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***Statistical Profile of  
Italian-Americans in Queens:  
Socio-Demographics, and Educational  
Achievement Level  
1980 - 1990***

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## Demographics of Italian-Americans in Queens 1980 vs 1990\*

	Number of Italian-Americans		% Within Total Queens Italian-Americans		%Italian-Americans In Total Queens Population	
	<u>1980</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1990</u>
<b>Population</b>						
<i>Italian-Americans</i>	298,340	253,437	100%	100%	16%	13%
<i>U.S. Citizenship</i>						
Non-Citizen	13,680	12,274	5%	5%	5%	3%
Citizen	284,660	241,163	95%	95%	17%	16%
<i>Veteran</i>	38,080	27,372	13%	11%	19%	19%
<b>Family</b>						
<i>Females</i>	155,420	133,008	52%	52%	15%	13%
<i>Marital Status</i>						
Married	139,640	115,429	63%	58%	17%	14%
Widow	21,840	20,550	10%	10%	14%	14%
Divorce	9,060	11,026	4%	6%	13%	11%
Separated	5,200	3,351	2%	2%	10%	6%
Single	45,820	50,072	21%	25%	17%	13%
<i>Avg. Number of Children</i>	2.47	2.35			2.47	2.45
<i>Senior Citizen</i>	44,440	49,293	15%	19%	16%	17%
<b>Culture</b>						
<i>Birth Place</i>						
U.S.	245,140	214,954	82%	85%	19%	18%
Foreign born	53,200	38,483	18%	15%	9%	5%
<i>Language</i>						
Eng. and Other Lang.	87,440	65,532	29%	26%	14%	8%

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

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	Number of		% Within Total Queens		%Italian-Americans	
	Italian-Americans		Italian-Americans		In Total Queens Population	
	<u>1980</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1990</u>
<b>Education</b>						
<i>School Population</i>						
Preschool	15,760	13,291	5%	5%	14%	11%
Elementary	36,860	25,619	12%	10%	15%	12%
High School	24,160	14,099	8%	6%	17%	12%
<i>Education Attainment(21+ years old)</i>						
Less than High School	92,720	63,838	NA	32%	NA	16%
High School Only	72,100	65,821	NA	33%	NA	15%
<i>Subtotal</i>	164,820	129,659	NA	66%	NA	15%
<i>College and Above</i>						
Some College**	NA	26,027	NA	13%	NA	11%
Associates Degree**	NA	9,612	NA	5%	NA	12%
Baccalaureate**	NA	21,301	NA	11%	NA	11%
Master**	NA	7,091	NA	4%	NA	9%
Professional Degree**	NA	2,680	NA	1%	NA	10%
Doctoral Level**	NA	660	NA	0%	NA	9%
<i>Subtotal</i>	NA	67,371	NA	34%	NA	11%
<b>Employment/Career Development</b>						
<i>Employed</i>						
<i>Civilian Employment</i>	169,740	117,554	57%	46%	16%	13%
<i>Work Disability</i>	25,040	22,910	8%	9%	15%	14%
<i>Unemployment Rate</i>	8,260	7,116	6%	1%	15%	9%
<i>Labor</i>						
Private Wage Worker	135,320	117,805	80%	79%	16%	13%
Federal	6,080	3,875	3%	3%	15%	11%
State	2,720	2,960	2%	2%	11%	11%
Local	14,440	14,577	9%	10%	13%	12%
Self Employed	11,180	10,810	6%	7%	16%	13%

\*\* Information not available in 1980

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	<u>1980</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1990</u>
<i>Industries</i>						
Agriculture	800	627	Less than 1%	0%	29%	17%
Construction	8,440	10,506	5%	7%	24%	18%
Manufacturing	33,120	18,352	20%	12%	17%	12%
Transport & Comm	21,780	18,569	13%	13%	19%	15%
Trade	37,280	31,399	22%	21%	17%	13%
Finance & Real Est.	19,840	19,367	12%	13%	17%	15%
Business & Repair	11,100	7,987	7%	5%	16%	11%
Personal Service	4,700	4,757	3%	3%	13%	10%
Entertainment	2,480	1,456	1%	1%	18%	16%
Professional	22,780	28,625	13%	19%	11%	11%
Public Administration	7,260	6,465	4%	4%	14%	13%
<i>Occupations</i>						
Managerial & Professional	27,600	37,332	16%	25%	12%	13%
Technical Sales	69,080	59,334	41%	39%	16%	14%
Service	20,040	17,430	12%	12%	13%	9%
Farming	1,060	897	1%	1%	24%	24%
Precision & Craft	19,820	16,341	11%	11%	20%	16%
Operator Labor	31,980	19,048	19%	13%	20%	12%
<b>Economics</b>						
<i>Family Income</i>						
Low Income (<10k)	NA	19,693	NA	8%	NA	9%
Middle Income	NA	131,728	NA	52%	NA	13%
High Income (>50k)	NA	102,016	NA	40%	NA	15%
<i>Wage Income</i>						
Low (<20k)	NA	51,970	NA	40%	NA	11%
Middle	NA	52,348	NA	41%	NA	14%
High(>60k)	NA	24,094	NA	19%	NA	16%
Interest Income	72,920	67,167	24%	27%	17%	17%
Public Assistance Income	8,160	5,810	3%	2%	12%	9%
Social Security Income	47,400	48,574	16%	19%	17%	18%
Below Poverty	25,360	NA	9%	NA	0.12	NA