

Demographic and Health Data for New Orleans, LA, and its Suburbs, 1990, 2000

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<i>(All indicators are in percent unless otherwise noted)</i>																
Population Demographics																
Avg. Population Size (000's)	497	485	-2.5	32	37	788	853	8.2	34	39	486	546	12.2	757	947	25.1
Population by Race/Ethnicity																
White, non-Hispanic	33.1	26.9	-18.9	75	74	75.9	71.1	-6.3	53	52	53.7	46.4	-13.6	75.5	70.6	-6.6
Black, non-Hispanic	61.6	67.0	8.7	5	3	17.5	20.7	18.2	13	11	31.8	33.9	6.8	12.9	13.7	6.7
Hispanic	3.2	3.1	-4.4	48	66	4.9	5.1	5.4	34	39	12.4	16.1	29.9	9.9	12.6	26.9
Asian, non-Hispanic	1.9	2.3	25.8	40	52	1.5	2.2	44.2	33	37	1.5	2.4	58.9	1.2	1.9	60.6
Foreign-Born Population	4.2	4.2	1.5	47	70	4.1	5.1	25.0	38	44	7.0	10.4	47.8	5.0	7.4	47.9
Speaks a Foreign Language at Home																
at Home	7.8	8.3	5.9	48	68	8.9	9.8	10.4	32	42	15.1	19.2	26.7	12.0	15.0	25.6
Speaks Spanish at Home	3.6	3.9	7.3	41	63	3.7	4.9	33.1	32	38	11.5	14.6	27.0	8.9	11.3	26.7
Educational Attainment																
Total																
No High School Diploma	31.9	25.3	-20.6	67	64	25.8	20.7	-19.8	64	65	26.6	22.0	-17.2	25.7	19.7	-23.6
High School Diploma	23.6	23.4	-0.5			32.6	31.1	-4.6			24.9	24.2	-2.7	29.4	28.5	-3.1
At Least Some College	44.6	51.2	15.0			41.6	48.2	15.9			48.5	53.8	10.8	44.9	51.8	15.6
White																
No High School Diploma	18.6	11.4	-38.9	40	24	22.6	17.6	-21.8	61	66	20.0	15.8	-20.8	23.2	17.4	-24.9
High School Diploma	22.0	17.7	-19.8			33.6	31.8	-5.3			23.8	21.4	-10.2	29.9	28.6	-4.4
At Least Some College	59.4	71.0	19.6			43.9	50.6	15.3			56.2	62.8	11.7	46.9	54.0	15.2
Black																
No High School Diploma	41.6	32.6	-21.5	71	69	43.0	31.8	-25.9	69	73	36.4	27.0	-25.9	36.3	24.6	-32.2
High School Diploma	25.0	27.2	8.9			28.5	30.4	6.7			27.1	29.3	8.3	27.3	29.6	8.4
At Least Some College	33.4	40.1	20.2			28.5	37.7	32.4			36.5	43.7	19.7	36.4	45.8	25.7
Hispanic																
No High School Diploma	39.7	29.5	-25.8	40	18	28.1	28.8	2.6	27	19	35.6	41.9	17.5	33.6	38.6	14.7
High School Diploma	18.7	20.0	6.9			27.2	24.4	-10.3			21.1	21.3	0.9	23.7	23.3	-1.6
At Least Some College	41.5	50.5	21.6			44.7	46.8	4.6			43.2	36.8	-14.9	42.7	38.1	-10.7
Asian																
No High School Diploma	40.6	41.5	2.0	78	79	30.3	31.1	2.7			22.8	20.7	-9.2	21.5	19.9	-7.6
High School Diploma	19.0	14.3	-25.1			19.6	17.0	-13.1			16.4	16.1	-1.7	20.8	17.7	-14.8
At Least Some College	40.3	44.3	9.8			50.1	51.9	3.5			60.8	63.2	3.9	57.7	62.4	8.2
Unemployment Rate	12.7	9.5	-24.8	79	64	7.3	5.4	-26.1	71	60	7.5	7.5	0.5	5.8	4.8	-15.8
Crime (per 100,000 pop.)																
Murder Rate	61.2	43.3	-29.2	81	82	10.7	7.9	-26.4	71	78	26.0	16.1	-38.1	6.8	4.2	-38.0
Violent Crime Rate	2259	1131	-49.9	67	56	800	577	-27.8	74	73	1539	1101	-28.5	492	387	-21.2

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Economic & Social Indicators																
Poverty Rate	31.6	27.9	-11.6	81	81	15.0	13.1	-12.6	71	69	19.2	18.1	-5.6	12.7	10.8	-15.0
White	11.8	11.5	-3.2	49	47	9.7	8.4	-13.3	62	63	11.1	10.9	-1.8	9.7	8.4	-13.1
Black	42.2	35.0	-17.1	79	77	37.9	29.5	-22.2	75	76	31.9	27.1	-15.0	27.7	20.7	-25.3
Hispanic	26.1	22.1	-15.2	52	35	15.8	14.1	-10.4	39	25	22.6	23.1	2.4	17.7	18.0	1.5
Asian	39.5	30.0	-24.1	76	73	19.4	14.7	-24.2			21.4	17.4	-18.7	12.0	10.8	-9.6
% of Population Living in High Poverty Neighborhood	31.0	19.3	-37.7	81	81	2.2	1.1	-48.9			12.0	6.8	-42.9	3.4	1.3	-62.2
% of Poor Living in High Poverty Neighborhood	57.2	37.7	-34.0	82	81	5.8	1.1	-80.6			30.7	18.0	-41.5	6.9	0.9	#
Child Poverty Rate	46.3	40.5	-12.5	81	82	20.6	18.1	-11.9	72	69	28.3	25.6	-9.5	16.1	14.0	-12.9
White	10.3	6.8	-33.7	23	9	11.8	9.9	-16.1	59	60	13.0	12.2	-6.2	11.7	10.0	-14.1
Black	55.3	47.3	-14.5	77	78	47.9	38.6	-19.4	73	75	42.6	36.6	-14.3	34.8	27.2	-21.7
Hispanic	36.7	27.2	-26.1	61	35	19.5	18.5	-5.1	40	38	28.1	29.0	3.2	21.1	20.7	-1.8
Asian	49.8	32.6	-34.7	78	73	21.9	17.8	-18.7			21.8	16.3	-25.2	12.2	12.1	-0.7
Per Capita Income (\$)	15,279	17,258	13.0	70	65	16,665	19,730	18.4	68	66	17,988	20,124	11.9	18,507	21,323	15.2
White	27,120	31,971	17.9	13	9	18,593	22,361	20.3	67	58	23,519	26,961	14.6	20,066	23,237	15.8
Black	8,785	11,332	29.0	79	76	8,650	11,419	32.0	76	77	10,763	13,466	25.1	11,952	15,098	26.3
Hispanic	16,726	16,151	-3.4	12	10	14,000	15,798	12.8	34	19	14,173	13,268	-6.4	13,398	13,582	1.4
Asian	9,761	13,869	42.1	72	65	13,675	17,681	29.3			14,597	18,620	27.6	16,248	19,457	19.8
Households on Public Assistance	14.8	5.4	-63.4	71	51	6.6	2.4	-63.1	57	52	8.7	4.0	-53.6	5.9	2.6	-55.9
Single Mother Families as a Percent of All Families	27.2	29.5	8.4	78	75	11.4	13.3	17.0	78	76	17.1	19.7	15.0	9.3	11.0	18.5
White	6.7	7.3	9.1	9	9	7.4	8.4	13.1	56	59	7.8	9.1	16.9	6.8	8.0	17.8
Black	39.1	39.1	0.0	63	51	32.5	34.1	4.8	71	73	33.4	35.9	7.5	28.0	27.6	-1.7
Hispanic	18.0	15.6	-13.6	49	36	10.3	12.0	16.6	25	28	14.5	14.0	-3.7	9.7	11.3	16.4
Asian	7.3	7.1	-1.8	33	34	6.1	6.3	3.4			7.8	8.4	6.5	7.8	8.1	4.0
Single Mother Families in Poverty as a Percent of All Families	17.2	15.4	-10.1	81	81	5.3	5.2	-2.3	76	76	8.2	8.0	-3.1	3.6	3.5	-3.7
White	1.7	1.4	-21.4	18	12	2.3	2.3	-1.2	57	62	2.4	2.4	-0.3	2.0	2.1	2.8
Black	26.0	21.5	-17.4	70	71	21.4	17.6	-17.8	72	74	18.9	16.1	-14.9	14.2	10.6	-25.6
Hispanic	9.4	6.9	-25.9	48	39	3.9	4.0	1.8	25	32	6.8	6.0	-10.8	3.9	4.3	10.0
Asian	4.9	4.2	-13.0	47	68	3.4	2.5	-25.8			3.2	2.9	-8.6	2.8	2.3	-18.7

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Maternal/Infant Health																
Infant Mortality Rate per 1000																
Live Births	16.5	7.0	-57.6	76	33	7.4	7.0	-5.1	34	58	11.5	9.1	-20.6	9.0	6.9	-23.8
Low Birth Weight	12.8	12.6	-1.6	80	77	7.8	9.2	17.9	74	77	9.2	9.7	4.9	6.9	7.9	13.3
White, non-Hispanic	6.1	7.0	14.8			6.1	6.8	11.5			6.2	7.1	15.3	5.9	6.8	16.3
Black, non-Hispanic	14.8	14.0	-5.4			13.2	14.4	9.1			13.8	13.6	-1.3	12.5	12.8	1.9
Hispanic	6.9	7.7	11.6			6.3	7.7	22.2			6.2	6.6	6.8	6.3	6.5	3.5
Asian	6.0	7.2	20.0			7.2	10.5	45.8			7.4	8.4	13.9	6.6	7.8	19.4
Births to Teens	21.8	19.6	-10.1	79	80	13.5	14.2	5.2	63	69	16.9	15.4	-9.4	13.3	12.5	-6.1
White, non-Hispanic	6.3	3.3	-47.6			10.1	10.7	5.9			9.4	8.2	-12.9	10.7	9.5	-10.9
Black, non-Hispanic	26.4	23.5	-11.0			24.4	23.0	-5.7			24.7	20.8	-15.5	21.0	18.7	-10.8
Hispanic	9.4	7.1	-24.5			7.5	10.7	42.7			16.1	16.2	0.8	14.7	15.3	3.8
Asian	3.2	7.8	143.8			5.5	3.8	-30.9			5.4	4.4	-18.8	3.5	3.5	-0.3
Early Prenatal Care	65.8	79.7	21.1	67	44	80.0	86.9	8.6	48	42	71.4	79.7	11.6	78.1	85.0	8.9
White, non-Hispanic	88.4	94.4	6.8			86.7	92.3	6.5			84.2	89.4	6.1	84.2	90.0	6.8
Black, non-Hispanic	60.3	76.7	27.2			61.9	75.4	21.8			62.2	74.9	20.4	64.6	76.7	18.8
Hispanic	67.2	81.1	20.7			73.7	87.1	18.2			61.5	69.6	13.2	64.4	73.9	14.7
Asian	62.6	82.5	31.8			73.5	87.9	19.6			74.5	85.5	14.7	79.4	87.7	10.5
Child Well-Being Index Rank					81	72					72	75				
Deprivation Index Rank					76	62					70	67				

* Averages based on 32 city and suburban areas. See [Table 1](#) in any Report.

** Suburbs refers to the metropolitan area (MSA) excluding the city(ies). See [Methodology](#) in any Report.

[^] Tabulations for percent change are based on numbers with more decimal places than shown.

† Rankings are generally based on the lowest percent, rate or value having a rank of 1 out of 82 for cities (and 81 for suburbs), with the following exceptions: For all of the "Population Demographics", as well as per capita income and early prenatal care, the largest percent, rate or value is ranked 1. A city/suburb was excluded from a ranking if it had a rate of zero. Indicators for suburban Asians, high poverty neighborhoods, and maternal/infant health by race/ethnicity were not ranked. See [Definitions](#) for more information on rankings.

If a rate was less than 1 percent, we did not report the percent change.

--- If the number of births was fewer than 100, we did not report the rate.

N/A: Not Available

Sources: Tabulations based on 1990 and 2000 data from the U.S. Census Bureau, CDC/National Center for Health Statistics, and Federal Bureau of Investigation.

NOTE: Disease rates are available at the city or metropolitan area level at the following links:

[City Syphilis Rates, 1990, 1996, 2000](#)

[Metropolitan Area AIDS Rates, 1990, 1995, 2000](#)

[City Gonorrhea Rates, 1990, 1996, 2000](#)

[Metropolitan Area Tuberculosis \(TB\) Rates by Race, 1996, 2000](#)

[City and Suburban Tuberculosis \(TB\) Rates, 1990, 1996, 2000](#)

Counties in Metropolitan Area:

Jefferson Parish

St. Charles Parish

Orleans Parish

St. James Parish

Plaquemines Parish

St. John the Baptist Parish

St. Bernard Parish

St. Tammany Parish