

Jewish and Muslim Population in New York and the United States

Foreign Supremacy: A condition in which an outside population, foreign power, or transnational interest exercises preferential or dominant control over the political, economic, cultural, or institutional affairs of a place at the expense of its established population.

Source: <https://www.jta.org/2022/01/11/united-states/jewish-charities-among-top-funders-of-islamophobia-says-report-by-muslim-civil-rights-group>

Source: <https://islamophobia.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Islamophobia-in-the-Mainstream-Full-Report-2021-CAIR-National.pdf>

United States

The United States has approximately 5.5 million Muslims and an estimated 7.5 million Jewish Americans, although population estimates vary depending on how religious identity and Jewish ancestry or background are measured.

According to Pew Research Center's 2023–2024 survey, 1.2% of U.S. adults identify as Muslim and 1.7% identify as Jewish by religion.

New York State

A 2024 population estimate places New York State's Jewish population at approximately 1.67 million and its Muslim population at approximately 724,000. These estimates suggest that the Jewish population is more than twice the Muslim population statewide.

New York City

A 2023 Jewish community study estimated approximately 960,000 Jewish residents in New York City. Jewish population estimates vary depending on whether they count religious affiliation, cultural identity, ancestry, or broader Jewish background.

The percentage of Jewish residents in New York City is therefore not necessarily the same as the percentage of New York State residents or the percentage of adults identifying as Jewish by religion in a national survey.

Conclusion

The claim that 15% of New York is Jewish depends on the geographic area and the population measure used. New York State and New York City have different population proportions, and specific neighborhoods can have substantially higher Jewish populations than the citywide average.

Sources

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