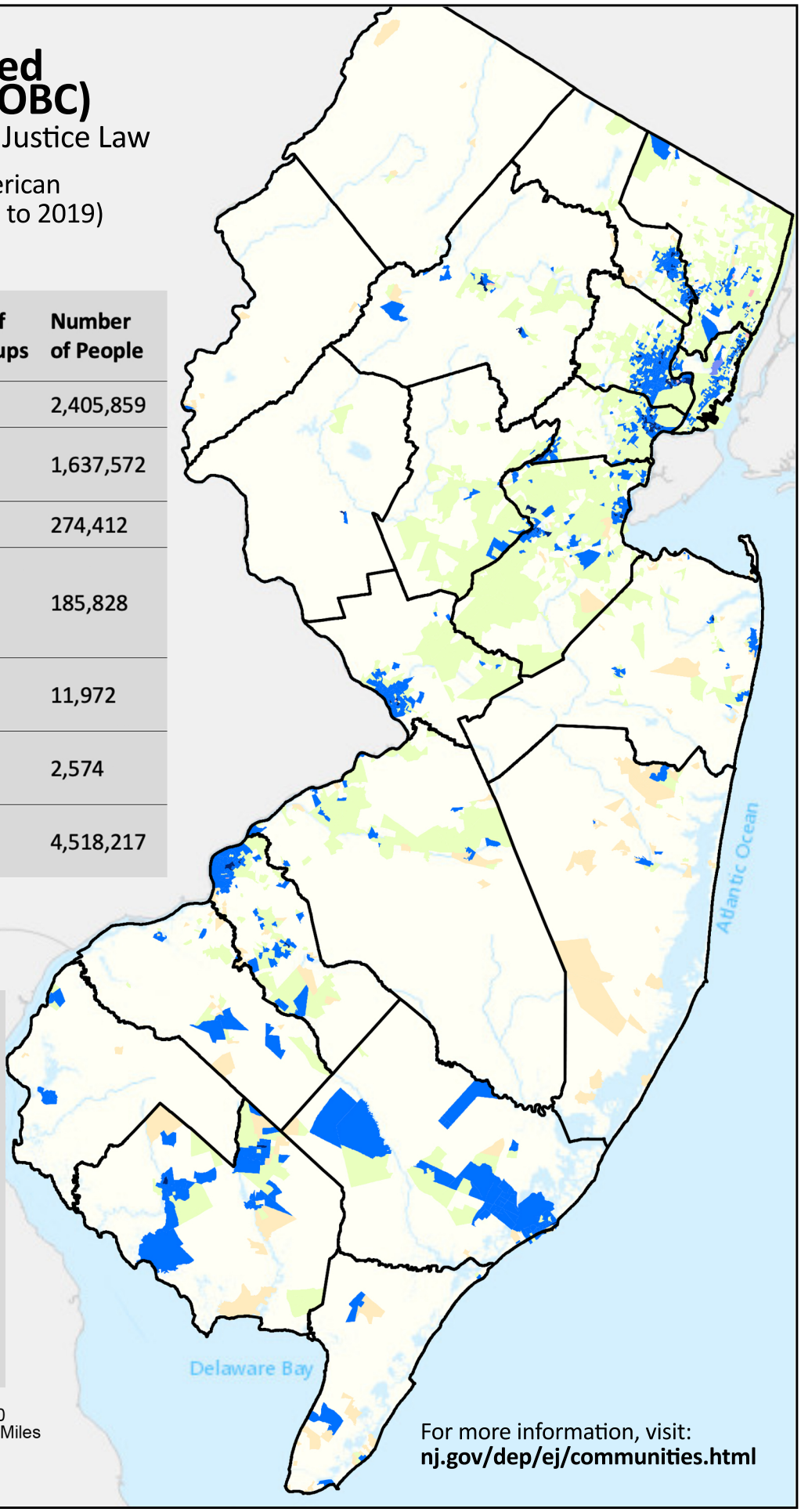
Overburdened Communities (OBC)

Under the Environmental Justice Law

Data from 5 Year American Community Survey (2015 to 2019)

Category of OBCs*	Number of Block Groups	Number of People
Minority	1,670	2,405,859
Low Income & Minority	1,165	1,637,572
Low Income	197	274,412
Low Income, Minority, & Limited English	122	185,828
Minority & Limited English	12	11,972
Low Income & Limited English	2	2,574
TOTAL	3,168	4,518,217

Counties



***The Environmental Justice law defines OBCs as block groups with:**

(1) At least 35 percent low-income households; or

(2) At least 40 percent of the residents identify as minority or as members of a State recognized tribal community; or

(3) At least 40 percent of the households have limited English proficiency

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