

Long Island Demography part 2

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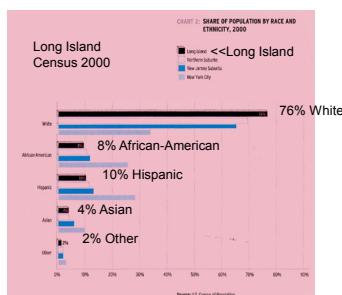
“Changing Demographics:

Who are Today's Long Islanders?"

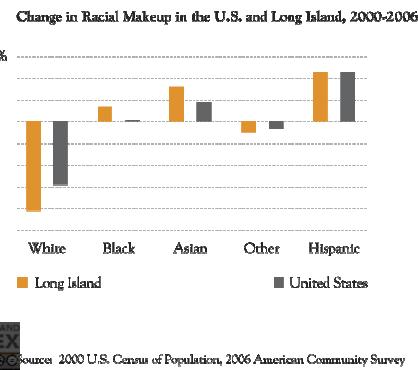
We saw that LI has changed since Census 2000.
We found that there were concentrations of people in certain areas, some historic and some on purpose.

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Population by Race and Ethnicity



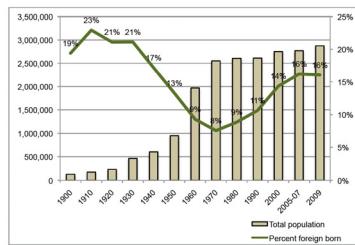
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Immigrant Share of LI's Population

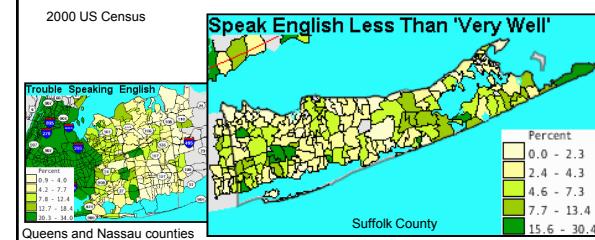
Long Island population and immigrant share, 1900 to 2009



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English not First Language

2000 US Census



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Areas with High Poverty Rates



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Question of the Day

Is the present distribution of racial/ethnic groups a result of segregation or community?

Neighborhood or ghetto?

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Racial and Ethnic Concentrations

- The grouping of people who were not of Anglo-Saxon or high society heritage on LI began with the freeing of the slaves in the 1800s and continued with the hiring of laborers (household and construction) in the 1900s.
- The Gold Coast estates engrained this separation by having the other-than-house staff live in South Shore communities.

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Racial and Ethnic Concentrations

- During WWII African Americans were hired to work in the LI defense industries.
- First they commuted from NYC but eventually moved to live close to the South Shore factories.
- In the 1950s many suburban developments, including Levittown, were ethnically diverse but racially segregated.

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Racial and Ethnic Concentrations

- In the 1960s white-flight from Brooklyn and Queens filled Nassau communities.
- Blacks with money seeking to leave the run-down neighborhoods of NYC but still work there, moved to Hempstead, Roosevelt and Freeport and commuted to NYC via the LIRR.
- As the black population of towns increased the white population moved out.

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Racial and Ethnic Concentrations

- Real estate and political groups engaged in **steering**: directing blacks, Hispanics and Jews to certain communities and concentrating welfare families in a particular section of a village or hamlet.
- Self-segregation** is defined as people seeking out others who are most like themselves (race, ethnicity, social status).

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