAGE

Yes: 62%  
No: 38%

SOUTH

Yes: 59% (64%)  
No: 41% (36%)

**In the past 12 months, have you avoided publicly wearing, carrying, or displaying things that might help people identify you as a Jew out of fear of antisemitism?**

NATIONAL AVERAGE

Yes: 26%  
No: 73%

SOUTH

Yes: 30% (24%)  
No: 69% (75%)

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

NATIONAL AVERAGE

Yes: 26%  
No: 74%

SOUTH

Yes: 25% (27%)  
No: 75% (73%)

**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 out of fear of antisemitism?**

NATIONAL AVERAGE

Yes: 30%  
No: 69%

SOUTH

Yes: 29% (31%)  
No: 71% (68%)

**In the past five years, have any local businesses where you live been targets of antisemitism, such as graffiti or broken windows?**

NATIONAL AVERAGE

Yes: 19%  
No: 44%  
Don't know: 37%

SOUTH

Yes: 19% (20%)  
No: 43% (44%)  
Don't know: 38% (36%)

## U.S. ADULTS

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#### NATIONAL AVERAGE

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Have never heard of the term: 10%

#### SOUTH

Have heard of it and know what it means: 67% (71%)  
Heard the term, but unsure what it means: 23% (19%)  
Have never heard of the term: 10% (10%)

### How much of a problem do you think antisemitism, that is hostility or prejudice toward Jewish people, is in the United States today?

#### NATIONAL AVERAGE

A problem: 74%  
Not a problem: 19%  
Not sure: 8%

#### SOUTH

A problem: 74% (73%)  
Not a problem: 18% (20%)  
Not sure: 8% (7%)

### Over the past five years, do you think antisemitism has...

#### NATIONAL AVERAGE

Increased: 56%  
Stayed the same: 23%  
Decreased: 11%  
Not sure: 10%

#### SOUTH

Increased: 55% (56%)  
Stayed the same: 20% (25%)  
Decreased: 14% (9%)  
Not sure: 11% (9%)

### Over the past 12 months, have you personally seen or heard 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

Yes: 39%  
No: 61%

#### SOUTH

Yes: 40% (38%)  
No: 60% (61%)

### Do you personally know someone Jewish?

#### NATIONAL AVERAGE

Yes: 63%  
No: 37%

#### SOUTH

Yes: 56% (68%)  
No: 44% (32%)

# Midwest

## AMERICAN JEWS

### How much of a problem is antisemitism in the U.S. today?

#### NATIONAL AVERAGE

A problem: 93%

Not a problem: 6%

#### MIDWEST

A problem: 93% (93%)

Not a problem: 7% (6%)

### Over the past five years, do you think antisemitism has...

#### NATIONAL AVERAGE

Increased: 86%

Stayed the same: 12%

Decreased: 2%

#### MIDWEST

Increased: 87% (86%)

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#### MIDWEST

More secure: 7% (2%)

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Less secure: 59% (63%)

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#### MIDWEST

Yes: 25% (21%)

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#### MIDWEST

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No: 44%

Don't know: 37%

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Yes: 14% (20%)

No: 44% (44%)

Don't know: 42% (36%)

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