

Long Island Demography part 2

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Previous Question of the Day

**"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

Long Island Census 2000

CHART 2: SHARE OF POPULATION BY RACE AND ETHNICITY, 2000

Legend: Long Island, <<Long Island, New York State, New York City

Race and Ethnicity	Long Island (%)
White	76%
African American	8%
Hispanic	10%
Asian	4%
Other	2%

Source: U.S. Census of Population

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Change in Racial Makeup in the U.S. and Long Island, 2000-2006

Race	Long Island (%)	United States (%)
White	-4.5	-2.5
Black	0.5	0.2
Asian	1.5	0.8
Other	-0.5	-0.2
Hispanic	2.2	2.0

Legend: Long Island, United States

Source: 2000 U.S. Census of Population, 2006 American Community Survey

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Immigrant Share of LI's Population

Long Island population and immigrant share, 1900 to 2009

Year	Total Population	Percent Foreign Born
1900	~100,000	19%
1910	~200,000	23%
1920	~300,000	21%
1930	~400,000	21%
1940	~500,000	17%
1950	~600,000	13%
1960	~700,000	9%
1970	~800,000	11%
1980	~900,000	14%
1990	~1,000,000	16%
2000	~1,100,000	18%
2009	~1,200,000	18%

Legend: Total population, Percent foreign born

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English not First Language

2000 US Census

Speak English Less Than 'Very Well'

Legend: Trouble Speaking English, Percent

Percent Legend:

- 0.0 - 2.3
- 2.4 - 4.3
- 4.6 - 7.3
- 7.7 - 13.4
- 15.6 - 30.4

Queens and Nassau counties, Suffolk County

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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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