

CHAPTER 16

POLITICAL PROFILE

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POLITICAL PARTY

Jewish respondents in Broward were asked whether they think of themselves as Republican, Democrat, Independent, or something else. **Table 16-1** shows that 17% (12,500 households) of respondents think of themselves as Republican; 56% (40,400 households), Democrat, 26% (18,400 households), Independent; and 1% (650 households), something else. This discussion focuses on the percentage Republican and percentage Democrat.

✓ If all Jewish adults in households in which the respondents think of themselves as Republican also think of themselves as Republican, then 23,600 Jewish adults think of themselves as Republican. If all Jewish adults in households in which the respondents think of themselves as Democrat also think of themselves as Democrat, then 70,300 Jewish adults think of themselves as Democrat.

Community Comparisons. **Table 16-2** shows Broward compared with eight other comparison Jewish communities. The 17% Republican compares to 18% in Miami. The 56% Democrat compares to 53% in Miami. The 26% Independent compares to 21% in Miami. The 1% something else compares to 9% in Miami.

Table 16-3 shows the percentage of Republicans by age compared to 8 other Jewish communities. About 20% of respondents under age 65 are Republicans, compared to 12% age 65 and over. Note as well that 40% of Orthodox Jews are Republicans.

Comparisons Among Population Subgroups. **Table 16-1** shows that, overall, 17% of respondents consider themselves **Republican**. The percentage is much higher for respondents in:

- non-elderly couple households (37%)
- households earning \$200,000 and over (28%)
- Orthodox households (40%)

Overall, 56% of respondents consider themselves **Democrats**. The percentage is much higher for respondents in:

- households age 75 and over (70%)
- elderly couple households (67%) and elderly single households (75%)
- households earning an annual income under \$25,000 (72%)
- households in which the respondent is somewhat emotionally attached to Israel (68%)

The percentage is much lower for respondents (in):

- households in residence in Broward for 5-9 years (43%)
- age 50-64 (46%)
- households in which the respondent is male (46%)
- households with children (46%) and non-elderly couple households (42%)

- Orthodox households (32%)
- intermarried households (42%)
- households who attended Chabad in the past year (41%)
- who are extremely emotionally attached to Israel (45%)
- households who donated \$500-\$1,000 to the Jewish Federation in the past year (37%)

TABLE 16-1 POLITICAL PARTY				
BASE: JEWISH RESPONDENTS				
Population Subgroup	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Something Else
All	17.4%	56.1	25.6	0.9
GEOGRAPHIC AREA				
Northwest	19.8%	54.5	24.0	1.7
North Central	23.7%	61.4	14.9	0.0
East	11.9%	50.3	37.8	0.0
West Central	15.5%	61.1	23.4	0.0
Southeast	18.3%	52.8	28.9	0.0
Southwest	16.6%	53.5	26.8	3.1
LENGTH OF RESIDENCE IN BROWARD				
0 - 4 years	10.0%	55.9	34.1	0.0
5 - 9 years	17.1%	34.6	45.8	2.5
10 - 19 years	22.8%	52.1	25.1	0.0
20 or more years	16.3%	60.8	21.8	1.1
AGE OF RESPONDENT				
Under 35	19.6%	50.4	28.0	2.0
35 - 49	19.2%	48.2	31.3	1.3
50 - 64	22.3%	46.0	30.3	1.4
65 - 74	13.7%	60.0	26.2	0.1
75 and over	10.2%	79.1	10.7	0.0
→ 65 and over	11.8%	69.7	18.4	0.1

TABLE 16-1 POLITICAL PARTY				
BASE: JEWISH RESPONDENTS				
Population Subgroup	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Something Else
All	17.4%	56.1	25.6	0.9
SEX OF RESPONDENT				
Male	17.5%	45.6	34.7	2.2
Female	17.2%	63.8	19.0	0.0
HOUSEHOLD STRUCTURE				
Household with Children	18.3%	46.4	32.0	3.3
Household with Only Adult Children	19.4%	58.8	20.6	1.2
Non-Elderly Couple	36.8%	42.2	20.9	0.1
Non-Elderly Single	20.0%	47.6	32.4	0.0
Elderly Couple	16.7%	66.8	16.5	0.0
Elderly Single	9.1%	75.4	15.5	0.0
HOUSEHOLD INCOME				
Under \$25,000	13.9%	72.0	14.1	0.0
\$25 - \$50,000	17.5%	53.2	29.0	0.3
\$50 - \$100,000	13.4%	54.8	31.8	0.0
\$100 - \$200,000	11.8%	65.3	22.9	0.0
\$200,000 and over	28.3%	56.1	15.4	0.2
JEWISH IDENTIFICATION				
Orthodox	40.4%	32.2	27.4	0.0
Conservative	16.7%	54.4	26.8	2.1
Reform	14.9%	60.5	24.6	0.0
Just Jewish	18.1%	55.4	25.8	0.7

TABLE 16-1 POLITICAL PARTY				
BASE: JEWISH RESPONDENTS				
Population Subgroup	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Something Else
All	17.4%	56.1	25.6	0.9
TYPE OF MARRIAGE				
In-married	22.5%	55.0	20.5	2.0
Conversionary	15.7%	57.0	27.3	0.0
Intermarried	25.9%	41.7	32.4	0.0
SYNAGOGUE MEMBERSHIP				
Member	18.5%	61.1	18.4	2.0
Non-Member	16.8%	53.6	29.2	0.4
ATTENDED CHABAD IN THE PAST YEAR				
Attended	24.9%	41.3	32.8	1.0
Did Not Attend	15.1%	60.6	23.4	0.9
JCC MEMBERSHIP				
Member	16.6%	51.8	27.4	4.2
Non-Member	17.4%	56.7	25.4	0.5
JEWISH ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP				
Member	18.0%	64.7	17.2	0.1
Non-Member	17.2%	54.1	27.6	1.1
ANY ADULT VISITED ISRAEL				
On Jewish Trip	17.3%	65.5	14.7	2.5
On General Trip	15.5%	54.2	29.5	0.8
No	19.1%	51.7	29.2	0.0

TABLE 16-1 POLITICAL PARTY				
BASE: JEWISH RESPONDENTS				
Population Subgroup	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Something Else
All	17.4%	56.1	25.6	0.9
LEVEL OF EMOTIONAL ATTACHMENT TO ISRAEL				
Extremely Attached	21.8%	45.4	31.9	0.9
Very Attached	18.0%	56.1	25.2	0.7
Somewhat Attached	13.8%	67.7	18.4	0.1
Not Attached	16.4%	51.4	29.1	3.1
FEDERATION MARKET SEGMENTS IN THE PAST YEAR				
Donated to Federation	15.6%	61.4	22.8	0.2
Asked, Did Not Donate	22.1%	61.6	16.3	0.0
Not Asked	17.5%	53.0	28.2	1.3
DONATED TO JEWISH FEDERATION IN THE PAST YEAR				
Nothing	18.0%	53.9	26.9	1.2
Under \$100	10.5%	69.0	20.5	0.0
\$100 - \$500	18.1%	61.4	20.5	0.0
\$500 - \$1,000	19.2%	37.3	42.5	1.0
\$1,000 and over	25.0%	56.8	17.6	0.6

TABLE 16-2 POLITICAL PARTY COMMUNITY COMPARISONS					
BASE: JEWISH RESPONDENTS					
Community	Year	Republican	<i>Democrat</i>	Independent	Something Else
Washington	2003	11%	69	17	4
Los Angeles	1997	11%	69	9	11
Minneapolis	2004	9%	66	19	6
St. Paul	2004	13%	63	18	6
Bergen	2001	11%	63	19	6
Seattle	2000	8%	63	25	4
San Francisco	2004	9%	61	12	18
BROWARD	2016	17%	56	26	1
Miami	2014	18%	53	21	9
NJPS	2000	14%	61	20	6

**TABLE 16-3
PERCENTAGE REPUBLICAN BY AGE
AND FOR ORTHODOX JEWS**

BASE: JEWISH RESPONDENTS

Community	Year	<i>Under 35</i>	35-49	50-64	65-74	75 +	Orthodox
Los Angeles	1997	32%	8%	19%	5%	5%	26%
Bergen	2001	22%	14%	10%	6%	4%	12%
Miami	2014	21%	21%	19%	15%	15%	43%
BROWARD	2016	20%	19%	22%	14%	10%	40%
Minneapolis	2004	17%	13%	6%	5%	3%	NA
San Francisco	2004	12%	8%	8%	7%	13%	19%
Washington	2003	9%	13%	10%	13%	6%	28%
St. Paul	2004	8%	19%	7%	16%	10%	NA
Seattle	2000	0%	13%	28%	2%	2%	9%
Twin Cities	2004	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	45%
NJPS	2000	15%	16%	15%	12%	9%	24%

Note: Due to a small sample size, a combined number for Minneapolis/St. Paul is presented for Orthodox.

PROFILES OF REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS

While **Table 16-1** shows the percentage of Jewish respondents in *each population group* in Broward who think of themselves as Republican or Democrat, **Table 16-4** shows *profiles of Jewish respondents who think of themselves as Republican (Republicans) or Democrat (Democrats) or Independents (Independents)*. As an example of the interpretation of this table, note that while **Table 16-1** shows that 20% of *Jewish respondents under age 35* think of themselves as Republican, **Table 16-4** shows that 11% of *Republicans* are under age 35.

Compared to Democratic households, Republican households are much more likely to (be):

- age 50-64
- male
- non-elderly couple households
- earning an annual income of \$200,000 and over
- Orthodox households
- intermarried
- households who attended Chabad in the past year
- extremely emotionally attached to Israel

Compared to Democratic households, Republican households are much less likely to (be):

- live in households in residence for 20 or more years
- age 65 and over
- female
- live in elderly single households
- earning an annual income of \$100,000-\$200,000
- extremely emotionally attached to Israel

TABLE 16-4			
PROFILES OF REPUBLICANS, DEMOCRATS, AND INDEPENDENTS			
BASE: JEWISH RESPONDENTS			
Population Subgroup	Republican	Democrat	Independent
GEOGRAPHIC AREA			
Northwest	17.5%	14.8%	14.5%
North Central	13.4	10.7	5.7
East	6.2	8.1	13.3
West Central	24.9	30.3	25.4
Southeast	17.3	15.4	18.4
Southwest	20.7	20.7	22.7
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
LENGTH OF RESIDENCE IN BROWARD			
0 - 4 years	4.0%	6.7%	9.1%
5 - 9 years	9.0	5.7	16.4
10 - 19 years	29.1	20.6	21.8
20 or more years	57.9	67.0	52.7
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
AGE OF RESPONDENT			
Under 35	10.8%	8.6%	10.5%
35 - 49	19.2	14.9	21.3
50 - 64	42.8	27.4	39.7
65 - 74	15.4	20.9	20.1
75 and over	11.8	28.2	8.4
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
SEX OF RESPONDENT			
Male	40.9%	32.7%	54.7%
Female	59.1	67.3	45.3
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

TABLE 16-4			
PROFILES OF REPUBLICANS, DEMOCRATS, AND INDEPENDENTS			
BASE: JEWISH RESPONDENTS			
Population Subgroup	Republican	Democrat	Independent
HOUSEHOLD STRUCTURE			
Household with Children	22.3%	17.7%	25.7%
Household with Only Adult Children	16.9	15.9	12.3
Non-Elderly Couple	19.5	6.9	7.5
Non-Elderly Single	11.0	8.0	12.0
Elderly Couple	13.5	16.8	9.2
Elderly Single	9.6	24.4	11.9
Other	7.2	10.3	21.4
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
HOUSEHOLD INCOME			
Under \$25,000	14.3%	19.5%	9.5%
\$25 - \$50,000	15.4	12.3	16.7
\$50 - \$100,000	26.9	29.0	42.0
\$100 - \$200,000	17.9	25.9	22.7
\$200,000 and over	25.5	13.3	9.1
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
JEWISH IDENTIFICATION			
Orthodox	8.1%	2.0%	-2.3%
Conservative	29.2	29.5	31.9
Reconstructionist	0.2	1.9	6.2
Reform	24.3	30.4	27.1
Just Jewish	38.2	36.2	37.1
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
TYPE OF MARRIAGE			
In-married	68.2%	72.2%	59.1%
Conversionary	6.4	10.1	10.6
Intermarried	25.4	17.7	30.3

TABLE 16-4			
PROFILES OF REPUBLICANS, DEMOCRATS, AND INDEPENDENTS			
BASE: JEWISH RESPONDENTS			
Population Subgroup	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
SYNAGOGUE MEMBERSHIP			
Member	35.7%	36.5%	24.2%
Non-Member	64.3	63.5	75.8
Total	100.0	100.0%	100.0%
ATTENDED CHABAD IN THE PAST YEAR			
Attended	33.3%	17.0%	29.6%
Did Not Attend	66.7	83.0	70.4
Total	100.0	100.0%	100.0%
JCC MEMBERSHIP			
Member	11.1%	10.7%	12.4%
Non-Member	88.9	89.3	87.6
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
JCC PARTICIPATION			
Participant	17.2%	23.4%	27.8%
Non-Participant	82.8	76.6	72.2
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
JEWISH ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP			
Member	20.2%	22.5%	13.1%
Non-Member	79.8	77.5	86.9
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
ANY ADULT VISITED ISRAEL			
On Jewish Trip	25.5%	29.8%	14.7%
On General Trip	32.0	34.5	41.1
No	42.5	35.7	44.2
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

TABLE 16-4			
PROFILES OF REPUBLICANS, DEMOCRATS, AND INDEPENDENTS			
BASE: JEWISH RESPONDENTS			
Population Subgroup	Republican	Democrat	Independent
LEVEL OF EMOTIONAL ATTACHMENT TO ISRAEL			
Extremely Attached	31.9%	20.8%	32.1%
Very Attached	29.9	28.9	28.6
Somewhat Attached	24.0	36.5	22.0
Not Attached	14.2	13.8	17.3
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
JEWISH FEDERATION MARKET SEGMENTS IN THE PAST YEAR			
Donated to Federation	21.3%	26.3%	20.9%
Asked, Did Not Donate	10.5	9.1	5.2
Not Asked	68.2	64.6	73.9
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
DONATED TO JEWISH FEDERATION IN THE PAST YEAR			
Nothing	78.7%	73.7%	79.0%
Under \$100	6.5	13.4	8.5
\$100 - \$500	7.4	7.9	5.7
\$500 - \$1,000	3.1	1.9	4.7
\$1,000 and over	4.3	3.1	2.1
Total	100.0%	100.04.8%	100.0%

REGISTERED TO VOTE

Table 16-4 shows that 96% (69,000 households) of respondents in Broward are registered to vote.

Community Comparisons. Table 16-5 shows that the 96% who are registered to vote is the highest of about fifteen comparison Jewish communities and compares to 96% in both South Palm Beach and West Palm Beach, and 95% in Miami. The 96% compares to 60% of all Americans as of 2010.

Table 16-6 shows that the 87% of respondents under age 35 who are registered to vote is about average among about ten comparison Jewish communities and compares to 94% in West Palm Beach, 93% in Miami, and 83% in South Palm Beach.

Comparisons Among Population Subgroups. Table 16-4 shows that, overall, 95% of respondents are registered to vote. The percentage is much lower for respondents (in):

- under age 35 (87%)
- Orthodox households (88%)
- conversionary in-married (79%)

TABLE 16-4		
REGISTERED TO VOTE AND POLITICALLY ACTIVE		
BASE: RESPONDENTS FOR REGISTERED TO VOTE JEWISH RESPONDENTS FOR POLITICALLY ACTIVE		
Population Subgroup	Registered to Vote	Politically Active
All	95.9%	30.8%
GEOGRAPHIC AREA		
Northwest	97.3%	38.3%
North Central	96.6%	30.2%
East	93.6%	28.4%
West Central	99.7%	31.3%
Southeast	89.2%	25.7%
Southwest	96.3%	30.3%
LENGTH OF RESIDENCE IN BROWARD		
0 - 4 years	80.5%	31.0%
5 - 9 years	95.9%	23.7%
10 - 19 years	95.7%	27.2%
20 or more years	97.6%	32.9%
AGE OF RESPONDENT		
Under 35	86.6%	40.7%
35 - 49	95.9%	26.0%
50 - 64	97.5%	31.9%
65 - 74	93.4%	26.5%
75 and over	99.9%	32.4%
→ 65 and over	96.8%	29.5%

TABLE 16-4		
REGISTERED TO VOTE AND POLITICALLY ACTIVE		
BASE: RESPONDENTS FOR REGISTERED TO VOTE JEWISH RESPONDENTS FOR POLITICALLY ACTIVE		
Population Subgroup	Registered to Vote	Politically Active
All	95.9%	30.8%
SEX OF RESPONDENT		
Male	94.8%	35.7%
Female	96.7%	27.4%
HOUSEHOLD STRUCTURE		
Household with Children	96.8%	25.9%
Household with Only Adult Children	94.1%	26.2%
Non-Elderly Couple	97.1%	38.8%
Non-Elderly Single	99.1%	40.4%
Elderly Couple	94.1%	38.0%
Elderly Single	99.7%	30.1%
HOUSEHOLD INCOME		
Under \$25,000	93.6%	19.7%
\$25 - \$50,000	97.8%	23.4%
\$50 - \$100,000	95.6%	27.5%
\$100 - \$200,000	96.9%	31.7%
\$200,000 and over	92.3%	47.7%
JEWISH IDENTIFICATION		
Orthodox	88.2%	17.6%
Conservative	96.5%	28.2%
Reform	96.3%	39.7%
Just Jewish	96.0%	28.1%

TABLE 16-4		
REGISTERED TO VOTE AND POLITICALLY ACTIVE		
BASE: RESPONDENTS FOR REGISTERED TO VOTE JEWISH RESPONDENTS FOR POLITICALLY ACTIVE		
Population Subgroup	Registered to Vote	Politically Active
All	95.9%	30.8%
TYPE OF MARRIAGE		
In-married	98.0%	33.0%
Conversionary	79.0%	35.2%
Intermarried	97.5%	32.6%
SYNAGOGUE MEMBERSHIP		
Member	96.1%	39.6%
Non-Member	95.9%	26.2%
ATTENDED CHABAD IN THE PAST YEAR		
Attended	92.7%	38.1%
Did Not Attend	96.9%	28.6%
JCC MEMBERSHIP		
Member	94.4%	33.2%
Non-Member	96.2%	30.4%
JEWISH ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP		
Member	99.1%	42.2%
Non-Member	95.2%	28.0%
POLITICAL PARTY OF RESPONDENT		
Republican	96.1%	24.2%
Democrat	97.9%	34.6%
Independent	95.6%	31.9%

TABLE 16-4		
REGISTERED TO VOTE AND POLITICALLY ACTIVE		
BASE: RESPONDENTS FOR REGISTERED TO VOTE JEWISH RESPONDENTS FOR POLITICALLY ACTIVE		
Population Subgroup	Registered to Vote	Politically Active
All	95.9%	30.8%
ANY ADULT VISITED ISRAEL		
On Jewish Trip	96.6%	38.5%
On General Trip	93.7%	30.5%
No	97.6%	26.0%
LEVEL OF EMOTIONAL ATTACHMENT TO ISRAEL		
Extremely Attached	94.6%	39.8%
Very Attached	93.7%	27.9%
Somewhat Attached	97.2%	28.1%
Not Attached	100.0%	28.1%
FEDERATION MARKET SEGMENTS IN THE PAST YEAR		
Donated to Federation	96.8%	42.4%
Asked, Did Not Donate	99.4%	36.8%
Not Asked	95.2%	25.8%
DONATED TO JEWISH FEDERATION IN THE PAST YEAR		
Nothing	95.6%	26.9%
Under \$100	94.1%	40.6%
\$100 - \$500	98.6%	29.9%
\$500 - \$1,000	99.3%	62.4%
\$1,000 and over	99.7%	60.5%

TABLE 16-5 REGISTERED TO VOTE COMMUNITY COMPARISONS						
BASE: JEWISH RESPONDENTS						
Community	Year	%		Community	Year	%
Broward	2016	96%		Harrisburg	1994	91%
Columbus	2013	96%		St. Petersburg	1994	91%
S Palm Beach	2005	96%		Los Angeles	1997	90%
W Palm Beach	2005	96%		Orlando	1993	90%
Washington	2003	96%		New York	2011	88%
Miami	2014	95%		NJPS	2000	90%
Richmond	1994	95%		US (Current Pop- ulation Survey)	2014	59%
Bergen	2001	92%				

TABLE 16-6 REGISTERED TO VOTE UNDER AGE 35 COMMUNITY COMPARISONS						
BASE: JEWISH RESPONDENTS UNDER AGE 35						
Community	Year	%		Community	Year	%
W Palm Beach	2005	94%		S Palm Beach	2005	83%
Washington	2003	94%		Harrisburg	1994	83%
Miami	2014	93%		Bergen	2001	82%
Richmond	1994	91%		St. Petersburg	1994	81%
Broward	2016	87%		New York	2011	72%
Columbus	2013	84%		NJPS	2000	77%
Orlando	1993	84%		US (Current Pop- ulation Survey)	2014	45%

POLITICALLY ACTIVE

Jewish respondents in Broward were asked whether they attended any political meetings or rallies, contributed money to a political party or candidate, or contacted or wrote to a government official in the past year (*politically active*). **Table 16-4** shows that 31% (22,200 households) of respondents are politically active.

✓ The 31% compares to 45% in Washington, 34% in Bergen, 29% in Miami, the only other communities for which the data are available.

Comparisons Among Population Subgroups. **Table 16-4** shows that, overall, 31% of respondents are politically active. The percentage is much higher for respondents (in):

- under age 35 (41%)
- households earning an annual income of \$200,000 and over (48%)
- Reform households (58%)
- Jewish organization member households (42%)
- households who donated to the Jewish Federation in the past year (42%)
- households who donated \$500-\$1,000 (62%) and \$1,000 and over (61%) to the Jewish Federation in the past year

The percentage is much lower for respondents in:

- households earning an annual income under \$25,000 and over (20%)
- Orthodox households (18%)

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