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New Jersey's Asian Population by Asian Group: 2010

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According to data from the 2010 Census, New Jersey's Asian population grew by more than 1,400 percent since 1970, when just under 48,000 Asians called New Jersey home, to more than 725,000 residents in 2010. Although the 52.8 percent growth rate in the decade between 2000 and 2010 was slower than in previous decades, the increase of 250,898 persons was the largest on record.

Major Asian groups in New Jersey include Asian Indian (292,256), Chinese (134,442), Filipino (110,650), Korean (93,679), Pakistani (26,006), Vietnamese (20,628) and Japanese (13,146). The overwhelming majority of the state's Asian residents were immigrants, or those not born in the U.S. The largest population increase was in the number of South Asians — Asian Indians, Pakistanis, Bangladeshi and Sri Lankans accounted for 57.2 percent of the state's gain in Asian population between 2000 and 2010.

Asian Indian the Garden State's Largest Asian Group

Beginning in the 1970s, New Jersey attracted large numbers of Asian Indian residents. By the 1980 Census, Asian

Indian had become New Jersey's most populous Asian group — surpassing Chinese.

With a hefty 72.7 percent growth rate over the past decade, the state's Asian Indian population reached 292,256 in 2010, accounting for 40.3 percent of the total Asian population. The county with the largest Asian Indian population was Middlesex (104,705). Hudson County had the second largest Asian Indian population (37,236) followed by Bergen (24,973) and Somerset (21,625) counties. Together, these four counties were home to 64.5 percent of the state's Asian Indian population. At the municipal level, therefore, it is not surprising that four of the five municipalities with the largest Asian Indian populations were in Middlesex County: Edison (28,286), Woodbridge (15,827), South Brunswick (11,040), and Piscataway (10,662) townships. Jersey City in Hudson County had the second largest Asian Indian population (27,111). Only 41 municipalities did not have any Asian Indian residents.

Middlesex County Home to the Most Chinese Residents

According to the 2010 Census, about 18.5 percent of New Jersey's Asian population was Chinese. Between 2000 and 2010, the state's Chinese population increased by 34 percent to 134,442, the second largest group among New Jersey's Asian population. Middlesex County had the most Chinese residents (28,492), followed by Bergen (17,236) and Somerset (12,955). Three other counties — Morris, Hudson and

> *Data from the decennial census show that New Jersey's Asian population reached 725,000 in 2010.*

Asian Population in New Jersey: 1970 to 2010			
Census Year	Asian Population	Decennial Changes	
		Number	Percent
1970	47,964	N.A.	N.A.
1980	102,890	54,926	114.5%
1990	270,839	167,949	163.2%
2000	474,828	203,989	75.3%
2010	725,726	250,898	52.8%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1970, 1980, 1990, 2000 & 2010 Census of Population and Housing.
Note: Asian was not a race category in 1970 or 1980 Census. The 1970 figure in the table is the total of "other races". The 1980 figure is the sum of 6 listed Asian groups.

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Monmouth also had more than 10,000 Chinese, as of 2010. Together, these six counties were home to 68.1 percent of the state's total Chinese population. Municipalities with substantial numbers of Chinese residents include Edison township (7,915), Jersey City (5,643), East Brunswick township (4,523), Parsippany-Troy Hills township (3,500), and West Windsor township (3,368). No Chinese residents were reported in 37 municipalities.

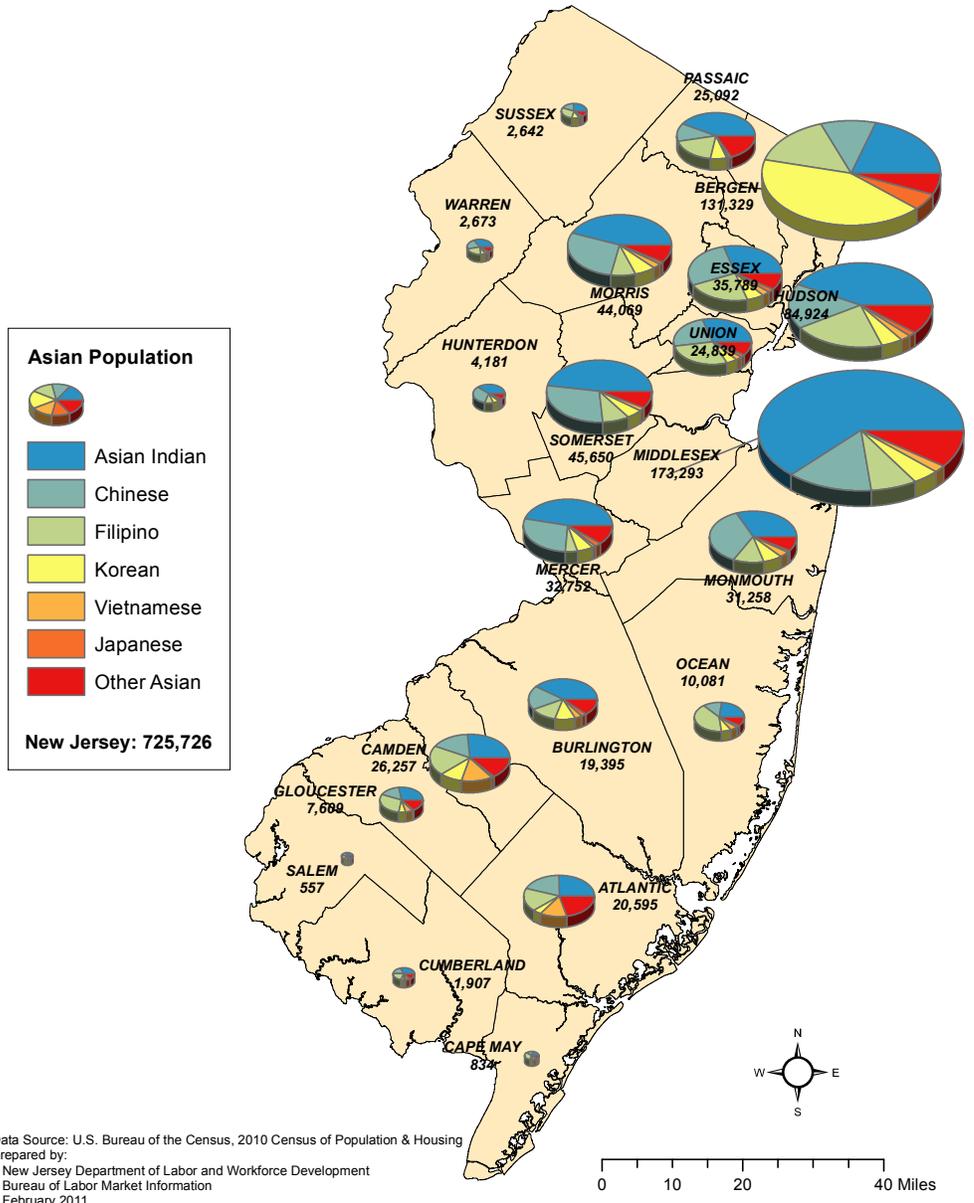## Nearly Half of Filipino Residents Live In Three Counties

New Jersey's Filipino population grew by 29.8 percent between 2000 and 2010. The state's 110,650 Filipino residents accounted for 15.2 percent of the state's Asian population in 2010. Hudson County was home to the largest number of Filipinos (20,638), followed by Bergen (19,155) and Middlesex (15,435). Approximately one-half of the state's Filipinos resided in those three counties. At the municipal level, Jersey City had the largest Filipino population (16,213). Bergenfield borough was a distant second (4,569), followed by Union township (3,422), Belleville township (2,596) and Edison township

(2,475). No Filipino residents lived in 25 of New Jersey's municipalities.

Over Half of New Jersey's Korean Residents Live in Bergen County

New Jersey's Korean population reached 93,679 in 2010, with a growth rate of 43.4 percent from 2000 to 2010. Koreans accounted for about 12.9 per-

Asian Population by Category: 2010 Census New Jersey Counties

Asian Population

- Asian Indian
- Chinese
- Filipino
- Korean
- Vietnamese
- Japanese
- Other Asian

New Jersey: 725,726

SUSSEX 2,642
WARREN 2,673
PASSAIC 25,092
BERGEN 131,329
MORRIS 44,069
ESSEX 35,789
HUDSON 84,924
UNION 24,839
HUNTERDON 4,181
SOMERSET 45,650
MIDDLESEX 173,293
MERCER 32,752
MONMOUTH 31,258
OCEAN 10,081
CAMDEN 26,257
BURLINGTON 19,395
GLOUCESTER 7,689
SALEM 557
ATLANTIC 20,595
CUMBERLAND 1,907
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Data Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2010 Census of Population & Housing
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New Jersey Municipalities with the Most Asian Residents, 2010		
Municipality	County	Asian Population
Jersey City	Hudson	57,987
Edison township	Middlesex	42,842
Woodbridge township	Middlesex	22,137
Piscataway township	Middlesex	18,484
South Brunswick township	Middlesex	15,474
Parsippany-Troy Hills township	Morris	15,345
Fort Lee borough	Bergen	13,474
Franklin township	Somerset	12,337
Palisades Park borough	Bergen	11,273
East Brunswick township	Middlesex	10,683

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census of Population and Housing
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cent of the state's 2010 Asian population. More than 60 percent of the state's Korean population resided in Bergen County. Substantial Korean populations also lived in Middlesex (7,401) and Hudson (4,791) counties. The top five ranking municipalities for Korean population include four in Bergen County — Palisade Park (10,115), Fort Lee (8,318), Ridgefield (2,385), Leonia (2,369) boroughs; and one in Hudson County — Jersey City (2,308). Only 42 municipalities had no Korean residents in 2010.

Pakistani the State's Fifth Largest Asian Group

With a growth of 115 percent between 2000 and 2010, New Jersey's Pakistani population surpassed the Vietnamese and Japanese populations to become the state's fifth largest Asian group in 2010. With 26,006 persons, Pakistani residents made up 3.6 percent of the state's Asian population. The New Jersey counties with the largest Pakistani populations in 2010 were Middlesex (7,771), Hudson (4,336) and Bergen (2,547). The municipality with the most Pakistani residents was Jersey City (3,269). Four municipalities in Middlesex County — Woodbridge (1,382), Edison (1,192), Piscataway (821), and Old Bridge (803) townships round out the top five municipalities with the most Pakistani residents in the state.

No Pakistani Americans resided in 187 municipalities.

Just Over 20,500 Vietnamese Call New Jersey Home

New Jersey's Vietnamese population increased 615 percent between 1980 and 2010. However, the state's 20,628 Vietnamese residents accounted for just 2.8 percent of state's Asian population in 2010. More than one half (50.3%) of the state's Vietnamese lived in Camden (4,260), Atlantic (3,267) and Middlesex (2,849) counties as of 2010. Municipalities with large Vietnamese population included Jersey City (1,607), Pennsauken township (1,580), Atlantic City (1,305), Egg Harbor township (1,016) and Camden city (901). No Vietnamese resided in 112 municipalities.

New Jersey Asian Population by County, 2010		
County	Asian Population	Percent of Total Population
Atlantic	20,595	7.5%
Bergen	131,329	14.5%
Burlington	19,395	4.3%
Camden	26,257	5.1%
Cape May	834	0.9%
Cumberland	1,907	1.2%
Essex	35,789	4.6%
Gloucester	7,609	2.6%
Hudson	84,924	13.4%
Hunterdon	4,181	3.3%
Mercer	32,752	8.9%
Middlesex	173,293	21.4%
Monmouth	31,258	5.0%
Morris	44,069	9.0%
Ocean	10,081	1.7%
Passaic	25,092	5.0%
Salem	557	0.8%
Somerset	45,650	14.1%
Sussex	2,642	1.8%
Union	24,839	4.6%
Warren	2,673	2.5%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census of Population and Housing
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New Jersey's Japanese Population Declines

Japanese was the only Asian group in New Jersey to experience a population decline between 2000 and 2010 (-10.4%). New Jersey's Japanese population was concentrated in Bergen County (5,922 or 45% of the state's total Japanese population). Hudson County with 1,373 Japanese was a distant second. No other county had a significant Japanese population. In 2010, the five municipalities with the largest Japanese populations were Fort Lee borough (1,302), Edgewater borough (560), Jersey City (480), Ridgewood village (327), and West New York Town (317). The state had 101 municipalities with no Japanese residents in 2010.

County	Asian Indian	Chinese	Filipino	Japanese	Korean	Vietnamese	Other Asian
New Jersey	292,256	134,442	110,650	13,146	93,679	20,628	60,925
Atlantic	5,153	4,205	2,914	129	795	3,267	4,132
Bergen	24,973	17,236	19,155	5,922	56,773	734	6,536
Burlington	8,056	2,909	2,630	500	2,459	734	2,107
Camden	6,867	4,568	4,321	290	2,746	4,260	3,205
Cape May	175	169	242	19	70	89	70
Cumberland	618	313	380	181	114	66	235
Essex	10,853	9,020	9,003	682	2,447	967	2,817
Gloucester	2,107	1,288	2,092	102	546	505	969
Hudson	37,236	11,239	20,638	1,373	4,791	1,973	7,674
Hunterdon	1,673	1,207	485	74	308	98	336
Mercer	15,352	8,786	1,982	724	2,289	456	3,163
Middlesex	104,705	28,492	15,435	761	7,401	2,849	13,650
Monmouth	10,378	10,082	4,609	323	2,587	1,053	2,226
Morris	19,896	11,531	4,552	522	3,219	1,135	3,214
Ocean	2,337	1,538	3,874	197	835	515	785
Passaic	10,863	2,409	4,799	362	2,238	275	4,146
Salem	162	104	92	37	73	24	65
Somerset	21,625	12,955	4,564	430	2,179	741	3,156
Sussex	684	501	688	50	343	109	267
Union	7,607	5,410	7,565	408	1,259	662	1,928
Warren	936	480	630	60	207	116	244

Asian Population by Selected Groups by County: New Jersey, 2010

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census of Population and Housing

Data Availability

Data presented in this report are from the 2010 Census *Summary File 1* (SF1). SF1 provides the most detailed counts available so far from the 2010 Census, including cross-tabulations of age, sex, households, families, relationship to householder, housing units, detailed race and Hispanic or Latino origin groups, and group quarters. The statistics are available for a variety of geographic areas, with most tables available down to the block or census tract level. SF1 data for New Jersey are available by clicking here: http://lwd.dol.state.nj.us/labor/lpa/census/2010/sf1_index.html. Asian population by selected groups in New Jersey by county and municipality, based on the 2000 and 2010 censuses, are available by clicking here: http://lwd.dol.state.nj.us/labor/lpa/census/2010/sf1/mcd/asianbymcd.xls. For more information, contact New Jersey Department of Labor, Division of Labor Market and Demographic Research, P. O. Box 388, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0388. Telephone: (609) 292-0077, e-mail: sywu@dol.state.nj.us.

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