New York City's Population At Mid-decade

Implications for the Jewish Community

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Looking at demographic changes

- Intergroup relations implications
- Projecting some Jewish components
Intergroup relations/
Shifting populations among major populations

The Changing Makeup of NYC's Population

- Slow decline of White Nonhispanics continue (34.5% in 2005 vs. 35.4% in 2000).
- Slight drop in Black Nonhispanics (23.8% vs. 24.5%).
- Dramatic increase (15%) among Asians (11.5% vs. 10.2%)
- Continued gains among Hispanics (27.9% vs. 27.2%)

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<td>177,630</td>
<td>214,632</td>
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<td>Hispanic</td>
<td>2,221,906</td>
<td>2,127,324</td>
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<td>Asian Nonhispanic</td>
<td>916,367</td>
<td>795,562</td>
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<td>Black Nonhispanic</td>
<td>1,893,988</td>
<td>1,916,102</td>
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<td>White Nonhispanic</td>
<td>2,746,222</td>
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Over the past five years:

- The number of foreign born Blacks in NYC grew by a net 4.3%.
- Those reporting West Indian ancestry increased almost 8% (549,664 in 2000 & 591,770 in 2005).
- Immigrants from Sub-Saharan Africa grew over 35% (122,425 to 165,967).
- There has been a noticeable drop in Black migrants (down 22%).
Intergroup relations/Tracking the subgroups - Hispanics

- 50% of Hispanics were Puerto Rican in 1990, 35% in 2005.
- Dominicans are now 24%, Mexicans 11%.

![Hispanic Origins Graph]

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<td>Other Hispanic or Latino</td>
<td>329,415</td>
<td>401,108</td>
<td>126,101</td>
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<td>Equadorian</td>
<td>78,444</td>
<td>101,005</td>
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<td>Mexican</td>
<td>61,722</td>
<td>186,872</td>
<td>244,411</td>
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<td>Dominican</td>
<td>332,713</td>
<td>406,806</td>
<td>532,620</td>
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<td>Puerto Rican</td>
<td>896,763</td>
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Intergroup relations/Tracking the subgroups - Asians

- Close to half (47%) of the Asians are Chinese/Taiwanese.
- Asian Indians are the fastest growing subgroup.
- Asians reside in many of the “melting pot” neighborhoods.

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<td>51,156</td>
<td>155,634</td>
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<td>Pakistani</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>24,099</td>
<td>22,180</td>
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<td>Korean</td>
<td>71,225</td>
<td>86,473</td>
<td>88,912</td>
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<td>Filipino</td>
<td>45,645</td>
<td>54,993</td>
<td>65,090</td>
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<td>Chinese/Taiwanese</td>
<td>240,014</td>
<td>361,531</td>
<td>428,079</td>
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<td>Bangladeshi</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>19,148</td>
<td>18,825</td>
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<td>Asian Indian</td>
<td>88,247</td>
<td>170,899</td>
<td>226,587</td>
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The Jewish community

Reading the trends
Imputing changes in the Jewish population of New York City

- The White Nonhispanic population is decreasing in New York City but the rate of decrease among the Jewish population is far less.
- The decrease of the Jewish population would be dramatic if it were not for our Russian émigre influx of the 1990’s.
- Population increases in heavily Orthodox areas are helpful but fertility rates don’t keep up with immigration rates.
Shift to the suburbs?

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<td>1991</td>
<td>1,027,000</td>
<td>393,000</td>
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<td>2002</td>
<td>972,000</td>
<td>440,000</td>
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- The drop in the Jewish population of New York City (1991 vs. 2002) was balanced by increases in Nassau, Suffolk and Westchester counties.
- In the absence of data the extent of changes in Jewish populations of Rockland and Orange counties in NY, Northern NJ and Fairfield County, CT is a subject of speculation.
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New York City’s Jewish population 2002

- In 2002 over half of New York City Jews were Orthodox or Russian-speakers.
- Rate of suburbanization of Orthodox and Russian-speakers likely to be high, but slower than other Jews - a portion of Orthodox Jews are anchored to NYC by religious infrastructure . . . Russians by an immigrant infrastructure.

![Pie chart showing percentages]

- Orthodox: 34%
- Russian: 17%
- Other: 49%
Changes in Jewish geography

- Although we don’t have the actual data, we know:
  - The borders of many Jewish communities are being extended;
    - Williamsburg, Boro Park, Crown Heights and Flatbush
  - NY’s housing crunch makes affordable housing a virtually impossible dream in Manhattan and rare in the outer boroughs.
  - Building booms in every borough yield new Jewish homeowners
  - The march to the ‘burbs (including Staten Island, Riverdale, Rockland, NJ & CT) continues.
  - Russian-speakers are moving to areas of second settlement and beyond:
    - Bensonhurst, Bay Ridge, Staten Island, Midwood, Suburbs
Immigration of refugees from the FSU through HIAS

- The refugee flow from the FSU has steadily slowed since its peak of 45,871 in 1992 to 888 in 2005. Approximately 5,500 immigrants from the FSU received green cards last year.
- The percentage of refugees coming to New York is falling (16% in 2005).
- Future major influxes of immigration are unlikely unless some Jews being in jeopardy somewhere.
Shifts in the Russian émigré community 2000-2005 (I)

Data aren’t perfect

- Data are only available for Russia and Ukraine.
- No 2005 Staten Island data due to small sample size.
- Benchmark JCS 2002: People in Russian-speaking Jewish households. NYC 205,000. Nassau, Suffolk, Westchester 18,000.
Shifts in the Russian émigré community 2000-2005 (II)

Note: Changes in counties with small target populations can post large percentage swings that can appear quite dramatic. Source: Census 2000 and ACS 2005.
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