

# 1998 New Jersey State and County Population Estimates by Age, Race, Sex and Hispanic Origin

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According to estimates recently released by the US Bureau of the Census, the number of Hispanics,<sup>1</sup> Asians and Pacific Islanders living in New Jersey increased substantially during the 1990s. The estimates also indicated that from 1990 to 1998, school-age children (5-17 years old) and the 45-64 age group were the fastest growing age groups in the state.

Table 1. New Jersey Population by Age, Race and Hispanic Origin: 1990 and 1998

	Census: April 1, 1990		Estimates: July 1, 1998		Change: 1990-1998	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	7,747,750	100.0%	8,115,011	100.0%	367,261	4.7%
<u>by Race</u>						
White	6,377,702	82.3%	6,452,085	79.5%	74,383	1.2%
Black	1,077,119	13.9%	1,188,236	14.6%	111,117	10.3%
American Indian & Alaska Native	15,905	0.2%	22,166	0.3%	6,261	39.4%
Asian & Pacific Islander	277,024	3.6%	452,524	5.6%	175,500	63.4%
<u>by Hispanic origin</u>						
Hispanic (any race)	747,737	9.7%	1,004,011	12.4%	256,274	34.3%
NonHispanic	7,000,013	90.3%	7,111,000	87.6%	110,987	1.6%
<u>by Age</u>						
under 5	547,644	7.1%	547,198	6.7%	-446	-0.1%
5 to 17	1,269,214	16.4%	1,443,241	17.8%	174,027	13.7%
18 to 24	790,471	10.2%	672,197	8.3%	-118,274	-15.0%
25 to 44	2,558,430	33.0%	2,558,714	31.5%	284	0.0%
45 to 64	1,556,452	20.1%	1,787,845	22.0%	231,393	14.9%
65 & over	1,025,539	13.2%	1,105,816	13.6%	80,277	7.8%
85 & over	93,213	1.2%	128,458	1.6%	35,245	37.8%

## Hispanics accounted for 70 percent of the state's total population growth.

Persons of Hispanic origin (or Latinos) increased by 256,300 in New Jersey from 1990 to a 1998 population of 1,004,011. They accounted for approximately 70 percent of New Jersey's total population growth so far in this decade. The 34.4 percent growth rate of Hispanics far outpaced their non-Hispanic counterpart's 1.6 percent growth rate. For the first time in history, there were more than one million Hispanic residents in the state as of 1998. They represented 12.4 percent of the state's total population in 1998, up from 9.7 percent in 1990. New Jersey had the <sup>7,h</sup> highest number of Hispanics in the nation, according to the 1998 estimates.

<sup>1</sup> Hispanic is not a race. Persons at Hispanic origin may be of any race.

### **Asian and Pacific Islander was the fastest growing racial group.**

With a hefty 63.4 percent increase from 1990 to 1998, Asian and Pacific Islander was the fastest growing racial group in the state during the 1990s - a continuation of the 1980s trend. With a population of 452,524, New Jersey ranked 5<sup>th</sup> nationally in terms of Asian and Pacific Islander population, next only to California, New York, Hawaii and Texas. In addition, New Jersey's 5.6 percent of total population was the highest proportion of Asians and Pacific Islanders outside the nation's West Coast. Only three western states (Hawaii 63.4 %, California 12.1 %, Washington 5.8 %) had higher proportions of Asians and Pacific Islanders.

### **New Jersey's black population ranked 13<sup>th</sup> nationally.**

In 1990, New Jersey's black (or African American) population ranked 14<sup>th</sup> nationally. By 1998 with a population of 1,188,236, New Jersey replaced Pennsylvania's 13<sup>th</sup> place ranking in the nation in the number of blacks. From 1990 to 1998, the state added 111,100 (or 10.3%) black residents. Consequently, the proportion of blacks in the state's total population increased from 13.9 percent to 14.6 percent during the eight-year period.

### **American Indians also grew substantially in New Jersey.**

The American Indian and Alaska Native population also grew substantially (+39.4%) in New Jersey from 1990 to a 1998 level of 22,166. However, they ranked 24<sup>th</sup> nationally and only accounted for 0.3% of the state's total residents.

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

New Jersey's white population (both non-Hispanic and Hispanic) increased a mere 1.2 percent in this decade due to a net loss of 140,000 non-Hispanic whites. However, New Jersey at 6,452,085 still had the 9<sup>th</sup> highest white population among the nation's 50 states, as of 1998.

### **New Jerseyans' median age was 36.7 years in 1998.**

The graying of the *baby boomers*<sup>2</sup> was reflected in the substantial growth of the state's 45-64 age group. It also elevated the median age of New Jersey residents to 36.7 years in 1998, up 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 7.8 percent increase was still substantially higher than their under-65 counterparts' 4.3 percent growth during this decade.

<sup>2</sup> Persons born between 1946 and 1964 are conventionally referred to as the "baby boomers."

## Young and old age groups continued to grow.

Fueled by a mass influx of the *baby boom echo*<sup>3</sup> generation, the number of school-age children (5-17 years old) has continued to grow in New Jersey. Similar to the national trend, the oldest age group (85 years and over) was the fastest growing group. This group grew by 37.8 percent in New Jersey and 34.1 percent in the nation from 1990 to 1998.

## White population grew fast in Somerset County.

With a 13.0 percent increase, Somerset County had the fastest growing rate of whites, while Ocean County gained more white residents (+48,600) than any other county in the state. In contrast, eight New Jersey counties experienced a net loss of white population from 1990 to 1998. Essex County lost more white residents (-39,700 or -9.2%) than any other county in the state during the period. The nation's top 100 counties (ranked by 1998 white residents) included six New Jersey counties — Bergen (41<sup>st</sup>), Middlesex (64<sup>th</sup>), Monmouth (73<sup>th</sup>), Ocean (84<sup>th</sup>), Hudson (98<sup>th</sup>) and Morris (99<sup>th</sup>).

Table 2. White Population by County: New Jersey, 1990 and 1998

Area	Census: April 1, 1990		Estimates: July 1, 1998		Change: 1990-1998	
	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total	Number	Percent
New Jersey	6,377,702	82.3%	6,452,085	79.5%	74,383	1.2%
<u>New Jersey Counties:</u>						
Atlantic	178,604	79.6%	180,819	76.0%	2,215	1.2%
Bergen	728,461	88.3%	718,736	83.7%	-9,725	-1.3%
Burlington	328,594	83.2%	336,117	80.0%	7,523	2.3%
Camden	404,538	80.5%	387,567	76.7%	-16,971	-4.2%
Cape May	88,814	93.4%	90,123	91.9%	1,309	1.5%
Cumberland	111,022	80.4%	109,147	77.8%	-1,875	-1.7%
Essex	432,732	55.6%	393,074	52.4%	-39,658	-9.2%
Gloucester	206,654	89.8%	216,645	87.4%	9,991	4.8%
Hudson	429,457	77.6%	414,518	74.4%	-14,939	-3.5%
Hunterdon	104,059	96.5%	116,878	95.5%	12,819	12.3%
Mercer	252,611	77.5%	244,538	73.7%	-8,073	-3.2%
Middlesex	569,394	84.8%	574,222	80.2%	4,828	0.8%
Monmouth	489,088	88.4%	516,036	85.5%	26,948	5.5%
Morris	391,462	92.9%	413,827	90.0%	22,365	5.7%
Ocean	416,352	96.1%	464,964	94.9%	48,612	11.7%
Passaic	374,015	79.4%	371,213	76.4%	-2,802	-0.7%
Salem	55,017	84.3%	52,956	81.6%	-2,061	-3.7%
Somerset	214,361	89.2%	242,162	85.6%	27,801	13.0%
Sussex	128,272	98.0%	139,005	97.2%	10,733	8.4%
Union	384,778	77.9%	374,129	74.7%	-10,649	-2.8%
Warren	89,417	97.6%	95,409	96.8%	5,992	6.7%

## African Americans increased substantially in Camden, Burlington and Monmouth.

Substantial increases (more than 10,000) in black (or African American) population were seen in three counties from 1990 to 1998: Camden (+11,300), Burlington (+11,200)

<sup>3</sup> The 'baby boom echo' generation are the children of the baby boomers. Most were born between 1977 and 1994.

and Monmouth (+11,000). Essex County still had the highest proportion of black residents (43.1%) in the state as of 1998, while the proportion of blacks in Sussex County was still the lowest (1.1%). Five New Jersey counties were among the nation's top 100 counties in terms of black residents: Essex (17<sup>th</sup>), Union (60<sup>th</sup>), Camden (67<sup>th</sup>), Passaic (73<sup>rd</sup>) and Hudson (84<sup>th</sup>). Together, these five counties accounted for 59.1 percent of the state's black population as of 1998.

**Table 3. Black Population by County: New Jersey, 1990 and 1998**

Area	Census: April 1, 1990		Estimates: July 1, 1998		Change: 1990-1998	
	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total	Number	Percent
New Jersey	1,077,119	13.9%	1,188,236	14.6%	111,117	10.3%
<u>New Jersey Counties:</u>						
Atlantic	40,150	17.9%	47,918	20.1%	7,768	19.3%
Bergen	40,713	4.9%	47,248	5.5%	6,535	16.1%
Burlington	57,262	14.5%	68,484	16.3%	11,222	19.6%
Camden	85,024	16.9%	96,315	19.1%	11,291	13.3%
Cape May	5,413	5.7%	6,518	6.6%	1,105	20.4%
Cumberland	24,447	17.7%	27,419	19.5%	2,972	12.2%
Essex	321,921	41.4%	323,641	43.1%	1,720	0.5%
Gloucester	20,085	8.7%	25,367	10.2%	5,282	26.3%
Hudson	84,396	15.3%	86,530	15.5%	2,134	2.5%
Hunterdon	2,241	2.1%	2,715	2.2%	474	21.2%
Mercer	62,444	19.2%	69,995	21.1%	7,551	12.1%
Middlesex	55,836	8.3%	65,289	9.1%	9,453	16.9%
Monmouth	47,948	8.7%	58,931	9.8%	10,983	22.9%
Morris	12,627	3.0%	15,519	3.4%	2,892	22.9%
Ocean	12,302	2.8%	16,313	3.3%	4,011	32.6%
Passaic	82,819	17.6%	92,591	19.1%	9,772	11.8%
Salem	9,664	14.8%	11,042	17.0%	1,378	14.3%
Somerset	15,020	6.3%	19,907	7.0%	4,887	32.5%
Sussex	1,251	1.0%	1,528	1.1%	277	22.1%
Union	94,231	19.1%	103,273	20.6%	9,042	9.6%
Warren	1,325	1.4%	1,693	1.7%	368	27.8%

### **Passaic County had the highest number of American Indian population.**

With the highest number of American Indian and Alaska Native population (2,400) in New Jersey, Passaic County ranked the 202nd among the nation's 3,142 counties. Cumberland County, on the other hand, had the highest proportion (1.2%) of American Indian and Alaska Native residents in the state as of 1998. (See Table 4.)

### **Asian and Pacific Islander population concentrated in three counties.**

Almost one of every two New Jersey's Asians and Pacific Islanders resided in just three counties - Bergen, Middlesex and Hudson as of 1998. The Asian and Pacific Islander population grew fast (between 42.9% and 94.5%) in every New Jersey county during this decade. This group accounted for more than 10 percent of the total number of residents in both Bergen (10.6%) and Middlesex (10.5%) counties. Ten New Jersey counties' Asian and Pacific Islander population were among the nation's top 100 - Bergen (19<sup>th</sup>), Middlesex (26<sup>th</sup>), Hudson (35<sup>th</sup>), Essex (52<sup>nd</sup>), Morris (56<sup>th</sup>), Monmouth (65<sup>th</sup>), Union (77<sup>th</sup>), Somerset (81<sup>st</sup>), Camden (85<sup>th</sup>) and Passaic (86<sup>th</sup>) in 1998. (See Table 5.)

Table 4. American Indian and Alaska Native Population by County: New Jersey, 1990 and 1998

Area	Census: April 1, 1990		Estimates: July 1, 1998		Change: 1990-1998	
	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total	Number	Percent
New Jersey	15,905	0.2%	22,166	0.3%	6,261	39.4%
<u>New Jersey Counties:</u>						
Atlantic	611	0.3%	872	0.4%	261	42.7%
Bergen	1,089	0.1%	1,470	0.2%	381	35.0%
Burlington	974	0.2%	1,275	0.3%	301	30.9%
Camden	1,195	0.2%	1,713	0.3%	518	43.3%
Cape May	221	0.2%	289	0.3%	68	30.8%
Cumberland	1,373	1.0%	1,730	1.2%	357	26.0%
Essex	1,684	0.2%	2,037	0.3%	353	21.0%
Gloucester	443	0.2%	587	0.2%	144	32.5%
Hudson	1,539	0.3%	2,222	0.4%	683	44.4%
Hunterdon	113	0.1%	170	0.1%	57	50.4%
Mercer	575	0.2%	759	0.2%	184	32.0%
Middlesex	1,155	0.2%	1,755	0.2%	600	51.9%
Monmouth	730	0.1%	996	0.2%	266	36.4%
Morris	442	0.1%	598	0.1%	156	35.3%
Ocean	631	0.1%	922	0.2%	291	46.1%
Passaic	1,428	0.3%	2,448	0.5%	1,020	71.4%
Salem	230	0.4%	285	0.4%	55	23.9%
Somerset	251	0.1%	359	0.1%	108	43.0%
Sussex	196	0.1%	244	0.2%	48	24.5%
Union	911	0.2%	1,292	0.3%	381	41.8%
Warren	114	0.1%	143	0.1%	29	25.4%

Table 5. Asian and Pacific Islander Population by County: New Jersey, 1990 and 1998

Area	Census: April 1, 1990		Estimates: July 1, 1998		Change: 1990-1998	
	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total	Number	Percent
New Jersey	277,024	3.6%	452,524	5.6%	175,500	63.4%
<u>New Jersey Counties:</u>						
Atlantic	4,962	2.2%	8,438	3.5%	3,476	70.1%
Bergen	55,117	6.7%	91,075	10.6%	35,958	65.2%
Burlington	8,236	2.1%	14,447	3.4%	6,211	75.4%
Camden	12,067	2.4%	19,609	3.9%	7,542	62.5%
Cape May	641	0.7%	1,139	1.2%	498	77.7%
Cumberland	1,211	0.9%	2,045	1.5%	834	68.9%
Essex	21,627	2.8%	31,521	4.2%	9,894	45.7%
Gloucester	2,900	1.3%	5,298	2.1%	2,398	82.7%
Hudson	37,707	6.8%	53,889	9.7%	16,182	42.9%
Hunterdon	1,389	1.3%	2,665	2.2%	1,276	91.9%
Mercer	10,194	3.1%	16,337	4.9%	6,143	60.3%
Middlesex	45,426	6.8%	74,910	10.5%	29,484	64.9%
Monmouth	15,327	2.8%	27,471	4.6%	12,144	79.2%
Morris	16,830	4.0%	29,952	6.5%	13,122	78.0%
Ocean	3,918	0.9%	7,620	1.6%	3,702	94.5%
Passaic	12,602	2.7%	19,485	4.0%	6,883	54.6%
Salem	383	0.6%	629	1.0%	246	64.2%
Somerset	10,613	4.4%	20,472	7.2%	9,859	92.9%
Sussex	1,224	0.9%	2,253	1.6%	1,029	84.1%
Union	13,899	2.8%	21,914	4.4%	8,015	57.7%
Warren	751	0.8%	1,355	1.4%	604	80.4%

## Hudson and Passaic gained more Hispanics than any other county.

Hudson County (+42,600) and Passaic County (+34,900) gained more Hispanics (or Latino) population during this decade than any other county in New Jersey. These two counties also had the highest proportion of Hispanic residents (40.6% and 29.0%, respectively) in the state as of 1998. Together, they accounted for 36.5 percent of the state's total Hispanic resident population. Hudson and Passaic county's Hispanic population ranked 24<sup>th</sup> and 39<sup>th</sup> nationally. The number of Hispanics in five other counties were also on the nation's top 100 list: Essex (44<sup>th</sup>), Union (54<sup>th</sup>), Middlesex (59<sup>th</sup>), Bergen (64<sup>th</sup>) and Camden (90<sup>th</sup>).

Table 6. Hispanic Population by County: New Jersey, 1990 and 1998

Area	Census: April 1, 1990		Estimates: July 1, 1998		Change: 1990-1998	
	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total	Number	Percent
New Jersey	747,737	9.7%	1,004,011	12.4%	256,274	34.3%
<u>New Jersey Counties:</u>						
Atlantic	16,117	7.2%	23,469	9.9%	7,352	45.6%
Bergen	49,776	6.0%	70,875	8.3%	21,099	42.4%
Burlington	12,819	3.2%	18,890	4.5%	6,071	47.4%
Camden	36,022	7.2%	49,892	9.9%	13,870	38.5%
Cape May	1,855	2.0%	2,793	2.8%	938	50.6%
Cumberland	18,348	13.3%	24,966	17.8%	6,618	36.1%
Essex	97,769	12.6%	121,452	16.2%	23,683	24.2%
Gloucester	4,131	1.8%	6,323	2.6%	2,192	53.1%
Hudson	183,459	33.2%	226,077	40.6%	42,618	23.2%
Hunterdon	1,734	1.6%	2,781	2.3%	1,047	60.4%
Mercer	19,665	6.0%	26,830	8.1%	7,165	36.4%
Middlesex	59,778	8.9%	85,329	11.9%	25,551	42.7%
Monmouth	22,405	4.1%	34,232	5.7%	11,827	52.8%
Morris	19,814	4.7%	29,471	6.4%	9,657	48.7%
Ocean	13,950	3.2%	22,966	4.7%	9,016	64.6%
Passaic	105,981	22.5%	140,869	29.0%	34,888	32.9%
Salem	1,436	2.2%	2,011	3.1%	575	40.0%
Somerset	10,186	4.2%	16,420	5.8%	6,234	61.2%
Sussex	2,911	2.2%	4,606	3.2%	1,695	58.2%
Union	67,797	13.7%	90,982	18.2%	23,185	34.2%
Warren	1,784	1.9%	2,777	2.8%	993	55.7%

## More than one in every five residents in Ocean and Cape May counties were 65 years old or over.

Ocean County (22.9%) and Cape May County (20.5%) continued to have the highest proportion of elderly (persons 65 years old and over) residents in the state. In contrast, no more than 10 percent of residents in either Sussex County (8.9%) or Hunterdon County (10.0%) were aged 65 or over. The number of elderly increased in all counties except Essex and Hudson during the 1990s. Middlesex (+14,100), Burlington (+12,000), Ocean (+11,900) and Morris (+10,000) counties gained the most elderly residents during the 1990-98 period. An analysis of the 1998 total population

and elderly population by county was published in the April 1999 issue of the *New Jersey Economic Indicators* (pages 10-16).

Table 7. School-Age Children (5-17 years old) by County: New Jersey, 1990 and 1998

Area	Census: April 1, 1990		Estimates: July 1, 1998		Change: 1990-1998	
	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total	Number	Percent
New Jersey	1,269,216	16.4%	1,443,241	17.8%	174,025	13.7%
<u>New Jersey Counties:</u>						
Atlantic	35,295	15.7%	41,440	17.4%	6,145	17.4%
Bergen	119,304	14.5%	133,873	15.6%	14,569	12.2%
Burlington	69,828	17.7%	79,514	18.9%	9,686	13.9%
Camden	93,196	18.5%	102,790	20.3%	9,594	10.3%
Cape May	14,648	15.4%	16,716	17.0%	2,068	14.1%
Cumberland	25,768	18.7%	28,451	20.3%	2,683	10.4%
Essex	133,723	17.2%	138,667	18.5%	4,944	3.7%
Gloucester	44,035	19.1%	51,701	20.9%	7,666	17.4%
Hudson	85,460	15.5%	93,234	16.7%	7,774	9.1%
Hunterdon	18,277	17.0%	22,434	18.3%	4,157	22.7%
Mercer	51,468	15.8%	57,276	17.3%	5,808	11.3%
Middlesex	99,543	14.8%	115,617	16.1%	16,074	16.1%
Monmouth	95,770	17.3%	113,826	18.9%	18,056	18.9%
Morris	68,651	16.3%	80,044	17.4%	11,393	16.6%
Ocean	69,277	16.0%	86,679	17.7%	17,402	25.1%
Passaic	79,910	17.0%	90,114	18.6%	10,204	12.8%
Salem	12,353	18.9%	13,168	20.3%	815	6.6%
Somerset	36,015	15.0%	45,900	16.2%	9,885	27.4%
Sussex	25,419	19.4%	30,268	21.2%	4,849	19.1%
Union	75,567	15.3%	82,922	16.6%	7,355	9.7%
Warren	15,709	17.1%	18,607	18.9%	2,898	18.4%

### Data Availability

The 1990-1998 state and county population estimates by age, race, sex and Hispanic origin are available on the Office of Labor Planning and Analysis's World Wide Web site - *Labor Fast Facts* (<http://www.state.nj.us/labor/Ira>). For more information, contact the New Jersey Department of Labor, Division of Labor Market and Demographic Research, P. O. Box 388, Trenton, NJ 08625-0388. Telephone: (609) 292-0076, e-mail: [sywu@dol.state.nj.us](mailto:sywu@dol.state.nj.us).