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Trenton Population and Census Collection
Circa 1790 - 2000 (bulk 1900 - 2000)

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Summary Information

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City of Trenton

Donor:

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Scope/Content

This collection contains demographic surveys of Trenton, mostly census records at the city, state, and federal level. It also includes a few miscellaneous statistical reports that did not fit in any other collections in the City Records. The first series comprises such surveys conducted by the City of Trenton and other local individuals and institutions. Of particular note are a manuscript copy of the 1850 city census, a 1928 report on Black Trentonians, and documents related to a “correct count” of the 1980 federal census. The second series includes a few state-level population and demographic reports, most notably those that focus mostly or entirely on the Trenton area. The final series contains federal decennial census reports on Trenton and Mercer County for most of the twentieth century; occasional “special censuses” also appear here.

[See also: the Trenton Planning and Development Collection (CITY-PD) for additional demographic and economic reports. Additional state-level censuses are available at the Genealogical Society of New Jersey (www.gsnj.org/new-jersey-state-censuses/). For further records of federal censuses, refer to the United States Census Bureau at data.census.gov.]

Arrangement

Series I: Local Censuses (City of Trenton, Mercer County, and other)

- Box 1, Folder 1: 1850 City census, Part I (pp. 1-50) [*a manuscript copy? from an unknown date/scribe; perhaps federal, perhaps city. PREFER DIGITIZED COPY on Trentoniana website—upload and transcript pending*]
- Folder 2: 1850 City census, Part II (pp. 51-100)
- Folder 3: 1850 City census, Part III (pp. 101-150)
- Folder 4: 1850 City census, Part IV (pp. 151-200)
- Folder 5: 1850 City census, Part V (pp. 201-250)
- Folder 6: 1850 City census, Part VI (pp. 251-300)
- Folder 7: 1850 City census, Part VII (pp. 301-324; 225-277) [*the page numbers inexplicably restart here; it is possible that some pages are lost*]
- Folder 8: City censuses—Pre-1900 statistics
- Folder 9: “Survey of the Negro Population of Trenton, NJ” (Charles S. Johnson, 1926-1927)
- Folder 10: “A Demographic Study of the Jewish Population of Trenton, NJ and Vicinity” (Richard S. Sterne, 1961)
- Folder 11: Scanned fragments of Trenton statistical data (ca. 1960s)
- Folder 12: Comparison of populations of various ethnic groups in Trenton, 1910-1980
- Folder 13: “Trenton Complete Count Committee” – Final Report, correspondence, publicity/ephemera, etc. (1980)
- Folder 14: “Trenton Complete Count Committee” – Photographs (1980)
- Folder 15: “Mercer County Data Book” (1993)
- Folder 16: “South Trenton Community Survey Project 2000” (2001)
- Folder 17: “Trenton Mercer Kids Count 2001”
- Folder 18: Miscellaneous city census references/contact information

Series II: State Censuses

- Box 1, Unfolded: New Jersey “Compendium of Censuses, 1726-1905” (1906)

Box 2, Folder 1: State of New Jersey population estimates (ca. 1790 - 2000)

Folder 2: State of New Jersey reports on employment and economy

Series III: Federal Censuses (Decennial and Special)

Box 2, Folder 3: Resources for pre-1920 Federal censuses

Folder 4: Excerpts from Federal censuses, 1900 - 1930

Folder 5: “Consumer Use of Selected Goods and Services, By Income Class” (U.S. Department of Commerce, 1935)

Folder 6: 1940 Federal census excerpts

Folder 7: 1950 Federal census reports on housing

Folder 8: 1950 Federal census reports on population

Folder 9: 1950 Federal census—Miscellaneous excerpts, tables, and diagrams

Folder 10: Federal census reports, 1954 and 1958

Folder 11: 1960 Federal census reports on housing

Folder 12: 1960 Federal census reports on population

Box 3, Folder 1: Federal (?) projections of Trenton population, ca. 1965?

[creator(s) and date(s) not listed; original folder ascribed these censuses to the Federal government in a note by an unknown person]

Folder 2: Special Federal census of Trenton (1968)

Folder 3: 1970 Federal census reports on housing

Folder 4: 1970 Federal census reports on population

Folder 5: 1970 Federal census reports – Miscellaneous extracts

Folder 6: 1980 Federal census reports on housing

Folder 7: 1980 Federal census reports on population

Unfolded: 1980 Federal census maps (block statistics)

Folder 8: 1980 Federal census – Miscellaneous ephemera, memoranda, reports [*most Federal, some city*]

Box 4, Unfolded: 1990 Federal census maps (census tracts and block numbering areas)

Folder 1: 1990 Federal census – Data tables from city government

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Folder 2: 1990 Federal census – City government correspondence, reports, maps, excerpts, etc.

Folder 3: 1990 Federal census – “User Defined Areas Program” narrative profiles

Folder 4: 1990 Federal census – “User Defined Areas Program” statistical profiles and tables, Part I

Folder 5: 1990 Federal census – “User Defined Areas Program” statistical profiles and tables, Part II

Folder 6: 2000 Federal census – Trenton data tables

[Note: Trentoniana also has microfilm copies of the 1920 and 1930 Federal censuses, along with descriptions of Enumeration Districts from 1830-1900, available in the Trentoniana Room.]