

MERCER COUNTY

AT A GLANCE



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SELECTED DEFINITIONS

- Asian & Other -** This represents a total of the Census categories American Indian or Alaskan Native, Asian, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, Other, Two Races and Three or More Races. Census data (2000) may be available for more specific categories.
- Hispanic Origin -** Origin can be viewed as the ancestry, national group lineage, or country of birth of the person or person's parents, or ancestors before their arrival in the United States. Persons of Hispanic Origin may be of any race. Specific Origin for 2000 may include Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban and Other Hispanic.
- Household -** Includes all the persons who occupy a housing unit.
- Labor Force -** Labor Force is the sum of employment and unemployment. Labor Force represents the number of people in a municipality who work or who are seeking work.
- Multi-Family Housing Unit -** These are units in structures containing 2 or more housing units, further categorized as units in structures with 2, 3 or 4, 5 to 9, 10 to 19, 20 to 49, and 50 or more units.
- Persons Per Household -** This number is obtained by dividing the number of persons in households by the number of households (or householders).
- Per Capita Income -** Per Capita Income (PCI) is the estimated average amount per person of total money income received during the calendar year 1989 for all persons residing in a given political jurisdiction. The per capita and median household income figures provided for 1999 were reported in the 2000 Census.
- Private Sector Employment (Private Sector Covered Jobs) -** Covered employment is a monthly count of full and part-time employees, who earned wages during the pay period including the 12th of the month, as reported quarterly by employers covered by the New Jersey Unemployment Compensation Law. Basically, any employer paying at least \$1,000 in wages in the current or preceding calendar year is covered. Jobs not covered by the law fall mainly into the categories of self-employed and unpaid family workers or certain agricultural and in-home domestic workers. Private Sector employment represents the number of jobs (private sector covered) in a municipality. 2000 numbers were unavailable for municipalities at the time of printing.
- Race -** The federal government considers race and Hispanic origin to be two separate and distinct concepts. For Census 2000, the questions on race and Hispanic origin were asked of every individual living in the United States. The question on race for Census 2000 was different from the one for the 1990 census in several ways. Most significantly, respondents were given the option of selecting one or more race categories to indicate their racial identities.
- Single Family Housing Unit -** This represents a total of the Census categories 1-Unit Detached and 1-Unit Attached. A 1-Unit Detached structure is detached from any other structure. Such structures are considered detached even if they have an adjoining shed or garage. Mobile homes or trailers to which one or more permanent rooms have been added or built are also included. A 1-Unit attached structure has one or more walls extending from ground to roof separating it from adjoining structures. This includes row houses, townhouses, and semi-detached homes.

MERCER COUNTY AT A GLANCE

GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY

Mercer County is 226 square miles and sixteenth in size of the twenty-one New Jersey counties. About 1.7 million people live within twenty-five miles of Mercer County and one-tenth of the population of the United States lives within a seventy-five mile radius of the County. Mercer County was formed in 1838 from parts of Burlington, Middlesex, Somerset, and Hunterdon Counties. Mercer County consists of thirteen municipalities, including Trenton, which serves as both State Capital and County seat.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Population	
2000 (Census)	350,761
1990 (Census)	325,824
2025 Forecast	404,850
Density (pop./sq. mile, 2000)	1,552
Racial Composition, 2000	
White	240,206
Black	69,502
Asian & Other	41,053
Persons of Hispanic Origin, 2000	33,898
Median Age, 2000	36.0
Total Households, 2000	125,807
Persons Per Household, 2000	2.62
Household Income, 1999 (median)	\$56,612
Per Capita Income, 1999	
	1989 \$18,936
	1999 \$27,914

Source: US Census Bureau & NJ Department of Labor,
2025 Forecast: DVRPC, Feb 2002

HOUSING

Total Housing Units	
1990 (Census)	123,666
2000 (Census)	133,280
Occupied, 2000	125,807
Owner	84,338
Renter	41,469
Vacant, 2000	7,473
Single-Family, 2000	94,614
Multi-Family, 2000	38,666
Res. Bldg. Permits Issued, 2002	1,417

Source: US Census Bureau & NJ Department of Labor

TAXES

Net Taxable Value	\$21,446,756,272
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Source: County Board of Taxation, 2002

EMPLOYMENT

Labor Force, Year 2000	180,299
Private Sector Employment	
1990	113,135
2000	145,564

Source: NJ Department of Labor

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Total Enrollment, 1999-2000	56,359
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Mercer County has Special Services Schools which served 766 youth and two County Vocational & Technical High Schools which served 367 youth in 1999-2000.

FORM OF GOVERNMENT

County Executive/Board of Chosen Freeholders

SEWER & WATER

Water/Sewer: see municipal data

RECREATION

Belle Mountain Picnic Area, Dam Site 21, Equestrian Center/Curlis Lake Woods, Herrontown Woods Arboretum, Howell Living History Farm, Indoor Tennis Center, Mercer County Park, Mercer Oaks Golf Course, Mountainview Golf Course, Princeton Country Club & Picnic Area, Roebling Park, Mercer County Park Northwest, Valley Road Picnic Area, Baldpate Mountain

MERCER COUNTY AT A GLANCE

NUMBER OF BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS BY INDUSTRY

Industry Description	Industry NAICS Code	1999	2001
Forestry, fishing, hunting, agriculture support	11	4	8
Mining	21	4	2
Utilities	22	10	11
Construction	23	735	721
Manufacturing	31	354	329
Wholesale trade	42	460	438
Retail trade	44	1,408	1,391
Transportation & warehousing	48	154	151
Information	51	201	215
Finance & insurance	52	630	1,170
Real estate, rental & leasing	53	290	296
Professional, scientific & technical services	54	1,384	1,562
Management of companies & enterprises	55	79	88
Admin., support, waste mgt., remediation svcs.	56	531	576
Educational services	61	160	177
Health care & social svcs.	62	987	1,039
Arts, entertainment & recreation	71	125	128
Accommodation & food svcs.	72	679	688
Other svcs. (except public admin.)	81	984	988
Auxiliaries (exec corp, subsidiary & reg. Mgmt)	95	19	20
Unclassified establishments	99	119	90
County Total		9,317	10,088

Source: US Bureau of the Census, County Business Patterns, New Jersey, 2003, www.census.gov

Note: Prior to 1998 County Business Patterns were tracked using SIC codes, They are now tracked using NAICS codes, therefore previous data cannot be compared using a one-to-one comparison. For example, the agriculture category has been completely changed. For further information visit the census website.

Public sector jobs are a significant factor in Mercer County's employment picture, particularly in the City of Trenton and Ewing Township. These jobs are held not only by County residents, but by non-county residents as well.

Government Covered Jobs, December 2001

	Jobs
Federal	3,072
State	39,116
Local	18,228
Total	60,416

Source: NJDOL, NJ State Data Center. Employment and Wages Covered by Unemployment Insurance: Trends in Employment and Wages Covered by Unemployment Insurance (SIC Based) 2000, www.wnjp.in.net/OneStopCareerCenter/LaborMarketInformation/lmi14/index.html

<http://www.mercercounty.org/>

MERCER COUNTY AT A GLANCE

TRANSPORTATION

Suburban Transit Bus
NJ Transit Bus & Rail
SEPTA Rail Service
Trenton - Mercer Airport
Trenton-Robbinsville Airport

HOSPITALS

Capital Health Systems at Fuld
Capital Health Systems at Mercer
The Medical Center at Princeton
Mercer County Geriatric Center
Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Hamilton
St. Francis Medical Center
St. Lawrence Rehabilitation Center

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Mercer County Library Services:
 Ewing Branch
 Hickory Corner Branch (East Windsor)
 Hightstown Memorial Branch
 Hollowbrook Memorial Branch
 Hopewell Branch
 Lawrence Headquarters Branch
 Twin Rivers Branch (East Windsor)
 Washington Branch
 West Windsor Branch

Hamilton Township Public Library
Pennington Public Library
Princeton Public Library
Trenton Public Library

PUBLIC & PRIVATE COLLEGES

The College of New Jersey
Mercer County Community College
Princeton Theological Seminary
Princeton University
Rider University
Thomas A. Edison College
Westminster Choir College of Rider University

STATE PARKS

Assunpink Wildlife Management Area
Baldwin Lake Wildlife Management Area
Delaware & Raritan Canal State Park
Princeton Battlefield State Park
Van Ness Wildlife Management Area
Washington Crossing State Park

EAST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP AT A GLANCE

GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY

East Windsor Township is 15.6 square miles of generally level terrain. On March 9, 1750 "Windsor Township" was designated by King George II and the settlement was pioneered by the John Ely family. In 1797, Windsor Township was divided by an act of the New Jersey State Legislature into East and West Windsor Township. Twin Rivers, New Jersey's first Planned Unit Development of residential and light industrial uses, is located in East Windsor.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Population	
2000 (Census)	24,919
1990 (Census)	22,353
2025 Forecast	35,150
Density (pop./sq. mile) 2000	1,597
Racial Composition, 2000	
White	18,545
Black	2,217
Asian & Other	4,157
Persons of Hispanic Origin, 2000	3,559
Median Age, 2000	35.6
Total Households, 2000	9,448
Persons Per Household, 2000	2.61
Household Income, 1999 (median)	\$63,616
Per Capita Income	
1989	\$21,269
1999	\$28,695

*Source: US Census Bureau & NJ Department of Labor,
2025 Forecast: DVRPC, Feb 2002*

HOUSING

Total Housing Units	
1990 (Census)	9,069
2000 (Census)	9,880
Occupied, 2000	9,448
Owner	5,779
Renter	3,669
Vacant, 2000	432
Single-Family, 2000	6,821
Multi-Family, 2000	3,059
Res. Bldg. Permits Issues, 2002	101

Source: US Census Bureau & NJ Department of Labor

TAXES

Net Taxable Value	\$1,224,024,531
County Equalization Ratio	87.85%
General Tax Rate Per \$100	3.67

Source: County Board of Taxation, 2002

EMPLOYMENT

Labor Force, 2000	14,352
Private Sector Employment	
1980	6,366
1990	8,516

Source: NJ Department of Labor

Major Employers:

McGraw-Hill
Rhoex
Besam
Shiseido America, Inc.
Conair Corporation

Source: County Division of Economic Development

PUBLIC SCHOOL

Grades K-8, East Windsor Regional Schools
Grades 9-12, Hightstown High School

Total Enrollment, 1999-2000 **4,304**
(East Windsor and Hightstown combined)

FORM OF GOVERNMENT

Council/Manager

SEWER & WATER

Water: East Windsor Twp. MUA, Private Wells
Sewer: East Windsor Twp. MUA, Private Wells

RECREATION

Brook Tree Park
Etra Lake Park
Veterans Park
Wiltshire Park
East Windsor Park
Turnpike Park

EWING TOWNSHIP AT A GLANCE

GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY

Ewing Township is 15.1 square miles and is partly bordered by the Delaware River. Largely settled by Scotch and British from Long Island in 1700, Ewing Township was severed from the City of Trenton in 1834, taking its name from Chief Justice Charles Ewing. Many important state and county facilities are located in Ewing Township, including the College of New Jersey and Trenton - Mercer Airport.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Population	
2000 (Census)	35,707
1990 (Census)	34,185
2025 Forecast	39,020
Density (pop./sq. mile), 2000	2,365
Racial Composition, 2000	
White	24,645
Black	8,863
Asian & Other	2,199
Persons of Hispanic Origin, 2000	1,586
Median Age, 2000	37
Total Households, 2000	12,551
Persons Per Household, 2000	2.45
Household Income, 1999 (median)	\$57,274
Per Capita Income	
	1989 \$18,102
	1999 \$24,268

*Source: US Census Bureau & NJ Department of Labor,
2025 Forecast: DVRPC, Feb 2002*

HOUSING

Total Housing Units	
1990 (Census)	12,518
2000 (Census)	12,924
Occupied, 2000	12,551
Owner	9,286
Renter	3,265
Vacant, 2000	373
Single-Family, 2000	9,911
Multi-Family, 2000	3013
Res. Bldg. Permits Issued, 2002	101

Source: US Census Bureau, NJ Department of Labor

TAXES

Net Taxable Value	\$1,727,616,303
County Equalization Ratio	89.25%
General Tax Rate Per \$100	3.54

Source: County Board of Taxation, 2002

EMPLOYMENT

Labor Force, 2000	30,029
Private Sector Employment	
1980	12,803
1990	14,622

Source: NJ Department of Labor

Major Employers:

- State of New Jersey
- New Jersey Manufacturers Insurance Company
- Homasote

Source: County Division of Economic Development

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Grades K-8, Ewing Township Schools	
Grades 9-12, Ewing High School	
Total Enrollment, 1999 - 2000	3,912

FORM OF GOVERNMENT Mayor/Council

SEWER & WATER

Water: Trenton City Water Department
Sewer: Ewing-Lawrence Sewerage Authority

RECREATION

- Armstrong Park
- Hollowbrook Park
- Moody Park
- Rambling Creek Park
- Banchoff Park
- Temple Park

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP AT A GLANCE

GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY

Hamilton Township is 39.4 square miles, one of Mercer County's largest and most populated municipalities. Hamilton Township was originally Nottingham Township from 1692 to when it was incorporated in 1842. Hamilton Township experienced much industrial and residential development like its neighbor, Trenton, and has continued to grow residentially since World War II. Farming is active in the rural areas of the Township, in contrast to the numerous commercial and shopping centers located throughout the Township.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Population	
2000 (Census)	87,109
1990 (Census)	86,553
2025 Forecast	95,200
Density (pop./sq. mile), 2000	2,211
Racial Composition, 2000	
White	74,173
Black	7,112
Asian & Other	5,824
Persons of Hispanic Origin, 2000	4,471
Median Age, 2000	39.1
Total Households, 2000	33,523
Persons Per Household, 2000	2.67
Household Income, 1999 (Median)	\$57,110
Per Capita Income	
1989	\$17,635
1999	\$25,441

Source: US Census Bureau & NJ Department of Labor,
2025 Forecast: DVRPC, Feb 2002

HOUSING

Total Housing Units	
1990 (Census)	33,457
2000 (Census)	34,535
Occupied, 2000	33,523
Owner	25,165
Renter	8,358
Vacant, 2000	1,012
Single-Family, 2000	26,116
Multi-Family, 2000	8,354
Res. Bldg. Permits Issued, 2002	391

Source: US Census, NJ Department of Labor

TAXES

Net Taxable Value	\$4,719,479,979
County Equalization Ratio	96.06%
General Tax Rate Per \$100	2.84

Source: County Board of Taxation, 2002

EMPLOYMENT

Labor Force, 2000	69,435
Private Sector Employment	
1980	18,969
1990	21,611

Source: NJ Department of Labor

Major Employers:

TRANE Co.
Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital
Congoleum Corporation

Source: County Division of Economic Development

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Grade K-8, Hamilton Township Schools
Grades 9-12, Hamilton Township Schools
(East, West & North)

Total Enrollment, 1999 - 2000 **13,122**

FORM OF GOVERNMENT

Mayor/Council

SEWER & WATER

Water: Trenton City Water Department
Garden State Water Company
Private Wells
Sewer: Hamilton Township Pollution Control Board
Private Septic

RECREATION

Kuser Park
Shadybrook Park
Veterans Park
Sayen Park
Switlik Park

HIGHTSTOWN BOROUGH AT A GLANCE

GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY

Hightstown Borough is 1.2 square miles and is entirely surrounded by East Windsor Township. One of the earliest settled communities in New Jersey, Hightstown derived its name from the Haight family, but was confused as "Hidestown", "Icetown", or "Night Town" during the Revolutionary War. The Peddie School, founded in 1851, is still thriving and is Hightstown's most popular landmark. Hightstown was incorporated in 1853.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Population		
2000 (Census)	5,216	
1990 (Census)	5,126	
2025 Forecast	5,220	
Density (pop./sq. mile), 2000	4,347	
Racial Composition, 2000		
White	3,992	
Black	444	
Asian & Other	780	
Persons of Hispanic Origin, 2000	1,046	
Median Age, 2000	35.5	
Total Households, 2000	2,001	
Persons Per Household, 2000	2.60	
Household Income, 1999 (median)	\$64,299	
Per Capita Income		
1989	\$19,448	
1999	\$28,605	

Source: US Census Bureau & NJ Department of Labor, 2025 Forecast: DVRPC, Feb 2002

HOUSING

Total Housing Units		
1990 (Census)	2,151	
2000 (Census)	2,081	
Occupied, 2000	2,001	
Owner	1,200	
Renter	801	
Vacant, 2000	80	
Single-Family, 2000	1,227	
Multi-Family, 2000	854	
Res. Bldg. Permits Issued, 2002	11	

Source: US Census, NJ Department of Labor

TAXES

Net Taxable Value	\$212,366,003
County Equalization Ratio	85.79%
General Tax Rate Per \$100	4.46

Source: County Board of Taxation, 2002

<http://www.hightstownborough.com/>

EMPLOYMENT

Labor Force, 2000	4,136
Private Sector Employment	
1980	2,914
1990	2,746

Source: NJ Department of Labor

Major Employers:

- Coca-Cola Foods
- Peddie School
- Cricket Converters
- Minute Maid (CCL Label)

Source: County Division of Economic Development

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Grades K-8, East Windsor Regional Schools	
Grades 9-12, East Windsor-Hightstown High School	
Total Enrollment, 1999 - 2000	4,304
(East Windsor and Hightstown combined)	

FORM OF GOVERNMENT

Borough Council

SEWER & WATER

Water: Hightstown Borough Water Department
Sewer: Borough of Hightstown

RECREATION

Dawes Park
Grant Street Park

HOPEWELL BOROUGH AT A GLANCE

GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY

Hopewell Borough is 0.8 square miles surrounded by Hopewell Township. The village of Hopewell was the birthplace of John Hart, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. Hopewell Borough became incorporated in 1891 and retains its colonial village character within its Victorian-era neighborhoods at the foot of the Sourland Mountains.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Population	
2000 (Census)	2,035
1990 (Census)	1,968
2025 Forecast	2,040
Density (pop./sq. mile), 2000	2,544
Racial Composition, 2000	
White	1,942
Black	22
Asian & Other	71
Persons of Hispanic Origin, 2000	47
Median Age, 2000	39.7
Total Households, 2000	813
Persons Per Household, 2000	2.50
Household Income, 1999 (median)	\$77,270
Per Capita Income	
1989	\$21,659
1999	\$38,413

Source: US Census Bureau & NJ Department of Labor, 2025 Forecast: DVRPC, Feb 2002

HOUSING

Total Housing Units	
1990 (Census)	801
2000 (Census)	836
Occupied, 2000	813
Owner	592
Renter	221
Vacant, 2000	23
Single-Family, 2000	639
Multi-Family 2000	197
Res. Bldg. Permits Issued, 2002	1

Source: US Census, NJ Department of Labor

TAXES

Net Taxable Value	\$154,202,003
County Equalization Ratio	81.12%
General Tax Rate Per \$100	3.26

Source: County Board of Taxation, 2002

EMPLOYMENT

Labor Force, 2000	1,567
Private Sector Employment	
1980	380
1990	451

Source: NJ Department of Labor

Major Employers:

Dana Communications

Source: County Division of Economic Development

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Grades K-8, Hopewell Valley Regional Schools	
Grades 9-12, Hopewell Valley Central High School	
Total Enrollment, 1999 - 2000	3,546
<i>(Hopewell Borough, Hopewell Township, and Pennington Borough combined)</i>	

FORM OF GOVERNMENT

Borough Council

SEWER & WATER

Water: Hopewell Borough Water Department
 Sewer: Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority

RECREATION

Borough Park

HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP AT A GLANCE

GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY

Hopewell Township is 58 square miles of rolling hills and valleys and is Mercer County's largest municipality by area. In 1777, General George Washington crossed the Delaware River from Pennsylvania and landed in Hopewell Township before leading the surprise attack on Trenton. Incorporated in 1798, Hopewell Township is still a mostly rural community with some office campus developments.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Population	
2000 (Census)	16,105
1990 (Census)	11,590
2025 Forecast	23,050
Density (pop./sq.mile), 2000	278
Racial Composition, 2000	
White	14,220
Black	939
Asian & Other	946
Persons of Hispanic Origin, 2000	395
Median Age, 2000	39.1
Total Households, 2000	5,498
Persons Per Household, 2000	2.77
Household Income, 1999 (median)	\$93,640
Per Capita Income	
1989	\$29,397
1999	\$43,947

Source: US Census Bureau & NJ Department of Labor,
2025 Forecast: DVRPC, Feb 2002

HOUSING

Total Housing Units	
1990 (Census)	4,071
2000 (Census)	5,629
Occupied, 2000	5,498
Owner	5,109
Renter	389
Vacant, 2000	131
Single-Family, 2000	5,394
Multi-Family, 2000	235
Res. Bldg. Permits Issued, 2002	85

Source: US Census, NJ Department of Labor

TAXES

Net Taxable Value	\$2,126,614,562
County Equalization Ratio	88.45%
General Tax Rate Per \$100	2.66

Source: County Board of Taxation, 2002

EMPLOYMENT

Labor Force, 2000	12,310
Private Sector Employment	
1980	2,754
1990	3,014

Source: NJ Department of Labor

Major Employer:

Merrill Lynch
Janssen Pharmaceutica
Bristol-Myers Squibb
Trap Rock Industries
84 Lumber Co.

Source: County Division of Economic Development

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Grades K-8, Hopewell Valley Regional Schools
Grades 9-12, Hopewell Valley Central High School

Total Enrollment,
1999 - 2000 **3,546**

(Hopewell Borough, Hopewell Township, and
Pennington Borough combined)

FORM OF GOVERNMENT

Township Committee

SEWER & WATER

Water: Trenton City Water Department
Hopewell Township MUA
Private Wells

Sewer: Ewing-Lawrence Sewerage Authority
Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority
Private Septic

RECREATION

Municipal Ballfields

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP AT A GLANCE

GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY

Lawrence Township is 21.9 square miles and is located in the heart of Mercer County. Originally called Maidenhead in the late 1600s, Lawrence Township was noted for its rich, fertile soil. Renamed after Captain John Lawrence, a naval hero of 1812, Lawrence has experienced much commercial and residential development yet still has many rural qualities. Lawrenceville School, a private coeducational school, is one of the largest historical sites in Mercer County.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Population	
2000 (Census)	29,159
1990 (Census)	25,787
2025 Forecast	41,010
Density (pop./sq. mile), 2000	1,331
Racial Composition, 2000	
White	23,101
Black	2,707
Asian & Other	3,351
Persons of Hispanic Origin, 2000	1,344
Median Age, 2000	36.7
Total Households, 2000	10,797
Persons Per Household, 2000	2.49
Household Income, 1999 (median)	\$67,959
Per Capita Income	
1989	\$23,605
1999	\$33,120

*Source: US Census Bureau & NJ Department of Labor,
2025 Forecast: DVRPC, Feb 2002*

HOUSING

Total Housing Units	
1990 (Census)	9,640
2000 (Census)	11,180
Occupied, 2000	10,797
Owner	7,640
Renter	3,157
Vacant, 2000	383
Single-Family, 2000	7,739
Multi-Family, 2000	3,441
Res. Bldg. Permits Issued, 2002	224

Source: US Census, NJ Department of Labor

TAXES

Net Taxable Value	\$2,554,498,658
County Equalization Ratio	89.91%
General Tax Rate Per \$100	2.86

Source: County Board of Taxation, 2002

EMPLOYMENT

Labor Force, 2000	23,687
Private Sector Employment	
1980	15,760
1990	21,496

Source: NJ Department of Labor

Major Employers:

Bristol-Myers Squibb
Educational Testing Service
Rider University
Lenox
Lawrenceville School
St. Lawrence Rehab Center

Source: County Division of Economic Development

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Grades K-8, Lawrence Township Schools
Grades 9-12, Lawrence High School
Total Enrollment, 1999 - 2000 **3,791**
*(Includes High School students from
Washington Township)*

FORM OF GOVERNMENT

Council/Manager

SEWER & WATER

Water: Elizabethtown Water Company
Lawrenceville Water Company
Trenton City Water Department
Private Wells
Sewer: Ewing-Lawrence Sewerage Authority
Private Septic

RECREATION

Central Park
Colonial Lake Park
Village Park

PENNINGTON BOROUGH AT A GLANCE

GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY

Pennington Borough is 1.0 square mile. Like Hopewell Borough, Pennington is surrounded by Hopewell Township. Originally known as Queenstown, there was much trade with the local Indians during the 1700's until Pennington was occupied by raucous British and Hessian troops during the American Revolution. Today, thriving retail stores can be found amidst preserved eighteenth and nineteenth century buildings.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Population	
2000 (Census)	2,696
1990 (Census)	2,537
2025 Forecast	2,850
Density (pop./sq. mile), 2000	2,696
White	2,560
Black	71
Asian & Other	65
Persons of Hispanic Origin, 2000	32
Median Age, 2000	41.3
Total Households, 2000	1,013
Persons Per Household, 2000	2.66
Household Income, 1999 (median)	\$67,959
Per Capita Income	
1989	\$29,423
1999	\$33,120

Source: US Census Bureau & NJ Department of Labor, 2025 Forecast: DVRPC, Feb 2002

HOUSING

Total Housing Units	
1990 (Census)	947
2000 (Census)	1040
Occupied, 2000	1013
Owner	861
Renter	152
Vacant, 2000	27
Single-Family, 2000	884
Multi-Family, 2000	156
Res. Bldg. Permits Issued, 2002	0

Source: US Census, NJ Department of Labor

TAXES

Net Taxable Value	\$229,866,815
County Equalization Ratio	74.80%
General Tax Rate Per \$100	3.51

Source: County Board of Taxation, 2002

EMPLOYMENT

Labor Force, 2000	1,985
Private Sector Employment	
1980	597
1990	1,105

Source: NJ Department of Labor

Major Employers:

- Mercer Mutual Insurance Company
- Pennington Market
- Pennington School

Source: County Division of Economic Development

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Grades K-8, Hopewell Valley Regional Schools	
Grades 9-12, Hopewell Valley Central High School	
Total Enrollment, 1999 - 2000	3,546
<i>(Hopewell Borough, Hopewell Township, and Pennington Borough combined)</i>	

FORM OF GOVERNMENT

Borough Council

SEWER & WATER

- Water: Pennington Water Department
- Sewer: Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority

RECREATION

- Kunkel Park
- Sked Street Park

PRINCETON BOROUGH AT A GLANCE

GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY

Princeton Borough is 1.8 square miles and is entirely surrounded by Princeton Township. Nassau Street, the Borough's main street, was once an Indian trail which later became the King's Highway in the colonial days. After the American Revolution, Nassau Hall was temporarily used as the young nation's capitol. Today, downtown Princeton boasts numerous retail shops surrounded by historically preserved residential neighborhoods.

DEMOGRAPHIC

Total Population	
2000 (Census)	14,203
1990 (Census)	12,016
2025 Forecast	14,100
Density (pop./sq. mile), 2000	7,891
Racial Composition, 2000	
White	11,399
Black	908
Asian & Other	1,896
Persons of Hispanic Origin, 2000	1,009
Median Age, 2000	24.7
Total Households, 2000	3,326
Persons Per Household, 2000	2.20
Household Income, 1999 (median)	\$67,346
Per Capita Income	
1989	\$21,551
1999	\$27,292

Source: US Census Bureau & NJ Department of Labor, 2025 Forecast: DVRPC, Feb 2002

HOUSING

Total Housing Units	
1990 (Census)	3,514
2000 (Census)	3,495
Occupied, 2000	3,326
Owner	1,557
Renter	1,769
Vacant, 2000	169
Single-Family, 2000	2,201
Multi-Family, 2000	1,294
Res. Bldg. Permits Issued, 2002	3

Source: US Census, NJ Department of Labor

TAXES

Net Taxable Value	\$1,006,628,412
County Equalization Ratio	75.36%
General Tax Rate Per \$100	2.81

Source: County Board of Taxation, 2002

EMPLOYMENT

Labor Force, 2000	12,945
Private Sector Employment	
1980	14,188
1990	18,857

Source: NJ Department of Labor

Major Employers:

Princeton University
 The Medical Center at Princeton
 Princeton University Press
 The Gallup Organization

Source: County Division of Economic Development

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Grades K-8, Princeton Regional Schools
 Grades 9-12, Princeton High School
Total Enrollment, 1999 - 2000 **3,241**
(Princeton Borough and Princeton Township combined. Includes High School students from Cranbury Township.)

FORM OF GOVERNMENT Borough Council

SEWER & WATER

Water: Elizabethtown Water Company
 Sewer: Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority

RECREATION

Community Park North
 Community Park South
 Marquand Park
 Quarry Park & Playground

PRINCETON TOWNSHIP AT A GLANCE

GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY

Princeton Township is 16.3 square miles of mostly gently rolling hills and some level terrain and is one of the most affluent communities in New Jersey. In 1697, early settlers Richard and Susannah Stockton acquired 5,500 acres from William Penn. Revolutionary War battles raged throughout Princeton Township. The Mercer Oak, near Princeton Pike, was near the site of the famous battle of Princeton. Princeton Township was organized in 1837.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Population	
2000 (Census)	16,027
1990 (Census)	13,198
2025 Forecast	17,530
Density (pop./sq. mile), 2000	983
Racial Composition, 2000	
White	12,807
Black	852
Asian & Other	2,368
Persons of Hispanic Origin, 2000	847
Median Age, 2000	40.8
Total Households, 2000	6,044
Persons Per Household, 2000	2.57
Household Income, 1999 (median)	\$94,850
Per Capita Income	
1989	\$39,767
1999	\$56,360

*Source: US Census Bureau & NJ Department of Labor,
2025 Forecast: DVRPC, Feb 2002*

HOUSING

Total Housing Units	
1990 (Census)	5,554
2000 (Census)	6,224
Occupied, 2000	6,044
Owner	4,242
Renter	1,802
Vacant, 2000	180
Single-Family, 2000	4,935
Multi-Family, 2000	1,289
Res. Bldg. Permits Issued, 2002	17

Source: US Census, NJ Department of Labor

TAXES

Net Taxable Value	\$2,305,362,394
County Equalization Ratio	78.63%
General Tax Rate Per \$100	2.57

Source: County Board of Taxation, 2002

EMPLOYMENT

Labor Force, 2000	12,610
Private Sector Employment	
1980	2,787
1990	8,111

Source: NJ Department of Labor

Major Employers:

Princeton University
Opinion Research Group
Church & Dwight Company, Inc.
Princeton Packet Publications

Source: County Division of Economic Development

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Grades K-8, Princeton Regional Schools
Grades 9-12, Princeton High School
Total Enrollment, 1999 - 2000 **3,241**
*(Princeton Borough and Princeton Township
combined. Includes High School students from
Cranbury Township.)*

FORM OF GOVERNMENT

Township Committee

SEWER & WATER

Water: Elizabethtown Water Company
Private Wells
Sewer: Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority

RECREATION

Community Park North
Community Park South
Turning Basin Park
Institute Woods

CITY OF TRENTON AT A GLANCE

GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY

Trenton, site of both the New Jersey State Capitol and County Seat of Mercer County, is 7.5 square miles and is bordered on the west by the Delaware River. In 1697, a Quaker named Mahlon Stacy established the first grist mill in the area on the Assunpink Creek. In 1777, on Christmas night, General George Washington captured almost 1,000 British and Hessian troops in the surprise attack on Trenton. Trenton became an industrial giant during the 1800s and early 1900s and is now experiencing successful redevelopment.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Population	
2000 (Census)	85,403
1990 (Census)	88,675
2025 Forecast	86,500
Density (pop./sq. mile), 2000	11,387
Racial Composition, 2000	
White	27,802
Black	44,465
Asian & Other	13,136
Persons of Hispanic Origin, 2000	18,391
Median Age, 2000	32.2
Total Households, 2000	29,437
Persons Per Household, 2000	2.75
Household Income, 1999 (median)	\$31,074
Per Capita Income	
1989	\$11,018
1999	\$14,621

Source: US Census Bureau & NJ Department of Labor, 2025 Forecast: DVRPC, Feb 2002

HOUSING

Total Housing Units	
1990 (Census)	33,578
2000 (Census)	33,843
Occupied, 2000	29,437
Owner	13,386
Renter	16,051
Vacant, 2000	4,406
Single-Family, 2000	20,783
Multi-Family, 2000	13,125
Res. Bldg. Permits Issued, 2002	1

Source: US Census, NJ Department of Labor

TAXES

Net Taxable Value	\$1,851,082,630
County Equalization Ratio	100.33%
General Tax Rate Per \$100	3.97

Source: County Board of Taxation, 2002

EMPLOYMENT

Labor Force, 2000	63,856
Private Sector Employment	
1980	26,558
1990	23,225

Source: NJ Department of Labor

Major Employers:

- State of New Jersey
- St. Francis Medical Center
- The Times
- Capital Health Systems
- The Hibbert Group

Source: County Division of Economic Development

FORM OF GOVERNMENT

Mayor/Council

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Grades K-8, Trenton City Schools	
Grades 9-12, Trenton Central High School	
Total Enrollment, 1999 - 2000	13,839

SEWER & WATER

Water: Trenton City Water Department
Sewer: City of Trenton

RECREATION

- Cadwalader Park
- Columbus Park
- Stacy Park
- Trenton Marine Terminal Park

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP AT A GLANCE

GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY

Washington Township is 20.7 square miles with a level, rural landscape. In 1677, land was purchased in this area by Quakers from the Lenni-Lenape Indians. In 1859, Washington Township separated from West Windsor Township. Today, there are many active farming operations in the township as well as light industrial and business centers. Washington Township is at the forefront of planning with its new Town Center Development.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Population	
2000 (Census)	10,275
1990 (Census)	5,815
2025 Forecast	15,080
Density (pop./sq. mile), 2000	496
Racial Composition, 2000	
White	9,350
Black	297
Asian & Other	628
Persons of Hispanic Origin, 2000	279
Median Age, 2000	37.3
Total Households, 2000	4,074
Persons Per Household, 2000	2.52
Household Income, 1999 (median)	\$71,377
Per Capita Income	
1989	\$22,190
1999	\$35,529

Source: US Census Bureau & NJ Department of Labor, 2025 Forecast: DVRPC, Feb 2002

HOUSING

Total Housing Units	
1990 (Census)	2,537
2000 (Census)	4,163
Occupied, 2000	4,074
Owner	3,622
Renter	452
Vacant, 2000	89
Single-Family, 2000	3,381
Multi-Family, 2000	782
Res. Bldg. Permits Issued, 2002	128

Source: US Census, NJ Department of Labor

TAXES

Net Taxable Value	\$818,965,633
County Equalization Ratio	81.38%
General Tax Rate Per \$100	3.39

Source: County Board of Taxation, 2002

EMPLOYMENT

Labor Force, 2000	7,684
Private Sector Employment	
1980	674
1990	1,961

Source: NJ Department of Labor

Major Employers:

Universal Process Equipment
Gaum, Inc.

Source: County Division of Economic Development

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Grades K-8, Washington Township Schools	
Grades 9-12 attend Lawrence Township High School	
Total Enrollment, 1999 - 2000	1,391

FORM OF GOVERNMENT

Township Committee

SEWER & WATER

Water:	Garden State Water Company Private Wells
Sewer:	Hamilton Township Pollution Control Board Private Septic

RECREATION

William Tantum Park
Community Park

WEST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP AT A GLANCE

GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY

West Windsor is 26.8 square miles of generally level land bordered by the Millstone River. Formed on March 9, 1750 "Windsor Township" was ruled by King Charles II, named after the Royal House of Windsor in England and became West Windsor in 1797. The Township grew into a prosperous farming community and has experienced much commercial development along U.S. Route One as well as significant suburban development.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Population		
2000 (Census)	21,907	
1990 (Census)	16,021	
2025 Forecast	28,100	
Density (pop./sq. mile), 2000	817	
Racial Composition, 2000		
White	15,670	
Black	605	
Asian & Other	5,632	
Persons of Hispanic Origin, 2000	892	
Median Age, 2000	37	
Total Households, 2000	7,282	
Persons Per Household, 2000	3.01	
Household Income, 1999 (median)	\$116,335	
Per Capita Income		
	1989	\$30,761
	1999	\$48,511

Source: US Census Bureau & NJ Department of Labor,
2025 Forecast: DVRPC, Feb 2002

HOUSING

Total Housing Units	
1990 (Census)	5,829
2000 (Census)	7,450
Occupied, 2000	7,282
Owner	5,899
Renter	1,383
Vacant, 2000	168
Single-Family, 2000	5,801
Multi-Family, 2000	1,649
Res. Bldg. Permits Issued, 2002	253

Source: US Census & NJ Department of Labor

TAXES

Net Taxable Value	\$2,516,048,349
County Equalization Ratio	73.99%
General Tax Rate Per \$100	3.96

Source: County Board of Taxation, 2002

EMPLOYMENT

Labor Force, 2000	15,640
Private Sector Employment	
1980	5,856
1990	11,114

Source: NJ Department of Labor

Major Employers:

Raytheon
Sarnoff Corporation
Mercer County Community College
The Washington Group

Source: County Division of Economic Development

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Grades K-8, West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional Schools
Grades 9-12, West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional
High School (North and South campuses)

Total Enrollment, 1999 - 2000 **8,078**

(West Windsor Township and Plainsboro Township
combined.)

FORM OF GOVERNMENT Township Committee

SEWER & WATER

Water: Elizabethtown Water Company
Private Well
Sewer: Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority
Hamilton Township Pollution Control Board
Private Septic

RECREATION

Grovers Mill Park
Lewis Chamberlain Park
West Windsor Park
Penn-Lyle Park
Ron Rogers Arboretum
Van Nest Park

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