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IMMIGRATION: THE NEW JERSEY PERSPECTIVE

Eight-in-ten New Jerseyans would like to see a reduction (62%) or a halt (16%) to immigration to this country. In addition, while 8-in-10 say illegal immigration is a major problem in this country, fewer—3-in-10—see it as a major problem in New Jersey.

New Jerseyans are more likely to have negative rather than positive impressions of immigrants. Half agree that many immigrants wind up on welfare, close to half agree that immigrants take jobs that other New Jerseyans want, and about 1-in-4 New Jerseyans agree that many immigrants wind up in jail. In comparison, 3-in-10 state residents agree that immigrants help improve the quality of life in New Jersey.

A majority of New Jerseyans say there is a major problem with illegal immigrants in this state receiving two specific government services: welfare benefits (65%) and free medical care (52%). Fewer residents—1-in-3—say illegal immigrants attending public school is a major problem in New Jersey.

Two-in-three New Jerseyans live in an area where they say there are at least some immigrants. Among the 9-in-10 New Jerseyans who say they deal with immigrants who speak little or no English, 4-in-10 say it bothers them when this happens.

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“New Jerseyans do not see illegal immigration in their own state as being as much of a problem as in the rest of the country,” commented Janice Ballou, Poll Director.

“However they support changing the status quo and putting limits on legal immigration.”

The *Star-Ledger/Eagleton* Poll was conducted with 804 New Jerseyans by telephone from September 6 to 13, 1995.

ATTITUDES ABOUT IMMIGRATION

Eight-in-ten New Jerseyans would like to see changes in the rate of immigration to this country. While 62 percent say immigration should be reduced, 16 percent would like to have it stopped altogether. In comparison, 21 percent say immigration should stay at about the same level as it is today.

New Jerseyans who consider themselves to be conservative (23%) are more likely than moderates (13%) or liberals (12%) to want immigration stopped. In comparison, liberals (31%) and moderates (22%) are more likely than conservatives (12%) to want immigration to stay at about the same level as it is today.

Also, non-white residents (33%) are about twice as likely as whites (17%) to want immigration to stay the same as it is today.

Illegal immigrants are viewed as a major problem in this country by 78 percent of New Jersey residents, 18 percent say it is a minor problem and 2 percent do not feel it is a national problem. In comparison, about half as many residents—31 percent—say illegal immigration is a major problem in New Jersey, while 51 percent feel it is a minor problem, and 8 percent do not see illegal immigration as a problem in the state.

Overall, conservatives are more likely to say both illegal immigration in New Jersey (40%) and in the nation (84%) is a major problem. Also, those who report living in areas of the state where there are many recent immigrants are more likely to say that illegal immigration is a major problem in the state (42%) compared to those who report living where there are some (28%) or only a few (20%) recent immigrants.

On the other hand, state residents who are younger than fifty years old are less likely to report both illegal immigration in New Jersey and in the nation as a major problem.

IMPRESSIONS OF RECENT IMMIGRANTS

New Jerseyans are generally more negative than positive in their impressions about immigrants in four specific situations. Overall, 52 percent of the state's residents strongly (32%) or mildly (20%) agree that "many immigrants wind up on welfare" compared to 36 percent who mildly (19%) or strongly (17%) disagree. In addition, 45 percent mildly (31%) or strongly (14%) agree that "immigrants take jobs that other New Jerseyans want", compared to 51 percent who mildly (27%) or strongly (24%) disagree. About 1-in-4 New Jerseyans agree mildly (14%) or strongly (12%) that "many immigrants wind up in jail" while 61 percent mildly (30%) or strongly (31%) disagree.

Three-in-ten state residents strongly (11%) or mildly (20%) agree that immigrants help improve the quality of life in New Jersey, while 57 percent mildly (27%) or strongly (30%) disagree.

New Jerseyans who consider themselves conservatives are more likely than moderates or liberals to agree that many immigrants wind up on welfare, immigrants take jobs that other New Jerseyans want and many immigrants wind up in jail. Conservatives (29%) are less

likely than moderates (32%) or liberals (39%) to agree that immigrants help improve the quality of life in New Jersey.

Residents of areas with many recent immigrants (57%) are more likely than those with some (42%) or only a few (40%) to agree that immigrants take jobs other New Jerseyans want.

IMPRESSIONS OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS

While a majority of New Jerseyans say there is a major problem with illegal immigrants receiving welfare benefits and free medical care, fewer residents feel that illegal immigrants attending public school is a major problem in New Jersey.

Sixty-five percent of the state's residents say illegal immigrants receiving welfare benefits is a major problem, 23 percent say it is a minor problem, and 7 percent do not see this as a problem. Conservatives (69%) are more likely than moderates (65%) or liberals (58%) to consider welfare benefits for illegal immigrants a major problem. In addition, white New Jerseyans (69%) are more likely to feel this way than non-whites (54%). Residents of areas with many recent immigrants (71%) are also more likely than those with some (62%) or only a few (64%) to say this is a major problem.

About half – 52 percent—identify illegal immigrants receiving free medical care as a major problem, 29 percent say it is a minor problem, and 14 percent do not see this as a problem. Conservatives (58%) are more likely than moderates (50%) or liberals (48%) to consider free medical benefits for illegal immigrants a major problem. In addition, white New Jerseyans (57%) are more likely to feel this way than non-whites (38%). Residents of areas with many recent immigrants (60%) are also more likely than those with some (44%) or a few (52%) to say this is a major problem.

Fewer residents—34 percent—say illegal immigrants attending public school is a major problem, 37 percent say it is a minor problem, and 24 percent do not see this as a problem. Conservatives (44%) are more likely than moderates (31%) or liberals (26%) to feel illegal immigrants attending public school is a major problem. Also, white New Jerseyans (39%) are more likely to feel this way than non-whites (19%).

NEW JERSEYANS' EXPERIENCES WITH RECENT IMMIGRANTS

Most New Jerseyans live in areas where there are recent immigrants and have had experiences dealing with immigrants who speak little or no English.

Nine-in-ten New Jerseyans say they live in an area where there are many (36%), some (30%), or only a few (25%) recent immigrants compared to 5 percent who say they live where there are no recent immigrants. Residents in North Jersey (72%) are more likely than those in Central (67%) or South Jersey (52%) to say they live in an area with many or some recent immigrants.

Also, New Jerseyans who live in major urban centers (73%) or urban centers and surrounding towns (80%) are more likely than those in older towns and suburbs (63%), newer suburbs (64%) and rural areas (52%) to report many or some recent immigrants in their areas.

Seven-in-ten state residents have had to deal with immigrants who speak little or no English often (36%) or sometimes (33%) while 30 percent rarely (25%) or never (5%) have this experience.

Residents in North Jersey (76%) are more likely than those in Central (69%) or South Jersey (58%) to say they often or sometimes deal with immigrants who speak little or no English.

Also, New Jerseyans who live in major urban centers (81%) or urban centers and surrounding towns (83%) are more likely than those in older towns and suburbs (67%), newer suburbs (70%) and rural areas (51%) to report experiences where they often or sometimes deal with immigrants who speak little or no English.

Among those who have had contact with immigrants who speak little or no English, 42 percent say it bothers them when it happens compared to 56 percent who report it does not bother them. Conservatives (51%) who have dealt with immigrants who speak little or no English are more likely than moderates (41%) or liberals (36%) to say they are bothered by speaking with people who speak little or no English. Those who often deal with immigrants who speak little or no English (57%) are more likely to be bothered by it than those who have contact sometimes (37%) or rarely (27%).

PROFILE OF NEW JERSEYANS' IMMIGRANT AND LANGUAGE CHARACTERISTICS

While 9-in-10 New Jerseyans were born in the United States, 11 percent report being born in another country. Residents in North Jersey (14%) are more likely than those in Central (10%) or South Jersey (5%) to say they were born in another country.

New Jerseyans who live in major urban centers (17%), urban centers and surrounding towns (13%), older towns and suburbs (12%), and newer suburbs (10%) are more likely than those in rural areas (2%) to report being born in another country.

Overall, 8-in-10 New Jerseyans speak only English in their home while 19 percent speak English and another language. Residents in North Jersey (22%) are more likely than those in Central (15%) or South Jersey (16%) to say they speak English and another language in their household.

New Jerseyans who live in major urban centers (38%) or urban centers and surrounding towns (23%) are more likely than those in older towns and suburbs (16%), newer suburbs (15%) and rural areas (10%) to report they speak English and another language in their household.

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"Which of the following three statements comes closest to your view?" [Q.20]

	All Immigration To This Country Should Be Stopped	Immigration Should Be Reduced, But Not Stopped Altogether	Immigration Should Stay About The Same Level As It is Today	Other	Don't Know	Total	(n)
September, 1995	16%	62%	21%	1%	1%	101%	(804)
<u>Ideology</u>							
--Liberal	12	56	31	2	--	101	(139)
--Moderate	13	62	22	1	2	100	(418)
--Conservative	23	65	12	--	--	100	(208)
<u>Race</u>							
--White	17	65	17	--	1	100	(637)
--Non-white	12	52	33	2	1	100	(156)

"How many RECENT immigrants would you say live in your area--many, some, only a few, or none?" [Q.21]

	Many	Some	Only A Few	None	Don't Know	Total	(n)
September, 1995	36%	30%	25%	5%	5%	101%	(804)
<u>Region</u>							
--North		40	32	18	4	5	99 (388)
--Central	35	32	26	4	3	100	(203)
--South (213)		28	24	34	8	6	100
<u>Type of Residence</u>							
--Major urban center	59	14	14	2	11	100	(63)
--Urban centers and surrounding area (121)		48	32	17	--	3	100
--Older town and suburb	31	32	26	7	4	100	(194)
--Newer suburb	30	34	25	8	4	101	(279)
--Rural (134)		26	26	36	6	6	100

"How often do you personally have to deal with immigrants who speak little or no English--often, sometimes, rarely, or never?" [Q.22]

	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	Don't Know	Total	(n)
September, 1995	36%	33%	25%	5%	--	99%	(804)
<u>Party ID</u>							
--Democrat	34	35	27	4	--	100	(214)
--Independent	42	29	24	3	--	98	(328)
--Republican	28	37	24	11	--	100	(232)
<u>Age</u>							
--18 to 29	33	46	18	4	--	101	(117)
--30 to 49	47	29	22	3	--	101	(377)
--50 to 64	36	30	30	4	--	100	(170)
--65 and over	15	33	37	14	1	100	(120)

Region

--North (388)		43	33	19	5	--	100
--Central	31	38	26	5	--	100	(203)
--South (213)		29	29	35	6	1	100

Type of Residence

--Major urban center	47	34	18	1	--	100	(63)
--Urban centers and surrounding area (121)		48	35	12	5	--	100
--Older town and suburb	33	34	27	6	--	100	(194)
--Newer suburb	34	36	24	6	--	100	(279)
--Rural (134)		27	24	42	7	--	100

Number of Immigrants In Area

--Many		58	27	12	2	--	99 (285)
--Some (248)		27	40	29	4	--	100
--Only a few	18	36	36	9	--	99	(196)
--None (42)		30	28	31	11	--	100

ASKED OF THOSE WHO SAID OFTEN, SOMETIMES, OR RARELY IN Q.22:

"When that happens, does it bother you, or not?" [Q.22A]

	<u>Yes Bothers</u>	<u>No, Does Not Bother</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>(n)</u>
September, 1995	42%	56%	2%	100%	(761)
<u>Party ID</u>					
--Democrat	39	60	2	101	(206)
--Independent	39	58	2	99	(315)
--Republican	49	51	1	101	(211)
<u>Ideology</u>					
--Liberal	36	63	2	101	(134)
--Moderate	41	58	1	100	(397)
--Conservative	51	47	2	100	(194)
<u>Age</u>					
--18 to 29	37	62	1	100	(113)
--30 to 49	49	49	2	100	(369)
--50 to 64	40	59	2	101	(163)
--65 and over	36	63	2	101	(99)
<u>Race</u>					
--White	47	51	2	100	(601)
--Non-white	28	70	2	100	(151)
<u>Type of Residence</u>					
--Major urban center	33	66	1	100	(62)
--Urban centers and surrounding area (118)		42	54	4	100
--Older town and suburb	44	55	1	100	(184)
--Newer suburb	48	51	1	100	(262)
--Rural (123)		35	63	2	100
<u>Deal With Immigrants</u>					
--Often		57	40	2	99

(280)						
--Sometimes	37	62	1	100	(268)	
--Rarely	27	72	2	101	(213)	

"Do you agree or disagree with the following statements about recent immigrants to New Jersey. Do you agree or disagree that [READ ITEM]? [PROBE: Do you agree/disagree strongly or mildly?]" [Q.23]

	Strongly <u>Agree</u>	Mildly <u>Agree</u>	Mildly <u>Disagree</u>	Strongly <u>Disagree</u>	Don't <u>Know</u>	Total	(n)
<i>Many immigrants wind up on welfare</i>							
September, 1995	32%	20%	19%	17%	11%	99%	(804)
<u>Ideology</u>							
--Liberal	30	13	22	25	10	100	(139)
--Moderate	28	23	19	18	11	99	(418)
--Conservative	42	19	17	12	11	101	(208)
<u>Race</u>							
--White	33	23	21	13	10	100	(637)
--Non-white	30	12	14	31	13	100	(156)
<u>Number of Immigrants In Area</u>							
--Many ()		38	18	18	15	10	99
--Some ()		27	24	22	17	10	100
--Only a few ()	30	21	21	17	12	101	()
--None ()		33	18	16	21	12	100
<i>Immigrants take jobs that other New Jerseyans want</i>							
September, 1995	31%	14%	27%	24%	4%	100%	(804)
<u>Ideology</u>							
--Liberal	22	13	32	29	4	100	(139)
--Moderate	32	13	26	26	3	100	(418)
--Conservative	35	17	24	18	5	99	(208)
<u>Region</u>							
--North (388)		35	13	25	23	4	100
--Central	25	16	32	24	3	100	(203)
--South (213)		31	16	25	24	4	100
<u>Type of Residence</u>							
--Major urban center	54	8	23	14	--	99	(63)
--Urban centers and surrounding area (121)		36	7	24	28	5	100
--Older town and suburb	30	15	27	24	4	100	(194)
--Newer suburb	29	16	30	21	4	100	(279)
--Rural (134)		21	23	25	28	4	101
<u>Number of Immigrants In Area</u>							
--Many (285)		41	16	20	21	2	100
--Some (248)		26	16	31	25	3	101
--Only a few	27	13	30	25	6	101	(196)

--None (42)	34	14	27	23	3	101
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	Strongly <u>Agree</u>	Mildly <u>Agree</u>	Mildly <u>Disagree</u>	Strongly <u>Disagree</u>	Don't <u>Know</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>(n)</u>
<i>Immigrants help improve the quality of life in New Jersey</i>							
September, 1995	11%	20%	27%	30%	12%	100%	(804)
<u>Ideology</u>							
--Liberal	16	23	26	23	12	100	(139)
--Moderate	12	20	27	30	11	100	(418)
--Conservative	7	22	21	39	11	100	(208)
<u>Region</u>							
--North (388)		14	20	24	31	10	99
--Central	6	21	29	29	15	100	(203)
--South (213)		10	20	28	31	11	100
<u>Race</u>							
--White	8	23	29	31	9	100	(637)
--Non-white	21	14	19	28	18	100	(156)
<u>Type of Residence</u>							
--Major urban center	11	13	18	40	19	101	(631)
--Urban centers and surrounding area (121)		16	23	20	31	10	100
--Older town and suburb	11	22	26	32	9	100	(194)
--Newer suburb	8	19	31	30	11	99	(279)
--Rural (134)		12	21	31	25	11	100
<u>Number of Immigrants In Area</u>							
--Many (285)		11	19	21	39	10	100
--Some (248)		11	23	32	27	8	101
--Only a few	12	24	29	24	12	101	(196)
--None (42)		4	13	35	34	14	100
<i>Many immigrants wind up in jail</i>							
September, 1995	14%	12%	30%	31%	13%	100%	(804)
<u>Ideology</u>							
--Liberal	17	7	26	39	11	100	(139)
--Moderate	11	13	34	30	12	100	(418)
--Conservative	16	13	24	32	15	100	(208)
<u>Race</u>							
--White	14	12	33	27	14	100	(637)
--Non-white	12	13	23	41	10	99	(156)
<u>Type of Residence</u>							
--Major urban center	19	12	29	27	14	101	(631)
--Urban centers and surrounding area (121)		15	9	29	39	8	100
--Older town and suburb	13	13	31	28	15	100	(197)
--Newer suburb	14	11	31	30	14	100	(279)
--Rural (134)		7	16	31	29	17	100
<u>Number of Immigrants In Area</u>							
--Many (285)		19	12	29	26	13	99
--Some (248)		11	15	26	36	11	99

--Only a few	9	11	37	32	11	100	(196)
--None (42)		21	9	37	29	4	100

"Now I'd like to ask you some questions about ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS--that is, people who enter this country without permission. Overall, how much of a problem is ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION in the United States--is it a major problem, a minor problem, or not a problem in the United States?" [Q.24]

	<u>Major Problem</u>	<u>Minor Problem</u>	<u>Not A Problem</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>(n)</u>
September, 1995	78%	18%	2%	2%	100%	(804)
<u>Party ID</u>						
--Democrat	79	18	1	2	100	(214)
--Independent	75	20	3	2	100	(328)
--Republican	84	13	1	2	100	(232)
<u>Ideology</u>						
--Liberal	71	21	6	2	100	(139)
--Moderate	77	20	1	2	100	(418)
--Conservative	84	13	--	3	100	(208)
<u>Age</u>						
--18 to 29	71	25	4	--	100	(117)
--30 to 49	73	23	2	2	100	(377)
--50 to 64	85	10	1	3	99	(170)
--65 and over	91	8	--	1	100	(120)
<u>Region</u>						
--North (388)		74	20	3	2	99
--Central	84	15	--	1	100	(203)
--South (213)		79	19	--	2	100
<u>Race</u>						
--White	83	15	1	1	100	(637)
--Non-white	60	30	5	5	100	(156)
<u>Number of Immigrants In Area</u>						
--Many (285)		77	20	2	2	101
--Some (248)		78	18	2	1	99
--Only a few	77	21	--	2	99	(196)
--None (42)		90	10	--	--	100

"And overall, how much of a problem is ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION in New Jersey--is it a major problem, a minor problem, or not a problem in New Jersey?" [Q.25]

	<u>Major Problem</u>	<u>Minor Problem</u>	<u>Not A Problem</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>(n)</u>
September, 1995	31%	51%	8%	10%	100%	(804)
<u>Party ID</u>						
--Democrat	34	50	6	10	100	(214)
--Independent	24	52	11	12	99	(328)
--Republican	38	50	4	8	100	(232)

Ideology

--Liberal	25	51	13	11	100	(139)
--Moderate	28	51	10	11	100	(418)
--Conservative	40	50	3	7	100	(208)

Age

--18 to 29	17	60	16	7	100	(117)
--30 to 49	29	53	8	9	99	(377)
--50 to 64	43	40	4	13	100	(170)
--65 and over	39	47	2	12	100	(120)

Region

--North (388)		32	49	8	10	99
--Central	36	45	9	10	100	(203)
--South (213)		24	57	8	10	99

Race

--White	33	53	4	10	100	(637)
--Non-white	25	42	22	12	101	(156)

Type of Residence

--Major urban center	40	43	11	6	100	(63)
--Urban centers and surrounding area (121)		35	44	11	9	99
--Older town and suburb	25	55	9	11	100	(194)
--Newer suburb	30	53	7	10	100	(279)
--Rural (134)		33	50	4	13	100

Number of Immigrants In Area

--Many (285)		42	40	8	10	100
--Some (248)		28	58	8	7	101
--Only a few	20	61	8	11	100	(196)
--None (42)		27	56	4	13	100

"Recently, there has been some discussion about ILLEGAL immigrants receiving government provided services which they are not entitled to. For each that I read to you, please tell me if illegal immigrants receiving this service in New Jersey is a major problem, minor problem, or not a problem. First, [READ ITEM]--is this a major problem, minor problem, or not a problem in New Jersey?" [Q.26]

	Major <u>Problem</u>	Minor <u>Problem</u>	Not A <u>Problem</u>	Don't <u>Know</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>(n)</u>
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Illegal immigrants receiving welfare benefits

September, 1995	65%	23%	7%	5%	100%	(804)
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Ideology

--Liberal	58	28	12	2	100	(139)
--Moderate	65	22	7	6	100	(418)
--Conservative	69	24	2	5	100	(208)

Race

--White	69	24	3	5	101	(637)
--Non-white	54	23	17	6	100	(156)

Number of Immigrants In Area

--Many (285)		71	18	5	6	100
--Some (248)		62	29	6	3	100
--Only a few	64	27	6	4	101	(196)
--None (42)		56	23	11	10	100

Illegal immigrants receiving free medical care

September, 1995	52%	29%	14%	5%	100%	(804)
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Ideology

--Liberal	48	24	24	4	100	(139)
--Moderate	50	30	15	5	100	(418)
--Conservative	58	31	6	4	99	(208)

Region

--North (388)		49	30	16	5	100
--Central	54	30	11	4	99	(203)
--South (213)		55	27	12	7	101

Race

--White	57	30	9	4	100	(637)
--Non-white	38	26	29	8	101	(156)

Type of Residence

--Major urban center	50	28	19	3	100	(63)
--Urban centers and surrounding area (121)		46	29	21	4	100
--Older town and suburb	53	27	15	5	100	(194)
--Newer suburb	55	28	11	5	99	(279)
--Rural (134)		53	33	6	7	99

Number of Immigrants In Area

--Many (285)		60	21	13	6	100
--Some (248)		44	39	13	4	100
--Only a few	52	32	13	3	100	(196)
--None (42)		46	31	17	5	99

	<u>Major Problem</u>	<u>Minor Problem</u>	<u>Not A Problem</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>(n)</u>
<i>Illegal immigrants attending public school</i>						
September, 1995	34%	37%	24%	6%	101%	(804)
<u>Party ID</u>						
--Democrat	26	43	24	7	100	(214)
--Independent	32	34	28	5	99	(328)
--Republican	44	35	16	5	100	(232)
<u>Ideology</u>						
--Liberal	26	35	35	4	100	(139)
--Moderate	31	37	26	6	100	(418)
--Conservative	44	35	15	5	99	(208)
<u>Age</u>						
--18 to 29	29	33	38	--	100	(117)
--30 to 49	33	41	22	4	100	(377)
--50 to 64	33	36	22	9	100	(170)
--65 and over	40	35	15	11	101	(120)
<u>Race</u>						
--White	39	39	17	6	101	(637)
--Non-white	19	30	45	6	100	(156)
<u>Number of Immigrants In Area</u>						
--Many (285)		36	35	25	5	101
--Some (248)		31	40	25	4	100
--Only a few	37	39	21	4	101	(196)
--None (42)		22	35	23	20	100

"Were you born in the United States or were you born in another country?"
[Q.XD14A]

	<u>Born In U.S.A.</u>	<u>Born In Another Country</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>(n)</u>
September, 1995	89%	11%	1%	101%	(804)
<u>Region</u>					
--North (388)		85	14	1	100
--Central	90	10	--	100	(203)
--South (213)		95	5	--	100
<u>Type of Residence</u>					
--Major urban center	82	17	1	100	(63)
--Urban centers and surrounding area (121)		85	13	1	99
--Older town and suburb	88	12	--	100	(194)
--Newer suburb	90	10	--	100	(279)
--Rural (134)		98	2	--	100

"Do you only speak English in your home or do you speak English and another language?" [Q.XD14B]

	English Only	English And Another Language	Don't Know	Total	(n)
September, 1995	81%	19%	1%	101%	(804)
<u>Age</u>					
--18 to 29	65	35	--	100	(117)
--30 to 49	84	16	--	100	(377)
--50 to 64	88	12	--	100	(170)
--65 and over	89	11	--	100	(120)
<u>Region</u>					
--North (388)		77	22	1	100
--Central	85	15	--	100	(203)
--South (213)		84	16	--	100
<u>Type of Residence</u>					
--Major urban center	60	38	1	99	(63)
--Urban centers and surrounding area (121)		76	23	1	100
--Older town and suburb	84	16	--	100	(194)
--Newer suburb	85	15	--	100	(279)
--Rural (134)		90	10	--	100

EAGLETON POLL REGIONAL CLASSIFICATIONS

Region of State: Region is classified according to county boundaries:

North -- Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Morris, Passaic, Sussex, Union, and Warren

Central -- Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, and Somerset

South -- Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Ocean, and Salem

Type of Town/Community: All municipalities in the state have been classified into one of five groups or "types," based on location, settlement patterns, population density and growth.

Major NJ Cities -- New Jersey's largest cities: Newark, Jersey City, Paterson, Elizabeth, Trenton, and Camden.

Other Urban Centers & Surrounding Areas -- This category is generally based on the cities of the state over 25,000, but also includes densely populated suburbs of urban areas which also have similar socio-economic characteristics. For example, all of Hudson county (outside of Jersey City), and much of Union, eastern Essex and southern Bergen counties are included in this category.

Older Suburbs & Towns -- This category includes two types of municipalities: urban suburbs which are not as densely populated and/or have significantly higher socio-economic characteristics than the nearby urban center; and densely populated towns which are not near urban centers, and have not experienced major development in the past decade.

Newer Suburbs -- These are primarily suburban areas which are "outside central city" proportions of the Census Bureau's Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas and have continued to experience growth in the past 20 years. These municipalities are usually within a short distance of urban centers.

Rural -- This includes municipalities not in any of the categories above. These are small communities with scattered populations and somewhat denser small towns which are surrounded by rural areas.