
1999 State and County Population Estimates by Age, Race, Sex and Hispanic Origin

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According to the 1990-1999 state and county population estimates by age, race, sex and Hispanic origin recently released by the US Bureau of the Census, the number of Hispanics,¹ Asians and Pacific Islanders increased substantially in New Jersey during the last decade. The estimates also indicated that from 1990 to 1999, school-age children (5-17 years old) and the 45-64 age group were the fastest growing age groups in the state.

Hispanics accounted for 71 percent of the state's total population growth.

Persons of Hispanic origin (or Latinos) increased by 279,540 in New Jersey from 747,737 in 1990 to 1,027,277 in 1999. They accounted for approximately 71 percent of New Jersey's total population growth during the nine-year period. Their 37.4 percent growth rate far outpaced their non-Hispanic counterpart's 1.7 percent growth rate. They represented 12.6 percent of the state's total population in 1999, up from 9.7 percent in 1990. Only six other states (California, Texas, New York, Florida, Illinois and Arizona) had more Hispanic residents than New Jersey according to the 1999 estimates.

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Asian and Pacific Islander are the fastest growing racial group.

With a hefty 69.5 percent increase from 1990 to 1999, Asians and Pacific Islanders were the fastest growing racial group in the state during the 1990s as a continuation of the 1980s trend. With a population of 469,435, New Jersey ranked 5th nationally in terms of Asian and Pacific Islander population, behind only California, New York, Hawaii and Texas. In addition, at 5.8 percent of its total population, New Jersey had the highest proportion of Asians and Pacific Islanders outside the nation's West Coast. Only three western states (Hawaii 63.6%, California 12.2%, Washington 6.0%) had higher proportions of Asians and Pacific Islanders as of 1999.

New Jersey's black population ranked 13th nationally.

New Jersey replaced Pennsylvania's 13th place ranking in the nation in the number of blacks (or African Americans) in 1998. In 1990, New Jersey's black population ranked 14th nationally. New Jersey maintained its 13th rank place in 1999 with 1,197,430 black residents. From 1990 to 1999, the state added 120,311 (or 11.2%)

¹ Hispanic is not a race. Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

Table 1

Population by Age, Race and Hispanic Origin, New Jersey: 1990 and 1999

	<u>Census: April 1, 1990</u>		<u>Estimates: July 1, 1999</u>		<u>Change: 1990-1999</u>	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Total</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Total</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Total	7,747,750	100.0%	8,143,412	100.0%	395,662	5.1%
<u>by Race</u>						
White	6,377,702	82.3%	6,453,922	79.3%	76,220	1.2%
Black	1,077,119	13.9%	1,197,430	14.7%	120,311	11.2%
American Indian & Alaska Native	15,905	0.2%	22,625	0.3%	6,720	42.3%
Asian & Pacific Islander	277,024	3.6%	469,435	5.8%	192,411	69.5%
<u>by Hispanic origin</u>						
Hispanic (any race)	747,737	9.7%	1,027,277	12.6%	279,540	37.4%
NonHispanic	7,000,013	90.3%	7,116,135	87.4%	116,122	1.7%
<u>by Age</u>						
under 5	547,644	7.1%	543,263	6.7%	-4,381	-0.8%
5 to 17	1,269,214	16.4%	1,459,941	17.9%	190,727	15.0%
18 to 24	790,471	10.2%	672,511	8.3%	-117,960	-14.9%
25 to 44	2,558,430	33.0%	2,532,018	31.1%	-26,412	-1.0%
45 to 64	1,556,452	20.1%	1,827,422	22.4%	270,970	17.4%
65 & over	1,025,539	13.2%	1,108,257	13.6%	82,718	8.1%
85 & over	93,213	1.2%	133,363	1.6%	40,150	43.1%

black residents. Consequently the proportion of blacks in the state's total population increased from 13.9 percent to 14.7 percent during the 1990-1999 period.

American Indians also grew substantially in New Jersey.

The American Indian and Alaska Native population also grew substantially (+42.3%) in New Jersey from 1990 to a 1999 level of 22,625. However, New Jersey ranked 24th nationally, and this racial group accounted for only 0.3 percent of the state's total residents.

New Jersey had a net loss of non-Hispanic white population.

The growth of the Hispanic white population from 1990 to 1999 (234,152 or 35.9%) in New Jersey was offset by a net loss of 157,932 (-2.8%) non-Hispanic white residents. As a result, the state's total white population (both non-Hispanic and Hispanic) increased a scant 1.2 percent in the last decade. However, New Jersey at 6,453,922 still had the 9th highest white population among the nation's 50 states, as of 1999, unchanged from its 1990's ranking. This matched its total population ranking.

New Jersey's median age was 37 years in 1999.

The graying of the *baby boomers*² was reflected in the substantial growth of the state's 45-64 age group (17.4% growth from 1990 to 1999). It also elevated the median age of New Jersey residents to 37.0 years in 1999, from 34.3 years in 1990. The hefty growth of the elderly (persons 65 years old and over) in the 1980s has slowed down in this decade due to low birth rates experienced during the Great Depression years of the 1930s. However, their 8.1 percent increase was still substantially higher than their under-65 counterpart's 4.6 percent growth during the last decade. Similar to the national trend, the oldest age group (85 years and over) was the fastest growing group. This group grew by 43.1 percent in New Jersey and 38.1 percent in the nation from 1990 to 1999. The 75-84 age group also grew rapidly (+22.8% in New Jersey and +21.3% in the nation) while the number of young-elderly (65-74 years old) declined somewhat in New Jersey (-5.1%) and increased nominally (+0.9%) in the nation as a whole during the 1990s.

School-age children continued to grow.

Fueled by a mass influx of the *baby boom echo* generation,³ the number of school-age children (5-17 years old) has continued to grow in New Jersey (+15% from 1990 to 1999). Nationally, this age group also grew substantially (+13.5% from 1990 to 1999). After reaching its peak in 1994, the number of preschoolers (under age 5) gradually decreased between 1994 and 1999, reflecting the gradual declining number of women in their child-bearing ages.

White population grew fast in Somerset County.

Somerset County led the state's white population growth with a 14.5 percent increase from 1990 to 1999, followed by Hunterdon County's 14.2 percent and Ocean County's 13.3 percent. Ocean County gained more white residents (+55,278) than any other county in the state. In contrast, nine New Jersey counties experienced a net loss of white population from 1990 to 1999. Essex County had the largest decline of white residents (-43,104 or -10%) in the state during the period. The nation's top 100 counties (ranked by 1999 white residents) included five New Jersey counties — Bergen(45th), Middlesex (65th), Monmouth (73rd), Ocean (84th), and Morris (99th).

African Americans increased substantially in Burlington, Monmouth and Camden.

Substantial increases (more than 12,000) in black (or African American) population were found in three counties from 1990 to 1999: Burlington (+12,612), Monmouth (+12,500) and Camden (+12,069). Essex County still had the highest proportion of black residents (43.3%) in the state as of 1999, while the proportion of blacks in Sussex County was still the lowest (1.1%). Five New Jersey counties were

² Persons born between 1946 and 1964 are conventionally referred to as the baby boomers.

³ The baby boom echo generation are the children of the baby boomers. Most of them were born between 1977 and 1994.

among the nation's top 100 counties in terms of black residents: Essex (17th), Union (62nd), Camden (69th), Passaic (76th) and Hudson (86th). Together, these five counties accounted for 58.7 percent of the state's black population as of 1999.

Table 2

White Population by County, New Jersey: 1990 and 1999

<i>Area</i>	<i>Census: April 1, 1990</i>		<i>Estimates: July 1, 1999</i>		<i>Change: 1990-1999</i>	
	<i>Number</i>	<i>% of Total</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>% of Total</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>
New Jersey	6,377,702	82.3%	6,453,922	79.3%	74,383	1.2%
Atlantic	178,604	79.6%	181,168	75.6%	2,564	1.4%
Bergen	728,461	88.3%	713,709	83.3%	-14,752	-2.0%
Burlington	328,594	83.2%	338,143	79.7%	9,549	2.9%
Camden	404,538	80.5%	383,977	76.3%	-20,561	-5.1%
Cape May	88,814	93.4%	89,898	91.7%	1,084	1.2%
Cumberland	111,022	80.4%	108,640	77.5%	-2,382	-2.1%
Essex	432,732	55.6%	389,628	52.1%	-43,104	-10.0%
Gloucester	206,654	89.8%	218,233	87.1%	11,579	5.6%
Hudson	429,457	77.6%	410,040	74.2%	-19,417	-4.5%
Hunterdon	104,059	96.5%	118,809	95.4%	14,699	14.2%
Mercer	252,611	77.5%	244,899	73.4%	-7,647	-3.1%
Middlesex	569,394	84.8%	572,411	79.7%	3,106	0.5%
Monmouth	489,088	88.4%	520,985	85.2%	31,808	6.5%
Morris	391,462	92.9%	415,718	89.7%	24,289	6.2%
Ocean	416,352	96.1%	471,630	94.8%	55,278	13.3%
Passaic	374,015	79.4%	369,304	76.1%	-4,719	-1.3%
Salem	55,017	84.3%	52,475	81.3%	-2,542	-4.6%
Somerset	214,361	89.2%	245,525	85.2%	31,185	14.5%
Sussex	128,272	98.0%	140,505	97.1%	12,241	9.5%
Union	384,778	77.9%	371,266	74.4%	-13,512	-3.5%
Warren	89,417	97.6%	96,959	96.7%	7,474	8.4%

Table 3

Black Population by County, New Jersey: 1990 and 1999

<i>Area</i>	<i>Census: April 1, 1990</i>		<i>Estimates: July 1, 1999</i>		<i>Change: 1990-1999</i>	
	<i>Number</i>	<i>% of Total</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>% of Total</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>
New Jersey	1,077,119	13.9%	1,197,430	14.7%	120,311	11.2%
Atlantic	40,150	17.9%	48,749	20.3%	8,599	21.4%
Bergen	40,713	4.9%	47,574	5.6%	6,861	16.9%
Burlington	57,262	14.5%	69,874	16.5%	12,612	22.0%
Camden	85,024	16.9%	97,093	19.3%	12,069	14.2%
Cape May	5,413	5.7%	6,627	6.8%	1,214	22.4%
Cumberland	24,447	17.7%	27,571	19.7%	3,124	12.8%
Essex	321,921	41.4%	323,375	43.3%	1,454	0.5%
Gloucester	20,085	8.7%	26,041	10.4%	5,956	29.7%
Hudson	84,396	15.3%	85,831	15.5%	1,435	1.7%
Hunterdon	2,241	2.1%	2,723	2.2%	482	21.5%
Mercer	62,444	19.2%	71,139	21.3%	8,695	13.9%
Middlesex	55,836	8.3%	66,016	9.2%	10,180	18.2%
Monmouth	47,948	8.7%	60,448	9.9%	12,500	26.1%
Morris	12,627	3.0%	15,835	3.4%	3,208	25.4%
Ocean	12,302	2.8%	16,853	3.4%	4,551	37.0%
Passaic	82,819	17.6%	93,196	19.2%	10,377	12.5%
Salem	9,664	14.8%	11,131	17.2%	1,467	15.2%
Somerset	15,020	6.3%	20,425	7.1%	5,407	36.0%
Sussex	1,251	1.0%	1,552	1.1%	301	24.1%
Union	94,231	19.1%	103,622	20.8%	9,391	10.0%
Warren	1,325	1.4%	1,755	1.7%	430	32.5%

Passaic County had the highest number of American Indian population.

With the highest number of American Indian and Alaska Native population (2,498) in New Jersey, Passaic County ranked the 200th among the nation's 3,142 counties. Cumberland County, on the other hand, had the highest proportion (1.3%) of American Indian and Alaska Native residents in the state as of 1999. During the 1990-1999 period, the American Indian and Alaska Native population increased at a substantial rate in every New Jersey county albeit from a small base.

Table 4

American Indian and Alaska Native Population by County, New Jersey: 1990 and 1999

<i>Area</i>	<i>Census: April 1, 1990</i>		<i>Estimates: July 1, 1999</i>		<i>Change: 1990-1999</i>	
	<i>Number</i>	<i>% of Total</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>% of Total</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>
New Jersey	15,905	0.2%	22,625	0.3%	6,720	42.3%
Atlantic	611	0.3%	910	0.4%	299	48.9%
Bergen	1,089	0.1%	1,474	0.2%	385	35.4%
Burlington	974	0.2%	1,306	0.3%	332	34.1%
Camden	1,195	0.2%	1,716	0.3%	521	43.6%
Cape May	221	0.2%	305	0.3%	84	38.0%
Cumberland	1,373	1.0%	1,774	1.3%	401	29.2%
Essex	1,684	0.2%	2,041	0.3%	357	21.2%
Gloucester	443	0.2%	610	0.2%	167	37.7%
Hudson	1,539	0.3%	2,204	0.4%	665	43.2%
Hunterdon	113	0.1%	177	0.1%	64	56.6%
Mercer	575	0.2%	779	0.2%	204	35.5%
Middlesex	1,155	0.2%	1,810	0.3%	655	56.7%
Monmouth	730	0.1%	1,048	0.2%	318	43.6%
Morris	442	0.1%	616	0.1%	174	39.4%
Ocean	631	0.1%	956	0.2%	325	51.5%
Passaic	1,428	0.3%	2,498	0.5%	1,070	74.9%
Salem	230	0.4%	285	0.4%	55	23.9%
Somerset	251	0.1%	383	0.1%	132	52.6%
Sussex	196	0.1%	256	0.2%	60	30.6%
Union	911	0.2%	1,320	0.3%	409	44.9%
Warren	114	0.1%	157	0.2%	43	37.7%

Asian and Pacific Islander population was concentrated in three counties.

Almost one of every two (48.3%) New Jersey's Asians and Pacific Islanders resided in just three counties — Bergen (94,295), Middlesex (77,712) and Hudson (54,744) as of 1999. The Asian and Pacific Islander population grew fast (between 45.2% and 106.6%) in every New Jersey county during the 1990s. This group accounted for more than 10 percent of the total number of residents in both Bergen (11.0%) and Middlesex (10.8%) counties. Ten New Jersey counties were among the nation's top 100 in the number of Asians and Pacific Islanders — Bergen (19th), Middlesex (26th), Hudson (35th), Essex (53rd), Morris (56th), Monmouth (64th), Union (77th), Somerset (79th), Camden (84th) and Passaic (86th) in 1999.

Hudson and Passaic gained more Hispanics than any other county.

Hudson County (+44,752) and Passaic County (+37,834) gained more Hispanics (or Latino) population during the 1990s than any other county in New Jersey.

Table 5

Asian and Pacific Islander Population by County, New Jersey: 1990 and 1999

<i>Area</i>	<i>Census: April 1, 1990</i>		<i>Estimates: July 1, 1999</i>		<i>Change: 1990-1999</i>	
	<i>Number</i>	<i>% of Total</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>% of Total</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>
New Jersey	277,024	3.6%	469,435	5.8%	192,411	69.5%
Atlantic	4,962	2.2%	8,799	3.7%	3,837	77.3%
Bergen	55,117	6.7%	94,295	11.0%	39,178	71.1%
Burlington	8,236	2.1%	15,187	3.6%	6,951	84.4%
Camden	12,067	2.4%	20,307	4.0%	8,240	68.3%
Cape May	641	0.7%	1,179	1.2%	538	83.9%
Cumberland	1,211	0.9%	2,127	1.5%	916	75.6%
Essex	21,627	2.8%	32,311	4.3%	10,684	49.4%
Gloucester	2,900	1.3%	5,608	2.2%	2,708	93.4%
Hudson	37,707	6.8%	54,744	9.9%	17,037	45.2%
Hunterdon	1,389	1.3%	2,844	2.3%	1,456	104.8%
Mercer	10,194	3.1%	17,044	5.1%	6,850	67.2%
Middlesex	45,426	6.8%	77,712	10.8%	32,296	71.1%
Monmouth	15,327	2.8%	28,963	4.7%	13,626	89.0%
Morris	16,830	4.0%	31,376	6.8%	14,546	86.4%
Ocean	3,918	0.9%	8,094	1.6%	4,176	106.6%
Passaic	12,602	2.7%	20,066	4.1%	7,464	59.2%
Salem	383	0.6%	643	1.0%	260	67.9%
Somerset	10,613	4.4%	21,757	7.6%	11,144	105.0%
Sussex	1,224	0.9%	2,387	1.6%	1,162	95.0%
Union	13,899	2.8%	22,551	4.5%	8,652	62.2%
Warren	751	0.8%	1,441	1.4%	690	91.9%

Table 6

Hispanic Population by County, New Jersey: 1990 and 1999

<i>Area</i>	<i>Census: April 1, 1990</i>		<i>Estimates: July 1, 1999</i>		<i>Change: 1990-1999</i>	
	<i>Number</i>	<i>% of Total</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>% of Total</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>
New Jersey	747,737	9.7%	1,027,277	12.6%	279,540	37.4%
Atlantic	16,117	7.2%	24,196	10.1%	8,079	50.1%
Bergen	49,776	6.0%	72,733	8.5%	22,957	46.1%
Burlington	12,819	3.2%	19,619	4.6%	6,800	53.0%
Camden	36,022	7.2%	51,134	10.2%	15,112	42.0%
Cape May	1,855	2.0%	2,870	2.9%	1,015	54.7%
Cumberland	18,348	13.3%	25,589	18.3%	7,241	39.5%
Essex	97,769	12.6%	123,505	16.5%	25,736	26.3%
Gloucester	4,131	1.8%	6,585	2.6%	2,454	59.4%
Hudson	183,459	33.2%	228,211	41.3%	44,752	24.4%
Hunterdon	1,734	1.6%	2,958	2.4%	1,225	70.6%
Mercer	19,665	6.0%	27,768	8.3%	8,104	41.2%
Middlesex	59,778	8.9%	87,863	12.2%	28,085	47.0%
Monmouth	22,405	4.1%	35,703	5.8%	13,298	59.4%
Morris	19,814	4.7%	30,551	6.6%	10,738	54.2%
Ocean	13,950	3.2%	24,158	4.9%	10,208	73.2%
Passaic	105,981	22.5%	143,815	29.6%	37,834	35.7%
Salem	1,436	2.2%	2,076	3.2%	640	44.6%
Somerset	10,186	4.2%	17,271	6.0%	7,083	69.6%
Sussex	2,911	2.2%	4,849	3.4%	1,937	66.6%
Union	67,797	13.7%	92,891	18.6%	25,094	37.0%
Warren	1,784	1.9%	2,932	2.9%	1,148	64.3%

These two counties also had the highest proportion of Hispanic residents (41.3% and 29.6%, respectively) in the state as of 1999. Together, they accounted for 36.2 percent of the states total Hispanic resident population. Hudson and Passaic county's

Hispanic population ranked 25th and 39th nationally. The number of Hispanics in five other New Jersey counties were also on the nation's top 100 list: Essex (45th), Union (55th), Middlesex (60th), Bergen (67th) and Camden (92nd).

More than one in every five residents in Ocean and Cape May counties were senior citizens

Two coastal counties — Ocean (22.8%) and Cape May (20.4%) continued to have the highest proportion of elderly (persons 65 years old and over) residents in the state. In contrast, Sussex County (9.0%) and Hunterdon County (10.0%) had the smallest percentage of seniors in the state. The number of senior citizens increased in all counties except Essex (-5,406), Hudson (-2,054) and Union (-524) during the 1990s. Middlesex (+14,368), Ocean (+13,375), Burlington (+13,118) and Morris (+10,464) counties gained the most elderly residents between 1990 and 1999. An analysis of the 1999 total population and elderly population by county was published in the April 2000 issue of the *New Jersey Economic Indicators* (pages 10-16).

School-age children increased substantially in all counties

The aged 5-17 group grew in every New Jersey county including those with total population decline during the 1990s (Essex, Salem and Hudson). Somerset County had the highest growth rate of school-age children (31.2%) in the state.

Table 7

School-Age Children (5-17 Years Old) by County, New Jersey: 1990 and 1999

<i>Area</i>	<i>Census: April 1, 1990</i>		<i>Estimates: July 1, 1999</i>		<i>Change: 1990-1999</i>	
	<i>Number</i>	<i>% of Total</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>% of Total</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>
New Jersey	1,269,216	16.4%	1,459,941	17.9%	190,725	15.0%
Atlantic	35,295	15.7%	41,981	17.5%	6,686	18.9%
Bergen	119,304	14.5%	134,552	15.7%	15,248	12.8%
Burlington	69,828	17.7%	80,882	19.1%	11,054	15.8%
Camden	93,196	18.5%	103,398	20.6%	10,202	10.9%
Cape May	14,648	15.4%	16,856	17.2%	2,208	15.1%
Cumberland	25,768	18.7%	28,639	20.4%	2,871	11.1%
Essex	133,723	17.2%	138,901	18.6%	5,178	3.9%
Gloucester	44,035	19.1%	52,693	21.0%	8,658	19.7%
Hudson	85,460	15.5%	93,160	16.9%	7,700	9.0%
Hunterdon	18,277	17.0%	23,011	18.5%	4,734	25.9%
Mercer	51,468	15.8%	58,129	17.4%	6,661	12.9%
Middlesex	99,543	14.8%	116,832	16.3%	17,289	17.4%
Monmouth	95,770	17.3%	116,142	19.0%	20,372	21.3%
Morris	68,651	16.3%	81,233	17.5%	12,582	18.3%
Ocean	69,277	16.0%	88,866	17.9%	19,589	28.3%
Passaic	79,910	17.0%	90,961	18.8%	11,051	13.8%
Salem	12,353	18.9%	13,174	20.4%	821	6.6%
Somerset	36,015	15.0%	47,253	16.4%	11,238	31.2%
Sussex	25,419	19.4%	30,873	21.3%	5,454	21.5%
Union	75,567	15.3%	83,277	16.7%	7,710	10.2%
Warren	15,709	17.1%	19,128	19.1%	3,419	21.8%

However, Monmouth (+20,237), Ocean (+19,589), Middlesex (+17,289) and Bergen (+15,248) added more 5-17 years old residents than other counties during the 1990s. As of 1999, more than one in every five residents was school-age children in five New Jersey counties — Sussex (21.3%), Gloucester (21.0%), Camden (20.6%), Cumberland (20.4%) and Salem (20.4%).

Data Availability

The 1990-1999 state and county population estimates by age, race, sex and Hispanic origin are available on the Office of Labor Planning and Analysis's Web site, *Labor Fast Facts* (<http://www.state.nj.us/labor/lra>). For more information, contact the New Jersey Department of Labor, Division of Labor Market and Demographic Research, PO Box 388, Trenton, NJ 08625-0388. Telephone: (609) 292-0076, e-mail: sywu@dol.state.nj.us.