

Jewish Community Safety Index

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Comprehensive Country Assessment - Seven Pillar Framework

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CONCERNING

[!] CRITICAL SECURITY ENVIRONMENT: The December 14, 2025 Bondi Beach mass shooting (16 killed) is the deadliest terrorist attack in Australian history. Combined with confirmed IRGC-directed attacks, Australia faces unprecedented multi-vector threats to Jewish safety.

Seven Pillar Summary

#	Pillar	Weight	Score	Assessment
P1	Legal & Government Framework	10%	72	Strong - Recently enhanced; Envoy appointed
P2	Security Infrastructure	10%	71	Strong - \$90M+ investment; CSG operational
P3	Criminal Justice Outcomes	10%	58	Moderate - Significant data gaps
P4	Threat Environment	18%	16	CRITICAL - Historic attack; multi-vector threats
P5	Movement Ecosystem NEW	15%	35	Concerning - IRGC active; HuT legal; protests
P6	Cultural & Societal Climate NEW	15%	52	Moderate - BDS activity offset by heritage recognition
P7	Lived Experience & Community Voice	22%	38	Critical - 40-60% hiding identity; community distress

(+) CRITICAL STRENGTHS

- **Gun Control (94/100):** 1996 NFA prevents US-style mass casualty capability
- **Security Investment:** \$90M+ since Oct 2023; \$278 per capita
- **Legal Reforms:** 2024-25 hate crime laws, Nazi symbol bans
- **Low Baseline Antisemitism:** 14% on ADL Global 100
- **Strong Israel Relations:** Full diplomatic ties

(X) CRITICAL VULNERABILITIES

- **Historic Attack:** Bondi Beach (16 killed)
- **State-Sponsored Terror:** IRGC directing attacks
- **Multi-Vector Threats:** IS, IRGC, far-right all elevated
- **Campus Crisis:** 60%+ students feel unsafe
- **Community Distress:** 40-60% hiding identity

FORMULA: $JCSI = (72 \times 0.10) + (71 \times 0.10) + (58 \times 0.10) + (16 \times 0.18) + (35 \times 0.15) + (52 \times 0.15) + (38 \times 0.22) = 44/100$

Assessment Period: October 2023 - December 2025 | Framework v1.2 | Report Date: December 2025

Australia JCSI v1.2 - Detailed Assessment

DEMOGRAPHIC CONTEXT (Reference Data - Not Scored)

Indicator	Measurement	Source
Jewish population	~117,000 (0.46% of total)	Census/ ECAJ
Muslim population	~813,000 (3.2% of total)	Census 2021
Muslim:Jewish ratio	~7:1	Calculated
Geographic concentration	84% of Jews in Melbourne/Sydney	ECAJ
Geographic overlap	High - Both communities concentrated in same cities	Analysis

PILLAR 1: Legal & Government Framework

72/100 | Weight: 10%

1.1 Government Leadership on Antisemitism (25%)

58/100

Indicator	Measurement	Score	Source
Special Envoy for Antisemitism	Yes - Jillian Segal appointed Nov 2023	85	Govt Records
Envoy empowered to propose legislation	Limited - Advisory role	50	Mandate
Envoy empowered to set/influence policy	Limited - Consultative capacity	55	Mandate
Dedicated budget for envoy's office	Limited - Part of existing allocation	45	Budget
National action plan on antisemitism	In development - Not yet published	50	Govt Records

1.2 Constitutional & Fundamental Protections (15%)

52/100

Indicator	Measurement	Score	Source
Religious freedom guarantee	Section 116 - Limited (federal only)	60	Constitution
Equal protection clause	No explicit clause; via RDA 1975	55	Constitution
Minority rights provisions	No specific constitutional provisions	40	Constitution

1.3 Antisemitism-Specific Legislation (25%)

78/100

Indicator	Measurement	Score	Source
Holocaust denial criminalized	No - Civil remedies only	40	Federal Court
Hate speech laws covering antisemitism	Yes - RDA s18C + NSW Criminal 2025	80	Legislation
Hate crime enhancement statutes	Yes - Criminal Code Amendment 2025	85	Criminal Code
IHRA definition adopted	Official - October 2021	100	Govt Records
Incitement to violence laws	Yes - Enhanced penalties 2025	85	Criminal Code

1.4 Gun Control Framework (10%)

94/100

Indicator	Measurement	Score	Source
Constitutional right to arms	No - No constitutional right	100	Constitution
Semi-automatic weapons banned	Yes - Since 1996 NFA	100	Firearms Act
Licensing + background check	Yes - Comprehensive system	100	State Legislation
National firearms registry	Yes - Comprehensive	100	Govt Records

1.5 Organization & Symbol Bans (15%)

88/100

Indicator	Measurement	Score	Source
Hamas banned (full organization)	Yes - Listed terrorist org	100	Home Affairs
Hezbollah banned (full organization)	Yes - Full org since 2021	100	Home Affairs
Nazi symbols criminalized	Yes - Federal + State 2022-25	90	Criminal Code
Incitement slogans prosecutable	Context-dependent - Recent cases	65	Case Law

PILLAR 1 CALCULATION: $(58 \times 0.25) + (52 \times 0.15) + (78 \times 0.25) + (94 \times 0.10) + (88 \times 0.15) + (75 \times 0.10) = 72/100$

PILLAR 2: Security Infrastructure

71/100 | Weight: 10%

2.1 Government Security Programs (35%)

75/100

Indicator	Measurement	Score	Source
Dedicated Jewish security funding	\$32.5M to ECAJ (2024); \$90M+ total	85	Budget 2024-25
Per capita security funding	~\$278 AUD per Jewish resident	80	Calculated
Program longevity	Safer Communities Fund since 2016	70	Home Affairs
Eligibility scope	~70% of institutions covered	65	SCF Guidelines

2.2 Police & Intelligence (40%)

71/100

Indicator	Measurement	Score	Source
Dedicated liaison officers	Yes - NSW/VIC Jewish liaison	70	State Police
Intelligence sharing arrangements	Formalized - ASIO/AFP to ECAJ	80	Agreements
Armed protection at high-risk sites	Yes - Major events/sites	75	Observation
Protected sites coverage	~60% major institutions	60	ASIO

2.3 Community Security Organizations (25%)

84/100

Indicator	Measurement	Score	Source
Recognized community security body	Yes - CSG (Community Security Group)	100	CSG
Government coordination formalized	Formalized MOU - State/Federal	80	Agreements
Training programs available	Yes - Increased post-Oct 7	75	CSG Reports
Incident reporting systems	Yes - Integrated with police	80	ECAJ/CSG

PILLAR 2 CALCULATION: $(75 \times 0.35) + (71 \times 0.40) + (84 \times 0.25) = 71/100$

PILLAR 3: Criminal Justice Outcomes

58/100 | Weight: 10%

3.1 Arrest & Investigation (35%)

59/100

Indicator	Measurement	Score	Source
Arrest rate for antisemitic crimes	Estimated 35-45% (data gaps)	45	Police/ECAJ
Clearance rate comparison	Comparable to general crime	60	Police Stats
Dedicated hate crime units	Yes - Joint CT; Op Avalite 2024	80	AFP

3.2 Prosecution & Conviction (45%)

60/100

Indicator	Measurement	Score	Source
Prosecution rate	Estimated 60-70% of arrests	65	DPP Data
Conviction rate	Estimated 70-80% of prosecutions	70	Court Records
Dedicated hate crime prosecutors	Limited - General assignment	50	DPP

PILLAR 3 CALCULATION: (59x0.35) + (60x0.45) + (67x0.20) = 58/100

PILLAR 4: Threat Environment

16/100 | Weight: 18%

[!]**CRITICAL:** This pillar carries highest weight (18%) and drives overall score down. Lower scores = higher threat.

4.1 Incident Statistics (40%)

14/100

Indicator	Measurement	Score	Source
Total antisemitic incidents	1,654 (Oct 24-Sep 25) vs 342 baseline	20	ECAJ
Incidents per 100,000 Jewish	~1,414 per 100,000 (extremely high)	15	Calculated
Fatalities (annual)	16 killed (Bondi Beach Dec 2025)	0	Police
Injuries requiring medical attention	35+ (assault victims, arson injuries)	15	ECAJ/Police
Arson/firebombing attacks	4 major (synagogue, restaurant, car)	10	Police/ECAJ
Shootings at Jewish properties	2 (including Bondi mass shooting)	5	Police
Vandalism of Jewish properties	180+ incidents; \$500K+ damage	25	ECAJ
Direct threats (credible)	250+ requiring investigation	20	Police/CSG

4.2 Mass Casualty Attack History (25%)

20/100

DECAY MODEL: 0-3 yrs = 100% weight | 3-5 yrs = 75% | 5-10 yrs = 50% | 10-25 yrs = 25%

Indicator	Measurement	Score	Weight
Fatal attacks past 3 years	Bondi Beach 2025: 16 killed + 8 injured	0	100%
Fatal attacks 3-5 years ago	None	100	75%
Prevented/foiled attacks	Multiple - Op Avalite disruptions	60	Variable

4.3 Campus Climate (20%)

27/100

Indicator	Measurement	Score	Source
Campus antisemitic incidents	320+ incidents at universities	20	AUJS/ECAJ
Encampments/occupations	12+ major encampments (2024)	25	Media/Uni
Jewish student safety (self-reported)	60%+ report feeling unsafe on campus	20	AUJS Survey

4.4 Organized Threat Assessment (15%)

13/100

Indicator	Measurement	Score	Source
Active violent extremist organizations	Multiple: NSN, IS cells, IRGC proxies	20	ASIO
Official terrorism threat level	PROBABLE (>50% attack likelihood)	15	ASIO
State-sponsored threats (Iran/IRGC)	CONFIRMED - IRGC directing attacks	5	AFP/ASIO

PILLAR 4 CALCULATION: $(14 \times 0.40) + (20 \times 0.25) + (27 \times 0.20) + (13 \times 0.15) = 16/100$

[!] MAJOR TERROR INCIDENTS 2024-2025

Date	Incident	Casualties	Attribution
Dec 14, 2025	Bondi Beach Mass Shooting - DEADLIEST TERROR ATTACK IN AUSTRALIAN HISTORY	16 killed, 8 injured	IS-linked
Dec 6, 2024	Adass Israel Synagogue firebombing, Melbourne	0 (arson)	IRGC-directed
Oct 20, 2024	Lewis Continental Kitchen arson, Sydney	0 (arson)	IRGC-directed

PILLAR 5: Radicalization & Movement Ecosystem

35/100 | Weight: 15%

NEW v1.2

v1.2 NOW SCORED: Previously "Context" - now weighted because these movements are pre-text to violence.

5.1 Islamist Movement Infrastructure (50%)

38/100

Note: Assesses organized Islamist infrastructure. NOT an assessment of Muslim community as a whole.

Indicator	Measurement	Score	Source
Muslim Brotherhood presence	Limited - Some affiliated organizations	55	ASIO/Academic
Muslim Brotherhood banned	No - Not proscribed	30	Proscription Lists
Hizb ut-Tahrir status	Legal - Active in Australia	25	ASIO Reports
IRGC/Hezbollah proxies active	CONFIRMED - IRGC directing attacks	10	AFP/ASIO
Islamist content dissemination	Active - Telegram/social media	35	Intelligence

5.2 Pro-Palestinian/Anti-Zionist Movement Activity (50%)

32/100

Indicator	Measurement	Score	Source
Pro-Palestinian protests (since Oct 2023)	200+ protests; 10,000+ avg attendance	25	Police/Media
Protests at Jewish institutions	Frequent - Weekly since Oct 2023	20	CSG
"Intifada" slogans prevalence	Common - Regular at protests	25	Media/CSG
Samidoun/PFLP affiliates active	Active - Present in Australia	30	ASIO/Reports
Harassment at protests	Documented incidents - Multiple reports	35	Police/CSO

PILLAR 5 CALCULATION: $(38 \times 0.50) + (32 \times 0.50) = 35/100$

PILLAR 6: Cultural & Societal Climate NEW v1.2 52/100 | Weight: 15%

6.1 Academic & Institutional Boycotts (25%)

42/100

Indicator	Measurement	Score	Source
BDS resolutions (student governments)	Multiple passed - ANU, Sydney, others	30	AUJS
BDS resolutions (faculty/unions)	Some union motions passed	35	Union records
Zionist speakers disrupted/cancelled	Multiple - High-profile events cancelled	25	Media/CSG

6.2 Cultural & Public Space Hostility (25%)

40/100

Indicator	Measurement	Score	Source
"Death to Israel/Jews" at public events	Occasional - Some documented, some prosecuted	35	Media/CSO
Israeli artists/institutions boycotted	Some incidents - Festival withdrawals	40	Media
Businesses targeted for Jewish connection	Some incidents - Protests at businesses	40	CSO/Police

6.3 Israel Relations & Freedom of Movement (15%)

78/100

Indicator	Measurement	Score	Source
Full diplomatic relations with Israel	Yes - Full relations since 1949	100	Govt Records
Freedom of travel to/from Israel	Unrestricted - Full travel freedom	100	Travel
Anti-BDS legislation in place	No - No anti-BDS laws	40	Legislation

6.4 Jewish Heritage Celebration - POSITIVE (20%)

62/100

[+] POSITIVE SCORING: These indicators ADD to score.

Indicator	Measurement	Score	Source
Public Hanukkah celebrations	Yes - PM participation, public menorah	75	Media/Govt
Holocaust education mandatory	Yes - Part of curriculum	80	Education
Holocaust Remembrance Day observed	Official - Government participation	85	Govt Records
Interfaith initiatives (gov-sponsored)	Active - Multiple programs	60	Govt programs

PILLAR 6 CALCULATION: $(42 \times 0.25) + (40 \times 0.25) + (55 \times 0.15) + (78 \times 0.15) + (62 \times 0.20) = 52/100$

PILLAR 7: Lived Experience & Community Voice

38/100 | Weight:
22%

KEY PRINCIPLE: How Jews report their own safety experience is primary data-not supplementary. This pillar has highest weight (22%).

7.1 Subjective Safety (40%)

29/100

Indicator	Measurement	Score	Source
% who feel safe as Jews	Estimated 35-45% (down from ~75%)	40	Surveys
% feel antisemitism is serious	~85%+ report serious concern	15	ECAJ/ Surveys
% feel situation has worsened	~90%+ report worsening	10	Surveys
% feel unsafe due to protests	~70%+ report feeling unsafe	25	Surveys

7.2 Behavioral Adaptation (35%)

50/100

Indicator	Measurement	Score	Source
% who hide Jewish identity in public	Estimated 40-50% in public	50	FRA/ Community
% who avoid Jewish symbols/ clothing	Estimated 50-60% avoid	45	Surveys
% who avoid certain areas/ events	Estimated 60%+ avoid some areas	40	Surveys
% who considered emigrating	Estimated 30-40% considered	60	Surveys

7.3 Community Vitality & Protective Factors (25%)

66/100

Indicator	Measurement	Score	Source
General public favorability toward Jews	14% antisemitic (ADL) - best globally	85	ADL Global 100
Political representation & access	Strong - A-G, former Treasurer	80	Government
Jewish school enrollment trend	Stable with security concerns	60	Education

PILLAR 7 CALCULATION: (29x0.40) + (50x0.35) + (66x0.25) = 38/100

Key Findings

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- **Legal reforms:** 2024-2025 hate crime laws, Nazi symbol bans
- **Security investment:** \$90M+ since Oct 2023; \$278 per capita
- **Intelligence:** ASIO identified IRGC; Operation Avalite established
- **Low baseline antisemitism:** 14% ADL Global 100
- **Political access:** A-G, former Treasurer; direct PM access
- **Israel relations:** Full diplomatic ties; Holocaust education

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- **Movement ecosystem:** HuT legal; Samidoun active; weekly protests
- **Campus crisis:** 60%+ students unsafe; 12+ encampments
- **Community distress:** 40-60% hiding identity
- **Criminal justice gaps:** Arrest rates not tracked

Final Score Calculation

JCSI v1.2 FORMULA

$$\text{JCSI} = (P1 \times 0.10) + (P2 \times 0.10) + (P3 \times 0.10) + (P4 \times 0.18) + (P5 \times 0.15) + (P6 \times 0.15) + (P7 \times 0.22)$$

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$$\text{JCSI} = 7.2 + 7.1 + 5.8 + 2.88 + 5.25 + 7.8 + 8.36 = \textbf{44/100}$$

Score Range	Classification	Australia
80-100	HIGH SAFETY	
60-79	MODERATE SAFETY	
40-59	CONCERNING	<- AUSTRALIA (44)
0-39	CRITICAL	

v1.1 vs v1.2 Score Comparison

Component	v1.1	v1.2	Change
P1: Legal Framework	74 (15%)	72 (10%)	(v)2 (new Envoy section)
P2: Security	71 (15%)	71 (10%)	- unchanged
P3: Criminal Justice	58 (15%)	58 (10%)	- unchanged
P4: Threat Environment	18 (25%)	16 (18%)	(v)2 (restructured)
P5: Movement Ecosystem	N/A (context)	35 (15%)	NOW SCORED
P6: Cultural Climate	N/A	52 (15%)	NEW PILLAR
P7: Lived Experience	38 (20%)	38 (22%)	- weight increased
OVERALL JCSI	47	44	(v)3 points

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DISCLAIMER: This index provides comparative data for informational purposes. Small score differences (<5 points) may not be statistically meaningful.

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