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CAMConnect News

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Camden Facts Neighborhood Reports Update



This summer, CAMConnect is updating neighborhood data reports for all 21 Census tracts in Camden. We have created a new [webpage](#) illustrating some potential indicators where recent data is available. If you have used the first batch of neighborhood reports that were prepared in 2003 and have wanted to see additional information included, this is your chance to provide [feedback](#)!

Camden Recovery Extension Moves Forward

The Housing and Local Government Committee of the [New Jersey State Assembly](#) moved forward [Bill A4129](#) last week that would extend the term of the state-appointed Chief Operating Officer (COO) for an additional 5 years. The text of this bill, along with the text of the original Recovery legislation, is available through CAMConnect's public documents [archive](#). The primary differences in the extension legislation pertain to the COO's responsibilities. No additional funds are associated with the extension, which has also been approved by the Assembly Budget Committee. A [list of projects](#) that received portions of the \$175 million allocation in the 2002 legislation can be found on the website of the Economic Recovery Board.

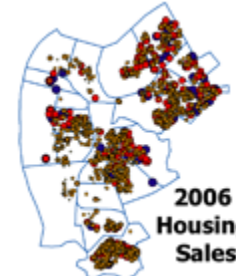
New Data Available

CAMConnect has continued to post data and public documents relevant to Camden on www.camconnect.org Recent documents posted include:

- [2007 Election Results](#) - results for Camden City Council District elections and the June primary election. This information adds to our previous reports on voter participation
- [Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey \(BRFSS\) information for Camden City](#) - health survey results from telephone interviews conducted in 2005 for the Camden County Department of Health & Human Services. This analysis, prepared by a UMDNJ School of Public Health student, breaks out the information from Camden City as compared to the rest of Camden County.
- [Poverty in Camden](#) - this report was recently released by the

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2006 Housing Sales Analysis



By compiling and analyzing property records available through the *Courier-Post's* [Data Universe](#), CAMConnect has found that the median sales price for a home in the City of Camden was approximately \$68,000 in 2006. Nearly 1,200 sales were reported. The Fairview neighborhood had the most sales, with 14% of the total. CAMConnect has posted some maps and other data relating to this analysis on its [website](#).

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Poverty Research Institute of Legal Services of New Jersey. Much of the report relies on American Community Survey (ACS) data from 2005. A note of caution: while the ACS is more recent data, the first round of sampling in Camden was only about 3% of households. Also, ACS data is not comparable to 2000 Census data due to different data collection methods.

The purpose of CAMConnect is to expand and democratize access to data and information for those who live and work in Camden City.

Thanks for your support,
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