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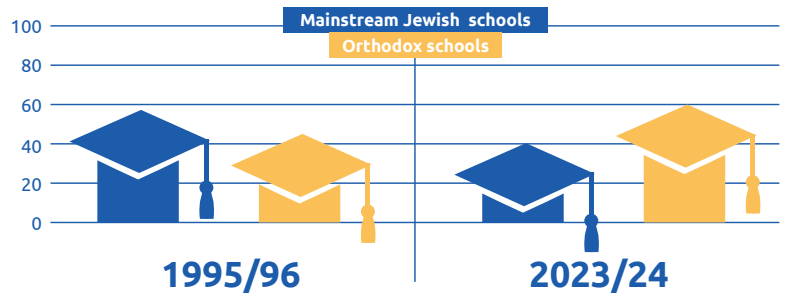
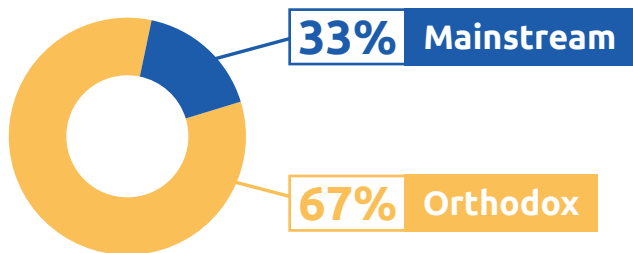
**21,982**  
CHILDREN ATTEND  
**PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**14,082**  
CHILDREN ATTEND  
**SECONDARY SCHOOL**

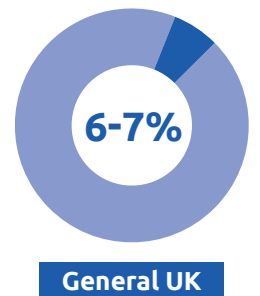
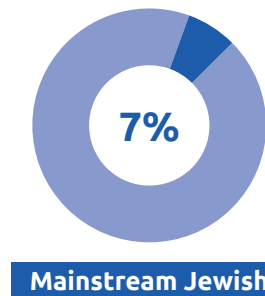
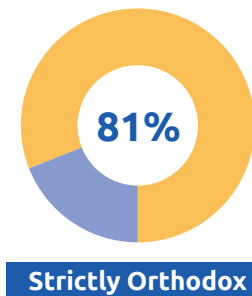
Minimal estimates, particularly at the secondary level; the number attending Jewish schools at that stage is likely somewhat higher

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In the mid-1990s, more Jewish children attended mainstream Jewish schools than Strictly Orthodox ones. **Today, at least 60% of Jewish children in the UK attend Strictly Orthodox schools.**



## CHILDREN IN PRIVATE SCHOOLS:



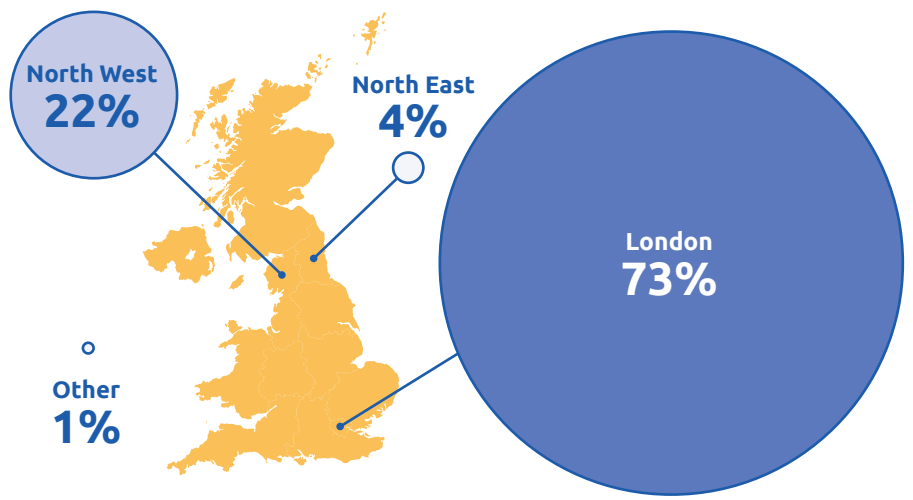
Haredi (Strictly Orthodox) schools differ significantly from private schools in the general population, as many Haredi families are markedly more disadvantaged and have more school-aged children. This means the recent introduction of VAT on private school fees will affect the community disproportionately. **No new Haredi state school has opened anywhere in the UK since 2014.**



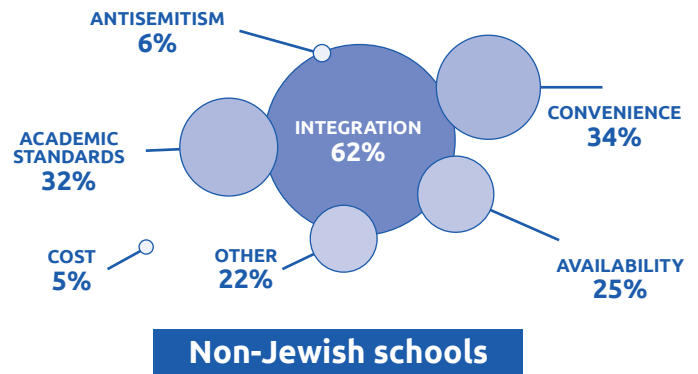
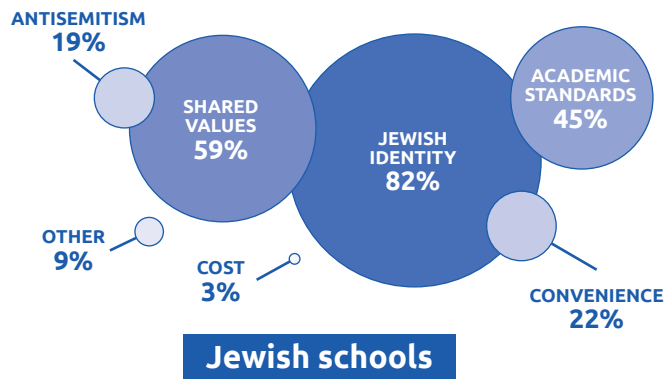
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of all these children  
are in Jewish schools  
in Greater London and  
South Hertfordshire

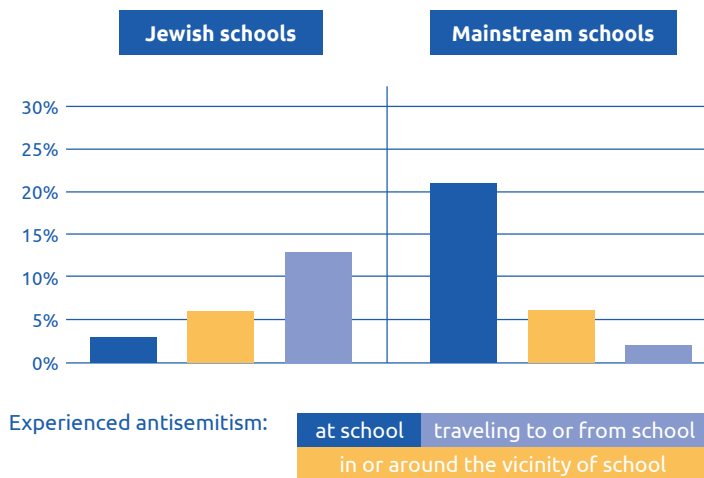


## WHAT LIES BEHIND PARENTS' DECISIONS TO SEND THEIR CHILDREN TO:



Numbers sum to more than 100% as respondents were allowed to provide multiple answers.

**A little under a quarter of Jewish parents reported that their child or children had experienced antisemitism at school (12%), in the vicinity of school (6%) or travelling to or from school (9%).**



- Over 76% of parents reported their children did not experience antisemitism in school.
- One in five parents with children in a non-Jewish school said they would now be more likely to send their children to a Jewish school following the October 7<sup>th</sup> attacks and their repercussions in the UK.
- This proportion doubles (40%) for parents whose children have experienced antisemitism while attending a mainstream school.
- In contrast, only 2% of parents with children at a Jewish school said recent events would prompt them to consider switching to a mainstream school.

Based on a sample of parents in unique households. The totals sum to more than 100%, as some parents have reported incidents in more than one location.

Data in this report come from the JPR Research Panel, which is designed to gather information from Jewish people aged 16 and over in the UK on a wide range of social and political issues, including aspects of their beliefs, behaviours and preferences; and school census data gathered in England and Scotland respectively by the Department for Education and the Scottish Government. Numbers have been adjusted to account for non-Jewish students enrolled in Jewish schools based on a yearly survey conducted by JPR.



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