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%

Source: New American Economy analysis of 2018 American Community Survey, 5-year sample
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%

Source: New American Economy analysis of 2018 American Community Survey, 5-year sample
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%

Source: New American Economy analysis of 2018 American Community Survey, 5-year sample
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%

Source: New American Economy analysis of 2018 American Community Survey, 5-year sample
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

Source: New American Economy analysis of 2018 American Community Survey, 5-year sample
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

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

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### Morris County (estimated undocumented population: 21,113)

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

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

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

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

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

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Source: New American Economy analysis of 2018 American Community Survey, 5-year sample
12. Portugal: 1,177

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

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