

## **New Jersey Language and Demographic Data Report**

New Jersey is home to nearly 2 million immigrants and refugees whose communities represent significant geographic and language diversity. Using 2018 American Community Survey data, this brief provides data on countries of birth and language spoken at home other than English among immigrants and refugees across New Jersey and in the state's three main regions, as well as language access needs among individuals with limited English proficiency.

### **8,882,190 Residents**

Total Population

### **1,972,533 Residents (22.2%)**

Share of immigrants and refugees in New Jersey

### **462,202 Residents (5.2%)**

Share of New Jersey residents who have limited English proficiency

### **Top 10 Countries of Birth**

1. **India** 12.6%
2. **Dominican Republic** 8.5%
3. **Mexico** 6.0%
4. **Philippines** 4.2%
5. **Colombia** 4.0%
6. **Ecuador** 3.9%
7. **China** 3.8%
8. **Korea** 3.7%
9. **Peru** 3.0%
10. **Haiti** 2.5%

### **Top 10 Languages Spoken at Home Other than English in New Jersey**

1. **Spanish** 36.2%
2. **Filipino, Tagalog** 3.5%
3. **Chinese** 3.4%
4. **Hindi** 3.3%
5. **Korean** 3.3%
6. **Gujarathi** 3.2%
7. **Portuguese** 2.7%
8. **Arabic** 2.5%
9. **Polish** 2.1%
10. **Russian** 1.9%

**Top 10 Language Access Needs**

1. **Spanish** 66.2%
2. **Korean** 4.6%
3. **Chinese** 3.4%
4. **Portuguese** 3.4%
5. **Gujarathi** 3.0%
6. **Polish** 2.2%
7. **French or Haitian Creole** 1.9%
8. **Arabic** 1.9%
9. **Russian** 1.3%
10. **Italian** 1.1%

**Northern New Jersey****934,471 Residents**

Immigrants and Refugees in North New Jersey

**242,569 Residents**

North New Jersey residents who have limited English proficiency

**Top 10 Countries of Birth**

1. **Dominican Republic** 11.1%
2. **India** 9.1%
3. **Colombia** 6.1%
4. **Korea** 5.6%
5. **Mexico** 4.7%
6. **Ecuador** 4.5%
7. **Philippines** 4.3%
8. **Peru** 4.0%
9. **Cuba** 3.7%
10. **El Salvador** 3.1%

**Top 10 Languages Spoken at Home Other than English in North New Jersey**

1. **Spanish** 43.3%
2. **Korean** 5.2%
3. **Filipino, Tagalog** 3.6%
4. **Arabic** 3.2%
5. **Hindi** 2.8%
6. **Polish** 2.6%
7. **Chinese** 2.5%
8. **Gujarathi** 2.2%
9. **Portuguese** 2.0%

10. Russian 1.8%

#### Top 10 Language Access Needs

1. Spanish 71.1%
2. Korean 6.7%
3. Polish 2.7%
4. Arabic 2.5%
5. Chinese 2.1%
6. Portuguese 2.0%
7. Gujarathi 1.6%
8. Italian 1.2%
9. Russian 1.0%
10. Bengali 0.8%

### Central New Jersey

#### 577,752 Residents

Immigrants and Refugees in Central New Jersey

#### 102,978 Residents

Central New Jersey residents who have limited English proficiency

#### Top 10 Countries of Birth

1. India 23.4%
2. Mexico 7.4%
3. China 5.6%
4. Dominican Republic 5.4%
5. Philippines 3.9%
6. Guatemala 2.8%
7. Poland 2.4%
8. Korea 2.1%
9. Colombia 2.0%
10. Egypt/United Arab Republic 2.0%

#### Top 10 Languages Spoken at Home Other than English in Central New Jersey

1. Spanish 26.6%
2. Gujarathi 5.8%
3. Hindi 5.8%
4. Chinese 5.0%
5. Filipino, Tagalog 3.2%
6. Telugu 2.9%
7. Russian 2.5%

8. **Arabic** 2.4%
9. **Tamil** 2.3%
10. **Polish** 2.0%

**Top 10 Language Access Needs**

1. **Spanish** 57.3%
2. **Gujarathi** 7.0%
3. **Chinese** 6.0%
4. **Korean** 2.8%
5. **Portuguese** 2.5%
6. **Polish** 2.4%
7. **Mandarin** 2.2%
8. **Russian** 1.9%
9. **French or Haitian Creole** 1.9%
10. **Arabic** 1.6%

**Southern New Jersey****183,193 Residents**

Immigrants and Refugees in South New Jersey

**46,825 Residents**

South New Jersey residents who have limited English proficiency

**Top 10 Countries of Birth**

1. **Mexico** 13.7%
2. **India** 9.9%
3. **Dominican Republic** 7.2%
4. **Philippines** 5.4%
5. **China** 3.9%
6. **Vietnam** 3.3%
7. **Jamaica** 3.1%
8. **Korea** 3.0%
9. **Haiti** 2.4%
10. **Bangladesh** 2.4%

**Top 10 Languages Spoken at Home Other than English in South New Jersey**

1. **Spanish** 32.3%
2. **Filipino, Tagalog** 4.6%
3. **Gujarathi** 4.1%
4. **Chinese** 3.7%
5. **Bengali** 2.8%

6. **Vietnamese** 2.6%
7. **Korean** 2.3%
8. **French or Haitian Creole** 2.1%
9. **Russian** 2.0%
10. **Polish** 1.7%

#### **Top 5 Language Access Needs**

1. **Spanish** 59.0%
2. **Chinese** 5.9%
3. **Vietnamese** 5.4%
4. **Gujarathi** 4.5%
5. **Korean** 3.0%

### **Undocumented Residents' Country of Birth, by County**

**Atlantic County** (estimated undocumented population: 10,862)

1. **Mexico:** 3,707

**Bergen County** (estimated undocumented population: 56,678)

1. **Korea:** 12,320
2. **India:** 4,808
3. **Mexico:** 3,889
4. **Ecuador:** 3,322
5. **Guatemala:** 2,989
6. **Colombia:** 2,794
7. **Poland:** 2,615
8. **Dominican Republic:** 2,396
9. **China:** 2,089
10. **Philippines:** 1,875
11. **El Salvador:** 1,676
12. **Japan:** 1,535

**Burlington County** (estimated undocumented population: 6,713)

1. **India:** 1,127

**Camden County** (estimated undocumented population: 12,207)

1. **Mexico:** 3,608

**Cumberland County** (estimated undocumented population: 4,886)

1. **Mexico:** 3,871

**Essex County** (estimated undocumented population: 56,944)

1. **Ecuador:** 9,012
2. **Brazil:** 4,244
3. **Haiti:** 3,828
4. **El Salvador:** 3,611
5. **Dominican Republic:** 3,441
6. **Honduras:** 2,466
7. **Jamaica:** 2,168
8. **Peru:** 2,122
9. **Mexico:** 1,820
10. **Guyana/British Guiana:** 1,808
11. **Nigeria:** 1,514
12. **Portugal:** 1,484
13. **India:** 1,480
14. **China:** 1,254

**Hudson County** (estimated undocumented population: 81,874)

1. **India:** 13,623
2. **Mexico:** 8,050
3. **Dominican Republic:** 7,587
4. **Ecuador:** 6,017
5. **El Salvador:** 5,653
6. **Guatemala:** 5,406
7. **China:** 4,230
8. **Peru:** 3,688
9. **Honduras:** 3,640
10. **Colombia:** 2,523
11. **Philippines:** 2,395
12. **Korea:** 1,528
13. **Brazil:** 1,242
14. **Egypt/United Arab Rep:** 1,235

**Mercer County** (estimated undocumented population: 25,007)

1. **Guatemala:** 6,217
2. **India:** 2,902
3. **Mexico:** 1,820

**Middlesex County** (estimated undocumented population: 69,841)

1. **India:** 28,444
2. **Mexico:** 11,608
3. **Dominican Republic:** 5,762
4. **China:** 2,708
5. **Honduras:** 2,303

6. **Korea:** 1,184
7. **Philippines:** 1,035
8. **Pakistan:** 937

**Monmouth County** (estimated undocumented population: 19,452)

1. **Mexico:** 7,412
2. **Brazil:** 2,001
3. **India:** 1,337

**Morris County** (estimated undocumented population: 21,313)

1. **India:** 4,475
2. **Mexico:** 2,713
3. **Colombia:** 2,483

**Ocean County** (estimated undocumented population: 11,517)

1. **Mexico:** 6,156

**Passaic County** (estimated undocumented population: 36,035)

1. **Mexico:** 10,168
2. **Dominican Republic:** 8,905
3. **Peru:** 3,279
4. **Colombia:** 1,707
5. **India:** 1,557

**Salem County** (estimated undocumented population: 3,150)

1. **Mexico:** 2,767

**Somerset County** (estimated undocumented population: 18,836)

1. **India:** 4,929
2. **China:** 1,501

**Union County** (estimated undocumented population: 47,226)

1. **El Salvador:** 7,463
2. **Mexico:** 4,570
3. **Colombia:** 4,390
4. **Guatemala:** 3,847
5. **Ecuador:** 3,119
6. **Honduras:** 2,998
7. **Haiti:** 2,392
8. **Peru:** 2,385
9. **Dominican Republic:** 2,226
10. **Brazil:** 1,699
11. **India:** 1,204

12. **Portugal:** 1,177

Counties not included due to sample size limitations: Cape May, Gloucester, Hunterdon, Sussex, Warren.