



The following is a breakdown of key findings from the parallel surveys comprising AJC’s *State of Antisemitism in America 2021 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:

90% a problem
10% not a problem

NORTHEAST:

91% a problem
9% not a problem

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

NATIONAL AVERAGE:

82% increased
14% stayed the same
4% decreased

NORTHEAST:

81% increased
13% stayed the same
5% decreased

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

NATIONAL AVERAGE:

11% more secure
57% about the same
31% less secure

NORTHEAST:

12% more secure
55% about the same
32% 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:

17% yes
83% no

NORTHEAST:

14% yes
86% 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:

12% yes
88% no

NORTHEAST:

12% yes
87% no

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

NATIONAL AVERAGE:

22% yes
78% no

NORTHEAST:

14% yes
86% 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:

17% yes
83% 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:

25% yes
74% no

NORTHEAST:

19% yes
79% no

How much, if anything, have you heard about Jews being attacked in the U.S. and around the world in May 2021 during the conflict between Israel and Hamas?

NATIONAL AVERAGE:

71% something
28% nothing

NORTHEAST:

75% something
24% nothing

To what extent, if at all, has hearing about these attacks on Jews made you feel less safe as a Jewish person in the US?

NATIONAL AVERAGE:

32% great deal/fair amount
68% little/not at all

NORTHEAST:

33% great deal/fair amount
67% little/not at all

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

NATIONAL AVERAGE:

51% increased
23% stayed the same
3% decreased

NORTHEAST:

53% increased
22% stayed the same
3% decreased

GENERAL POPULATION

How familiar are you with the term antisemitism?

NATIONAL AVERAGE:

65% have heard of it and know what it means
18% heard the term but unsure what it means
16% have never heard the term

NORTHEAST:

70% have heard of it and know what it means
17% heard the term but unsure what it means
12% have never heard the term

How much of a problem is antisemitism in America today?

NATIONAL AVERAGE:

60% serious/somewhat serious problem
25% not much/not a problem
15% not sure

NORTHEAST:

59% serious/somewhat serious problem
28% not much/not a problem
13% unsure

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

NATIONAL AVERAGE:

44% increased
22% stayed the same
15% decreased
9% not sure

NORTHEAST:

48% increased
17% stayed the same
22% decreased
13% not sure

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

NATIONAL AVERAGE:

64% yes
36% no

NORTHEAST:

75% yes
25% no

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:

41% yes
59% no

NORTHEAST:

46% yes
54% no

South

JEWISH AMERICANS

How much of a problem is antisemitism in America today?

NATIONAL AVERAGE:

90% a problem
10% not a problem

SOUTH:

90% a problem
10% not a problem

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

NATIONAL AVERAGE:

82% increased
14% stayed the same
4% decreased

SOUTH:

85% increased
12% stayed the same
2% decreased

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

NATIONAL AVERAGE:

11% more secure
57% about the same
31% less secure

SOUTH:

6% more secure
62% about the same
31% less secure

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

NATIONAL AVERAGE:

3% yes;
97% no

SOUTH:

6% yes
94% no

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

NATIONAL AVERAGE:

17% yes
83% no

SOUTH:

19% yes
80% 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:

12% yes
88% no

SOUTH:

14% yes
86% no

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

NATIONAL AVERAGE:

22% yes
78% no

SOUTH:

26% 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?

NATIONAL AVERAGE:

17% yes
83% no

SOUTH:

20% yes
80% 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:

25% yes
74% no

SOUTH:

27% yes
73% no

How much, if anything, have you heard about Jews being attacked in the U.S. and around the world in May 2021 during the conflict between Israel and Hamas?

NATIONAL AVERAGE:

71% something
28% nothing

SOUTH:

66% something
33% nothing

To what extent, if at all, has hearing about these attacks on Jews made you feel less safe as a Jewish person in the US?

NATIONAL AVERAGE:

32% great deal/fair amount/little
68% not at all

SOUTH:

33% great deal/fair amount/little
67% not at all

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

NATIONAL AVERAGE:

51% increased
23% stayed the same
3% decreased

SOUTH:

50% increased
24% stayed the same
5% decreased

GENERAL POPULATION

How familiar are you with the term antisemitism?

NATIONAL AVERAGE:

65% have heard of it and know what it means
18% heard the term but unsure what it means
16% have never heard the term

SOUTH:

61% have heard of it and know what it means;
21% heard the term but unsure what it means;
18% have never heard the term

How much of a problem is antisemitism in America today?

NATIONAL AVERAGE:

60% serious/somewhat serious problem;
25% not much/not a problem
15% not sure

SOUTH:

59% serious/somewhat serious problem
24% not much/not a problem
18% not sure

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

NATIONAL AVERAGE:

44% increased
22% stayed the same
15% decreased
19% not sure

SOUTH:

43% increased
21% stayed the same
13% decreased
23% not sure

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:

41% yes
59% no

SOUTH:

39% yes
61% no

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

NATIONAL AVERAGE:

64% yes
36% no

SOUTH:

61% yes
39% no

Midwest

JEWISH AMERICANS

How much of a problem is antisemitism in America today?

NATIONAL AVERAGE:

90% a problem
10% not a problem

MIDWEST:

84% a problem
14% not a problem

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

NATIONAL AVERAGE:

82% increased
14% stayed the same
4% decreased

MIDWEST:

72% increased
20% stayed the same
8% decreased

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

NATIONAL AVERAGE:

11% more secure
57% about the same
31% less secure

MIDWEST:

18% more secure
60% about the same
22% less secure

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

NATIONAL AVERAGE:

3% yes
97% no

MIDWEST:

1% yes
97% no

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

NATIONAL AVERAGE:

17% yes
83% no

MIDWEST:

12% yes
88% 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:

12% yes
88% no

MIDWEST:

9% yes
89% no

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

NATIONAL AVERAGE:

22% yes
78% no

MIDWEST:

28% yes
72% 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:

17% yes
83% no

MIDWEST:

21% yes
79% 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:

25% yes
74% no

MIDWEST:

30% yes
70% no

How much, if anything, have you heard about Jews being attacked in the U.S. and around the world in May 2021 during the conflict between Israel and Hamas?

NATIONAL AVERAGE:

71% something
28% nothing

MIDWEST:

65% something
35% nothing

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51% increased
23% stayed the same
3% decreased

MIDWEST:

51% increased
24% stayed the same
3% decreased

GENERAL POPULATION:

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MIDWEST:

64% have heard of it and know what it means 21% heard the term but unsure what it means 13% have never heard the term

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NATIONAL AVERAGE:

60% serious/somewhat serious problem 25% not much/not a problem 15% not sure

MIDWEST:

61% serious/somewhat serious problem 34% not much/not a problem 8% not sure

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NATIONAL AVERAGE:

44% increased 22% stayed the same 15% decreased 19% not sure

MIDWEST:

41% increased 33% stayed the same 14% decreased 12% not sure

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:

41% yes 59% no

MIDWEST:

37% yes 63% no

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

NATIONAL AVERAGE:

64% yes 36% no

MIDWEST:

57% yes 43% no

West

JEWISH AMERICANS

How much of a problem is antisemitism in America today?

NATIONAL AVERAGE:

90% a problem
10% not a problem

WEST:

91% a problem
9% not a problem

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

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WEST:

86% increased
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2% decreased

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WEST:

23% yes
77% no

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12% yes
88% no

WEST:

11% yes
89% no

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NATIONAL AVERAGE:

22% yes
78% no

WEST:

24% yes
76% no

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NATIONAL AVERAGE:

17% yes
83% no

WEST:

15% yes
84% 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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25% yes
74% no

WEST:

28% yes
71% no

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WEST:

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69% not at all

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NATIONAL AVERAGE:

51% increased
23% stayed the same
3% decreased

WEST

49% increased
21% stayed the same
1% decreased

GENERAL POPULATION:

How familiar are you with the term antisemitism?

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16% have never heard the term

WEST:

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WEST:

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12% decreased
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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:

41% yes
59% no

WEST:

42% yes
58% no

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

NATIONAL AVERAGE:

64% yes
36% no

WEST:

67% yes
33% no