

## Appendix B - Ottawa Jewish Community's Demographics

The 2011 National Household Survey (NHS) provides a wealth of demographic information regarding Ottawa's Jewish population. However, there are limitations to the data as a result of the replacement of the Long Form of the National Census with the voluntary NHS and some challenges and changes in how to define who is Jewish.

**The changes in methodology make it difficult to compare the results of the 2011 National Household Survey (NHS) with those of previous Censuses and therefore, comparisons should be treated with caution.**

Highlights of the data include:

- **SLOWER GROWTH** - the Jewish population of Ottawa numbered 14,005 people in 2011, comprising 1.2% of the total Ottawa population. Between 2001 and 2011 the Jewish community grew by only 375 individuals, or 2.8%.
- **4<sup>TH</sup> LARGEST CANADIAN JEWISH COMMUNITY** - even with the modest increase in size, Ottawa now has the fourth largest Jewish community in Canada, comprising 3.6% of the country's Jewish population. Ottawa recently surpassed Winnipeg in terms of Jewish population.
- **FEWER CHILDREN** - there has been a significant decrease in the number of children under 15 years of age, from 2,725 in 2001 to 2,255 in 2011. This represents a 17.2% decline.
- **AGEING POPULATION** - the population of seniors 65+ is increasing, from 1,590 in 2001 to 1,970 in 2011 and this group now represents 14.1% of the population (although still a smaller cohort than the rest of Canadian Jewry). The baby boomers will begin swelling the ranks of Ottawa's Jewish elderly by the time the next NHS is conducted in 2021.
- **WESTWARD EXPANSION** – though Jewish life remains vibrant, traditional Jewish neighborhoods like Alta Vista are growing smaller, while Western expansion continues (e.g. Barrhaven). Nepean South and Centretown represent the largest concentration of Jews in Ottawa.

Even with the limitations of the NHS, it is clear that there are less children, the population is ageing and moving westward. While not a determining factor, the data is a useful tool in strategic planning and we have used it as such.

### Age by Census Year

#### Ottawa Jewish Community

|              | 2011          |              | 2001          |              | 1991          |              |
|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
|              | #             | %            | #             | %            | #             | %            |
| 0-14         | 2,255         | 16.1         | 2,725         | 20.0         | 2,570         | 22.0         |
| 15-24        | 2,160         | 15.4         | 2,060         | 15.1         | 1,280         | 11.0         |
| 25-44        | 3,040         | 21.7         | 3,120         | 22.9         | 4,090         | 35.1         |
| 45-64        | 4,585         | 32.7         | 4,130         | 30.3         | 2,060         | 17.7         |
| 65+          | 1,970         | 14.1         | 1,590         | 11.7         | 1,665         | 14.3         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>14,010</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>13,625</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>11,665</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

### Age Breakdowns

#### Ottawa & Canadian Jewish Populations 2011

|              | Ottawa Jewish Population |              | Canadian Jewish Population |              |
|--------------|--------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|--------------|
|              | #                        | %            | #                          | %            |
| 0-14         | 2,255                    | 16.1         | 71,280                     | 18.2         |
| 15-24        | 2,160                    | 15.4         | 52,390                     | 13.4         |
| 25-44        | 3,040                    | 21.7         | 92,200                     | 23.5         |
| 45-64        | 4,585                    | 32.7         | 109,515                    | 28.0         |
| 65+          | 1,970                    | 14.1         | 66,280                     | 16.9         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>14,010</b>            | <b>100.0</b> | <b>391,665</b>             | <b>100.0</b> |

**Age Breakdowns for Jews  
Selected Geographic Areas  
(Row %)**

|                                | Total         | 0-14         |             | 15-24        |             | 25-44        |             | 45-64        |             | 65+          |             |
|--------------------------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
|                                | #             | #            | %           | #            | %           | #            | %           | #            | %           | #            | %           |
| <b>Centretown</b>              | 2,395         | 275          | 11.5        | 420          | 17.5        | 705          | 29.4        | 685          | 28.5        | 315          | 13.1        |
| <b>Ottawa West</b>             | 1,775         | 325          | 18.4        | 210          | 11.9        | 320          | 18.1        | 570          | 32.2        | 345          | 19.5        |
| <b>Nepean West</b>             | 1,145         | 145          | 12.7        | 205          | 18.0        | 220          | 19.3        | 370          | 32.5        | 200          | 17.5        |
| <b>Nepean South</b>            | 2,820         | 510          | 18.1        | 510          | 18.1        | 485          | 17.2        | 1,010        | 35.8        | 305          | 10.8        |
| <b>Barrhaven South</b>         | 1,025         | 240          | 23.3        | 155          | 15.0        | 265          | 25.7        | 280          | 27.2        | 90           | 8.7         |
| <b>Alta Vista</b>              | 1,825         | 215          | 11.7        | 230          | 12.6        | 330          | 18.0        | 670          | 36.6        | 385          | 21.0        |
| <b>Ottawa East</b>             | 510           | 70           | 13.6        | 120          | 23.3        | 105          | 20.4        | 170          | 33.0        | 50           | 9.7         |
| <b>Orleans / Residual East</b> | 670           | 75           | 11.4        | 100          | 15.2        | 145          | 22.0        | 220          | 33.3        | 120          | 18.2        |
| <b>Kanata / Residual West</b>  | 800           | 180          | 22.2        | 75           | 9.3         | 190          | 23.5        | 285          | 35.2        | 80           | 9.9         |
| <b>Rest of Ottawa CMA</b>      | 380           | 55           | 14.5        | 65           | 17.1        | 90           | 23.7        | 150          | 39.5        | 20           | 5.3         |
| <b>Gatineau</b>                | 655           | 160          | 24.4        | 75           | 11.5        | 200          | 30.5        | 170          | 26.0        | 50           | 7.6         |
| <b>Ottawa / Gatineau CMA</b>   | <b>14,000</b> | <b>2,250</b> | <b>16.1</b> | <b>2,165</b> | <b>15.5</b> | <b>3,055</b> | <b>21.8</b> | <b>4,580</b> | <b>32.7</b> | <b>1,960</b> | <b>14.0</b> |