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Exploring South Jersey

In what ways does the South Jersey region continue to change? What are some of the most vital changes that have occurred in the last 10 years? Join with WRI as we explore the answers to these questions. Drawing from federal and local sources, we will seek to identify and trace some of the most important shifts in demographics and other issues that continue to impact the region.



Across the South Jersey region as a whole, the population has increased on average by about 4.8%. There were also increases in educational attainment and income over this same period. In order to establish an ongoing picture of the South Jersey Region, WRI will look at issues impacting each of the counties of which the region is comprised: Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, and Salem.

Did you know that of the seven counties of South Jersey, Gloucester County had the highest percentage increase in population, an increase of 17.2%? This is in contrast to Cape May County, which actually had a 5% decrease in population, the only county that had a population decrease over the same period. Interestingly, income within Cape May County significantly increased. What accounts for the higher population increase in Gloucester County? Why did Cape May County have a slight population decrease, while each of the other counties had gains in population? How is it that income increased while population had a slight decline in Cape May during the same period?

We will be exploring the answers to these questions and more over the next several months. Keep reading the newsletter and visit our website, <http://wrand.rutgers.edu>, as we continue to investigate, in greater detail, issues affecting each of the seven counties.

Stay tuned for our next feature on Atlantic County.

DON'T FORGET!!!

***12th Annual
Walter and Leah Rand
Awards and Scholarship
Dinner***

Thursday, May 2, 2013

Valenzano Winery

Shamong, NJ

6:00 PM

Honorees include:

Senator Donald Norcross
NJ 5th Legislative District

Gerald Shreiber
J&J Snack Foods

Bruce Main
Urban Promise

SPOTLIGHT

- Curtis Williams is our new Graduate Assistant for Spring 2013. He earned his BA in History and African Studies from Rutgers—Camden and a MA in Humanities and Social Thought from NYU. Curtis is currently a student in the Ph.D. program in Public Affairs-Community Development at Rutgers—Camden.
- Michael DeLeon is our new Project Assistant working with the Camden and Vineland Youth Prevention Policy Boards. He has a BS in Business Administration from Wilmington University. He is currently taking classes in the Rutgers Master of Social Work program.

Check out these and more news at our updated website: [HTTP://WRAND.RUTGERS.EDU/](http://wrand.rutgers.edu)
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