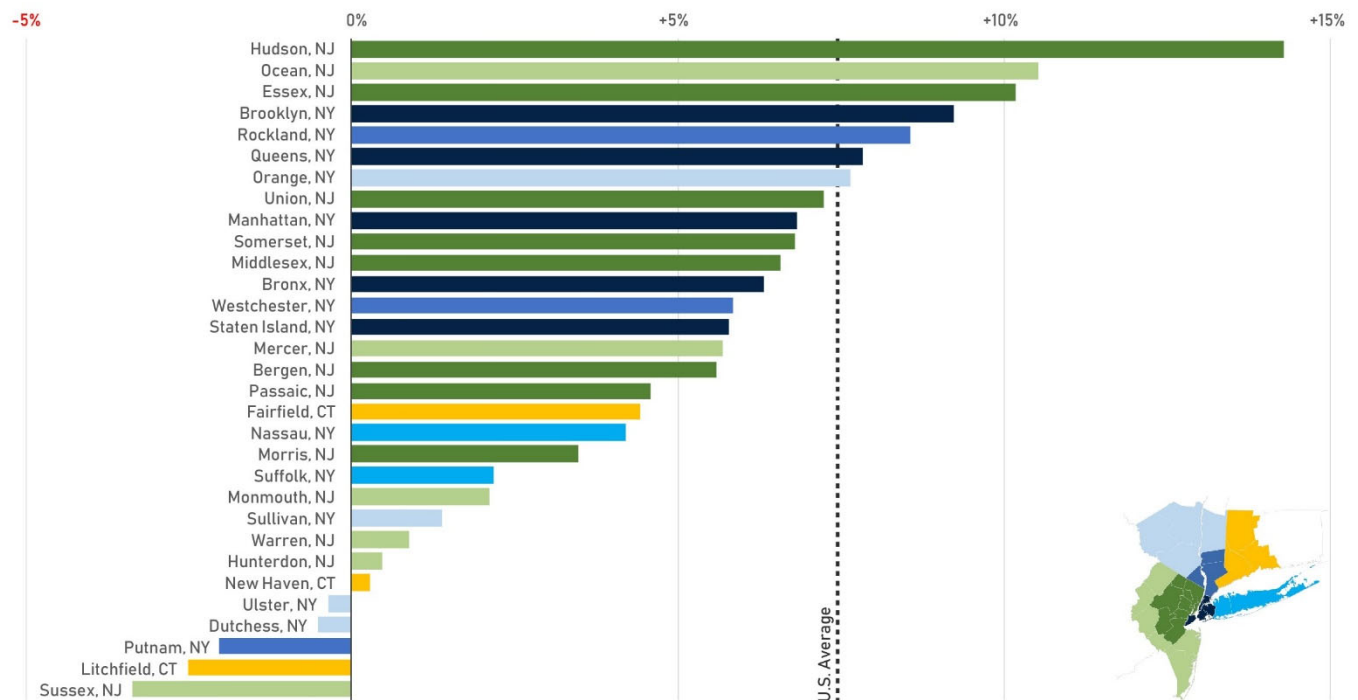


## Census 2020 Redistricting Data Release - Ocean County Summary

- Redistricting Data release:** On Thursday, August 12, U.S. Census Bureau released the Census 2020 Redistricting data for 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. The schedule was significantly delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Per the US Census, “These data provide the first look at the demographic characteristics of the nation by state, county, city, down to the census block level, and show how our population has changed since the 2010 Census. The data includes statistics on race and ethnicity, voting-age population, occupied and vacant housing units, and people living in group quarters.”
- Country:** Nationally, the country grew relatively robustly in the 1990’s, and then slowing down 2000 to 2010, with highest growth in states in the South or West for the two decades. Overall, population has been declining in much of the United States since the 1930s, while metro areas and more populous counties had rapid population growth this decade. From 2010 to 2020, the US population grew at only 7.4%, the slowest pace since the 1930’s.
- NYC Metropolitan Area:** The NYC Metro Area grew 6% to 23.5 million. Ocean County was one of the counties within the region that grew at a higher rate (10.5%) than the US average. Most of the NYC Metro’s population growth occurred in cities, towns, and villages with regional transit lines and stations providing access to midtown Manhattan. Outside of NYC, 75% of the NYC Metro’s net population growth since 2010 occurred in municipalities within a 90-minute transit trip to Grand Central Terminal or Penn Station.



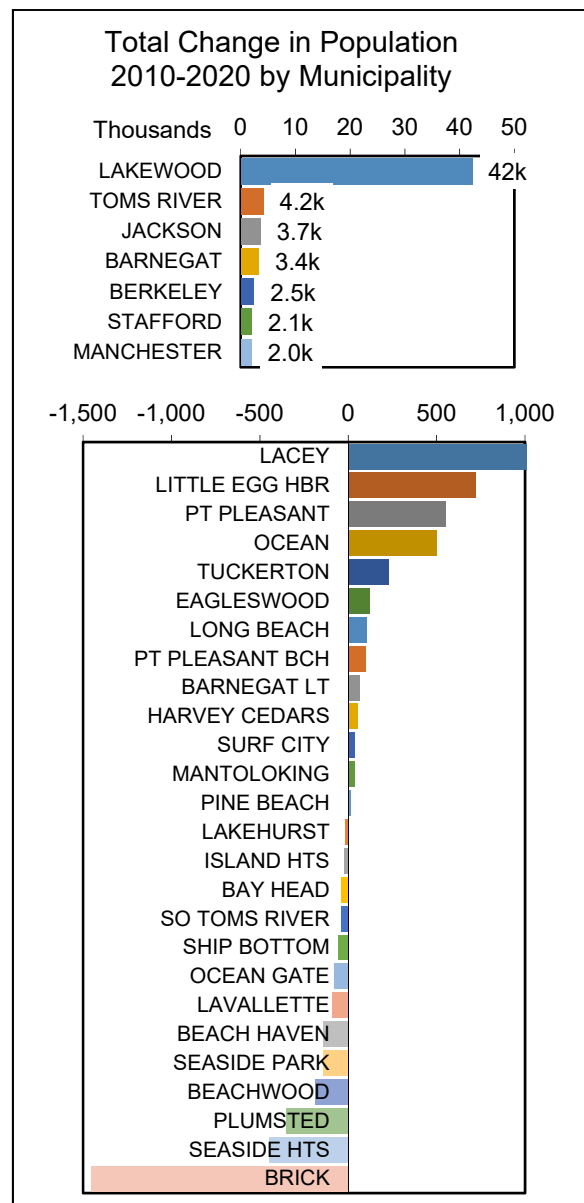
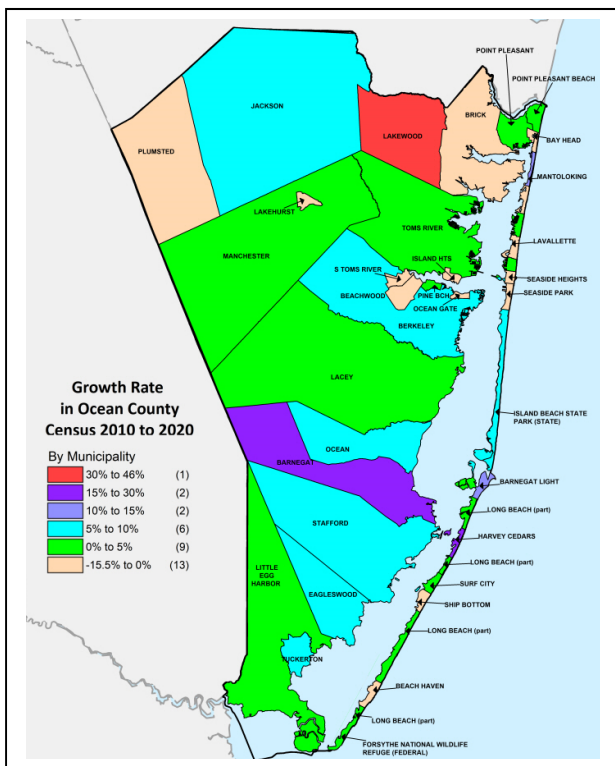
Percent Change in Population by NYC Metro County, 2010 to 2020

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 and 2020 Census Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171) Summary Files

- NJ and Counties:** From 2010 to 2020, NJ grew overall at 5.7% adding 497,100 people, while Ocean County’s growth rate at 10.5% was the second highest in the state, adding 60,662 more residents (Hudson 14.3%, Essex 10.2%). Five (5) counties mainly in southern New Jersey, with the exception of Sussex, lost population.

- **Ocean County municipalities:**

- **Increased population:** From 2010 to 2020, the towns that added the most residents were Lakewood (42,315), Toms River (4,199), Jackson (3,688), Barnegat (3,360), Berkeley (2,499), Stafford (2,082) and Manchester (2,045). These 7 towns accounted for 99.2% of the entire County’s increased population. Lakewood’s population increase accounted for 70% of the population increase in the County, followed by Toms River, which made up 7% of the County’s increase.
- **Fastest growing:** In terms of growth rate, Lakewood had the highest growth rate at 45.6%, followed by Barnegat at 16%, the small barrier island towns of Harvey Cedars, Mantoloking and Barnegat Light grew by about 12% each, followed by Stafford (7.8%), Eagleswood (7.4%), Tuckerton (7%), Jackson 6.7%), Berkeley (6.1%) and Ocean (6%).
- **Declining population:** Thirteen towns throughout Ocean County lost population, particularly the other small coastal communities, including the small town of Seaside Heights at -16% (-447). The exceptions were Brick, which lost 2% (-1,452), Plumsted -4.1% (-349) and Beachwood -1.7% (-186). Note that Small towns are less populous to begin with, and therefore growth or declines have a more significant impact on the rates.



- **Increasing diversity:** Since the previous Census, Most Ocean County towns have become more multiracial and more racially and ethnically diverse, with the exception of Lakewood and a few small barrier island towns. The White population remains the largest race or ethnicity group in the United States, the State and Ocean County, with 534,036 (83%) people in Ocean County identifying as White alone, compared to 55% of New Jersey population and 61.6% of the country.
- However, the Two or More Races population, also referred to as the Multiracial population, was measured at 42,352 (6.6%), a larger percentage of the total population than all the other races combined. The Some Other Race category also reflected increased diversity, at 27,850 people (4.4%). New Jersey is more diverse, with a Multiracial population at 9.7% and Some Other Race at 11%.
- Persons identifying as Hispanic or Latino increased by 38.8% and represents 10.4% of the population, compared to New Jersey overall at 21.6%. Hispanic or Latino is not considered a race and therefore can be included in combination with any other race.

**Percentage by Race in Ocean County 2020**

