

Notes and Corrections

It is important for data users to understand the differences between the 2000 Census, the 2010 Census, the American Community Survey (ACS) and the annual Population Estimates Program, all released by the U.S. Census Bureau.

The 2000 Census was based on the results of two Census forms: the "100% Characteristics" short form that was sent to all households and the more detailed "Sample Characteristics" long form that was sent to one in every six households. For 2010, only the short form was utilized. For more detailed demographic information, such as income and educational attainment, the ACS has essentially taken the place of the long form.

The demographic data released annually as part of the ACS is based on a different sample size and methodology and utilizes different demographic definitions than that which was used by the 2000 Census long form and has a margin of error that varies by geographic area. While the data released as part of the 2000 and 2010 Census is considered a "count" of the population, the ACS is considered an "estimate." Furthermore, the annual one-year ACS only provides estimates for areas with populations of at least 65,000. For areas with a population of less than 20,000, a five-year estimate is utilized. This is based on surveys conducted over a five year period (for example: 2007 through 2011 or 2009 through 2013) and is released annually. The one-year estimate provides the most recent ACS data; however, the five-year estimate provides the smallest margin of error.

The population estimates released as part of the annual Population Estimates Program utilize a methodology that involves updating population information from the most recent census with information found in the annual administrative records of federal and state agencies. These records include tax records, Medicare records, vital statistics (births and deaths), and information about group quarters such as college dorms or prisons. The annual Population Estimates Programs will release population estimates for the years between the decennial censuses (2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, etc.)

The U.S. Census Bureau revised total population and housing unit counts for the 1970 through 2010 Census for some municipalities and counties under a process called (starting with the 2000 Census) the Count Question Resolution (CQR) Program. However, the more detailed data were not revised (e.g., populations by age, race, sex, etc.). The tables and graphs featuring total population and housing unit counts utilize the revised Census figures. In order to maintain consistency, the tables and graphs featuring the more detailed data contain the original Census numbers so that calculated percentages will equal 100% and the sum of the numbers will equal the totals.

Corrected Census 2010 Population and Housing Units

Area Name	Original Tabulation Counts		Corrected Count		Change	
	Total Housing Units	Total Population*	Total Housing Units	Total Population*	Total Housing Units	Total Population*
Burlington County	175,615	448,734	175,613	448,729	-2	-5
Camden County	204,943	513,657	204,947	513,666	4	9
Hudson County	270,335	634,266	270,340	634,277	5	11
Hunterdon County	49,487	128,349	49,487	127,351	0	-998
Mercer County	143,169	366,513	143,169	367,511	0	998
New Jersey	3,553,562	8,791,894	3,553,569	8,791,909	7	15

Corrected Census 2000 Population and Housing Units

Area Name	Original Tabulation Counts		Corrected Count		Change	
	Total Housing Units	Total Population*	Total Housing Units	Total Population*	Total Housing Units	Total Population*
Florham Park	3,342	8,857	3,342	10,296	0	1,439
Madison	5,641	16,530	5,641	15,460	0	-1,070
Morris Twp.	8,298	21,796	8,298	21,427	0	-369
Netcong	1,043	2,580	1,422	3,236	379	656
Roxbury Twp.	8,550	23,883	8,171	23,227	-379	-656
Burlington County	161,311	423,394	161,310	423,391	-1	-3
Essex County	301,011	793,633	301,011	792,305	0	-1,328
Passaic County	170,048	489,049	170,048	490,377	0	1,328
New Jersey	3,310,275	8,414,350	3,310,274	8,414,347	-1	-3

Corrected Census 1990 Population and Housing Units

Area Name	Original Tabulation Counts		Corrected Count		Change	
	Total Housing Units	Total Population*	Total Housing Units	Total Population*	Total Housing Units	Total Population*
Washington Twp. (Morris)	5,125	15,592	5,128	15,600	3	8
Essex County	298,710	778,206	298,621	777,964	-89	-242
Hunterdon County	39,987	107,776	39,997	107,802	10	26
Middlesex County	250,174	671,780	250,182	671,811	8	31
Monmouth County	218,408	553,124	218,400	553,093	-8	-31
Morris County	155,745	421,353	155,748	421,361	3	8
Passaic County	162,512	453,060	162,601	453,302	89	242
Somerset County	92,653	240,279	92,640	240,245	-13	-34

Corrected Census 1980 Population and Housing Units

Area Name	Original Tabulation Counts		Corrected Count		Change	
	Total Housing Units	Total Population*	Total Housing Units	Total Population*	Total Housing Units	Total Population*
Essex County	317,230	851,116	317,329	851,304	99	188
New Jersey	2,772,149	7,364,823	2,772,248	7,365,011	99	188

Corrected Census 1970 Population and Housing Units

Area Name	Original Tabulation Counts		Corrected Count		Change	
	Total Housing Units	Total Population*	Total Housing Units	Total Population*	Total Housing Units	Total Population*
Bergen County	283,692	898,012	283,311	897,148	-381	-864
Essex County	311,615	929,986	312,479	932,526	864	2,540
Hudson County	214,749	609,266	214,338	607,839	-411	-1,427
Mercer County	96,430	303,968	96,430	304,116	0	148
Monmouth County	149,920	459,379	150,469	461,849	549	2,470
Warren County	24,907	73,879	24,964	73,960	57	81
New Jersey	2,388,011	7,168,164	2,388,689	7,171,112	678	2,948

*Population counts include population from housing units and group quarters, where applicable.

NOTE: Corrected 1970 New Jersey housing unit count is unofficial.

SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau

