

JEWISH COMMUNITY SAFETY INDEX

Comparative Assessment Framework for Western Democracies

VERSION 1.2



UNITED STATES

39

CRITICAL

ALERT: USA score dropped to CRITICAL (39) due to 2025 fatal attacks (DC Museum - 2 killed; Boulder - 1 killed), record 9,354 incidents in 2024, and constitutional gun accessibility creating unique mass-casualty risk profile.

Pillar	Weight	Score	Rating
1. Legal & Government Framework	10%	52/100	CONCERNING
2. Security Infrastructure	10%	74/100	MODERATE
3. Criminal Justice Outcomes	10%	55/100	CONCERNING
4. Threat Environment	18%	12/100	CRITICAL
5. Movement Ecosystem	15%	32/100	CRITICAL
6. Cultural & Societal Climate	15%	55/100	CONCERNING
7. Lived Experience & Community Voice	22%	32/100	CRITICAL

CRITICAL STRENGTHS

- Largest diaspora (7.5-7.7M) with robust institutions
- SCN security network with direct FBI/NTOC link
- Record \$454.5M FY2024 NSGP security funding
- DOJ Antisemitism Task Force (Feb 2025)
- Strong constitutional protections (1st/14th)
- Hamas/Hezbollah designated as FTOs
- 38 states with anti-BDS legislation

CRITICAL VULNERABILITIES

- Constitutional gun access (393M+ firearms)
- Multiple 2025 fatal attacks (3+ killed)
- Record 9,354 incidents (2024); +893% over 10 years
- Campus crisis: 1,694 incidents (+84%)
- No Holocaust denial ban (1st Amendment)
- Multi-vector threats: ISIS, white supremacist, pro-Hamas
- 55% experienced antisemitism; 18% directly harmed

JCSI v1.2 FORMULA: $JCSI = (P1 \times 0.10) + (P2 \times 0.10) + (P3 \times 0.10) + (P4 \times 0.18) + (P5 \times 0.15) + (P6 \times 0.15) + (P7 \times 0.22)$ USA CALCULATION: $(52 \times 0.10) + (74 \times 0.10) + (55 \times 0.10) + (12 \times 0.18) + (32 \times 0.15) + (55 \times 0.15) + (32 \times 0.22) = 39/100$ CRITICAL

PILLAR 1: LEGAL & GOVERNMENT FRAMEWORK

52/100

Weight: 10% of total JCSI score | Rating: CONCERNING

1.1 Constitutional/Legislative Protection (30%)

52/100

Indicator	Measurement	Score	Source
Constitutional protections	1st/14th Amendments - Strong	85	Constitution
Federal hate crime law	Matthew Shepard Act 2009	80	DOJ
Holocaust denial legislation	None - 1st Amendment protects	0	Legal Analysis
Antisemitism definition adopted	IHRA via EO; not binding law	45	State Dept

1.2 Government Policy & Action (40%)

55/100

Indicator	Measurement	Score	Source
National antisemitism strategy	May 2023 Strategy released	70	White House
Special Envoy operational	Deborah Lipstadt confirmed 2022	75	State Dept
Executive enforcement	DOJ Task Force Feb 2025	65	DOJ
Education curriculum mandates	24 states require Holocaust ed	50	USC Shoah

1.3 State/Local Framework (30%)

50/100

Indicator	Measurement	Score	Source
State hate crime coverage	46 states + DC have laws	75	ADL
Anti-BDS legislation	38 states enacted	70	Legal Analysis
Local enforcement variation	Significant inconsistency	35	FBI UCR
Campus policy enforcement	Mixed; ongoing OCR cases	30	Dept of Ed

PILLAR 1 CALCULATION: $(52 \times 0.30) + (55 \times 0.40) + (50 \times 0.30) = 52/100$

PILLAR 2: SECURITY INFRASTRUCTURE

74/100

Weight: 10% of total JCSI score | Rating: MODERATE

2.1 Government Security Provision (40%)

78/100

Indicator	Measurement	Score	Source
Dedicated security funding	\$454.5M NSGP FY2024 (record)	90	FEMA
State supplements	CA \$160M, NY \$109M	85	State Govts
Law enforcement liaison	FBI Field Office coordination	75	FBI
Intelligence sharing	Joint terrorism task forces	70	DHS

2.2 Community Security Capacity (35%)

82/100

Indicator	Measurement	Score	Source
Professional security org	SCN - 75+ employees; FBI link	95	SCN
Site hardening coverage	Major sites covered; gaps remain	75	JFNA

Training programs	SCN training; community drills	80	SCN
Regional coordination	Federation network active	78	JFNA

2.3 Threat Response Capability (25%)			58/100
Indicator	Measurement	Score	Source
Emergency response time	Varies by jurisdiction	60	Local PD
Counter-terrorism resources	Strong federal; variable local	65	FBI/DHS
Mass casualty preparedness	Limited by gun accessibility	40	Analysis
Crisis communication	SCN rapid alert system	75	SCN

PILLAR 2 CALCULATION: $(78 \times 0.40) + (82 \times 0.35) + (58 \times 0.25) = 74/100$

PILLAR 3: CRIMINAL JUSTICE OUTCOMES

55/100

Weight: 10% of total JCSI score | Rating: CONCERNING

3.1 Investigation & Prosecution (40%)

55/100

Indicator	Measurement	Score	Source
Hate crime reporting rate	~55% incidents reported	55	FBI UCR
Investigation clearance	Variable by jurisdiction	50	FBI UCR
Federal prosecution rate	DOJ prioritizing post-Oct 7	60	DOJ
Conviction rate	Mixed outcomes	55	DOJ

3.2 Sentencing & Deterrence (30%)

58/100

Indicator	Measurement	Score	Source
Sentence enhancement applied	When charged; inconsistent	55	Courts
Civil remedies available	42 USC 1983; state laws	70	Legal
Restitution ordered	Case-by-case basis	50	Courts
Public deterrent effect	Limited evidence	50	Research

3.3 Victim Support (30%)

52/100

Indicator	Measurement	Score	Source
Victim advocacy services	ADL, JCRC assistance	65	ADL
Compensation programs	State victim comp funds	55	State
Witness protection	Federal program; limited use	45	DOJ
Community support systems	Federation network	60	JFNA

PILLAR 3 CALCULATION: $(55 \times 0.40) + (58 \times 0.30) + (52 \times 0.30) = 55/100$

PILLAR 4: THREAT ENVIRONMENT

12/100

Weight: 18% of total JCSI score | Rating: CRITICAL

4.1 Violent Incident Frequency (35%)

5/100

Indicator	Measurement	Score	Source
Fatal attacks (3-year)	2025: DC Museum (2), Boulder (1)	5	News/FBI
Injury-causing attacks	Multiple assaults; Boulder 15 inj	10	ADL
Foiled plots	Multiple ISIS-inspired plots	15	FBI
Armed threats	Regular bomb threats; weapons	10	SCN

4.2 Threat Actor Assessment (30%)

12/100

Indicator	Measurement	Score	Source
Islamist threat level	ISIS plots; pro-Hamas activity	10	FBI/DHS
Far-right threat level	Active extremism; Pittsburgh legacy	15	FBI

Foreign state threats	Iran targeting documented	10	Intel
Domestic extremism	Multi-vector active threats	12	DHS

4.3 Weapons Accessibility (20%)			12/100
Indicator	Measurement	Score	Source
Firearm accessibility	393M+ guns; 2nd Amendment	5	ATF
Mass casualty weapon access	AR-15 legal; high-cap mags	5	Legal
Gun control effectiveness	Constitutional barriers	10	Analysis
National registry	None - prohibited by law	5	ATF

4.4 Incident Trends (15%)			20/100
Indicator	Measurement	Score	Source
Total incidents 2024	9,354 (record) - +893% 10yr	10	ADL
Assault trend	166 assaults (+49%)	15	ADL
Campus incidents	1,694 (+84% from 2023)	15	ADL
Israel-linked incidents	58% tied to Israel/Zionism	25	ADL

PILLAR 4 CALCULATION: $(5 \times 0.35) + (12 \times 0.30) + (12 \times 0.20) + (20 \times 0.15) = 12/100$

PILLAR 5: MOVEMENT ECOSYSTEM

32/100

Weight: 15% of total JCSI score | Rating: CRITICAL

5.1 Islamist Movement Activity (35%)

25/100

Indicator	Measurement	Score	Source
Organization presence	SJP 200+ chapters; CAIR active	20	ADL
Radicalization indicators	ISIS recruitment; pro-Hamas	15	FBI
Protest violence	Multiple clashes; intimidation	25	News
Terror org support	Material support prosecutions	30	DOJ

5.2 Far-Right/Extremist Activity (30%)

35/100

Indicator	Measurement	Score	Source
White nationalist groups	Active but monitored	30	SPLC
Online radicalization	Significant platform presence	25	ADL
Militia activity	Active in multiple states	35	FBI
Election-related threats	Documented targeting	40	Intel

5.3 Campus Movement Activity (20%)

30/100

Indicator	Measurement	Score	Source
Anti-Zionist org strength	SJP, JVP very active	20	AMCHA
Encampment activity	40+ university encampments	25	News
Faculty involvement	Significant faculty support	35	Reports
Administrative response	Mixed; some discipline	40	Univ

5.4 Counter-Movement Strength (15%)

50/100

Indicator	Measurement	Score	Source
Pro-Israel advocacy	AIPAC, StandWithUs active	70	Orgs
Legal defense capacity	Brandeis Center, LDF	65	Legal
Campus counter-presence	Hillel, Chabad networks	60	Hillel
Media counter-narrative	Limited mainstream coverage	35	Analysis

PILLAR 5 CALCULATION: $(25 \times 0.35) + (35 \times 0.30) + (30 \times 0.20) + (50 \times 0.15) = 32/100$

PILLAR 6: CULTURAL & SOCIETAL CLIMATE

55/100

Weight: 15% of total JCSI score | Rating: CONCERNING

6.1 Public Discourse Quality (30%)

50/100

Indicator	Measurement	Score	Source
Political leader statements	Bipartisan condemnation	70	Public
Media coverage balance	Variable; some bias	45	Analysis

Social media environment	Significant antisemitism	30	ADL
Celebrity/influencer climate	Mixed; some incidents	45	News

6.2 Institutional Responsiveness (35%)			55/100
Indicator	Measurement	Score	Source
Corporate DEI inclusion	Uneven; some exclusion	50	Reports
University administration	Inconsistent response	40	News
Religious institution support	Strong interfaith in some areas	65	Orgs
NGO/Civil society	Some progressive exclusion	55	Reports

6.3 Cultural Integration (35%)			60/100
Indicator	Measurement	Score	Source
Jewish visibility accepted	Generally yes; campus concerns	60	Survey
Heritage recognition	Jewish Heritage Month; events	75	Govt
Interfaith relations	Some strain post-Oct 7	50	Orgs
Historical memory	Holocaust education gaps	55	Research

PILLAR 6 CALCULATION: $(50 \times 0.30) + (55 \times 0.35) + (60 \times 0.35) = 55/100$			
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PILLAR 7: LIVED EXPERIENCE & COMMUNITY VOICE

32/100

Weight: 22% of total JCSI score | Rating: CRITICAL

7.1 Personal Safety Perceptions (40%)				25/100
Indicator	Measurement	Score	Source	
% feel safe as Jews publicly	55% experienced antisemitism	25	ADL 2024-25	
% hiding Jewish identity	34% students hiding identity	20	ADL	
% avoid Jewish activities	18% directly affected/harmed	25	ADL	
% feel welcome in public spaces	Significant concern	30	Surveys	

7.2 Institutional Trust (35%)				40/100
Indicator	Measurement	Score	Source	
Trust in police response	Variable by jurisdiction	55	Surveys	
Trust in government protection	Moderate; concerns remain	50	Surveys	
Trust in university admin	Low - campus crisis ongoing	25	ADL	
% experienced exclusion	44% experienced exclusion	35	ADL 2024-25	

7.3 Community Vitality (25%)				58/100
Indicator	Measurement	Score	Source	
Public favorability toward Jews	19% antisemitic (ADL Global)	80	ADL Global 100	
Political representation	Strong - Congress, Cabinet	85	Government	
Jewish school enrollment	Stable with security concerns	55	Education	
Interfaith solidarity	Some strain post-Oct 7	50	Reports	

PILLAR 7 CALCULATION: (25×0.40) + (40×0.35) + (58×0.25) = 32/100

KEY FINDINGS SUMMARY

The United States scores **39/100 (CRITICAL)** on the JCSI v1.2 framework - the only Western democracy in the Critical category. This assessment reflects the unique combination of: **1. Constitutional gun accessibility** - The Second Amendment creates a fundamentally different threat environment from all peer nations. With 393M+ firearms in circulation and no national registry, the potential for mass casualty attacks remains uniquely elevated. **2. Record incident levels** - The 9,354 antisemitic incidents recorded in 2024 represent a 893% increase over 10 years, with 25+ incidents per day. The 2025 fatal attacks in DC and Boulder demonstrate continued escalation. **3. Multi-vector threat landscape** - Unlike peer nations with primarily single-source threats, the USA faces simultaneous threats from ISIS-inspired actors, white supremacists, and pro-Hamas extremists. **4. Campus crisis** - With 1,694 campus incidents (+84%), 40+ encampments, and 34% of Jewish students hiding their identity, universities represent a critical vulnerability. Despite world-leading security infrastructure (SCN, \$454.5M NSGP funding) and robust constitutional protections, these structural factors place American Jewry in a uniquely precarious position among Western democracies.

v1.0 vs v1.2 Score Comparison

Component	v1.0	v1.2	Change
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P1: Legal Framework	55 (15%)	52 (10%)	↓3
P2: Security	72 (15%)	74 (10%)	↑2
P3: Criminal Justice	55 (15%)	55 (10%)	—
P4: Threat Environment	18 (25%)	12 (18%)	↓6
P5: Movement Ecosystem	N/A	32 (15%)	NEW
P6: Cultural Climate	N/A	55 (15%)	NEW
P7: Lived Experience	42 (20%)	32 (22%)	↓10
OVERALL JCSI	44	39	↓5 (now CRITICAL)

JCSI Framework v1.2 | Seven Pillar Assessment Assessment Period: October 2023 - December 2025 | Report Date: December 2025
 DISCLAIMER: This index provides comparative data for informational purposes. Small score differences (<5 points) may not be statistically meaningful. The USA assessment uniquely accounts for Second Amendment gun accessibility as a systemic threat multiplier not present in other assessed nations. **Spotlight Research**