


Financially Struggling

JEWISH HOUSEHOLDS

Among the 294,200 LA Jewish households, 3,600 (1%) described their financial situation as “cannot make ends meet” and 43,800 (18%) as “just managing to make ends meet.” We refer to these 19% of households collectively as “**financially struggling**.”

RISK FACTORS OF “FINANCIALLY STRUGGLING”

- ✓ Income of \$100k or less
- ✓ Being single (compared to married or partnered)
- ✓ No bachelor’s degree (compared to graduate degree)
- ✓ Age 41-74 (compared to younger and older adults)
- ✓ Child in the household
- ✓ Unemployed and looking for work (excludes those in retirement)
- ✓ Underemployed
Meaning a job is not:
 - utilizing their education, experience, or training
 - full-time in their chosen field
 - and/or providing sufficient income.



JEWISH HOUSEHOLDS IN WEST VALLEY WERE MORE LIKELY TO SAY THEY WERE STRUGGLING COMPARED TO THOSE IN THE WESTSIDE (27% COMPARED TO 17%)

NOTE

The following household characteristics were tested and found to be not significant when controlling for all others:

- Orthodox denomination (compared to other or no denomination)
- Race/ethnicity and self-identifying as a person of color
- Immigrant in household
- Russian-speaking, being Persian, or having Israeli citizenship
- Household health issues
- LGBTQ



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A CLOSER LOOK...



JEWISH LIFE

Compared to all Jewish adults, those who are financially struggling were more likely to cite feeling:

- **No sense of belonging to any Jewish community within LA** (28% compared to 23%).
- **That Jewish life was too expensive** to participate (43% compared to 21%).
- **That they were not welcome** (20% compared to 13%).
- **Financially constrained from participation in Jewish life** (47% compared to 19%).



WELLBEING

Compared to all Jewish adults, those who are financially struggling were more likely to cite that they:

- **Cannot pay an emergency \$400 expense** (20% compared to 5%).
- **Have no local support network** (12% compared to 6%).
- **Felt lonely** often or all of the time in the month prior (17% compared to 9%).
- **Had emotional or mental difficulties** often or all of the time in the month prior (10% compared to 6%).

SOCIAL SERVICE

Compared to all Jewish households, those who are financially struggling were more likely to cite that they required:

- **At least one health, employment, or financial service** (60% compared to 40%).
- **Three or more types of social services** (23% compared to 8%).
- **Help with gaining or maintaining public benefits** (17% compared to 10%).
- **Financial assistance** (24% compared to 3%).
- **Assistance for a victim, bystander, or witness of domestic violence** (4% compared to 1%).

50%
OR MORE
OF THESE
FINANCIALLY
STRUGGLING
HOUSEHOLDS
DID NOT RECEIVE
THE NEEDED
ASSISTANCE.

59% of struggling households spend 30% or more of their income on housing (compared to 27% of all Jewish households).