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Spotlight on Camden County

Camden County was formed in 1844 from portions of Gloucester County. It has a land area of 221.26 square miles. The county is divided into 37 municipalities, comprised of 27 boroughs, 8 townships, and 2 cities. As of the 2010 Census, the population density is 2,321.5 persons per square mile.

In 1869, Joseph Campbell and Abram Anderson founded a preserving company, which eventually became Campbell Soup Company, and continues to maintain its World Headquarters in the city of Camden. The opening of the Delaware River Bridge in 1926 opened the possibility for commuters to work in Philadelphia while living in Camden. The opening of the Betsy Ross Bridge in 1965 and development of high speed rail transportation between Camden and Philadelphia helped push the county's population over the half-million mark.

The most recent population estimate for 2012 is 513,539. This reflects a negligible population growth near 1% since 2000. This is in comparison to a statewide population growth of 5.4% over the same period. The highest populated municipality is the City of Camden (77,739) and the lowest populated municipality is Tavistock Borough (4).



Spring 2014 Faculty Fellow: Dr. Bernadette West

WRI is pleased to announce that our Spring 2014 Faculty Fellow is Dr. Bernadette West of the Rutgers University School of Public Health, where she serves as Associate Dean of Student Affairs and Associate Professor of Health Systems and Policy. She teaches several graduate courses, including Public Health Applications in Developing Countries, which includes a field experience in the Dominican Republic where students work with Haitian migrant sugarcane workers and their families.



Dr. West holds a Ph.D. in Urban Planning and Policy from Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey and has spent several years working with community agencies on a variety of health planning and health assessment projects. Her research has focused on violence and disability, as well as community health assessment. She also serves as Program Director for the Bridging the Gaps Community Health Internship Program, which pairs students in the health and social services fields with community organizations to address community-defined needs.

During her tenure as a WRI faculty fellow, Dr. West will be working on a project entitled, "Mapping Public Health Coalitions in South Jersey." This project will effectively map where health coalitions have formed in South Jersey, identify their geographic reach, and provide recommendations for areas where public health coalitions can "work smarter" and have a stronger positive impact on public health outcomes in the southern New Jersey region. She will present her findings at the WRI Forum About South Jersey later in 2014.

Save the Date!!

The 13th Annual Walter and Leah Rand Awards & Scholarship Dinner is coming on May 1st, 2014 at the Battleship New Jersey.

SPOTLIGHT

- Marcus Woods received his B.A. from McDaniel College in English and his M.P.A. from Rutgers-Camden. He is a 4th year doctoral student in Childhood Studies. Marcus primarily works on the Amachi and Center for Family Services projects.
- Pierce Hacking is a senior in the Honors College at Rutgers-Camden and is enrolled in the B.A./M.A. dual degree program in Criminal Justice. Pierce is primarily working on the Municipal Planning & Prevention projects.
- Sharmistha Chowdhury is a graduate of the University of Maryland College Park with a B.A. in Criminology and Criminal Justice. She is currently pursuing a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice at Rutgers-Camden. Sharmistha currently works on the Pascale-Sykes and Prevention projects.

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