
Where do New York's Jewish kids go to school? Public, private or Jewish

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Survey question

For each child 6-17 in the surveyed household the following question was asked:

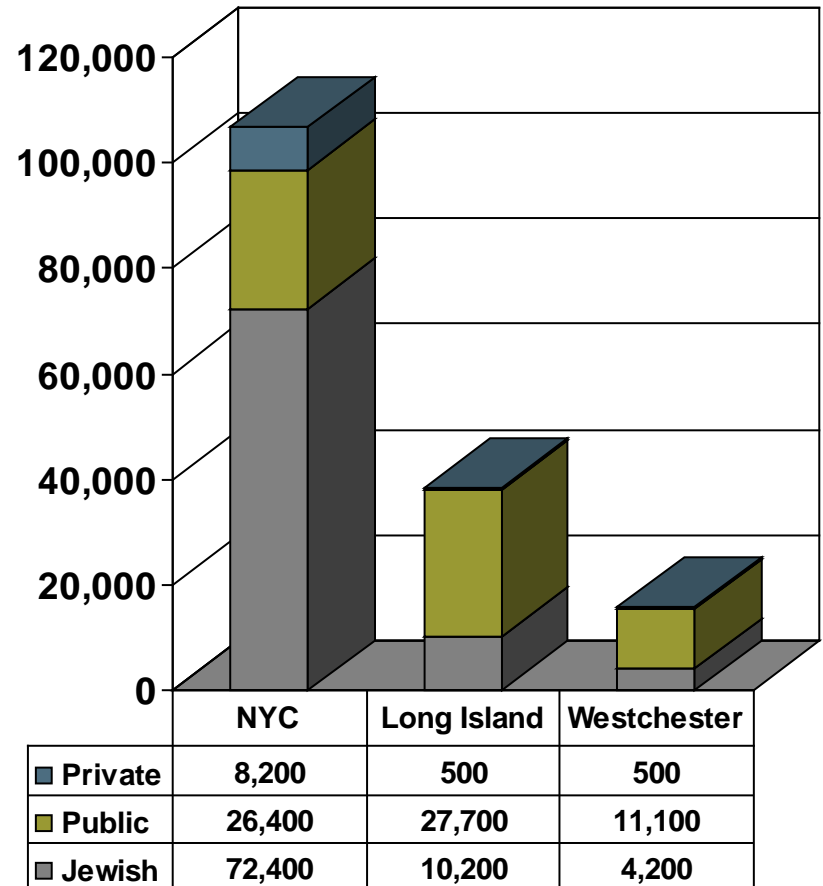
- **What type of school is your going to on a fulltime basis?**

Respondents were read the following list of options:

- Full-time Jewish All-Day School
 - Public School
 - Private School, Not Jewish
 - At Home, Full-time Schooling
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Education: Jewish or secular?

- Slightly more than half of the Jewish children (53%) in the eight-county area go to Jewish schools.
- Two-out-of-three NYC, 26% of Long Island and 26% of Westchester Jewish children attend Jewish schools.
- Most Long Island (71%) and Westchester (68%) Jewish children attend public schools.
- Almost 8% of NYC Jewish children go to private, non-Jewish schools.



School Choice by county

		Full-time Jewish School	Public School	Private School (not Jewish)	Total Students (6-18 years)
Regional	Eight-county region	86,900	65,300	9,100	161,300
		54%	40%	6%	
	New York City	72,400	26,400	8,200	107,000
		68%	25%	8%	
Counties	Bronx	2,200	1,100	270	3,570
		62%	31%	8%	
	Brooklyn	58,000	9,800	2,400	70,200
		83%	14%	3%	
	Manhattan	3,300	2,800	5,000	11,100
		30%	25%	45%	
	Queens	7,900	9,500	460	17,860
		44%	53%	3%	
	Staten Island	1,000	3,300	50	4,350
		23%	76%	1%	
	Nassau	9,900	18,600	375	28,875
		34%	64%	1%	
	Suffolk	300	9,100	125	9,525
		3%	96%	1%	
	Westchester	4,300	11,100	500	15,900
		27%	70%	3%	

School choice by selected communities

Selected Communities		Full-time Jewish School	Public School	Private School (not Jewish)	Total Students (6-18 years)
Brooklyn	Bensonhurst/Gravesend	2,400	1,700	0	4,100
		59%	41%	0%	
	Borough Park	17,800	700	0	18,500
		96%	4%	0%	
	Brooklyn Heights/Park Slope	260	500	1,300	2,060
		13%	24%	63%	
	Canarsie/Flatlands	50	2,300	0	2,350
		2%	98%	0%	
	Coney Island/Brighton Beach	400	1,550	150	2,100
		19%	74%	7%	
	Crown Heights	3,800	0	0	3,800
		100%	0%	0%	
	Flatbush/Midwood/Kensington	14,500	900	400	15,800
		92%	6%	3%	
Kingsbay/Madison	2,800	800		3,600	
	78%	22%	0%		
Williamsburg	15,800	280	0	16,080	
	98%	2%	0%		
Residual	400	1,000	500	1,900	
	21%	53%	26%		
Manhattan	Chelsea/Gramercy	200	500	800	1,500
		13%	33%	53%	
	Lower Manhattan	600	600	450	1,650
		36%	36%	27%	
	Upper East Side	200	500	2,550	3,250
		6%	15%	78%	
	Upper West Side	1,650	600	1,200	3,450
		48%	17%	35%	
Washington Heights	500	0	0	500	
	100%	0%	0%		
Residual	160	725	0	885	
	18%	82%	0%		

From Appendix B:

A Note on Methodology (p. 335)

It is not feasible to adjust the Jewish education data for each of the Jewish-area profiles given the smaller numbers of interviews in small areas compared with counties. One can assume that in every Jewish area, the percentage of children in day school is less than the percentage presented in the *Geographic Profile*, however, it is extremely unlikely that the difference is greater than 10% in any one area.

In general, the Jewish education data for small Jewish areas (below the county level) need to be treated with some caution. The higher the percentage of households with children 17 and under, the greater one's comfort level with this data. In small areas where the percentage of households with children 17 and under is relatively high or where the overall number of interviews is relatively high (even if the percentage of children is low), one can be reasonably confident that the data are usable. For example, one should not rely on the Jewish education data for Northeast Bronx where only 10% of the households include a child 17 or under (second lowest rank) and where there are only an estimated 8,200 households (the lowest rank).
