

Research Paper Shows N.J. Diversity Has Increased, but not Evenly Across the State

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Galloway, N.J. – New Jersey’s population has become more diverse over the last 20 years, but that diversity is not spread evenly among the 21 counties according to a student research paper published today by the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy at Stockton University.

The paper by Stockton senior Emily Kramer used Census data to show the level of diversity found in the 2020 Census for each county and how the Hispanic/Latino and the non-Hispanic White, Black and Asian populations have changed in each group’s share of the county population.

Kramer’s paper was published on the [Hughes Center’s website](https://www.hughescenter.org/) at stockton.edu/hughescenter. The report links to an interactive map that details each county’s diversity ratings.

“This research paints a demographic portrait of who we are as a state in terms of the ethnic and racial makeup of our counties,” said John Froomjian, director of the Hughes Center. “It also shows how different segments of our society represent larger or smaller percentages of the population.” The most diverse counties in New Jersey according to the diversity index are Cumberland, Essex, Hudson, Middlesex, Passaic, Somerset, and Union counties

- Counties rated moderate in diversity are Atlantic, Bergen, Burlington, Camden, Mercer, and Morris counties
- The least diverse counties in New Jersey according to the index are Cape May, Gloucester, Hunterdon, Monmouth, Ocean, Salem, Sussex, and Warren counties

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