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**Socio-Demographic Statistical Profile of
Italian Americanas in New Jersey:
1980 vs 1990 Comparison**

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Demographics of Italian-Americans in New Jersey 1980 vs 1990*

	Number of Italian-Americans		% Within Total NJ Italian-Americans		% Italian-Americans In Total NJ. Population	
	1980	1990	1980	1990	1980	1990
Population						
<i>Italian-Americans</i>	1,289,100	1,446,420	100%	100%	17%	19%
<i>U.S. Citizenship</i>						
Non-Citizen	24,100	18,433	2%	1%	8%	4%
Citizen	1,265,000	1,427,987	98%	99%	18%	20%
<i>Veteran</i>	161,420	147,012	13%	10%	17%	18%
Family						
<i>Females</i>	657,360	738,079	51%	51%	17%	19%
<i>Marital Status</i>						
Married	581,500	648,189	45%	45%	18%	19%
Widow	67,860	78,656	5%	5%	14%	16%
Divorce	36,560	62,710	3%	4%	14%	16%
Separated	18,920	16,622	2%	1%	11%	11%
Single	584,260	640,243	45%	44%	18%	20%
<i>Avg. Number of Children</i>	2.52	2.39			2.62	2.52
<i>Senior Citizen</i>	131,480	184,528	10%	13%	15%	18%
Culture						
<i>Birth Place</i>						
U.S.	1,180,560	1,364,773	92%	94%	18%	20%
Foreign born	108,540	81,647	8%	6%	12%	8%
<i>Language</i>						
Eng. and Other Lang.	196,600	160,294	15%	11%	17%	11%

*Reference: 1980 and 1990 Housing and Population Data; U.S. Census Bureau; Department of Commerce

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Education						
<i>School Population</i>						
Preschool	88,180	114,280	7%	8%	19%	22%
Elementary	213,960	198,938	17%	14%	19%	20%
High School	122,920	100,656	10%	7%	18%	20%
Employment/Career Development						
<i>Employed</i>						
<i>Civilian Employment</i>	735,660	714,192	57%	49%	18%	19%
<i>Work Disability</i>	90,520	102,984	7%	7%	15%	16%
<i>Unemployment Rate</i>	39,080	35,801	7%	3%	17%	2%
<i>Labor</i>						
Private Wage Worker	554,020	684,271	75%	77%	17%	18%
Federal	22,840	21,619	3%	2%	14%	14%
State	21,020	26,712	3%	3%	15%	16%
Local	75,660	73,163	10%	8%	19%	19%
Self Employed	62,120	84,215	8%	9%	21%	22%
<i>Industries</i>						
Agriculture	7,480	11,059	1%	1%	18%	19%
Construction	42,620	62,897	6%	7%	21%	22%
Manufacturing	166,860	137,618	23%	16%	16%	17%
Transport & Comm	56,180	71,395	8%	8%	18%	18%
Trade	176,200	215,714	24%	25%	20%	21%
Finance & Real Est.	50,800	81,950	7%	9%	18%	20%
Business & Repair	37,840	45,860	5%	5%	17%	18%
Personal Service	22,520	27,488	3%	3%	19%	19%
Entertainment	10,760	5,100	1%	1%	20%	22%
Professional	122,500	177,647	17%	20%	15%	17%
Public Administration	39,940	40,417	5%	5%	18%	19%
<i>Occupations</i>						
Managerial & Professional	154,700	241,724	21%	27%	16%	18%
Technical Sales	260,640	342,434	36%	38%	19%	20%
Service	93,980	104,425	13%	12%	18%	17%
Farming	7,540	8,837	1%	1%	19%	18%
Precision & Craft	90,100	96,696	12%	11%	19%	20%
Operator Labor	126,740	99,831	17%	11%	17%	15%

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Economics						
<i>Family Income</i>						
Low Income (<10k)		89,062		6%		12%
Middle Income		642,249		44%		18%
High Income (>50k)		715,109		49%		21%
<i>Wage Income</i>						
Low (<20k)		341,455		44%		18%
Middle		384,902		49%		20%
High(>60k)		54,043		7%		18%
Interest Income	278,180	356,614	22%	25%	17%	19%
Public Assistance Income	21,520	19,486	2%	1%	10%	11%
Social Security Income	146,180	189,754	11%	13%	16%	18%