

**COMMUNITY  
PROFILE**  
*Essex County, New Jersey*

| <b>COMMUNITY CHARACTERISTIC</b>   | <b>2004</b> | <b>2003</b> | <b>2002</b> | <b>2001</b>   | <b>2000</b>   |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>Population</b>   |             |             |             |               |               |
| Total population  | 775,252     | 774,877     | 776,842     | 770,343       | 770,844       |
| Male  | 47.0        | 47.3        | 47.1        | 47.3          | 48.0          |
| Male median age   | 35          | 34          | 34          | 34            | 32            |
| Female  | 53.0        | 52.7        | 52.9        | 52.7          | 52.0          |
| Female median age   | 37          | 37          | 37          | 36            | 37            |
| Under 18 years of age   | 27.3        | 27.1        | 27.1        | 24.7          | 26.8          |
| Male  | 49.3        | 50.5        | 50.4        | 51.3          | 53.7          |
| Female  | 50.7        | 49.5        | 49.6        | 48.7          | 46.3          |
| Between 18 and 64 years of age  | 61.6        | 62.0        | 61.9        | 64.1          | 61.7          |
| Male  | 47.2        | 47.4        | 46.8        | 47.1          | 47.2          |
| Female  | 52.8        | 52.6        | 53.2        | 52.9          | 52.8          |
| Over 65 years of age  | 11.1        | 10.9        | 11.1        | 11.2          | 11.6          |
| Male  | 40.6        | 38.5        | 40.8        | 39.3          | 38.8          |
| Female  | 59.4        | 61.5        | 59.2        | 60.7          | 61.2          |
|   |             |             |             |               |               |
| <b>Race (Alone or in combination with one or more other races) <sup>1</sup></b> |             |             |             |               |               |
| White   | 39.9        | 41.6        | 42.3        | 49.1          | 49.2          |
| Black or African American   | 40.3        | 41.3        | 39.7        | 41.8          | 41.0          |
| American Indian and Alaska Native   | 0.3         | 0.1         | 0.3         | 0.4           | 0.2           |
| Asian   | 4.3         | 4.0         | 4.2         | 4.0           | 3.9           |
| Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander                                      | 0.0         | 0.1         | 0.1         | 0.0           | 0.0           |
| Other Race category   | 15.3        | 13.0        | 13.5        | 4.7           | 5.6           |
|   |             |             |             |               |               |
| <b>Hispanic or Latino Origin (of any race)</b>                                  | 17.3        | 17.0        | 16.8        | 16.2          | 15.6          |
|   |             |             |             |               |               |
| <b>Immigrants and U.S. Citizenship Status</b>                                   |             |             |             |               |               |
| Total immigrant population  | 174,136     | 163,434     | 168,466     | 163,434       | 160,135       |
| Entered U.S. before 1980  | 25.5        | 21.8        | 26.0        | 27.8          | 31.3          |
| Naturalized U.S. citizen  | 78.7        | 66.2        | 76.3        | 84.2          | 78.5          |
| Not a U.S. citizen  | 21.3        | 33.8        | 23.7        | 15.8          | 21.5          |
| Entered U.S. between 1980 and 1989  | 22.0        | 24.9        | 24.7        | 23.3          | 25.4          |
| Naturalized U.S. citizen  | 56.6        | 57.9        | 56.1        | 58.0          | 54.0          |
| Not a U.S. citizen  | 43.4        | 42.1        | 43.9        | 42.0          | 46.0          |
| Entered U.S. between 1990 and 1999 <sup>2</sup>                                 | 33.3        | 33.8        | 36.8        | 48.9          | 43.4          |
| Naturalized U.S. citizen  | 28.2        | 33.0        | 18.2        | 10.0          | 10.4          |
| Not a U.S. citizen  | 71.8        | 67.0        | 81.8        | 90.0          | 89.6          |
| Entered U.S. 2000 or later  | 19.1        | 19.5        | 12.6        | Not Available | Not Available |
| Naturalized U.S. citizen  | 2.9         | 6.5         | 0.0         | Not Available | Not Available |

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| Not a U.S. citizen                               | 97.1     | 93.5     | 100.0    | Not Available | Not Available |
|  |          |          |          |               |               |
| <b>Household Structure</b>                       |          |          |          |               |               |
| Total households                                 | 283,051  | 277,811  | 286,491  | 277,811       | 278,766       |
| Family households                                | 187,127  | 189,260  | 209,527  | 192,200       | 180,778       |
| Married households                               | 56.2     | 59.6     | 59.5     | 60.2          | 63.7          |
| Female householder, no spouse present            | 32.5     | 31.6     | 33.7     | 29.0          | 28.4          |
| Male householder, no spouse present              | 11.3     | 8.8      | 6.8      | 10.8          | 7.9           |
| Non-family households                            | 14,041   | 12,635   | 12,535   | 16,815        | 14,559        |
|  |          |          |          |               |               |
| <b>Educational Attainment<sup>3</sup></b>        |          |          |          |               |               |
| Less than high school completed                  | 18.8     | 20.8     | 17.2     | 22.6          | 24.3          |
| High School graduate (includes equivalency)      | 30.6     | 28.1     | 31.6     | 29.8          | 27.6          |
| Some college completed                           | 19.4     | 20.4     | 21.5     | 19.8          | 19.3          |
| Bachelor's degree completed                      | 20.2     | 19.2     | 17.8     | 17.0          | 16.7          |
| Graduate or professional degree completed        | 11.1     | 11.6     | 12.0     | 10.9          | 12.1          |
|  |          |          |          |               |               |
| <b>Income Indicators<sup>4</sup></b>             |          |          |          |               |               |
| Median family Income                             | \$56,034 | \$57,879 | \$57,863 | \$56,400      | \$60,946      |
| Per capita income                                | \$29,389 | \$28,407 | \$26,869 | \$28,727      | \$28,382      |
| Families below poverty within last 12 months     |          |          |          |               |               |
| Total families                                   | 24,681   | 25,928   | 27,060   | 24,665        | 19,564        |
| Married-Couple families                          | 11.4     | 11.4     | 10.4     | 19.0          | 20.5          |
| Female householder, no spouse present            | 75.4     | 76.8     | 81.9     | 67.5          | 69.3          |
| Male householder, no spouse present              | 13.2     | 11.8     | 7.7      | 13.6          | 10.2          |
| Households received income assistance            | 5.5      | 5.7      | 5.6      | 4.1           | 4.8           |
| Households received food stamps                  | 9.8      | 9.2      | 10.0     | 9.1           | 8.6           |
| Households received social security income       | 23.4     | 24.8     | 26.0     | 24.9          | 27.9          |
| Households received supplemental security income | 4.5      | 6.9      | 4.2      | 6.3           | 5.3           |
|  |          |          |          |               |               |
| <b>Employment Sectors<sup>5</sup></b>            |          |          |          |               |               |
| Total employment                                 | 349,751  | 346,977  | 343,469  | 365,353       | 357,762       |
| For profit companies                             | 66.9     | 69.2     | 66.9     | 68.8          | 68.4          |
| Self-employed                                    | 10.7     | 8.2      | 11.0     | 9.7           | 8.7           |
| Not-for-profit organizations                     | 5.7      | 7.8      | 7.3      | 6.5           | 7.6           |
| Local, state and federal government              | 16.3     | 14.7     | 14.6     | 14.8          | 15.0          |
|  |          |          |          |               |               |
| <b>Occupation<sup>6</sup></b>                    |          |          |          |               |               |
| Management, business & related fields            | 16.6     | 14.7     | 16.2     | 14.0          | 14.8          |
| Professional & related fields                    | 22.2     | 23.1     | 18.3     | 19.2          | 22.1          |
| Service  | 17.5     | 16.2     | 19.4     | 18.3          | 14.6          |
| Sales & office                                   | 26.5     | 23.8     | 26.3     | 28.1          | 25.4          |
| Farming, fishing, & forestry                     | 0.0      | 0.0      | 0.0      | 0.0           | 0.0           |
| Construction, extraction, maintenance & repair   | 7.5      | 8.7      | 7.0      | 7.9           | 8.2           |
| Production, transportation, & material moving    | 3.1      | 4.9      | 6.3      | 5.5           | 7.6           |

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| Transportation & material moving  | 6.7       | 8.6       | 6.5       | 7.0       | 7.3       |
|   |           |           |           |           |           |
| <b>Unemployment rate<sup>7</sup></b>  | 11.8      | 11.0      | 12.7      | 8.8       | 4.9       |
|   |           |           |           |           |           |
| <b>Travel Time to Work</b>  |           |           |           |           |           |
| Less than 29minutes   | 53.9      | 54.1      | 57.3      | 54.1      | 56.4      |
| Between 30 and 59 minutes   | 30.1      | 33.3      | 31.4      | 33.3      | 28.2      |
| More than 59 minutes  | 16.0      | 12.6      | 11.3      | 12.6      | 15.5      |
|   |           |           |           |           |           |
| <b>Housing</b>  |           |           |           |           |           |
| Occupied housing units  | 283,051   | 279,586   | 286,491   | 277,811   | 278,766   |
| Owner occupied  | 43.6      | 45.3      | 45.6      | 47.5      | 44.2      |
| Renter occupied   | 56.4      | 54.7      | 54.4      | 52.5      | 55.8      |
| Median housing value <sup>8</sup>   | \$337,267 | \$319,815 | \$270,512 | \$222,911 | \$213,803 |
| Median gross rent <sup>9</sup>  | \$763     | \$812     | \$748     | \$739     | \$693     |
| Housing affordability (Rent cost as a percentage of household income) <sup>10</sup> |           |           |           |           |           |
| Rent more than 50 % of household income   | 21.8      | 22.3      | 24.8      | 25.7      | 14.3      |
| Rent between 30 %and 50% of household income  | 23.9      | 22.9      | 22.0      | 18.1      | 25.6      |
| Vacancy rate  | 7.2       | 8.8       | 5.8       | 8.8       | 8.0       |
| Tenure of housing structures <sup>11</sup>  |           |           |           |           |           |
| Built in 1939 or earlier  | 36.5      | 30.8      | 35.4      | 36.3      | 42.7      |
| Built between 1940 and 1959   | 28.7      | 39.0      | 33.1      | 31.1      | 27.3      |
| Built between 1960 and 1979   | 21.9      | 19.2      | 18.7      | 20.9      | 18.8      |
| Built between 1980 and 1999 <sup>12</sup>   | 11.1      | 9.5       | 9.3       | 10.4      | 11.2      |
| Build in 2000 or later <sup>13</sup>  | 1.9       | 1.6       | 3.5       | 1.3       | 0.0       |

<sup>1</sup> In combination with one or more other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race. (Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Summary File 1, Matrices P1, P3, P4, P8, P9, P12, P17, P18, P19, P20, P23, P27, P28, P33, PCT5, PCT8, PCT15, H1, H3, H4, H5, H11, and H12).

<sup>2</sup> 2000 – 2001 category is “year of entry 1990 – 2000” (source: P040). 2002 - 2004 category is “year of entry 1990 – 1999” (source: P040, B05005).

<sup>3</sup> These figures relate to population 25yrs and over.

<sup>4</sup> 2004 Inflation – adjusted Dollars.

<sup>5</sup> These figures relate to the civilian employed population 16 years of age and older in labor force.

<sup>6</sup> These figures relate to the civilian employed population 16 years of age and older in labor force.

<sup>7</sup> These figures relate to the civilian employed population 16 years of age and older in labor force.

<sup>8</sup> 2000 – 2003 value for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units (source: H074), 2004 value for Owner-Occupied Housing Units (source: B25075).

<sup>9</sup> 2000 – 2003 gross rent for Specified Renter-Occupied Housing Units (source: H061), 2004 gross rent for Renter-Occupied Housing Units (source: B25064).

<sup>10</sup> 2000 – 2003 gross rent percentage for Specified Renter-Occupied Housing Units (source: H061), 2004 gross rent percentage for Renter-Occupied Housing Units (source: B25064).

<sup>11</sup> 2000 – 2003 figures relate to occupied housing units (source: H033), 2004 figures relate to total housing units (source: B25034).

<sup>12</sup> 2000 – 2003 category is “Built between 1980 and 1998” (source: H033), 2004 category is “Built between 1980 – 1999” (source: B25034).

<sup>13</sup> 2000 – 2003 category is “Built 1999 or later” (source: H033), 2004 category is “Built 2000 or later” (source: B25034).