



# NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

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## Office of New Americans

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# The Office of New Americans: Priorities

- Increase accessibility to State programs through partnerships with organizations and advocacy groups.
- Promote outreach, trainings, and other community supports to inform new Americans of their rights and of the services available to them.
- Coordinate with stakeholders to ensure service accessibility through cultural competency and language access.
- Programs:
  - Refugee Resettlement Program
  - Legal Services
  - Language Access



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# New Jersey Immigrant Population

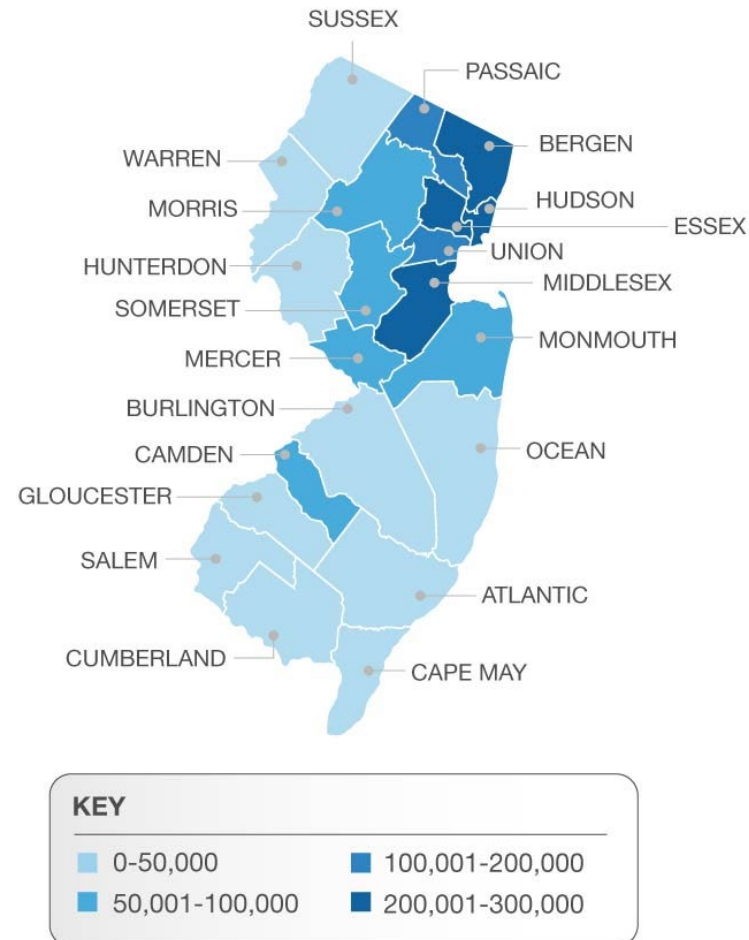
2,039,032 NJ Immigrant Residents

22.9% immigrant share of the state population

475,000 Undocumented Immigrants

# Immigration Population By County

## NEW JERSEY'S IMMIGRANT POPULATION BY COUNTY



# Spoken Languages vs. Access Needs

| Top 10 Languages | Spoken at Home<br>(Cultural Competency) | Language Access Needs<br>(Translation/Interpretation) |
|------------------|---|---|
| 1                | Spanish                                 | Spanish   |
| 2                | Filipino, Tagalog                       | Korean  |
| 3                | Chinese                                 | Chinese   |
| 4                | Hindi                                   | Portuguese  |
| 5                | Korean                                  | Gujarathi   |
| 6                | Gujarathi                               | Polish  |
| 7                | Portuguese                              | French or Haitian Creole                              |
| 8                | Arabic                                  | Arabic  |
| 9                | Polish                                  | Russian   |
| 10               | Russian                                 | Italian   |

# By Region

| North   | Central    | South      |
|---------|------------|------------|
| Spanish | Spanish    | Spanish    |
| Korean  | Gujarathi  | Chinese    |
| Polish  | Chinese    | Vietnamese |
| Arabic  | Korean     | Gujarathi  |
| Chinese | Portuguese | Korean     |

# Thank you.

The Office of New Americans was created to better serve the diverse immigrant communities that call New Jersey home. For more information on our programs and initiatives please visit our website.

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