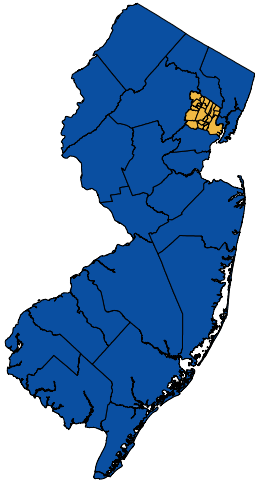


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Employment and Wages¹

Total Private Sector Employment (2024 Average Annual): 279,658

Percent of N.J. Total: 7.6%

2019-2024 Employment Change: +4,047 or +1.5%

Largest Industry (2024 Average Annual): Health Care and Social Assistance

Employment (2024 Average Annual): 54,762

Percent of Total County Employment: 19.6%

Private Sector Wage (2024 Average Annual): County: \$86,979 NJ: \$83,695

Demographics²

Population (July 1, 2024 estimate): 881,527 Percent of NJ Total: 9.3%

Persons Per Square Mile: 6,984.6

Most Populous Municipality (2024 estimate): Newark Population: 317,303

Total Households: 320,791

Average Household Size: County: 2.68 persons NJ: 2.63 persons

Population Characteristics³

Veterans: 16,713

High School Graduate or Higher, 25 Years and Over: County: 85.9% NJ: 90.4%

Bachelor's Degree or Higher, 25 Years and Older: County: 40.5% NJ: 44.5%

Persons Below Poverty Level, Under 18 Years: County: 16.5% NJ: 11.7%

Median Age: County: 38.0 Years NJ: 40.1 Years

Economic Characteristics⁴

Per Capita Personal Income (2023): County: \$80,460 NJ: \$82,103

Rank Among NJ Counties: 8

Unemployment Rate: (2024 Annual Average): County: 5.5% NJ: 4.5%

Total Residential Building Permits (2024): 3,364

Single-Family Residential Building Permits (2024): 311

Mean Travel Time to Work: County: 33.8 Minutes NJ: 31.9 Minutes

Percent of Households with a Broadband Internet Subscription: County: 95.5% NJ: 94.8%

Percent of Residents with Health Insurance Coverage: 87.2%

Percent with Private Insurance: 61.1%

Percent with Public Insurance: 34.4%



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Sources:

¹New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development, *Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages*

Note: Rankings based on data for industries that is published in accordance with guidelines issued by the Bureau of Labor Statistics

²U.S. Census Bureau annual population estimates and American Community Survey 2024 1-Year Estimates

³U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey 2024 1-Year Estimates

⁴U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development Division of Economic and Demographic Research, U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey 2024 1-Year Estimates, and U.S. Census Bureau Manufacturing and Construction Division

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