

FACT SHEETS

IMMIGRANTS IN NJ (2000-2008)

- THE POPULATION OF NEW JERSEY (8.7 MIL.) HAS GROWN BY ONLY 3.5% SINCE 2000 , BUT THE STATE'S IMMIGRANT POPULATION HAS GROWN BY 16% OVER THIS PERIOD
- TODAY, ONE IN FIVE NEW JERSEYANS (1.7 MIL.) IS AN IMMIGRANT, OF WHICH 45% ARE FROM LATIN AMERICA AND 30% FROM ASIA
- OVER ONE IN FOUR IMMIGRANTS (475,000), OR ONE IN 20 NEW JERSEYANS, IS UNAUTHORIZED
- MOST UNAUTHORIZED IMMIGRANTS (80%) ARE LATIN AMERICANS
- ONE IN TWELVE WORKERS IN NEW JERSEY IS UNAUTHORIZED, ONE OF THE HIGHEST RATIOS IN THE COUNTRY
- TWO-THIRDS OF UNAUTHORIZED IMMIGRANTS WORKERS PAY PAYROLL TAXES
- THE LATINO POPULATION OF NEW JERSEY HAS GROWN BY 24% SINCE 2000; ONE IN SEVEN NEW JERSEYANS IS LATINO (1.3 MIL).
- OVER 70% OF LATINOS IN NJ ARE FIRST GENERATION IMMIGRANTS OR BORN IN PUERTO RICO
- MORE THAN HALF OF THE UNAUTHORIZED IMMIGRANTS HAVE BEEN HERE FOR AT LEAST 10 YEARS OR MORE
- ALMOST 3 OUT OF 4 NEW JERSEY'S IMMIGRANTS ARRIVED PRIOR TO 2000, BUT ONLY 50% ARE U.S. CITIZENS
- LESS THAN 10% OF THE 645,000 CHILDREN IN NJ WHO LIVE IN IMMIGRANT FAMILIES, MOSTLY U.S-BORN, ARE LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENT; 63% ARE BILINGUAL

IMMIGRANTS IN MERCER COUNTY (2000-2008)

- THE POPULATION OF MERCER COUNTY (364,000) HAS GROWN BY 4% SINCE 2000, BUT THE IMMIGRANT POPULATION (69,000) HAS GROWN BY 42%
- ONE IN FIVE COUNTY RESIDENTS IS AN IMMIGRANT OF WHICH 38% ARE LATIN AMERICANS, 31% ASIAN, AND 22% EUROPEAN
- THE LATINO POPULATION OF MERCER COUNTY (47,000) HAS GROWN BY 38%; ONE IN EIGHT COUNTY RESIDENTS IS LATINO(A)
- BASED ON NATIONAL AND STATE TRENDS AN ESTIMATED 19,000 UNAUTHORIZED IMMIGRANTS MAY RESIDE IN MERCER COUNTY, MOSTLY LATINOS. OVER HALF OF ALL LATIN AMERICAN IMMIGRANTS IN MERCER COUNTY MAY BE UNAUTHORIZED
- ALTHOUGH THE POPULATION OF TRENTON (79,000) HAS DECREASED BY 7% SINCE 2000, THE CITY'S IMMIGRANT POPULATION (16,600) HAS INCREASED BY 38%
- MORE THAN ONE IN FOUR TRENTON RESIDENTS IS AN IMMIGRANT OR BORN IN PUERTO RICO
- THE LATINO POPULATION IN TRENTON HAS GROWN BY 30%; CLOSE TO ONE IN THREE RESIDENTS OF TRENTON (24,000) IS A LATINO(A).
- OVER ONE IN FOUR (27%) TRENTON RESIDENTS, AND 11% COUNTY-WIDE, SPEAK SPANISH AT HOME
- MOST IMMIGRANTS RESIDING IN TRENTON (80%), AND 60% OF ALL OF MERCER COUNTY'S FOREIGN-BORN, ARE NON-CITIZENS
- THE MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN MERCER COUNTY WAS \$71,000 AND GREW BY 26% OVER THE PERIOD. THE POPULATION BELOW POVERTY LEVEL OF 9% HAS GROWN BY ALMOST 5%.
- THE MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN TRENTON WAS \$35,000 AND GREW BY 13% OVER THE PERIOD. THE POVERTY LEVEL OF 22% HAS ALSO INCREASED 5%.

Sources: U.S. CENSUS BUREAU, PEW RESEARCH CENTER, U.S DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, ASSOCIATION FOR CHILDREN OF NJ, SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

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