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***Demographic Distribution of New Jersey  
Citizens of Italian Descent***

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## I. Overview of the Report

The staff of the New Jersey Italian and Italian American Heritage Commission has prepared a preliminary report on the demographic distribution of Italian Americans in New Jersey. According to the research compiled by the legislative team that developed the law establishing the Commission, the number of New Jersey citizens of Italian descent exceeds 2 million. Using the 2000 census data, the number of Italian Americans in New Jersey is over 1.5 million. This first report is an attempt to identify those municipalities in which Italian American reside in New Jersey.

This report is designated a level one report, because it focuses only on those New Jersey municipalities with populations in excess of 6,000 persons. The data for each municipality was extracted from the website [www.city-data.com](http://www.city-data.com), which uses various governmental and commercial sources in the compilation of its demographic data. This initial analysis is designed to provide an indication of the concentrations of Italian Americans in larger towns and cities in New Jersey and should be improved with two modifications: a) using US Census data as a primary source; and b) covering additional municipalities with populations less than 6,000 persons.

While only indicative in nature, this Level 1 Report is intended to provide the Commission and the public with a sense of the locations of large populations of Italian Americans around the State of New Jersey. This data is useful for planning statewide or regional events related to the Italian Heritage, for identification of likely locales in which Italian American organizations may be found, for identification of areas wherein the Italian language may be taught, or for use by retail businesses seeking to market to Italian American consumers.

The Report contains some summary tables ranking major centers of Italian Americans and the full data list of municipalities with populations over 6,000. The number of Italian Americans is computed from City Data's Italian American's percentage of total population figures.

As this is a preliminary and indicative Report that relies on City Data's information, the Commission assumes no responsibility for erroneous or out-of-date information in this Report.

## II. Data Ranking Analysis

### **Top NJ Cities With Italian American Populations Over 10,000 Persons**

This table reflects those cities in which Americans of Italian descent number over 10,000 persons per city. For other large cities, please see Section III of this Report. Note that the city with the largest number of Italian Americans is in Southern New Jersey, but most of the large Italian American population centers are in the Northern part of the State.

<b>New Jersey City Name</b>	<b>New Jersey County</b>	<b>Total Population (2000)</b>	<b>Percentage of Italian Americans</b>	<b>Italian American Population</b>
Toms River	Ocean	86,327	31.6%	27,279
Wayne	Passaic	54,069	29.9%	16,167
Jersey City	Hudson	240,055	6.6%	15,844
Clifton	Passaic	78,672	19.2%	15,105
Edison	Middlesex	97,687	14.8%	14,458
Vineland	Cumberland	56,271	22.8%	12,830
Bloomfield	Essex	47,683	26.4%	12,588
Bayonne	Hudson	61,842	20.1%	12,430
Nutley	Essex	27,362	44.5%	12,176
Belleville	Essex	35,928	30.9%	11,102

Source: [www.city-data.com](http://www.city-data.com)

### **Estimated Ranking of New Jersey Counties by Number of Italian Americans**

This table estimates the ranking of New Jersey Counties by the number of Americans of Italian descent within each county. This ranking is only an approximation, since the data reflects only those municipalities with populations of more than 6,000 persons, which reflects only 64% of the total New Jersey population. It is possible that some counties are differently ranked, if the full population of New Jersey is analyzed. Note that while the Northern counties have the most numbers of Italian Americans, one Central county ranks in the Top 5 and the Top 10 contains four Central and Southern counties.

<b>Rank</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>County</b>
1	Bergen	6	Hudson	11	Atlantic	16	Sussex
2	Essex	7	Monmouth	12	Mercer	17	Burlington
3	Passaic	8	Camden	13	Cumberland	18	Cape May
4	Middlesex	9	Ocean	14	Gloucester	19	Warren
5	Union	10	Morris	15	Somerset	20	Salem
						21	Hunterdon

Source: [www.city-data.com](http://www.city-data.com)

### **Top NJ Cities With Italian American Concentrations of 30% or More**

This table reflects those cities in which Americans of Italian Descent comprise at least 30% of the population of the municipality. *Source: [www.city-data.com](http://www.city-data.com)*

<b><u>New Jersey City Name</u></b>	<b><u>New Jersey County</u></b>	<b><u>Total Population (2000)</u></b>	<b><u>Percentage of Italian Americans</u></b>	<b><u>Italian American Population</u></b>
Hammonton	Atlantic	12,604	54.3%	6,844
Fairfield	Essex	7,063	45.8%	3,235
Nutley	Essex	27,362	44.5%	12,176
Totowa	Passaic	9,892	44.3%	4,382
Lyndhurst	Bergen	19,383	40.8%	7,908
West Paterson	Passaic	10,987	40.5%	4,450
Wood-Ridge	Bergen	7,644	40.3%	3,081
Hasbrouck Heights	Bergen	11,662	38.5%	4,490
Cedar Grove	Essex	12,300	38.4%	4,723
West Long Branch	Monmouth	8,258	36.1%	2,981
Saddle Brook	Bergen	13,155	35.7%	4,696
West Caldwell	Essex	11,233	35.2%	3,954
Little Falls	Passaic	10,855	34.6%	3,756
Verona	Essex	13,533	34.3%	4,642
Raritan	Somerset	6,338	34.1%	2,161
Hawthorne	Passaic	18,218	33.5%	6,103
North Haledon	Passaic	7,920	33.5%	2,653
Lodi	Bergen	23,971	33.3%	7,982
Kenilworth	Union	7,675	32.9%	2,525
Waldwick	Bergen	9,622	31.9%	3,069
Toms River	Ocean	86,327	31.6%	27,279
Yorketown	Monmouth	6,712	31.6%	2,121
Clark	Union	14,597	31.5%	4,598
Bellmawr	Camden	11,262	31.1%	3,502
Belleville	Essex	35,928	30.9%	11,102
Runnemede	Camden	8,533	30.8%	2,628
Lincroft	Monmouth	6,255	30.7%	1,920
Berlin	Camden	6,149	30.2%	1,857
Holiday City-Berkeley	Ocean	13,884	30.2%	4,193
Wayne	Passaic	54,069	29.9%	16,167
Franklin Lakes	Bergen	10,422	29.8%	3,106
East Rutherford	Bergen	8,716	29.7%	2,589
Old Bridge	Middlesex	22,833	29.7%	6,781

### III. Data Tables

These tables provide an alphabetical listing of all cities with populations greater than 6,000 persons and indicate total populations, percentage of total populations that are Italian American and the estimated number of Italian Americans. In some cases, the county in which the municipality is located was omitted. *Source: [www.city-data.com](http://www.city-data.com)*

<b>New Jersey City Name</b>	<b>New Jersey County</b>	<b>Total Population (2000)</b>	<b>Percentage of Italian Americans</b>	<b>Italian American Population</b>
Absecon	Atlantic	7,638	21.6%	1,650
Allendale	Bergen	6,699	23.5%	295
Asbury Park	Monmouth	16,930	4.4%	2,709
Ashland	Camden	8,375	16.0%	410
Atlantic City	Atlantic	40,517	4.9%	1,985
Audubon	Camden	9,182	25.2%	2,314
Avenel	Middlesex	17,522	12.8%	2,243
Barclay-Kingston		10,728	17.7%	1,899
Barrington	Camden	7,084	25.5%	1,806
Bayonne	Hudson	61,842	20.1%	12,430
Beachwood	Ocean	10,375	28.1%	2,915
Belleville	Essex	35,928	30.9%	11,102
Bellmawr	Camden	11,262	31.1%	3,502
Belmar	Monmouth	6,045	19.3%	1,167
Bergenfield	Bergen	26,247	16.8%	4,409
Berkeley Heights	Union	13,407	25.4%	3,405
Berlin	Camden	6,149	30.2%	1,857
Bernardsville	Somerset	7,345	21.8%	1,601
Bloomfield	Essex	47,683	26.4%	12,588
Bloomington		7,610	27.3%	2,078
Bogota	Bergen	8,249	22.6%	1,864
Boonton	Morris	8,496	24.3%	2,065
Bound Brook	Somerset	10,155	18.7%	1,899
Bridgeton	Cumberland	22,771	5.7%	1,298
Brigantine	Atlantic	12,594	22.2%	2,796
Browns Mills	Burlington	11,257	9.8%	1,103
Budd Lake	Morris	8,100	26.8%	2,171
Burlington	Burlington	9,736	17.3%	1,684
Butler	Morris	7,420	24.9%	1,848
Caldwell	Essex	7,584	26.3%	1,995
Camden	Camden	79,904	1.5%	1,199
Carneys Point	Salem	6,914	16.6%	1,148
Carteret	Middlesex	20,709	14.3%	2,961
Cedar Grove	Essex	12,300	38.4%	4,723
Chatham	Morris	8,460	19.6%	1,658
Cherry Hill Mall	Camden	13,238	19.2%	2,542
Clark	Union	14,597	31.5%	4,598
Clayton	Gloucester	7,139	19.2%	1,371
Cliffside Park	Bergen	23,007	21.9%	5,039
Clifton	Passaic	78,672	19.2%	15,105
Closter	Bergen	8,383	17.2%	1,442

Collingswood	Camden	14,326	18.7%	2,679
Colonia	Middlesex	17,811	24.6%	4,382
Cranford	Union	22,578	25.4%	5,735
Cresskill	Bergen	7,746	19.1%	1,479
Crestwood Village	Ocean	8,392	19.2%	1,611
Dayton	Middlesex	6,235	17.5%	1,091
Dover	Morris	18,188	7.3%	1,328
Dumont	Bergen	17,503	26.2%	4,586
Dunellen	Middlesex	6,833	19.2%	1,312
East Brunswick	Middlesex	46,756	15.0%	7,013
East Orange	Essex	69,824	0.0%	0
East Rutherford	Bergen	8,716	29.7%	2,589
Eatontown	Monmouth	14,008	21.4%	2,998
Echelon	Camden	10,440	18.7%	1,952
Edgewater	Bergen	7,677	12.3%	944
Edison		97,687	14.8%	14,458
Elizabeth	Union	120,568	5.0%	6,028
Elmwood Park	Bergen	18,925	25.2%	4,769
Emerson	Bergen	7,197	29.1%	2,094
Englewood	Bergen	26,203	4.5%	1,179
Erlton-Ellisburg		8,168	21.7%	1,772
Ewing	Mercer	35,707	16.7%	5,963
Fairfield		7,063	45.8%	3,235
Fair Lawn	Bergen	31,637	19.7%	6,232
Fairview		13,255	21.8%	2,890
Fanwood	Union	7,174	23.2%	1,664
Florence-Roebling		8,200	17.0%	1,394
Florham Park	Morris	8,857	27.4%	2,427
Fords	Middlesex	15,032	18.0%	2,706
Fort Dix	Burlington	7,464	3.3%	246
Fort Lee	Bergen	35,461	11.7%	4,149
Franklin Lakes	Bergen	10,422	29.8%	3,106
Freehold	Monmouth	10,976	10.7%	1,174
Garfield	Bergen	29,786	19.5%	5,808
Glassboro	Gloucester	19,068	21.5%	4,100
Glen Ridge	Essex	7,271	18.8%	1,367
Glen Rock	Bergen	11,546	24.1%	2,783
Gloucester City	Camden	11,484	18.9%	2,170
Greentree	Camden	11,536	14.2%	1,638
Guttenberg	Hudson	10,807	9.1%	983
Hackensack	Bergen	42,677	13.7%	5,847
Hackettstown	Warren	10,403	18.4%	1,914
Haddonfield	Camden	11,659	19.0%	2,215
Haddon Heights	Camden	7,547	23.8%	1,796
Haledon	Passaic	8,252	18.6%	1,535
Hammonton	Atlantic	12,604	54.3%	6,844
Harrison	Hudson	14,424	7.6%	1,096
Hasbrouck Heights	Bergen	11,662	38.5%	4,490
Hawthorne	Passaic	18,218	33.5%	6,103
Highland Park		13,999	9.8%	1,372
Hillsdale		10,087	24.7%	2,491
Hillside	Union	21,747	4.1%	892

Hoboken	Hudson	38,577	20.9%	8,063
Holiday City-Berkeley		13,884	30.2%	4,193
Hopatcong	Sussex	15,888	25.9%	4,115
Irvington	Essex	60,695	1.2%	728
Iselin	Middlesex	16,698	18.0%	3,006
Jamesburg	Middlesex	6,025	25.3%	1,524
Jersey City	Hudson	240,055	6.6%	15,844
Keansburg	Monmouth	10,732	23.5%	2,522
Kearny	Hudson	40,513	12.1%	4,902
Kendall Park	Middlesex	9,006	23.3%	2,098
Kenilworth	Union	7,675	32.9%	2,525
Keyport	Monmouth	7,568	20.9%	1,582
Kinnelon	Morris	9,365	25.4%	2,379
Lake Mohawk	Sussex	9,755	22.2%	2,166
Lakewood	Ocean	36,065	3.6%	1,298
Laurence Harbor	Middlesex	6,227	22.9%	1,426
Leisure Village West-Pine	Lake Park	11,085	22.3%	2,472
Leonia	Bergen	8,914	14.5%	1,293
Lincoln Park		10,930	26.7%	2,918
Lincroft	Monmouth	6,255	30.7%	1,920
Linden	Union	39,394	10.3%	4,058
Lindenwold	Camden	17,414	15.7%	2,734
Linwood		7,172	22.4%	1,607
Little Falls	Passaic	10,855	34.6%	3,756
Little Ferry	Bergen	10,800	26.3%	2,840
Little Silver	Monmouth	6,170	26.3%	1,623
Livingston	Essex	27,391	17.7%	4,848
Lodi	Bergen	23,971	33.3%	7,982
Long Branch	Monmouth	31,340	17.5%	5,485
Lyndhurst	Bergen	19,383	40.8%	7,908
McGuire AFB		6,478	7.2%	466
Madison	Morris	16,530	23.6%	3,901
Madison Park	Middlesex	6,929	11.5%	797
Manasquan	Monmouth	6,310	21.9%	1,382
Manville	Somerset	10,343	20.5%	2,120
Maplewood	Essex	23,868	10.0%	2,387
Margate City	Atlantic	8,193	21.2%	1,737
Marlton	Burlington	10,260	26.1%	2,678
Matawan	Monmouth	8,910	21.4%	1,907
Maywood	Bergen	9,523	28.7%	2,733
Mercerville-Hamilton Square		26,149	29.2%	7,636
Metuchen	Middlesex	12,840	17.2%	2,208
Middlesex	Middlesex	13,717	26.0%	3,566
Midland Park	Bergen	6,947	22.6%	1,570
Millburn	Essex	19,765	13.5%	2,668
Milltown		7,000	27.5%	1,925
Millville		26,847	13.6%	3,651
Montclair	Essex	38,977	10.1%	3,937
Montvale	Bergen	7,034	27.0%	1,899
Moorestown-Lenola		13,860	13.9%	1,927
Morganville	Monmouth	11,255	15.9%	1,790
Morristown	Morris	18,544	10.9%	2,021

Mountainside	Union	6,602	23.4%	1,545
Mystic Island		8,694	25.9%	2,252
Newark	Essex	273,546	2.6%	7,112
New Brunswick	Middlesex	48,573	7.3%	3,546
New Milford	Bergen	16,400	23.5%	3,854
New Providence	Union	11,907	25.9%	3,084
Newton	Sussex	8,244	14.0%	1,154
North Arlington	Bergen	15,181	27.4%	4,160
North Brunswick Township		36,287	16.9%	6,133
North Caldwell	Essex	7,375	24.1%	1,777
Northfield		7,725	19.6%	1,514
North Haledon	Passaic	7,920	33.5%	2,653
North Plainfield	Somerset	21,103	13.9%	2,933
Nutley	Essex	27,362	44.5%	12,176
Oakland		12,466	26.7%	3,328
Ocean Acres	Ocean	13,155	27.9%	3,670
Ocean City	Cape May	15,378	19.3%	2,968
Old Bridge	Middlesex	22,833	29.7%	6,781
Oradell	Bergen	8,047	23.7%	1,907
Orange	Essex	32,868	3.2%	1,052
Palisades Park	Bergen	17,073	14.8%	2,527
Palmyra		7,091	13.3%	943
Paramus	Bergen	25,737	23.8%	6,125
Park Ridge	Bergen	8,708	28.9%	2,517
Passaic	Passaic	67,861	2.6%	1,764
Paterson	Passaic	149,222	4.7%	7,013
Paulsboro	Gloucester	6,160	18.2%	1,121
Pennsauken	Camden	35,737	14.3%	5,110
Pennsville	Salem	11,657	13.8%	1,609
Perth Amboy	Middlesex	47,303	2.9%	1,372
Phillipsburg	Warren	15,166	17.3%	2,624
Pine Hill	Camden	10,880	22.1%	2,404
Pitman	Gloucester	9,331	19.3%	1,801
Plainfield	Union	47,829	2.5%	1,196
Pleasantville		19,012	3.3%	627
Point Pleasant		19,306	25.2%	4,865
Pompton Lakes	Passaic	10,640	26.5%	2,820
Princeton	Mercer	14,203	3.9%	554
Princeton Meadows	Middlesex	13,436	10.6%	1,424
Rahway	Union	26,500	12.0%	3,180
Ramblewood	Burlington	6,003	21.9%	1,315
Ramsey	Bergen	14,351	27.9%	4,004
Raritan	Somerset	6,338	34.1%	2,161
Red Bank		11,844	14.0%	1,658
Ridgefield	Bergen	10,830	24.2%	2,621
Ridgefield Park	Bergen	12,873	21.7%	2,793
Ridgewood	Bergen	24,936	18.0%	4,488
Ringwood	Passaic	12,396	26.7%	3,310
River Edge	Bergen	10,946	20.6%	2,255
River Vale	Bergen	9,449	27.6%	2,608
Rockaway	Morris	6,473	21.0%	1,359
Roselle	Union	21,274	6.5%	1,383

Roselle Park	Union	13,281	25.2%	3,347
Rumson		7,137	16.4%	1,170
Runnemede	Camden	8,533	30.8%	2,628
Rutherford	Bergen	18,110	25.9%	4,690
Saddle Brook	Bergen	13,155	35.7%	4,696
Sayreville	Middlesex	40,377	18.6%	7,510
Scotch Plains	Union	22,732	22.5%	5,115
Secaucus	Hudson	15,931	27.4%	4,365
Somerset		23,040	8.6%	1,981
Somers Point	Atlantic	11,614	20.3%	2,358
Somerville	Somerset	12,423	15.2%	1,888
South Amboy	Middlesex	7,913	16.7%	1,321
South Orange	Essex	16,964	11.1%	1,883
South Plainfield	Middlesex	21,810	25.0%	5,453
South River	Middlesex	15,322	14.6%	2,237
Spotswood	Middlesex	7,880	24.4%	1,923
Springdale		14,409	12.6%	1,816
Springfield		14,429	21.1%	3,045
Stratford	Camden	7,271	23.3%	1,694
Strathmore	Monmouth	6,740	26.1%	1,759
Succasunna-Kenvil		12,569	28.3%	3,557
Summit	Union	21,131	15.3%	3,233
Teaneck	Bergen	39,260	6.2%	2,434
Tenafly	Bergen	13,806	8.6%	1,187
Tinton Falls	Monmouth	15,053	22.6%	3,402
Toms River	Ocean	86,327	31.6%	27,279
Totowa	Passaic	9,892	44.3%	4,382
Trenton	Mercer	85,403	7.3%	6,234
Twin Rivers	Mercer	7,422	10.2%	757
Union		54,405	17.2%	9,358
Union Beach	Monmouth	6,649	26.5%	1,762
Union City	Hudson	67,088	4.5%	3,019
Upper Saddle River	Bergen	7,741	23.0%	1,780
Ventnor City	Atlantic	12,910	22.8%	2,943
Verona	Essex	13,533	34.3%	4,642
Villas	Cape May	9,064	17.7%	1,604
Vineland	Cumberland	56,271	22.8%	12,830
Waldwick	Bergen	9,622	31.9%	3,069
Wallington	Bergen	11,583	15.0%	1,737
Wanaque	Passaic	10,266	25.7%	2,638
Washington		6,712	16.6%	1,114
Washington Township		8,938	29.2%	2,610
Wayne	Passaic	54,069	29.9%	16,167
West Caldwell	Essex	11,233	35.2%	3,954
Westfield	Union	29,644	20.1%	5,958
West Freehold	Monmouth	12,498	25.0%	3,125
West Long Branch	Monmouth	8,258	36.1%	2,981
West Milford	Passic	26,410	26.3%	6,946
West New York	Hudson	45,768	3.9%	1,785
West Orange	Essex	44,943	16.6%	7,461
West Paterson	Passaic	10,987	40.5%	4,450
Westwood	Bergen	10,999	24.5%	2,695

Wharton	Morris	6,298	12.5%	787
White Horse	Mercer	9,373	26.1%	2,446
White Meadow Lake	Morris	9,052	23.6%	2,136
Williamstown	Gloucester	11,812	25.1%	2,965
Woodbridge	Middlesex	18,309	16.9%	3,094
Woodbury	Gloucester	10,307	13.8%	1,422
Wood-Ridge	Bergen	7,644	40.3%	3,081
Wyckoff	Bergen	16,508	22.9%	3,780
Yardville-Groveville		9,208	28.8%	2,652
Yorketown	Monmouth	6,712	31.6%	2,121