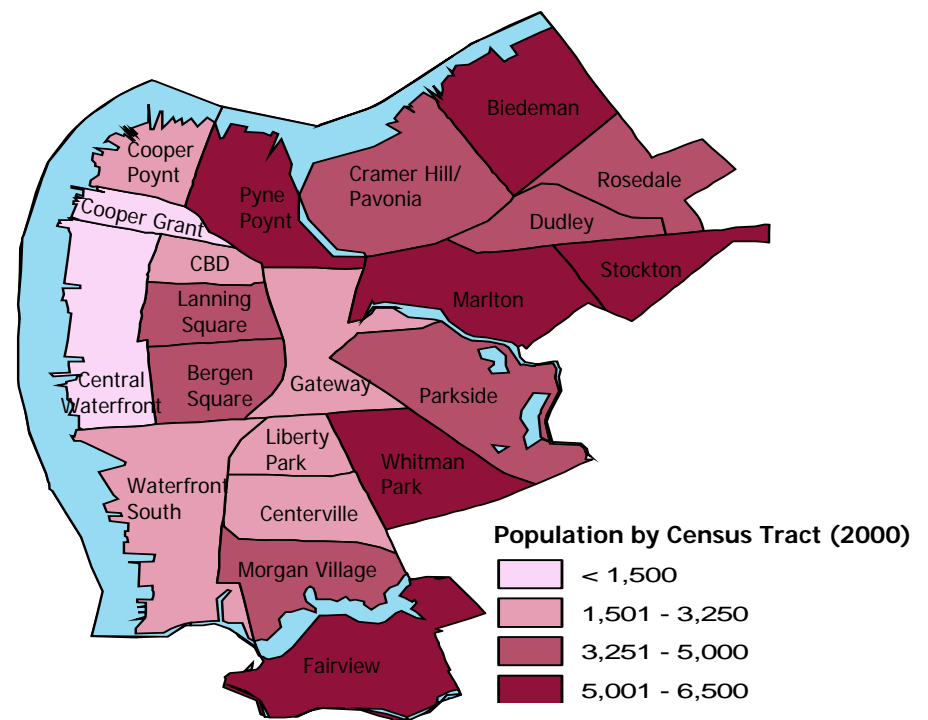


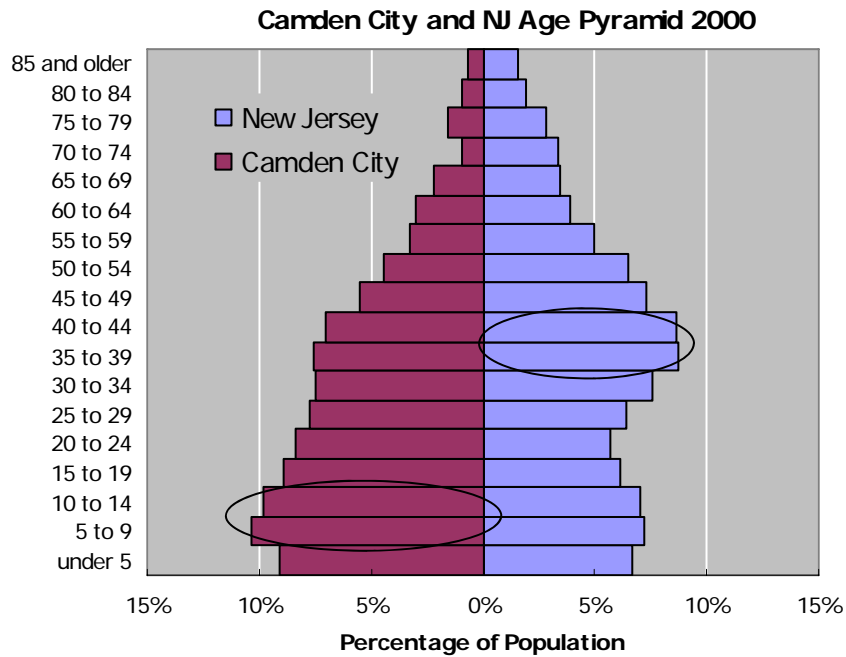
# Demographics

- The 2000 Census is the most accurate and comprehensive source for demographic data about Camden on the citywide and neighborhood level.
- 2005 and 2006 estimates are available from the US Census Bureau via the American Community Survey. The small sample size of the ACS along with other significant limitations of this data are discussed on page 7.
- Camden has a large young population, with 35% of the population under 18 and 47% under 25 in 2000. The total population of Camden in 2000 was 79,904.
- In 2000, 88% of Camden City's population was either African American or Hispanic, compared to 26% statewide.

For more information:  
**CAMConnect**, [Camden Facts: Camden City \(2003\)](#)



# Demographics: Population & Age



Camden City has a relatively young population in comparison to New Jersey. 35% of Camden City's population is under the age of 18 while only 25% of New Jersey's population is under 18. This young population for Camden is reflected in the age pyramid above, where the ovals indicate the highest number of people. The chart to the right also highlights the age distribution.

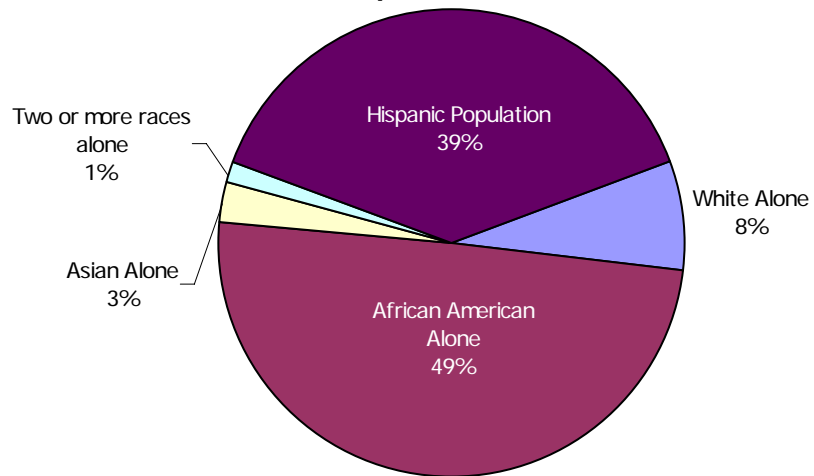
	New Jersey	Camden County	Camden City
Under 5 years	563,785	34,411	7,302
5 to 9 years	604,529	38,642	<b>8,153</b>
10 to 14 years	590,577	40,256	<b>7,944</b>
15 to 19 years	525,216	35,238	7,167
20 to 24 years	480,079	28,756	6,668
25 to 29 years	544,917	32,688	6,237
30 to 34 years	644,123	37,828	6,019
35 to 39 years	<b>727,924</b>	42,612	5,924
40 to 44 years	<b>707,182</b>	42,264	5,357
45 to 49 years	611,357	36,902	4,194
50 to 54 years	547,541	32,525	3,741
55 to 59 years	423,338	24,613	2,848
60 to 64 years	330,646	18,428	2,260
65 to 69 years	293,196	16,557	1,996
70 to 74 years	281,473	16,287	1,596
75 to 79 years	240,131	14,057	1,228
80 to 84 years	162,337	9,325	693
85 years +	135,999	7,543	577
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,414,350</b>	<b>508,932</b>	<b>79,904</b>

Source: US Census Bureau, Census 2000 SF1

# Demographics: Race & Ethnicity

	New Jersey	Camden County	Camden City
Total Population	8,414,350	508,932	79,904
Non-Hispanic	86.7%	90.4%	61.4%
White	66.0%	67.8%	7.5%
Black or African American	12.9%	17.1%	49.3%
American Indian and Alaskan Native	0.1%	0.2%	0.3%
Asian	5.7%	3.9%	2.9%
Some other race	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%
Two or more races	1.8%	1.4%	1.4%
Hispanic	13.3%	9.6%	38.6%

Camden City Racial/Ethnic Breakdown as Percent of Total Population: 2000



Source: US Census Bureau, Census 2000 SF1

# Demographics: ACS 2006 Estimates

Poverty Status						
	Camden City		Camden County		New Jersey	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
Below Poverty	32,201	25,130	62,898	56,083	738,969	741,873
Percent Below Poverty	43.9%	35.6%	12.4%	11.0%	8.7%	8.7%
At or Above Poverty	41,058	45,515	443,632	453,755	7,761,282	7,798,529
Percent at or Above Poverty	56.0%	64.4%	87.4%	89.0%	91.1%	91.3%



There are several key factors to take into consideration when analyzing data obtained from the American Community Survey (ACS). The data have various limitations including:

- Small sample size - The total sample size for NJ in 2005 was 49,132 addresses. The sample size for Camden County was 2,981 addresses. The 2006 ACS sample size for Camden County was 3,126 residential addresses (1.4% of all addresses in Camden County).
- Large margin of error - Because of the small sample size, the ACS data for Camden City population estimate has a large margin of error. The values in the table above should be viewed as

the midpoint of a range of possible values.

- ACS estimates for 2005 “exclude the population living in institutions, college dormitories, and other group quarters” (US Census: American Community Survey). The 2006 survey includes the population living in institutions, college dormitories, and other group quarters.
- Inability to compare to 2000 Census data - The difference in data collection methodology and the small sample size in the American Community Survey do not allow for comparisons between 2000 and 2005 data, or between 2005 and 2006 data.

### Note: ACS Poverty Data

Based on the 2005 ACS data, Camden was designated as the poorest city in the United States, with 44% of the population living in poverty. This number decreased to 36% in the 2006 data. Based on a review of past data, CAMConnect believes the 2005 spike in percentage of people living in poverty and decrease in median income appears to be an anomaly, and not part of a consistent trend.

Source: US Census Bureau: American Community Survey 2005 and 2006

# Demographics: Changing Population

The total population of Camden is very important in determining funding allocations and political apportionment. Currently, Camden's population is estimated at 79,904, based on the 2000 Census. Although the 2000 Census is not a perfect count, it is widely considered the best count available.

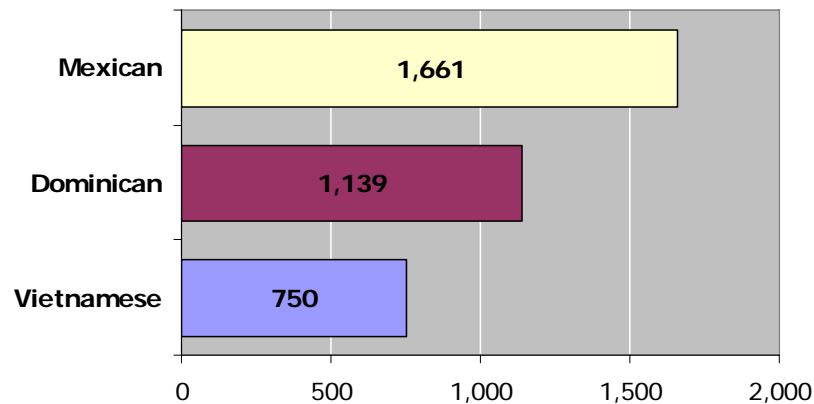
Since 2000, different branches of the Census Bureau have provided varying estimates of Camden's population. The Population Division of the Census Bureau has projected a slight population decline of less than 1%. Meanwhile, the American Community Survey (ACS) estimated that Camden has lost 7% of its population between 2000 and 2006. The differences are explained by different data collection methods.

Population Estimates	Population Division	ACS	ACS Margin of Error
2000	79,904		
2001	79,526		
2002	79,609		
2003	79,874		
2004	79,685		
2005	79,732	73,305*	+/-5,938
2006	79,318	73,838	+/-5,313

Source: Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau and American Community Survey

\* The 2005 estimate for the American Community Survey does not include population in institutional housing such as prisons, group homes, or dormitories. The 2006 data includes this population.

## Change in Population, 1990 to 2000



Camden lost 7,500 residents between 1990 and 2000 according to the Census. However, certain ethnic groups, including Mexicans, Dominicans, and Vietnamese gained in population.

Based on trends in the Census data, Camden is on track to become a majority Latino city at some point in the near future. Historically, Camden's Hispanic population has been predominately Puerto Rican. However, between 1990 and 2000, Mexicans and Dominicans were the fastest-growing Hispanic populations. Although based on a small sample, the ACS data suggest this growth has continued.

The current trends are:

- Puerto Rican population remaining steady.
- White (non-Hispanic) and African-American population declining.
- Mexican and Dominican population growing.
- Vietnamese population growing.