SELECTED DEFINITIONS

American Community Survey (ACS) - The American Community Survey is a large, continuous demographic survey conducted by the Census Bureau that will eventually provide accurate and up-to-date profiles of America's communities every year. Questionnaires are mailed to a sample of addresses to obtain information about households -- that is, about each person and the housing unit itself. The survey produces annual and multi-year estimates of population and housing characteristics and produces data for small areas, including tracts and population subgroups. Questions asked are similar to those on the decennial census long form.

Average Labor Force - Labor Force is the sum of employment and unemployment. Average Labor Force represents the average number of people in a municipality who work or who are seeking work.

Average Persons Per Household - This number is obtained by dividing the number of persons in households by the number of households (or householders).

Asian & Other - This represents a total of the Census categories American Indian or Alaskan Native, Asian, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, Other, Two Races and Three or More Races.

Charter Schools - Charter schools are independent public schools that provide another education option to parents and students. Because a charter school is not managed by the local school district, it is free to design the environment it believes will best serve students' needs. For this reason it is not counted as part of the Public School Enrollment Data. As of June 2013, the municipalities with Charter Schools are Hamilton Township, Princeton and Trenton City.

School Enrollment - School Enrollment data includes Public School District Data only in this report. It excludes Charter, Private and Parochial Schools.

Hispanic or Latino Origin - People who identify with the terms "Hispanic" or "Latino" are those who classify themselves in one of the specific Hispanic or Latino categories listed on the Census or ACS questionnaire - "Mexican," "Puerto Rican," or "Cuban" - as well as those who indicate that they are "other Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino." Origin can be viewed as the heritage, nationality group, lineage, or country of birth of the person or the person's parents or ancestors before their arrival in the United States. People who identify their origin as Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino may be of any race.

Housing Unit - A house, an apartment, a mobile home or trailer, a group of rooms, or a single room occupied as separate living quarters, or if vacant, intended for occupancy as separate living quarters. Separate living quarters are those in which the occupants live separately from any other individuals in the building and which have direct access from outside the building or through a common hall. For vacant units, the criteria of separateness and direct access are applied to the intended occupants whenever possible.

Median Income - The median income divides the income distribution into two equal groups, one having incomes above the median, and other having incomes below the median.

Per Capita Income - Average Per Capita Income is obtained by dividing aggregate income by total population of an area. The 1999 per capita income was reported in the 2009 ACS 5
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Population Density -
Total population within a geographic entity divided by the land area of that entity measured in square miles. Density is expressed as "people per square mile" of land area.

Private Sector Employment (Private Sector Covered Jobs) -
Covered employment is a monthly count of full and part-time employees, who earned wages during the pay period including the 12th of the month, as reported quarterly by employers covered by the New Jersey Unemployment Compensation Law. Basically, any employer paying at least $1,000 in wages in the current or preceding calendar year is covered. Jobs not covered by the law fall mainly into the categories of self-employed and unpaid family workers or certain agricultural and in-home domestic workers. Private Sector employment represents the number of jobs (private sector covered) in a municipality. Townships with greater than 60% of its employment in the Private Sector category may be suppressed per the Census Bureau for privacy reasons. Suppressed numbers are chosen randomly by NJDOL.

Race -
The federal government considers race and Hispanic origin to be two separate and distinct concepts. Starting with Census 2000, the questions on race and Hispanic origin were asked of every individual living in the United States. The question on race for Census 2000 was different from the one for the 1990 census in several ways. Most significantly, respondents were given the option of selecting one or more race categories to indicate their racial identities.

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