Quick Demographic Facts for Queens Library Service Areas

Queens is one of the five boroughs (counties) that make up New York City. While communities always change, this “Quick Demographic Facts” sheet tries to capture a snapshot of the most diverse county in the U.S. using the 2014 Population Estimates, 2010 Census and 2013 American Community Survey (ACS).

- The total population was 2,256,400 in 2014 (2014 Population Estimates)
- The breakdown of the total population by age is: under 5 years old - 5.9%; 5 to 9 years old - 5.5%; 10-14 years old - 5.5%; 15 to 19 years old - 6.2%; 20-64 years old - 63.9%; and 65 years and over - 12.8%. The median age is 37.2 (2010 Census)
- Of the total population, 27.6% is non-Hispanic White, 27.5% Hispanic, 22.8% non-Hispanic Asian and 17.7% non-Hispanic Black or African-American (Chart 1) (2010 Census)
- The foreign-born population comprises 47.5% of the total population, and of that percentage, about 48.0% were born in Latin America, 37.4% in Asia, 12.1% in Europe, 2.2% in Africa, 0.3% in North America and 0.06% in Oceania (2013 ACS)
- The Hispanic or Latino population increased 10.3% between 2000-2010, now accounting for 27.5% of the borough’s total population, for a total of 613,750 (2010 Census)
  - Queens has the largest share of NYC’s Colombian, Ecuadorian, Guatemalan, Peruvian and Salvadoran population (2010 Census)
  - The Mexican population in Queens has increased 67.3% since 2000, to 92,835, the second highest in NYC (2010 Census)
- Queens has the largest Asian population in NYC (501,298 or 49.3% of the NYC total Asian population) (2010 Census)
  - Queens has the largest share of NYC’s Asian Indian, Bangladeshi, Chinese, Filipino, Korean and Nepalese population (2010 Census)
- Concerning language spoken at home, 56.7% of the population 5 years and over speaks a language other than English at home. This is a 3.1% increase over 2000, and a 12.7% increase over 1990 (Census 1990, 2000 and 2013 ACS)
- Among the 5 boroughs in New York City, Queens has the highest number of residents who consider themselves as speaking English less than “very well.” This accounts for approximately 28.4% of the population 5 years and over. Of that percentage, 30% speak Spanish, 25.5% speak an Indo-European language (other than Spanish) and 43.1% speak an Asian or Pacific Island language. (Chart 2) (2013 ACS)
- Median Household Income: $56,599 (2013 ACS)
- Below the Poverty Level: 333,910 persons (15.0%) or 63,569 families (12.1%) (2013 ACS)

For more demographic information, please visit the Queens Library’s web site at: http://www.queenslibrary.org and choose Community Information from the Services tab.

*The American Community Survey (ACS) is a Census Bureau nationwide survey designed to provide annual updates on demographic, socioeconomic and housing information for America’s communities. All estimates from the ACS are subject to both sampling and non-sampling errors.*