

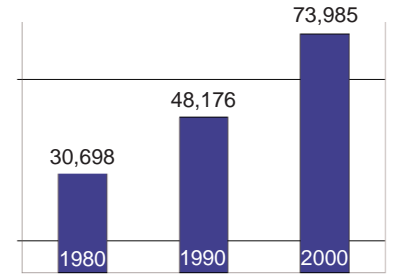


State's Rank by Arab American Population: **5**
 Estimated Arab American Population: **240,000***

New Jersey ranks fifth among Arab American population centers and remains a favored destination for new arrivals from the Arab world. N.J. is the only state where the Egyptian population is the dominant subgroup (34%). Second wave immigrants have settled in cities like Jersey City, Bayonne, Paterson and Hoboken.

Growth Trends

The population who identified an Arabic-speaking ancestry in the U.S. Census grew by more than 50% between 1990 and 2000. New Jersey's identifiable Arab American community more than doubled since the Census of 1980 and is one of the fastest growing Arab populations in the country. It is estimated that the statewide population, adjusting for underreporting*, is close to 240,000.

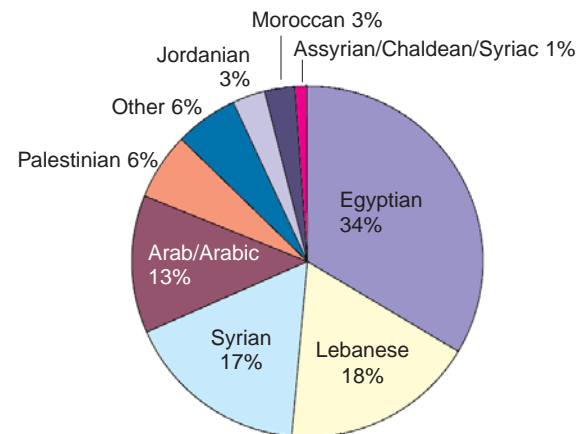


Source: 1980, 1990, and 2000 U.S. Census

How Do Arab Americans Identify Themselves?

Primary ethnic identification is derived from responses to the ancestry question on the long (sample) form of the 2000 U.S. Census. Census data on "Arabs" include the responses Lebanese, Syrian, Egyptian, Iraqi, Jordanian, Palestinian, Moroccan, Arab or Arabic, and the following countries collapsed as "Other Arab": Algeria, Bahrain, Djibouti, Kuwait, Libya, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia, the United Arab Emirates, and Yemen.

We also include Arabic-speaking persons who identify as Assyrian/Chaldean, Somali or Sudanese, identities which are not aggregated as Arab in Census reports. In New Jersey, according to the 2000 census, roughly one in three Arab Americans in the state have Egyptian roots, one of the few places where the first wave Syrian and Lebanese communities, still a fourth of the total, has been overtaken by new immigration. One in seven ancestry respondents chose the generic identity of "Arab/Arabic."



Source: 2000 U.S. Census

Immigration

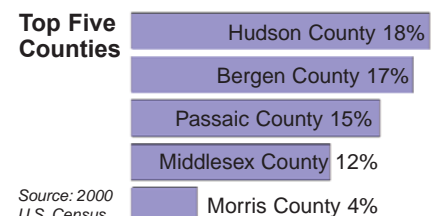
Based on a sample year of 1997, the **largest number of new Arab immigrants to New Jersey** came from Egypt, Jordan, and Syria. A growing number of Moroccan immigrants are settling in the state. Immigrants from the Gulf region originate from Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, and Yemen. The Maghreb region includes Algeria, Libya, Morocco, and Tunisia.

Immigrants by country:	By region:
Egypt 1083	Maghreb 215
Jordan 349	Gulf 118
Syria 166	
Lebanon 121	
Iraq 27	

Source: New Jersey Immigrants Admitted by Country of Birth and State of Residence, INS 1997

Where Do New Jersey's Arab Americans Live?

Arab Americans reside in **all of New Jersey's 21 counties**, with concentrations in Hudson, Bergen and Passaic, where more than one half the state's Arab population can be found.



Source: 2000 U.S. Census

*AAI reports estimates by Zogby International whose research projects population figures at least three times that of census data. The decennial Census identifies only a portion of the Arab population through a question on "ancestry" on the census long form. Reasons for the undercount include the placement of and limits of the ancestry question (as distinct from race and ethnicity); the effect of the sample methodology on small, unevenly distributed ethnic groups; high levels of out-marriage among the third and fourth generations; and distrust/misunderstanding of government surveys among more recent immigrants.