

## **IMMIGRANTS IN NJ (2000-2006)**

### **FACT SHEET**

- THE POPULATION OF NEW JERSEY (8.5 MIL.) HAS GROWN BY ONLY 1% SINCE 2000 (Source: 2006 U.S. Census)
- THE IMMIGRANT POPULATION OF NEW JERSEY HAS GROWN BY 20% SINCE 2000; ONE IN FIVE NEW JERSEYANS IS AN IMMIGRANT (1.7 MIL.)
- ONE IN FOUR IMMIGRANTS (430,000), OR ONE IN 20 NEW JERSEYANS, IS UNAUTHORIZED (Source: Department of Homeland Security as of Jan. 2006)
- THE LATINO POPULATION OF NEW JERSEY HAS GROWN BY 22% SINCE 2000; ONE IN SEVEN NEW JERSEYANS IS LATINO (1.3 MIL.) (Source: 2006 U.S. Census)
- 60% OF LATINOS IN NJ ARE IMMIGRANTS (source: The Star Ledger)
- MOST UNAUTHORIZED IMMIGRANTS, FOUR OUT OF FIVE, ARE LATIN AMERICANS (Source: Pew Hispanic Center)
- ONE IN TWENTY WORKERS IS AN UNAUTHORIZED IMMIGRANT (Source: Pew Hispanic Center )
- MORE THAN HALF OF THE UNAUTHORIZED IMMIGRANTS HAVE BEEN HERE FOR AT LEAST 10 YEARS OR MORE (Source: Dep. Of Homeland Security)
- OUT OF 645,000 CHILDREN IN NJ, MOSTLY U.S-BORN, WHO LIVE IN IMMIGRANT FAMILIES, ONLY 61,000 ARE LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENT, AND 63% ARE BILINGUAL (Source: Association for Children of NJ)
- TWO-THIRDS OF UNAUTHORIZED IMMIGRANTS WORKERS PAY PAYROLL TAXES (Source: Social Security Administration)
- SINCE 2000, THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN NEW JERSEY HAS FLUCTUATED FROM A LOW OF 3.7% TO A HIGH OF 5.9%; IT'S 4.3% CURRENTLY (Source: NJ Dep. Of Labor and Workforce Development)

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## IMMIGRANTS IN MERCER COUNTY (2000-2006)

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(Source: 2006 U.S. Census)

- THE POPULATION OF MERCER COUNTY (367,000) HAS GROWN BY 5% SINCE 2000
- THE IMMIGRANT POPULATION IN MERCER COUNTY (71,000) HAS GROWN BY 48%; ONE IN FIVE COUNTY RESIDENTS IS AN IMMIGRANT.
- THE LATINO POPULATION OF MERCER COUNTY (45,000) HAS GROWN BY 32%; ONE IN EIGHT COUNTY RESIDENTS IS LATINO
- BASED ON NATIONAL AND STATE TRENDS AN ESTIMATED 18,000 UNAUTHORIZED IMMIGRANTS MAY RESIDE IN MERCER COUNTY, MOSTLY LATINOS.
- ALTHOUGH THE POPULATION OF TRENTON (83,000) HAS DECREASED BY 2% SINCE 2000, THE CITY'S LABOR FORCE (40,700) HAS INCREASED BY 12%.
- THE LATINO POPULATION IN TRENTON HAS DOUBLED (26,608); ONE IN THREE RESIDENTS OF TRENTON IS A LATINO(A).
- THE IMMIGRANT POPULATION OF TRENTON (15,600) HAS INCREASED BY 30%; MORE THAN 50% ENTERED THE COUNTRY BEFORE 2000. MOST (83%) ARE NON-CITIZENS.
- IN TRENTON, THE MEDIAN HOME VALUE (\$126,000) HAS NEARLY DOUBLED SINCE 2000, BUT THE VACANCY RATE (16%) HAS INCREASED BY 27%
- IN MERCER COUNTY, THE MEDIAN HOME VALUE (\$314,000) HAS INCREASED BY 113% BUT THE VACANCY RATE (9%) HAS RISEN BY 60%
- PER CAPITA INCOME IN MERCER COUNTY (\$33,700) HAS INCREASED BY 21% SINCE 2000
- PER CAPITAL INCOME IN TRENTON (\$16,000) HAS INCREASED BY 9.6%.

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