School-Aged Children & Their Families
What, in particular, did we find out about the population of school-aged children within our larger study of Bay Area Jews?

This body of data is rich. We present it here in the hope that the community will find it useful and glean learnings from it for a wide range of purposes.
DEMOGRAPHICS
Of approximately 148,000 Jewish households, 34% have children currently residing in them, which break down as:

- 1 child: 41%
- 2 children: 48%
- 3 children: 9%
- 4+ children: 2%

80% are raising their children Jewish.
19% of households with children 5-17 include at least one adult family member of color.
Of households with school-aged children, 30% said they are “just managing” or “cannot make ends meet.”
Income Levels for Households with Children 5-17:

The median income for households with children 5-17 is $152k.
The majority of Jewish households with children 5-17 live in the East Bay, Peninsula, and South Bay.

- East Bay: 34%, ~13,900 HHs
- Peninsula & South Bay: 35%, ~14,250 HHs
- San Francisco: 17%, ~6,900 HHs
- North Bay: 14%, ~5,550 HHs
JEWISH ENGAGEMENT: A SNAPSHOT
In the following slides, “Jewish education” enrollment refers broadly to day schools, afterschool programs, religious/Hebrew school, and individualized arrangements such as tutoring. Jewish preschool and day or overnight camp experiences are treated separately.
Most school-aged children are being raised Jewish.

Of approximately 40,600 households with children 5-17:

- 62% → Raising Jewish
- 19% → Raising partially Jewish
- 19% → Not raising Jewish
Households with Children 5-17, by Denomination:

- No Denomination: 39%
- Conservative and Reconstructionist: 18%
- Reform: 35%
- Other Denomination: 4%
- Orthodox: 4%
Most households with children 5-17 do not belong to synagogue communities.

- Belong: 39% (~15,850 HHs)
- Do not belong: 61% (~24,700 HHs)
Most Jewish households have school-aged children enrolled in public schools.

Of the households with children attending public school, 19% have children in supplemental Jewish education.
48% of households with school-aged children have enrolled their children in Jewish Education at some time.

- **No Jewish Schooling Ever**: 52%
- **Day School**: 13%
- **Supplementary School**: 28%
- **Tutoring or Something Else**: 7%

The numbers represent:
- ~5,400 HHs
- ~5,400 HHs
- ~11,350 HHs
- ~2,700 HHs
31% of all households with school-aged children currently have children enrolled in Jewish Education.

- No Jewish Schooling: 69%
- Day School: 7%
- Supplementary School: 18%
- Tutoring or Something Else: 6%

Approximate Numbers:
- No Jewish Schooling: ~28,050 HHs
- Day School: ~2,850 HHs
- Supplementary School: ~7,250 HHs
- Tutoring or Something Else: ~2,400 HHs
Households with School-Aged Children Currently Receiving Jewish Education, by Region:
Households with School-Aged Children Currently Receiving Jewish Education, by Denomination:

- Reform: 48%
- Conservative and Reconstructionist: 25%
- No Denomination: 18%
- Orthodox: 8%
- Other Denomination: 1%
There is a high correlation between having a child currently enrolled in Jewish education and being part of a synagogue community.

- 67% of HHs with day school students belong.
- 87% of HHs with children in supplementary Jewish education belong.
- 41% of HHs with children in tutoring/other belong.
Income for Households with Children 5-17 Currently Receiving Jewish Education:

- Under $40K: 2%
- $40K - $99K: 19%
- $100K - $249K: 47%
- $250K+: 32%

The median income for households with children 5-17 in Jewish Education is $193k.
40% of households with school-aged children (approximately 16,150) report that their children attended a Jewish preschool.
Households whose children went to Jewish preschool report more than double the day school enrollment of all households.

- Jewish Day School: 16%
- Private School: 12%
- Public School: 71%
- Home School: 1%

Jewish preschoolers are 10% more likely to receive supplemental Jewish education, too.
Jewish Preschool and Camp Attendance

Of Bay Area households with children aged 5-17:

40% → Jewish Preschool

41% → Jewish Day Camp

29% → Jewish Overnight Camp
There is a high correlation between attending Jewish preschool and attending Jewish day or overnight camps.

- 59% (~9,500 HHs) Attended Jewish day camp
- 47% (~7,650 HHs) Attended/worked at an overnight Jewish camp
If a household had a child that attended Jewish preschool

47% of those households sent a child to Jewish overnight camp

If a household did NOT have a child attend Jewish preschool

17% of those households sent a child to Jewish overnight camp