

APPENDIX M

ANALYSIS OF DEMOGRAPHIC AND HOUSING TREND 1990- 2000

PURPOSE

The purpose of this analysis is to identify areas of interest for the future development by comparing demographic and housing trends between 1990 and 2000 in the City of Newark.

ANALYSIS

Black Population

There was no significant change seen in black population during the decade between 1990 and 2000. Extremely high concentrations of blacks in South, West and Central Wards, however, concentrations began to rise outside the core city area. In addition, the North Ward experienced a rise in percentage of blacks as well, indicating a slow growing trend in different parts of the city.

Hispanic Population

The Hispanic population bolstered its high concentration in the North Ward from 1990 to 2000. It seems that many of the Hispanics residing in the Central Ward have shifted up to the southern section of the North Ward. The higher percentages of Hispanics in the Central Ward seem to have migrated to the North Ward. The relatively high concentration of Hispanics in the East Ward persisted in this ten-year period.

Percent Below Poverty Level

The year 2000 saw a slight drop in the overall poverty levels throughout the city. While the tracts that had the highest poverty level in 1990 did not experience any significant drop, a small cluster of tracts in the middle of the Central Ward saw a marked improvement. The remainder of the Central Ward maintained the highest poverty levels,

but the surrounding wards saw a slow but steady improvement in the quality of their residents' lives.

Percent Owned Occupied Housing

The Upper part of the Central Ward experienced the most substantial improvement in ownership status during this period. Most of the tracts had low percentages of homeowners in 1990, however, ownership steadily increased around the center and west part of the ward by the year 2000. The southeastern tracts in the Central Ward showed little change, as did most of the other wards.

Percent of Population Age 0 to 5

The city of Newark experienced a large growth in this already large population of people. This trend is most evident in the South, West, and North wards. The other noticeable change was a drop in percentage in a few tracts around the center of Central Ward.

Percent Age 65 and Up

The highest concentrations of elderly population in 1990 disappeared during this decade, resulting in moderate percentages concentrations throughout the city. Considering the rapid increase of the 0 to 5 year old group, and the drop in the elderly population, the City of Newark seems to be experiencing a major shift in the age structure.

Female-Headed Household 2000

The highest percentages of female-headed householders were found in the northern part of the South Ward, and the southern part of the Central Ward. The concentrations seemed to fall the further away you get from the center of the city. This pattern seemed to coincide with the distribution of poverty discussed earlier.