

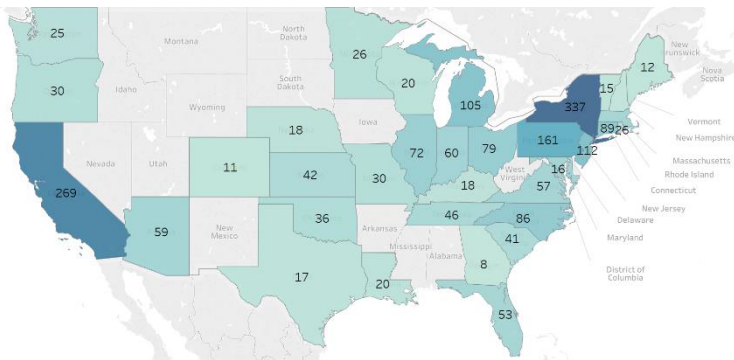
ABOUT THE SURVEY

As AJS approached its 50th anniversary, we invited every US-based institution with a Jewish Studies department (about 250 institutions) to complete a survey based on the 2017/2018 academic year. 66% of institutions responded to the survey. This report presents data from 161 institutions that are not exclusively Jewish. Participating institutions are listed at the end of the document.

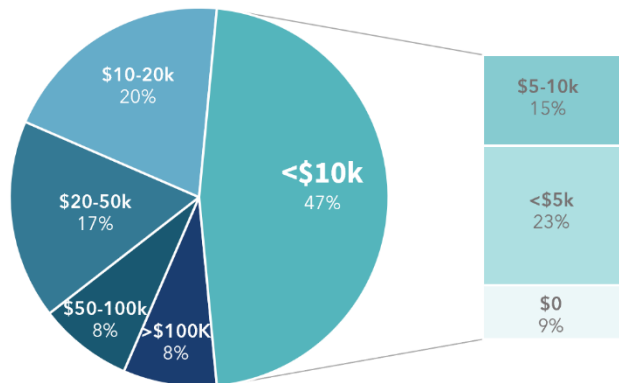
HOW ARE COURSES, STUDENTS, & FACULTY DISTRIBUTED ACROSS THE US?

Jewish Studies is concentrated in the Middle Atlantic, South Atlantic, East North Central, and Pacific regions. There is little presence in the Mountain and East South Central regions. In 2017/2018, more than 35,000 undergraduates took a Jewish Studies course. About half of the faculty affiliated with Jewish Studies teach a minority of their courses in Jewish Studies. The other half teach most of their courses in Jewish Studies.

FIG. 1: # OF JEWISH STUDIES COURSES OFFERED (N=2,109)

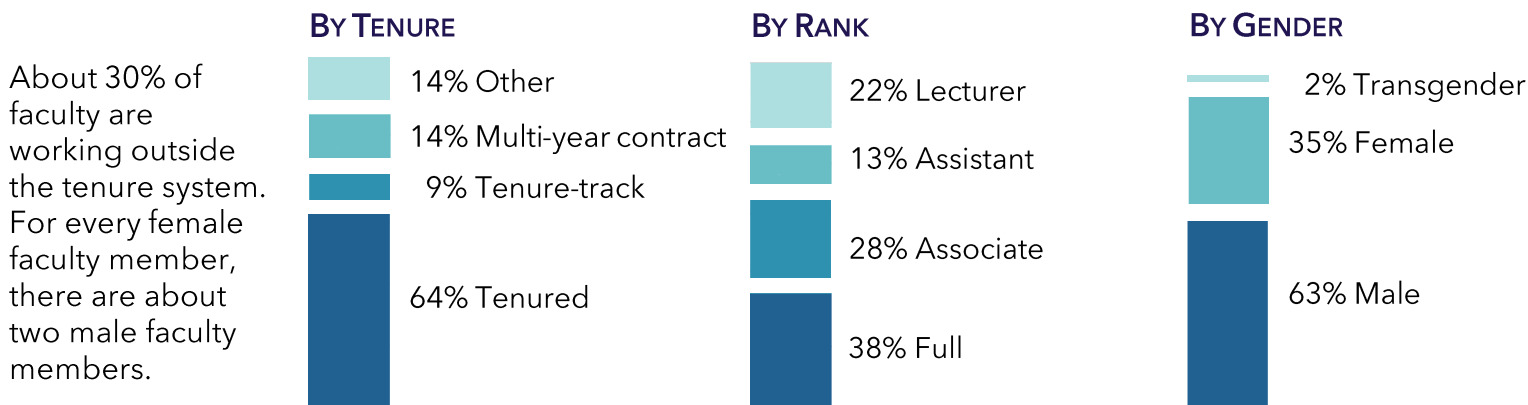


HOW MUCH DO INSTITUTIONS SPEND ON JEWISH STUDIES?



About half of institutions operate on program budgets that are \$10,000 or less per year.

WHO IS ON THE FACULTY?



About 30% of faculty are working outside the tenure system. For every female faculty member, there are about two male faculty members.

WHAT ARE THE ENROLLMENT TRENDS AND STRATEGIES?

Based on respondents' self-assessment, undergraduate enrollment is a key area of concern because it reflects the Jewish Studies program's overall vitality. Other indicators of health include the number of majors/minors, the addition/loss of faculty or faculty lines, and community interest in public programs. About 30% of institutions think enrollment in Jewish Studies, especially Israel Studies, has increased. About 50% think enrollment has stayed constant. Enrollment in Hebrew language and literature appears to be on the decline. Jewish Studies is highly affected by changes that are often beyond their control, such as changes in General Education or language requirements, demographic shifts in the student body, and decreasing interest in the humanities. To attract students, institutions are introducing new course topics, cross-listing courses, adapting courses to meet Gen Ed requirements, offering freshmen seminars to expose students to Jewish studies early on, being more proactive about partnering with Hillel and Chabad, and offering online courses. However, adding new courses may not increase enrollment and instead might cannibalize other Jewish Studies courses. Institutions rarely mentioned trying to improve student learning experiences, suggesting little attention to the quality of courses offered, pedagogy, or assessment of student learning.

PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS

Allegheny College; American University; Appalachian State University; Arizona State University; Bard College; Barnard College; Binghamton University; Brandeis University; Brooklyn College, CUNY; Brown University; California State University, Fullerton; California State University, Long Beach; California State University, Northridge; California State University, Chico; California State University, Fresno; Carleton College; Case Western Reserve University; Clark University; Colby College; Colgate University; College of Charleston; Columbia University; Cornell University; Dartmouth College; Dickinson College; Drexel University; Duke University; Earlham College; Eastern Michigan University; Elon University; Fairfield University; Fairleigh Dickinson University; Florida Atlantic University; Florida International University; Fordham University; Franklin & Marshall College; George Washington University; Georgia State University; Goucher College; Graduate Theological Union; Harvard University; Hobart and William Smith Colleges; Hofstra University; Hunter College, CUNY; Indiana University; Ithaca College; Johns Hopkins University; Kalamazoo College; Kean University; Kent State; Keene State College; Lafayette College; Lander College for Women; Touro College; Lehigh University; Los Angeles Valley College; Loyola Marymount University; Marist College; Miami University; Michigan State University; Middle Tennessee State University; Middlebury College; Mount Holyoke College; Muhlenberg College; New School University; New York University; North Carolina State University; Northeastern University; Northwestern University; Ohio State University; Ohio University; Old Dominion University; Penn State; Portland State University; Princeton University; Purchase College; Queens College, CUNY; Rice University; Rutgers University; San Diego State University; San Francisco State University; San Jose State University; Smith College; Stanford University; Stony Brook University; SUNY Plattsburgh; Susquehanna University; Syracuse University; Temple University; Touro Graduate School of Jewish Studies; Trinity College; Tufts University; Tulane University; Union College; University of Albany, SUNY; University of Arizona; University of Arkansas; University of Buffalo; University of California, Berkeley; University of California, Irvine; University of California, Los Angeles; University of California, Riverside; University of California, Santa Cruz; University of California, Davis; University of California, Santa Barbara; University of Central Florida; University of Chicago; University of Cincinnati; University of Colorado; University of Connecticut; University of Delaware; University of Florida; University of Hartford; University of Houston; University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign; University of Kansas; University of Kentucky; University of Louisville; University of Maryland Baltimore County; University of Massachusetts; University of Memphis; University of Miami; University of Michigan; University of Minnesota; University of Nebraska-Omaha; University of Nebraska-Lincoln; University of North Carolina, Charlotte; University of North Texas; University of Oklahoma; University of Oregon; University of Pittsburgh; University of Rochester; University of San Francisco; University of Scranton; University of South Carolina; University of Southern California; University of Tennessee, Knoxville; University of Texas at Austin; University of Vermont; University of Virginia; University of Washington; University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee; Ursinus College; Vanderbilt University; Vassar College; Virginia Commonwealth University; Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University; Virginia Wesleyan University; Wake Forest University; Washington University at St. Louis; Wayne State University; Wellesley College; Wesleyan University; West Chester University of Pennsylvania; Williams College; Xavier University; Yale University