Sussex County Brief





Employment and Wages¹

Total Private Sector Employment (2021 Average Annual): 30,514

Percent of N.J. Total: 0.9%

2016-2021 Employment Change: -1,088 or -3.4% Largest Industry (2021 Average Annual): Retail Trade

Employment (2021 Average Annual): 5,811 Percent of Total County Employment: 19.0%

Private Sector Wage (2021 Average Annual): County: \$50,854 NJ: \$76,623

Rank Among NJ Counties: 16

2016-2021 Change: +\$9,158 or +22.6%

Demographics²

Population (July 1, 2022 estimate): 146,084

Persons Per Square Mile: 281.7

Most Populous Municipality (2022 estimate): Vernon Population: 22,591

Total Households: 55,401

Average Household Size: County: 2.57 persons NJ: 2.60 persons

Population Characteristics³

Veterans: 6,550

High School Graduate or Higher, 25 Years and Over: County: 95.1% NJ: 91.0% Bachelor's Degree or Higher, 25 Years and Over: County: 40.3% NJ: 43.1% Persons Below Poverty Level, Under 18 Years: County: 7.9% NJ: 14.2%

Median Age: County: 44.8 Years NJ: 39.9 Years

Economic Characteristics⁴

Per Capita Personal Income (2021): County: \$63,283 NJ: \$77,016

Rank Among NJ Counties: 11

Unemployment Rate: (2022 Annual Average): County: 3.7% NJ: 3.7%

Total Residential Building Permits (2022): 265

Single-Family Residential Building Permits (2022): 128

Average Travel Time to Work: County: 34.3 Minutes NJ: 28.6 Minutes

Percent of Households with a Broadband Internet Sunscription: County: 94.8% NJ: 91.9%

Percent of Residents with Health Insurance Coverage: 95.3%

Percent with Private Health Insurance: 78.9%
Percent with Public Health Insurance: 30.0%



Labor Market Facts

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 American Community Survey 2021 1-Year Estimates

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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 2021 1-Year Estimates, and U.S. Census Bureau Manufacturing and Consutruction Division

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