



THE STATE OF BLACK NEW JERSEY 2017 CONFERENCE DATA

*“Forecasting Education, Employment and Economic
Opportunities for African Americans Statewide”*

April 20, 2017
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

The Robert Treat Hotel
Newark, NJ

Conference Objectives

The objective of the annual Conference is to foster relationships, obtain perspectives, develop best practices, and form solutions, which will serve to strengthen our collective efforts to make New Jersey more competitive.

Participating Organizations

Members of the NJ State Legislature
Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission
Delaware River Port Authority
Duane Morris, LLP
New Jersey Department of Education
New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development
New Jersey Redevelopment Authority
New Jersey Transit
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Registration.....

Opening Remarks.....

John E. Harmon, Sr., IOM, Founder, President CEO, AACCNJ, Former Chairman, NBCC

The Honorable Ras Baraka, Mayor City of Newark, NJ

Presentation of “Presidential Leadership Award”

Event Sponsor

Remarks.....

A.M. Session.....

**Topic – “Building the Pipeline for Future Success, and Business Development –
The Intersection of Education, Employment and Economic Opportunities”**

Moderator – John Kahn, Associate, Duane Morris, LLP

Panelists

Leslie Anderson, Executive Director, NJ Redevelopment Authority (NJRA)

Christine Baker, Business Enterprise Project Manager, Delaware River Joint Toll Commission

Toni Proffitt-Brown, Esq., Chief Administrative Officer, Delaware River Port Authority

Glenessa R. Gordon, P. E. Mgr., Business Initiatives and Planning Analysis, Port Authority, NY and NJ

Leo Sanders, Vice President, Office of Civil Rights and Diversity Programs, NJ Transit

Catherine Starghill, Deputy Commissioner, NJ Dept. of Labor and Workforce Development

LUNCH.....

Introduction of Conference Speaker, by Hosea Johnson, Chairman of the Board, AACCNJ

President, Johnson Associates Systems

Conference Speaker – The Honorable Rochelle Hendricks

Office of the Secretary of Higher Education, NJ.....

P.M. Session.....

Topic – “Public Policies – Essential to New Jersey’s Competitiveness”

Moderator – **Lillie M. Hibbler**, Ph.D., Campus College Chair School of Business, University of Phoenix

Panelists

The Honorable Jon M. Bramnick, Assemblyman, NJ

The Honorable Betty Lou Decroce, Assemblyman, NJ

The Honorable Jamal Holley, Assemblyman, NJ

The Honorable Ronald L. Rice, State Senator, NJ

Question & Answer Period.....

Closing Remarks.....

John E. Harmon, Sr., IOM





April 20, 2017

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the African American Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey (AACCNJ), we seek daily solutions to systemic challenges in New Jersey's economy; i.e., academic achievement disparities, chronic unemployment, wealth gap, etc. all of which place a tremendous burden on our constituency and other groups seeking to assimilate and become a part of the mainstream.

Therefore, we have assembled a group of participants, at our 2017 State of Black New Jersey Conference, representing business, public safety, education government agencies, and the New Jersey legislature to share their experiences, public policy initiatives, and best practices with those in attendance. This conference will provide you with access to information and resources that would serve to strengthen the overall competitiveness of New Jersey. Additionally, we will foster relationships that will lead to increased efforts to implement current policies or the modification of existing policies to provide greater value to the constituency of the AACCNJ. The lessons derived from this conference will pay huge dividends in the future. Your contributions to the success of this event are greatly appreciated.

The AACCNJ performs an essential role in the economic viability of New Jersey, and serves as the voice of over 66,000 African American business owners across the state of New Jersey. While providing a platform for New Jersey's African American business leaders, to speak with a collective voice, the AACCNJ advocates and promotes economic diversity while fostering a climate of business growth through major initiatives centering on education, health, and public policy.

New Jersey's greatest asset is its diversity, and the AACCNJ is up to the challenge to ensure that the African American community is an equitable beneficiary in the states' prosperity. Thank you again for your support of this event, and a special thank you to our sponsors, this year's conference speaker, moderators, and panelists, staff and volunteers.

Sincerely,



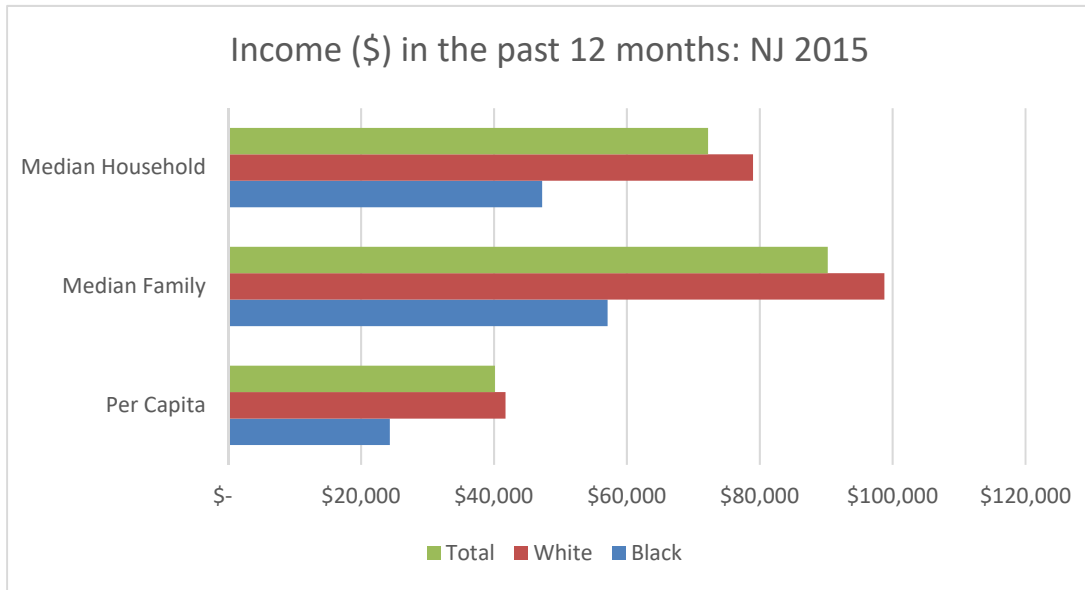
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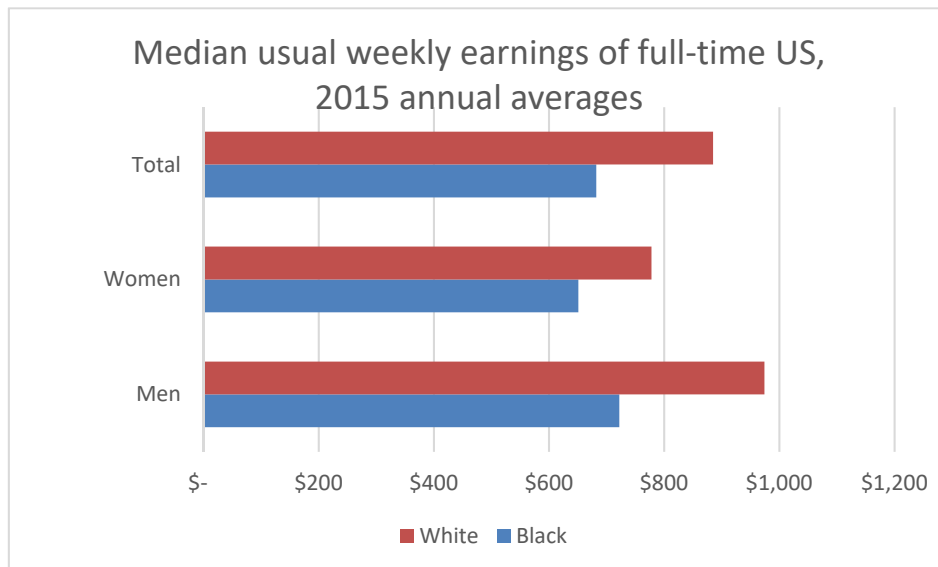
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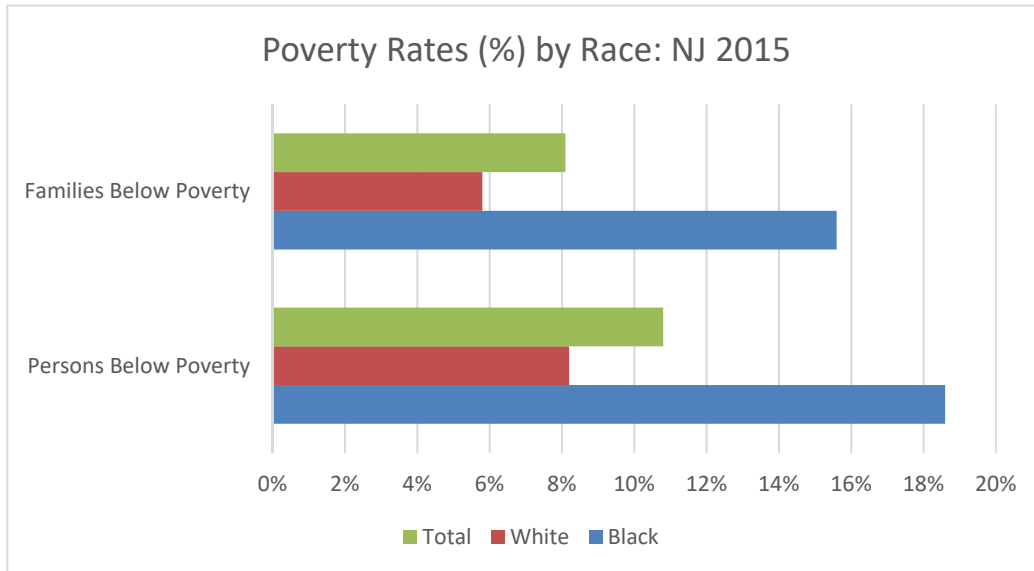
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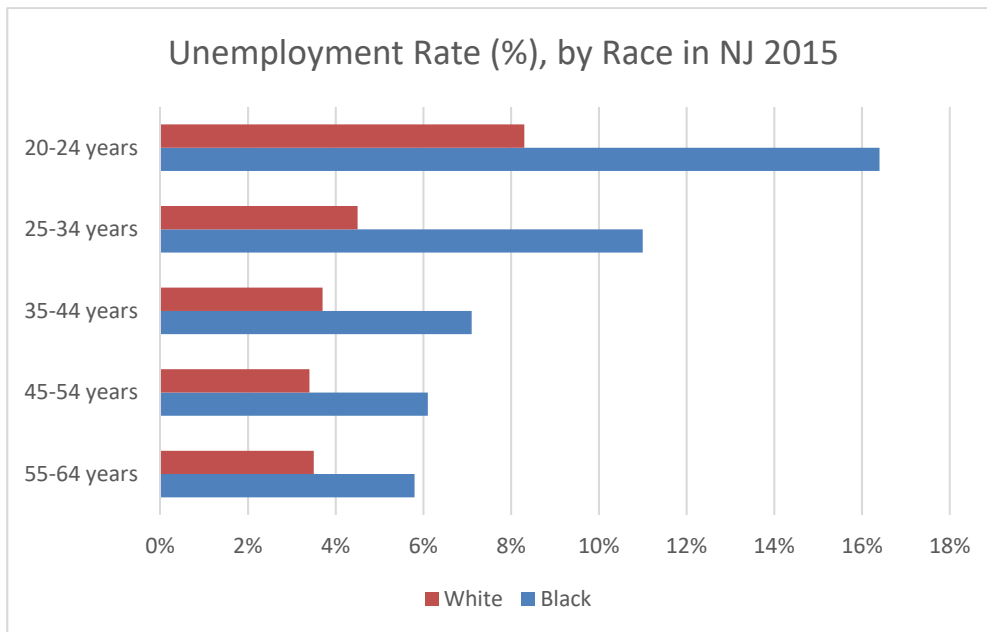
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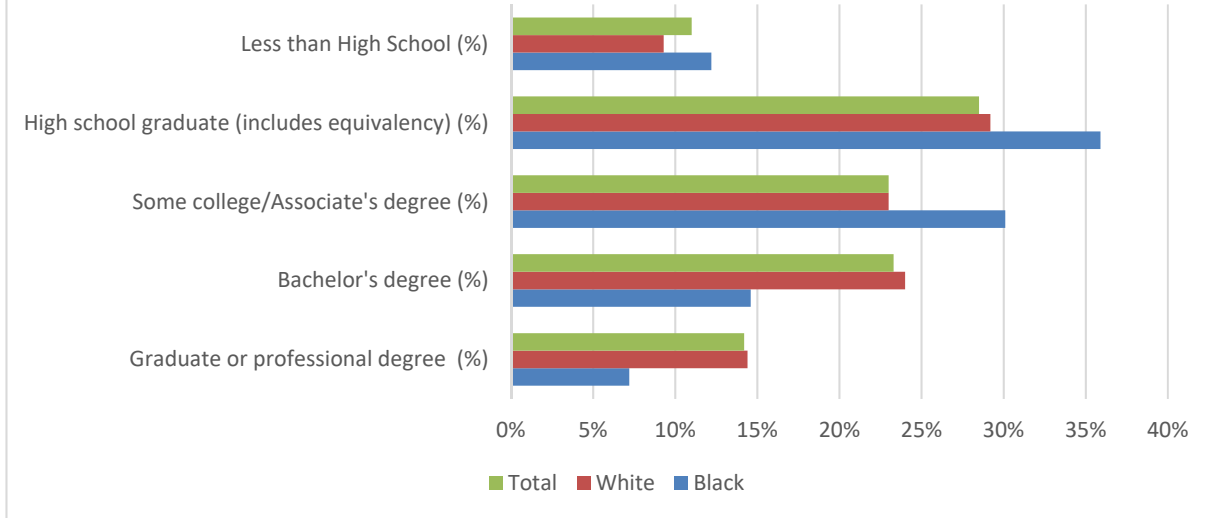


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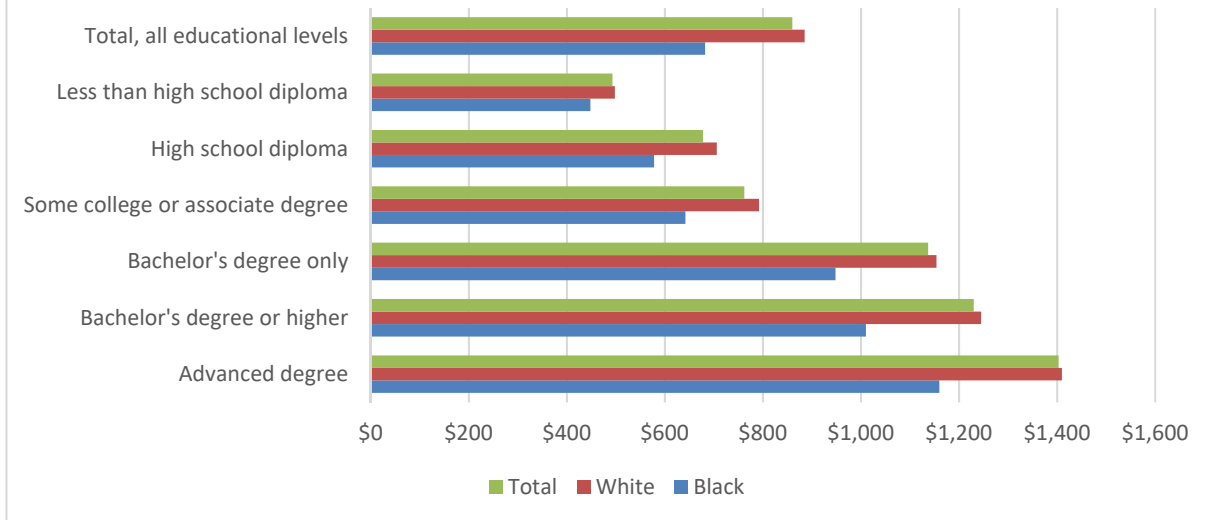
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Labor Force by Race and Educational Attainment: NJ 2015

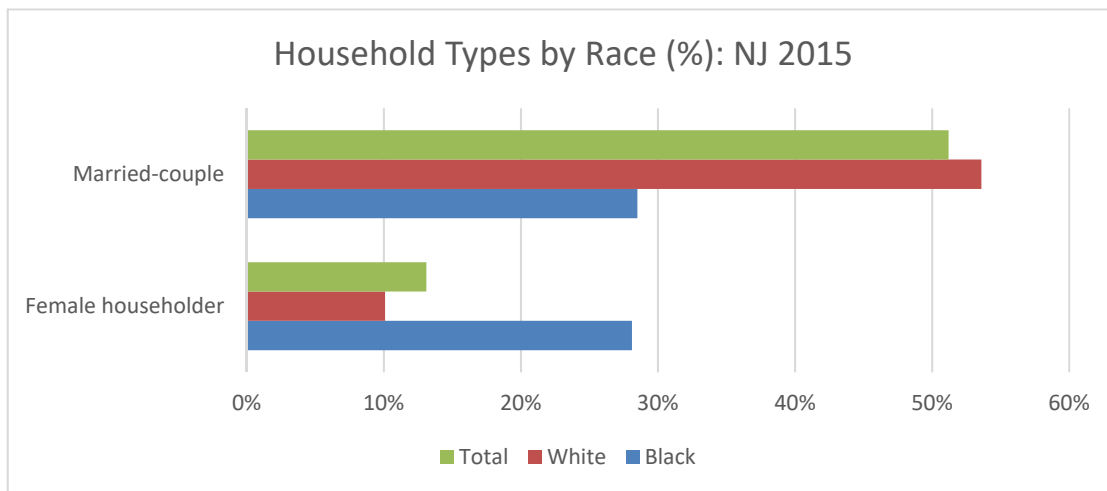


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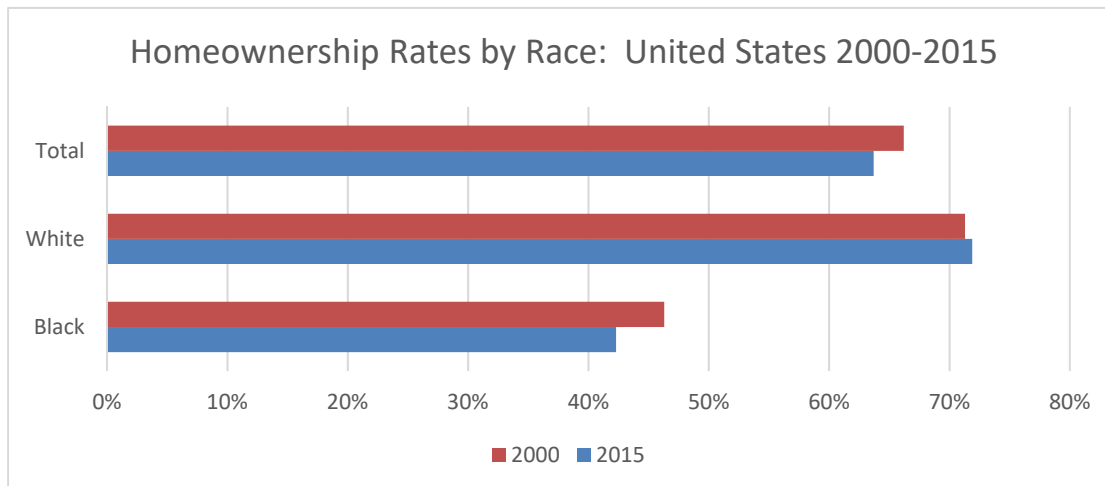
Median Weekly Earnings by Educational Attainment: NJ 2015



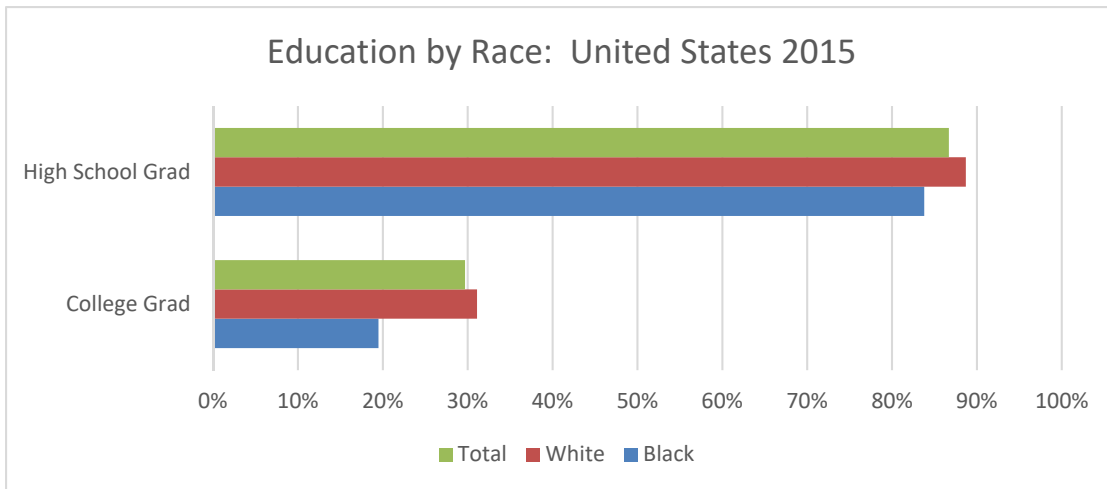
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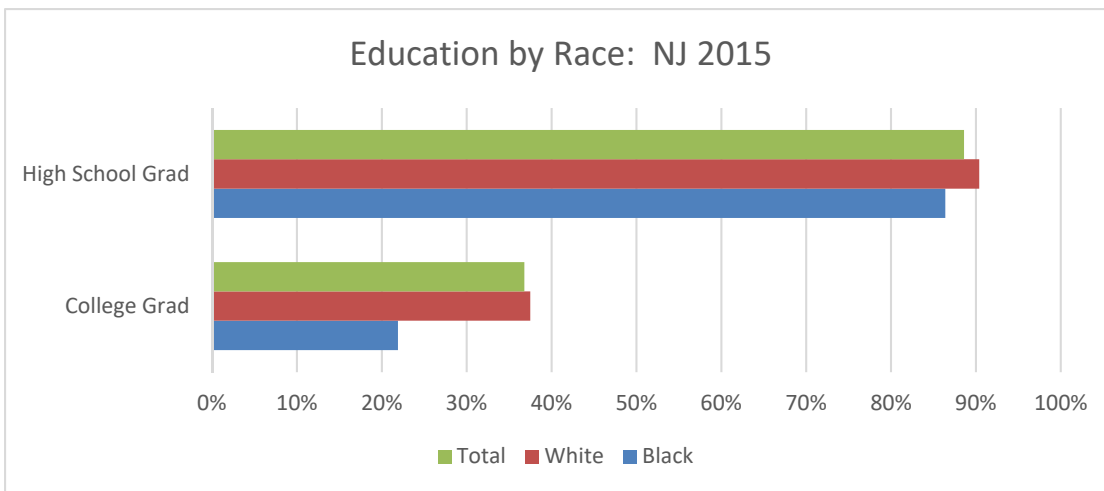
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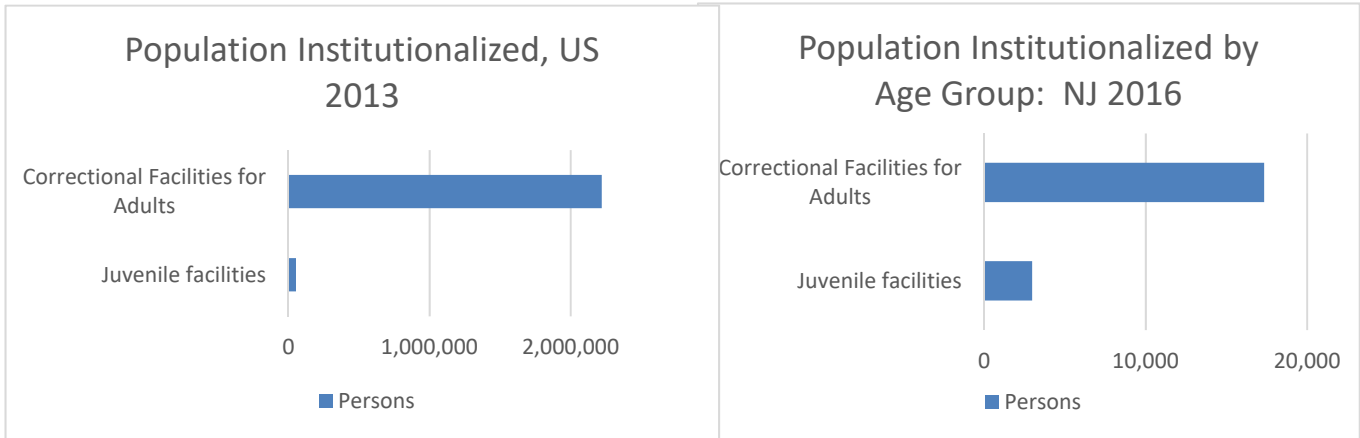


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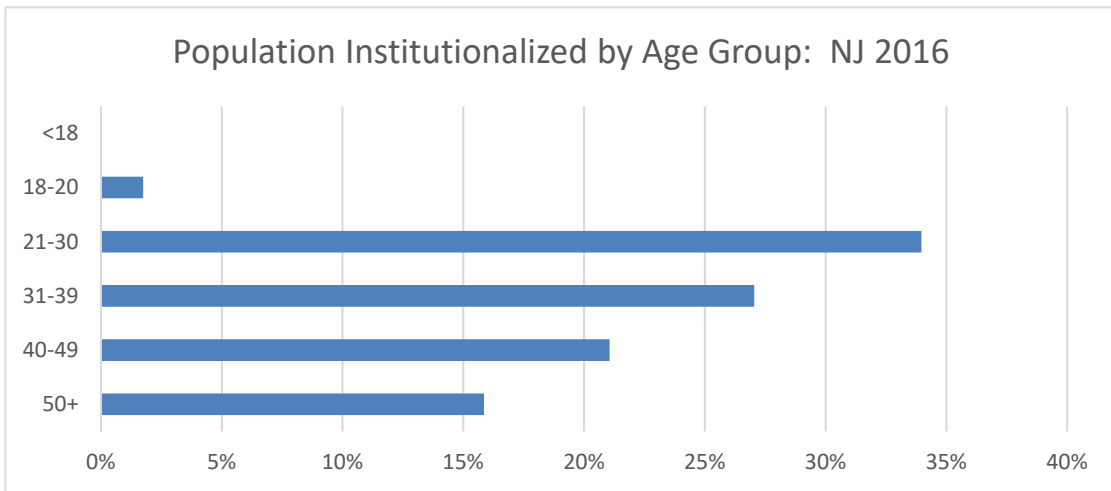
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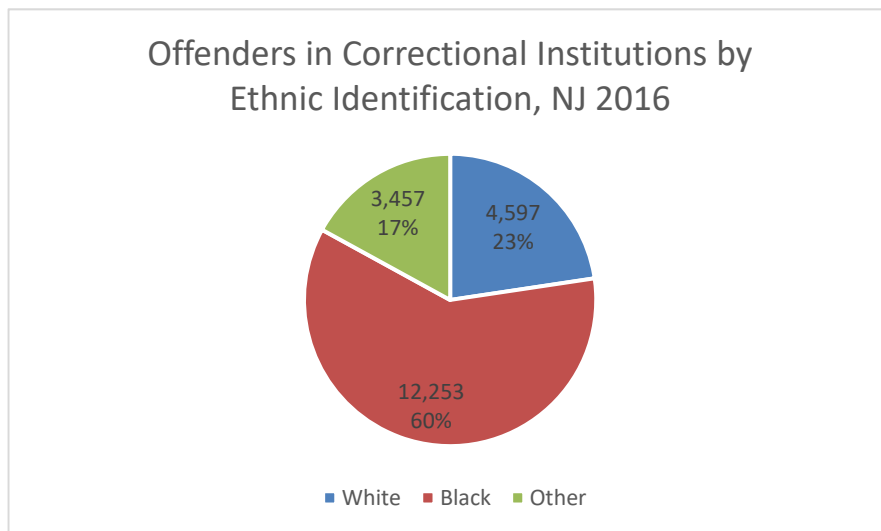


Source: US Bureau of Justice Statistics, 2013

Source: NJ Department of Corrections, 2016



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	Burlington County			Essex County			Mercer County		
	Unemployment Rate (%)	Poverty Rate (%)	High School Dropouts (#)	Unemployment Rate (%)	Poverty Rate (%)	High School Dropouts (#)	Unemployment Rate (%)	Poverty Rate (%)	High School Dropouts (#)
Black									
2013	11.5	6.6	146	20	25.7	913	17.8	22.7	301
2014	12.7	12.3	74	18	24.2	976	13.5	20.1	266
2015	11.4	11.4	94	15.8	22	963	14.5	18.8	252
White									
2013	7.1	5.4	129	8.3	9.3	59	10.4	8.6	43
2014	6.5	5.5	109	7.4	8.5	55	7.3	9.1	46
2015	7.3	6.6	125	5.5	10.9	57	5.6	9.5	41

Source: US Census Bureau, 2015 American Community Survey (ACS)

Source: New Jersey Department of Education

