New Jersey's Children And Families

More Children Call New Jersey Home

Nearly every New Jersey county saw an increase in the number of children living inside its borders. In all but five counties, this increase outpaced overall population growth. Statewide, the total population grew 9 percent, while the child population increased 16 percent.

New Jersey families fared better economically than the average U.S. family. A smaller percentage of New Jersey families lived in poverty in 1999, compared to the U.S. average.

Still, single mothers continue to be much more likely to live below the federal poverty level than all other families. More than one-third of single New Jersey mothers with children under five are raising their families in poverty.

At the same time, the median income for all New Jersey families rose 7 percent, from roughly $59,000 a year in 1995 to about $63,400 in 2000. That's nearly 25 percent higher than the national median family income of $50,834, making New Jersey one of the nation's most prosperous states.

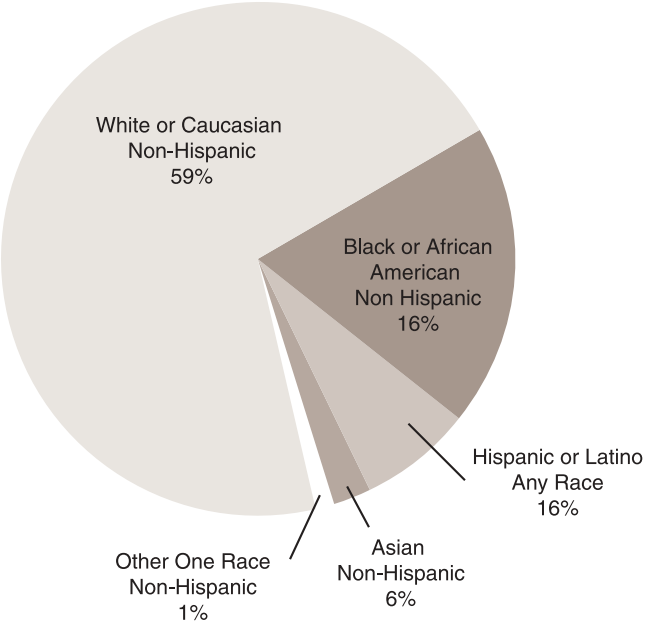
TOTAL POPULATION

County	1990	2000	Change
Atlantic	224,327	252,552	13%
Burlington	825,380	884,118	7%
Bergen	395,066	423,394	7%
Camden	502,824	508,932	1%
Cape May	95,089	102,326	8%
Cumberland	138,053	146,438	6%
Essex	778,206	793,633	2%
Gloucester	230,082	254,673	11%
Hudson	553,099	608,975	10%
Hunterdon	107,776	121,989	13%
Mercer	325,824	350,761	8%
Middlesex	671,780	750,162	12%
Monmouth	553,124	615,301	11%
Morris	421,353	470,212	12%
Ocean	433,203	510,916	18%
Passaic	453,060	489,049	8%
Salem	65,294	64,285	-2%
Somerset	240,279	297,490	24%
Sussex	130,943	144,166	10%
Union	493,819	522,541	6%
Warren	91,607	102,437	12%
New Jersey	7,730,188	8,414,350	9%

CHILD POPULATION UNDER AGE 18

County	1990	2000	Change
Atlantic	51,436	63,855	24%
Bergen	168,368	203,054	21%
Burlington	98,236	106,521	8%
Camden	133,067	136,148	2%
Cape May	21,062	22,859	9%
Cumberland	35,949	37,203	3%
Essex	188,637	206,950	10%
Gloucester	61,538	67,129	9%
Hudson	122,483	137,498	12%
Hunterdon	25,941	31,374	21%
Mercer	73,346	84,337	15%
Middlesex	144,631	177,628	23%
Monmouth	134,814	160,342	19%
Morris	96,291	116,838	21%
Ocean	98,165	119,046	21%
Passaic	108,743	127,486	17%
Salem	16,737	16,450	-2%
Somerset	52,889	75,991	44%
Sussex	36,386	40,218	11%
Union	108,088	129,941	20%
Warren	22,655	26,690	18%
New Jersey	1,799,462	2,087,558	16%

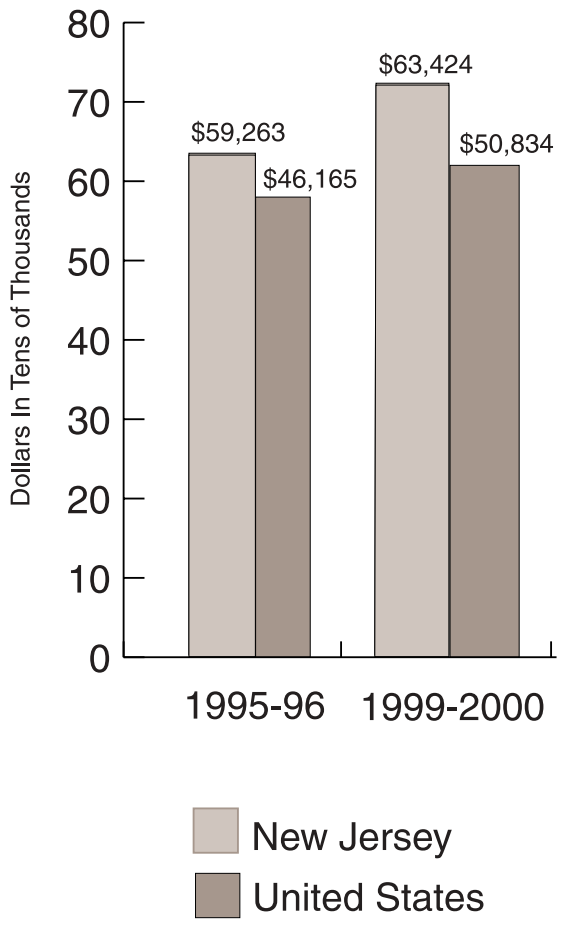
POPULATION UNDER 18 BY RACE & HISPANIC OR LATINO ORIGIN



PERCENT OF CHILDREN, UNDER 18, BY RACE

County	Latino	Caucasian	African American	Other	Total
Atlantic	17	54	21	8	63,855
Bergen	13	67	5	15	203,054
Burlington	5	72	17	6	106,521
Camden	14	59	21	6	136,148
Cape May	6	84	7	3	22,859
Cumberland	26	48	22	4	37,203
Essex	18	30	46	7	206,950
Gloucester	4	82	10	4	67,129
Hudson	48	23	16	13	137,498
Hunterdon	3	92	1	4	31,374
Mercer	12	55	24	8	84,337
Middlesex	18	53	10	18	177,628
Monmouth	8	77	9	7	160,342
Morris	9	80	3	9	116,838
Ocean	7	85	4	3	119,046
Passaic	37	41	15	7	127,486
Salem	6	73	18	3	16,450
Somerset	10	69	8	12	75,991
Sussex	4	92	1	3	40,218
Union	22	46	24	7	129,941
Warren	5	90	2	3	26,690
New Jersey	16	59	16	9	2,087,558

NEW JERSEY HOUSEHOLD EARNINGS, 1999

County	Median household income	Per capita income
Atlantic	$43,933	$21,034
Bergen	65,241	33,638
Burlington	58,608	26,339
Camden	48,097	22,354
Cape May	41,591	24,172
Cumberland	39,150	17,376
Essex	44,944	24,943
Gloucester	54,273	22,708
Hudson	40,293	21,154
Hunterdon	79,888	36,370
Mercer	56,612	27,914
Middlesex	61,446	26,535
Monmouth	64,271	31,149
Morris	77,340	36,964
Ocean	46,443	23,054
Passaic	49,210	21,370
Salem	45,573	20,874
Somerset	76,933	37,970
Sussex	65,266	26,992
Union	55,339	26,992
Warren	56,100	25,728
New Jersey	$55,146	$27,006

MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME: 1995-2000 NJ & US