

Measuring Distress in New Jersey

The 2017 Municipal Revitalization Index

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Executive Summary

Background

Formerly known as the Municipal Distress Index (MDI), the Municipal Revitalization Index (MRI) ranks New Jersey's municipalities according to eight separate indicators that measure diverse aspects of social, economic, physical, and fiscal conditions in each locality. Historically, the MRI has been used as a factor in distributing certain "need based" funds. The MRI was most recently updated in 2008.

The Department of Community Affairs (DCA) initially expected to merely update the existing index based on the newest available data. The purpose of that update was to examine the change in the distress rankings over nearly a decade using the same methodology. The eight equally-weighted indicators that constituted the index (below) were updated.

- Average Annual Population Change
- Children on Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) per 1,000 Persons
- Unemployment Rate
- Equalized 3-Year Effective Tax Rate
- Equalized Valuation Per Capita
- Per Capita Income
- Substandard Housing Percentage
- Pre-1960 Housing Percentage

Defining Distress

For the purposes of this report, DCA defines *distress* as "a multi-dimensional municipal condition linked to fiscal, economic, housing, and labor market weakness in conjunction with a resident population that is generally impoverished and in need of social assistance."

Although using the above listed eight indicators to produce previous versions of the MRI accurately reflected some dimensions of distress, the inclusion of three variables not linked to distress led to some unusual outcomes. For example, Egg Harbor City surprisingly ranked as more distressed than Trenton. Variables such as average annual population change, pre-1960 housing percentage, and the effective property tax rate, do not correlate strongly with any other MRI variables. These variables are not linked together by common influences of "distress," as one would expect from the components of a distress index. To rectify the weaknesses in that methodology, these variables were re-examined, replaced, and weighted differently. This was accomplished by examining similar indices and through a statistical analysis identifying variables linked to common dimensions of "distress."

Comparative Measures of Municipal Distress

After examining comparable government and academic/policy institute distress indices, the most frequently used specific indicators are as follows:

- Per Capita Income
- Per Capita Personal Income (not available at municipal level)
- Household Income (average or median)
- Poverty Rate
- Unemployment Rate
- Population Change

Of these indicators, per capita income, unemployment rate, and population change are included in the existing MRI; the poverty rate, household income, and per capita personal income were not.

Factor Analysis Results

A factor analysis was performed to assess how well the existing MRI reflects distress and to identify other variables that could better measure it. Factor analysis is generally used to identify variables that are affected by a common latent, unobserved variable. Three of the eight distress indicators in the MRI fit into a defined category of distress as emergent from the data. These include per capita income, the unemployment rate, and the TANF participation rate for children. However, the remaining five measures, equalized property valuation per capita, equalized 3-year effective property tax rate, average annual population growth, pre-1960 housing percentage, and substandard housing, were not linked to any defined distress dimension.

The 2017 Municipal Revitalization Index

Given the analysis of comparable distress indices and the factor analysis results, a new MRI was created that corrects the many shortcomings of the existing MRI and provides a more robust and defensible measure of distress across the state.

The new standard for the calculation of distress rankings includes six indicators that reflect economic and social vulnerability measures of distress. Four additional measures that reflect migration and disinvestment and fiscal vulnerability dimensions are included and weighted at only 0.25 to minimize bias that may occur toward municipalities that are older, have small ratable bases, high levels of property taxation, and that and may not exhibit typical symptoms of "distress."

The revised set of indicators are as follows:

Indicators weighted at 1 each - 86% of Index (indicators selected through factor analysis)

- Children on TANF per 1,000 persons
- Unemployment rate
- Poverty rate (new)
- High school diploma or higher (new)
- Median household income (replaces per capita income)
- % of households receiving SNAP assistance (food stamps) (new)

Indicators weighted at 0.25 each – 14% of Index (indicators selected through literature review and internal deliberations)

- Ten-year % population change
- Non-seasonal housing vacancy rate (replaces substandard housing)
- Equalized 3-year effective property tax rate
- Equalized property valuation per capita

The 2017 MRI is calculated by computing the standardized scores (score minus mean divided by standard deviation) of all ten indicators, with the five indicators of distress (children on TANF per 1,000 persons, unemployment rate, equalized 3-year effective tax rate, non-seasonal housing vacancy rate, and poverty rate) converted to negative scores to ensure they are representative of distress rather than strength. The indicators are then summed together to form the Index, with the primary six correlated indicators weighted at 1 each and the remaining four at 0.25 each. The remaining four were weighted at 0.25 because the factor analysis suggested they were much less linked to "distress" as measured by the other variables. Summing the variables together allows for the multiple dimensions of distress to be aggregated into a single comparable measure, as typically employed in other municipal distress indices.

A correlation analysis reveals that many of the new MRI indicators are strongly correlated with each other, much more than the correlations between the existing MRI indicators. The components of the 2017 MRI also generally show more variability than the existing MRI, suggesting that these variables constitute better functional indicators of distress than the components of the existing MRI. This is because they show more variability between municipalities and allow for more variation within the Index. Moreover, a Cronbach's alpha analysis reveals the weighted indicators to be internally consistent in measuring distress.

¹A full comparison of correlations in the existing MRI to correlations in the 2017 MRI can be found in the Appendix.

2017 Municipal Revitalization Index Results

Camden tops the list of the MRI, followed closely by Salem and Atlantic City. Each of these communities receives Transitional Aid, suggesting the Index performs well in identifying municipalities that are fiscally distressed, even with the fiscal indicators weighted at 0.25 each. The 2017 MRI shows a number of other improvements over the existing MRI. Nine of the twelve Transitional Aid municipalities make the top 25 of the 2017 MRI, compared to seven on the existing MRI Update.

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1 = most distressed, 565 =	least distressed				Pop. Change		Non-Seasonal Housing Vacancy		% w SNAP Benefits			Children on TANF Rate		Poverty Rate		Med. Household Inc.		empl. late	HS Diploma or Higher		Avg Property Tax Rate		Property ax Value Pe Capita		
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Municipality	County	MRI Score	MRI Distress Score	MRI Rank	Rank	Value	Rank	Value	Rank	Value	Rank	Value	Rank	Value	Rank	Value	Rank	Value	Rank	Value	Rank	Value	Rank	Value	
Camden city	Camden	-26.05	100.0	1	126	-3.5%	6	18.3%	1	43.2%	3	23.2	1	39.9%	1	25,042	12	11.1%	7	67.6%	203	2.78	5	22,145	
Salem city	Salem	-25.00	97.1	2	28	-10.9%	4	23.6%	2	39.6%	6	18.4	2	39.6%	3	26,320	4	14.1%	25	76.3%	5	4.82	9	30,568	
Atlantic City city	Atlantic	-23.33	92.4	3	103	-4.0%	24	14.4%	6	31.6%	4	19.7	3	36.9%	2	25,737	5	13.2%	9	69.6%	86	3.31	368	163,937	
Bridgeton city	Cumberland	-21.12	86.3	4	337	2.9%	30	13.5%	7	30.0%	7	17.6	8	32.0%	15	36,208	22	10.0%	2	61.5%	16	4.30	3	19,269	
Wildw ood city	Cape May	-20.60	84.8	5	109	-3.9%	55	11.2%	25	20.2%	8	15.9	13	29.1%	4	27,067	1	20.3%	37	79.7%	375	2.24	486	276,210	
Seaside Heights borough	Ocean	-19.76	82.5	6	70	-5.9%	3	25.3%	16	25.0%	1	31.1	18	25.3%	12	33,958	67	7.8%	34	79.3%	443	2.04	448	220,392	
Penns Grove borough	Salem	-19.72	82.4	7	184	-1.7%	19	15.6%	5	36.1%	12	12.3	11	30.4%	5	31,406	26	9.8%	5	66.8%	14	4.35	7	27,080	
Paterson city	Passaic	-19.43	81.6	8	247	0.6%	48	11.8%	4	36.4%	9	15.2	13	29.1%	8	32,915	20	10.1%	13	71.4%	40	3.80	15	42,592	
Woodbine borough	Cape May	-18.05	77.7	9	139	-3.2%	173	7.6%	10	27.1%	16	11.3	15	28.9%	14	34,906	14	10.9%	1	61.3%	512	1.56	69	63,856	
Passaic city	Passaic	-17.45	76.1	10	383	3.9%	115	8.7%	3	36.5%	22	8.8	10	31.6%	6	31,832	61	8.0%	4	65.7%	121	3.13	25	47,621	
Trenton city	Mercer	-17.33	75.7	11	178	-1.9%	5	19.6%	11	26.9%	10	14.6	16	28.3%	13	34,257	61	8.0%	11	71.0%	6	4.77	8	28,013	
New ark city	Essex	-16.53	73.5	12	332	2.8%	17	15.8%	9	29.3%	15	11.7	12	29.7%	10	33,139	37	8.8%	16	72.3%	166	2.90	29	48,803	
Pleasantville city	Atlantic	-16.37	73.1	13	360	3.3%	74	10.4%	14	25.4%	17	11.0	22	24.8%	27	41,633	10	11.6%	10	70.1%	23	4.07	12	37,801	
Wrightstow n borough	Burlington	-15.46	70.5	14	238	0.3%	222	6.8%	24	20.4%	2	26.4	29	21.4%	41	46,625	174	5.9%	23	75.7%	231	2.70	22	47,140	
Woodlynne borough	Camden	-14.69	68.4	15	291	1.8%	52	11.5%	13	26.0%	20	9.5	20	24.9%	23	40,913	51	8.3%	19	74.7%	2	7.56	6	23,363	
Paulsboro borough	Gloucester	-14.44	67.7	16	141	-3.1%	12	16.2%	8	29.9%	21	8.8	5	33.8%	24	40,925	26	9.8%	139	88.5%	74	3.40	64	62,442	
New Brunswick city	Middlesex	-13.37	64.7	17	506	9.0%	117	8.6%	23	20.8%	41	5.8	4	34.7%	19	38,435	267	5.1%	3	61.6%	246	2.66	46	56,683	
Egg Harbor City city	Atlantic	-12.32	61.8	18	79	-5.0%	21	15.3%	54	15.0%	11	13.9	54	15.7%	28	43,235	23	9.9%	38	80.0%	18	4.25	42	55,141	
Union City city	Hudson	-12.20	61.5	19	423	4.9%	90	9.8%	12	26.6%	66	4.2	20	24.9%	26	41,107	135	6.4%	6	67.4%	122	3.13	33	51,504	
Asbury Park city	Monmouth	-11.98	60.8	20	82	-4.9%	38	12.5%	15	25.1%	55	4.9	9	31.9%	7	32,755	77	7.6%	47	82.0%	462	1.95	149	89,178	
East Orange city	Essex	-11.89	60.6	21	148	-2.9%	13	16.1%	20	23.1%	19	9.5	30	21.1%	17	36,921	43	8.6%	78	85.4%	12	4.42	14	41,716	
City of Orange township	Essex	-11.75	60.2	22	173	-2.1%	25	14.2%	21	23.0%	48	5.3	17	25.5%	11	33,233	67	7.8%	36	79.6%	19	4.19	26	47,810	
Irvington township	Essex	-11.65	59.9	23	92	-4.4%	15	16.0%	35	17.6%	26	8.3	23	23.7%	16	36,782	47	8.5%	45	81.8%	9	4.56	11	37,551	
Commercial tow nship	Cumberland	-11.49	59.5	24	169	-2.2%	23	14.5%	19	23.5%	220	1.2	27	22.0%	40	46,195	8	11.8%	27	77.7%	271	2.59	18	45,679	
Perth Amboy city	Middlesex	-11.25	58.8	25	471	6.4%	249	6.3%	40	17.3%	76	3.7	25	22.8%	33	44,024	32	9.3%	8	67.9%	158	2.94	57	60,886	

Similar to the existing MRI Update, the 2017 MRI shows high concentrations of distress in rural parts of South Jersey, particularly within Cape May, Cumberland, Salem, and Atlantic Counties. New Jersey's urban communities are shown to be almost uniformly distressed, while urban northeastern New Jersey communities within Bergen, Passaic, Essex, Hudson, and Union Counties register as very distressed.

No municipal distress index can do a perfect job of measuring distress. The sheer diversity of the state's 565 communities makes it impossible for a single measure to completely and accurately assess distress without some degree of bias. Moreover, how distress should be defined and measured is not uniformly accepted and is very much subject to debate. The 2017 MRI, although not a perfect index, is a notable improvement over the existing MRI and is constructed based on the results of a factor analysis and commonly accepted distress indicators. It results from a very robust and rigorous process to develop an adequate measure of municipal distress in New Jersey, as described in this report.

Conclusion

Given the shortcomings of the existing MRI and the many improvements and advantages of the new version demonstrated in the report, the indicators of the new 2017 MRI will compose the official Municipal Revitalization Index for 2017 and future years. The 2017 MRI is much better aligned to distress as measured through factor analysis and produces more intuitive outcomes closely matched to municipalities commonly recognized as highly distressed in New Jersey. The 2017 MRI will improve the measurement of distress and equitable allocation of resources across the state's 565 diverse communities.

MRI Background

Formerly known as the Municipal Distress Index (MDI), the Municipal Revitalization Index (MRI) ranks New Jersey's municipalities according to eight separate indicators that measure diverse aspects of social, economic, physical, and fiscal conditions in each locality. Historically, the MRI has been used as a factor in distributing certain "need-based" funds. The eight indicators used in the MRI were selected by a specially appointed Governor's Committee of Mayors in 1979. This group sought to create an index that could objectively measure a broad range of local "distress" factors, and do so with acceptable validity and reliability without bias according to community type or size. The Index originated in the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) and was transferred to the New Jersey Office of Management and Budget in 1984. In 1996, the New Jersey Office of Management and Budget transferred the Index to the New Jersey Office of State Planning. In 2008, the New Jersey Sustainable State Institute at Rutgers University completed an update on behalf of the Office of State Planning, during which the MDI was renamed the MRI.

Each municipality in the State of New Jersey receives a composite score and rank regardless of its wealth or level of distress. Municipalities with the highest levels of distress will have the lowest MRI composite scores, and municipalities with the lowest levels of distress will have the highest MRI composite scores.

The Eight Distress Indicators

For the purposes of this report, DCA defines *distress* as "a multi-dimensional municipal condition linked to fiscal, economic, housing, and labor market weakness in conjunction with a resident population that is generally impoverished and in need of social assistance."

The eight indicators are grouped in pairs — two each as indicators of distress in social, economic, and fiscal conditions, and in physical infrastructure. The indicators, and the data sources from which they are drawn, are described below.

Social Indicators

Average Annual Population Change — The average annual rate of change in total population from the 2009 to 2015 Census provisional population estimates. The U.S. Census Bureau provides intercensal estimates of total population at the municipal level. Population change, defined as the average annual percentage change in population, is presumed to be indicative of changes in desirability as a place of residence. A decline in population growth is considered a signal of increased distress, while increasing population is a sign of municipal strength.

Children on TANF per 1,000 Persons — The number of children receiving aid through Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) per thousand persons in the municipality. The TANF caseload is tabulated by the Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development. Children supported through TANF on the January 31, 2016 report were divided by the population (expressed in thousands) as of the Census 2015 municipal estimates. An increase in this indicator would be considered a sign of increased distress.

Economic Indicators

Per Capita Income — Aggregate income received by all residents, divided by the total population. The income reported is an estimate for 2015 from the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS) 2011-2015 5-year estimates.² An increase in per capita income would be considered a sign of decreased distress.

Unemployment Rate — Percent of labor force unemployed, as measured through the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development's 2015 Municipal Labor Force Estimates. The Department provides these data annually. An increase in this indicator would demonstrate increased distress.

Fiscal Indicators

Equalized 3-Year Effective Tax Rate — The average of three consecutive years of State-equalized total real property tax rates. Using a three-year average flattens the spikes and dips of single-year anomalies in local tax rates. This index was calculated from equalized tax rate figures for 2014, 2015, and 2016 in the New Jersey Division of Taxation's "Abstract of Ratables." These data replace the equalized rates from years 2003, 2004, and 2005 that were used in the 2008 MRI. The three-year measurement period was preserved to maintain consistency with the previous methodology and focus on the most current trends. Going back too far would shift the weight of measurement away from current and toward past levels of taxation. For example, under a longer time-frame, the impact of a Superstorm Sandy-like event would take a while to fully materialize within the Index. An increase in the effective tax rate would suggest more distress.

Equalized Valuation Per Capita — The State-equalized assessed valuation of all real property in Calendar Year 2016, also obtained from the Division of Taxation. That amount was divided by each municipality's 2015 Census population estimate. A rise in per capita equalized valuation would indicate decreased distress.

Physical Infrastructure Indicators

Pre-1960 Housing Percentage — The percentage of all housing units that were constructed before 1960 and are therefore more than 50 years old. This item is intended to serve as a proxy indicator of the age (and thus the maintenance and replacement needs) of a municipality's infrastructure — its roads, bridges, public utilities, etc. The figure reported is an estimate for 2015 from the U.S. Census Bureau's ACS 2011-2015 5-year estimates. A rise in this percentage would suggest increasing distress.

²Due to sample size limitations, data for Pine Valley Borough were not available from the 2011-2015 ACS; therefore, 2005-2009 ACS estimates inflationadjusted to 2015 dollars were used as a substitute.

³Since the release of the 2008 MRI, Princeton Township and Princeton Borough have consolidated.

Substandard Housing Percentage — The percentage of occupied housing units that were reported lacking complete plumbing facilities (piped water, flush toilet, and bathtub or shower) inside the house, apartment, or mobile home. The figure reported is an estimate for 2015 from the U.S. Census Bureau's ACS 2011-2015 5-year estimates. An increase in this indicator would demonstrate rising distress.

Calculation Methodology

The Index is calculated as the sum of the standardized scores (score minus mean divided by standard deviation) of all eight indicators, with the five indicators of distress (children on TANF per 1,000 persons, unemployment rate, equalized 3-year effective tax rate, substandard housing percentage, and pre-1960 housing percentage) converted to negative scores to ensure they are representative of distress rather than strength. The indicators are then summed together to form the Index, with each indicator weighted equally.

MRI Ranks

The State's municipalities are ranked from most distressed (rank 1) to least distressed (rank 565) according to each of the eight indicators. A large negative MRI score will be associated with more distress and will have a higher rank. A large positive MRI score will be associated with less distress and will have a lower rank. The variables are expressed as percentages, ratios, or per capita amounts, which ensures comparability amongst municipalities in terms of the individual indicators.

Existing MRI Update

As the MRI had not been updated since 2008, DCA initially updated the index using the existing methodology with the latest data. All eight indicators were updated.

Existing MRI Update Results

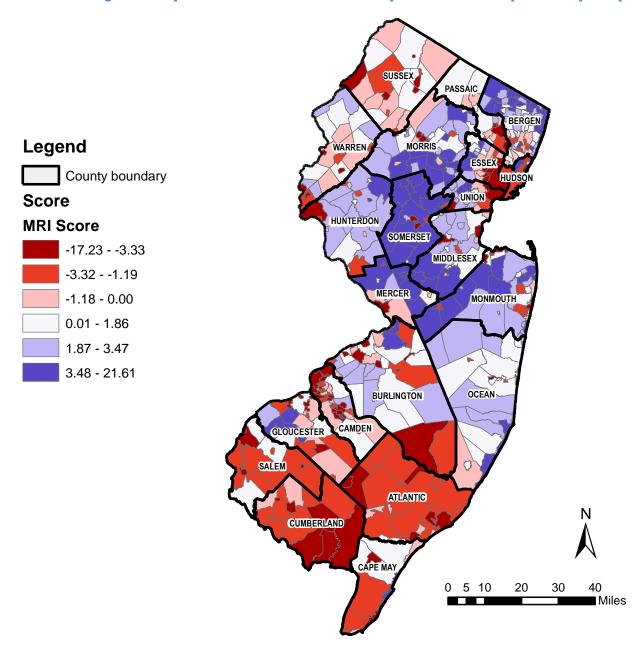
The following table lists the top 25 highest-ranking municipalities on the existing MRI Update. Lower values on the Index indicate more distress, while higher values indicate less distress. The rankings are structured such that #1 means the most distressed community, while #565 is the least distressed. It is important to note that the ranks are less meaningful among the lowest ranks of the existing MRI, and the distress differences are slight. Therefore, only the top-ranking municipalities on the MRI should be considered as "distressed." In order to show absolute measures of distress, Index values are presented such that differences in the magnitude of distress between any two municipalities can be compared independent of rank. In addition, each of the variables are scaled by an appropriate variable (for example, population, labor force, or number of housing units) to ensure strict comparability between communities.

Existing Municipal Revitalization Index Update, Top 25 Municipalities

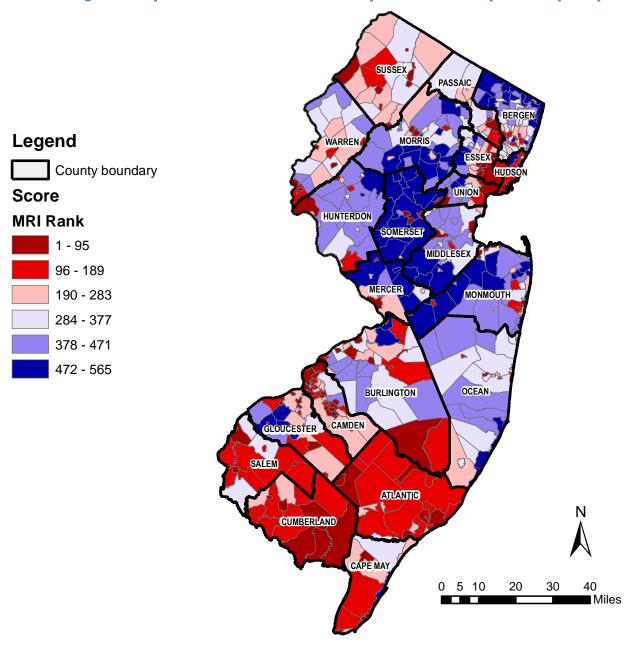
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1 = most distressed, 565 = least	distressed			Mean Annual Population Change (2009 - 2015)		TANF Children per 1,000 Pop. (2015)		Per Capita Income (2015)		Unemployment Rate (2015)		Equalized 3-Year Effective Property Tax Rate (2014 - 2016)		r Equalized Property Valuation Per Capita (2016)		y Housing Built Prior to 1960 (2015)			andard ig (2015)
Municipality	County	2017 MRI Index	MRI Rank	Rank	Value	Rank	Value	Rank	Value	Rank	Value	Rank	Value	Rank	Value	Rank	Value	Rank	Value
Salem city	Salem	-17.23	1	12	-1.1%	6	18.4	18	\$18,900	4	14.1%	5	4.82	9	\$30,568	105	56.2%	23	1.3%
Winfield township	Union	-17.13	2	409	0.5%	434	0.0	141	\$30,270	213	5.5%	1	18.60	2	\$10,953	5	87.1%	257	0.0%
Penns Grove borough	Salem	-16.17	3	41	-0.7%	12	12.3	8	\$15,713	26	9.8%	14	4.35	7	\$27,080	58	63.2%	1	2.9%
Atlantic City city	Atlantic	-13.72	4	164	-0.2%	4	19.7	16	\$18,162	5	13.2%	86	3.31	368	\$163,937	194	48.4%	33	1.2%
Camden city	Camden	-13.34	5	127	-0.3%	3	23.2	1	\$13,412	12	11.1%	203	2.78	5	\$22,145	55	63.5%	112	0.5%
Wildw ood city	Cape May	-13.00	6	67	-0.5%	8	15.9	40	\$22,812	1	20.3%	375	2.24	486	\$276,210	114	55.7%	257	0.0%
Egg Harbor City city	Atlantic	-12.42	7	199	-0.2%	11	13.9	29	\$20,905	23	9.9%	18	4.25	42	\$55,141	51	64.7%	23	1.3%
Trenton city	Mercer	-11.28	8	201	-0.1%	10	14.6	12	\$16,914	61	8.0%	6	4.77	8	\$28,013	18	72.7%	112	0.5%
Woodlynne borough	Camden	-11.20	9	211	-0.1%	20	9.5	9	\$16,113	51	8.3%	2	7.56	6	\$23,363	41	66.5%	257	0.0%
Bridgeton city	Cumberland	-10.73	10	188	-0.2%	7	17.6	2	\$13,763	22	10.0%	16	4.30	3	\$19,269	177	49.6%	219	0.1%
Seaside Heights borough	Ocean	-10.69	11	210	-0.1%	1	31.1	14	\$17,793	67	7.8%	443	2.04	448	\$220,392	186	48.8%	257	0.0%
Sussex borough	Sussex	-10.34	12	30	-0.8%	31	7.3	34	\$22,001	106	6.9%	131	3.07	63	\$62,186	32	68.3%	10	2.0%
Paterson city	Passaic	-9.83	13	312	0.2%	9	15.2	10	\$16,142	20	10.1%	40	3.80	15	\$42,592	122	55.1%	136	0.4%
Irvington township	Essex	-9.49	14	277	0.1%	26	8.3	23	\$19,465	47	8.5%	9	4.56	11	\$37,551	71	61.2%	41	1.1%
Dow ne tow nship	Cumberland	-9.03	15	31	-0.7%	71	3.9	42	\$22,928	59	8.1%	377	2.24	185	\$98,704	148	51.8%	4	2.5%
Audubon Park borough	Camden	-8.64	16	130	-0.3%	241	1.0	95	\$27,852	30	9.7%	3	5.38	4	\$20,746	2	94.6%	257	0.0%
Phillipsburg tow n	Warren	-8.28	17	55	-0.6%	27	8.2	51	\$23,986	150	6.2%	69	3.45	31	\$50,444	19	72.1%	58	0.9%
Wrightstow n borough	Burlington	-8.23	18	228	-0.1%	2	26.4	37	\$22,619	174	5.9%	231	2.70	22	\$47,140	338	36.7%	257	0.0%
East Orange city	Essex	-8.18	19	285	0.1%	19	9.5	33	\$21,656	43	8.6%	12	4.42	14	\$41,716	135	53.6%	97	0.6%
City of Orange township	Essex	-8.09	20	310	0.2%	48	5.3	19	\$19,065	67	7.8%	19	4.19	26	\$47,810	105	56.2%	19	1.4%
Pleasantville city	Atlantic	-7.86	21	387	0.4%	17	11.0	15	\$17,857	10	11.6%	23	4.07	12	\$37,801	289	40.1%	183	0.2%
Passaic city	Passaic	-7.74	22	379	0.4%	22	8.8	4	\$14,956	61	8.0%	121	3.13	25	\$47,621	42	66.3%	58	0.9%
Alpha borough	Warren	-7.72	23	52	-0.6%	206	1.3	152	\$30,869	202	5.6%	116	3.15	157	\$91,906	93	58.5%	4	2.5%
New ark city	Essex	-7.59	24	368	0.4%	15	11.7	11	\$16,791	37	8.8%	166	2.90	29	\$48,803	164	50.6%	70	0.8%
Paulsboro borough	Gloucester	-7.10	25	92	-0.4%	21	8.8	25	\$19,550	26	9.8%	74	3.40	64	\$62,442	145	52.5%	257	0.0%

Salem topped the list, followed by Winfield Township, a small suburban community in Union County, and Penns Grove in Salem County. Atlantic City and Camden were #4 and #5, while Wildwood, Egg Harbor City and Trenton ranked #6, #7, and #8, respectively. The following maps show the state's 565 municipalities by existing MRI Update:

Existing Municipal Revitalization Index Update Scores by Municipality



Existing Municipal Revitalization Index Update Ranks by Municipality



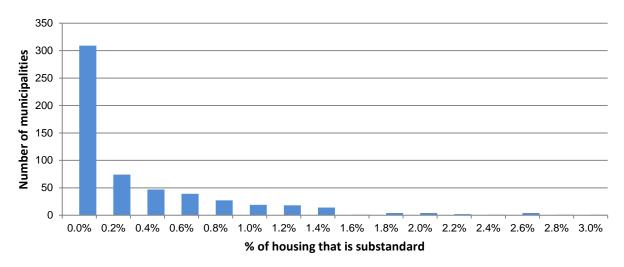
Overall, rural South Jersey communities, particularly within Camden, Atlantic, Cumberland, and Salem Counties, and urban North Jersey communities tend to have the highest ranks on the existing MRI Update. All of the state's large urban centers rank high on the Update. The index also shows a regional concentration of moderate distress in the Highlands region of the state, mainly within Sussex and Warren Counties. In addition, many older suburban Philadelphia and New York communities, particularly within Camden, Union, Essex, Bergen, and Passaic Counties, show moderate distress.

Assessing the Existing MRI

In sum, although the existing MRI does reflect some dimensions of distress, the inclusion of some variables not linked to distress led to some unusual outcomes. For example, seven of the twelve Transitional Aid municipalities make the top 25 on the Update. However, in the Update, the second most distressed municipality in New Jersey is Winfield Township, a tiny suburban community entirely composed of a housing cooperative built for defense shipyard workers during World War II (WWII). Because the entire Township was built before 1960 and the property tax rate is extremely high from a very limited property tax base with no real room to grow, Winfield ranks #2 on the existing MRI. However, to any impartial observer, it would be unreasonable to say that this community is more distressed than Camden, Paterson, or Newark, all of which have suffered from decades of deep intergenerational poverty and are exceptionally reliant on state municipal aid. Winfield is an extreme outlier on the size of its property tax base and its effective property tax rate, which pushes it to the top of the distress rankings. Yet these extreme values are not due to a high degree of distress but to its unique character as a small, WWII-era housing cooperative community. A very similar effect can be found for Audubon Park, another WWII-era housing cooperative community in Camden County with a high property tax rate and small tax base. Audubon Park ranks #16 on the existing MRI Update largely from its scores on those two indicators.

Other variables within the existing MRI produce some dubious results. For example, the inclusion of substandard housing as a distress indicator is questionable, as today almost all housing includes complete plumbing facilities. The graph below shows a histogram of the percentage of housing that is substandard by this definition.

Histogram: Percentage of Substandard Housing



In the majority of communities in the state, between 0 and 0.2 percent of housing is without complete plumbing facilities, a negligible amount that could hardly indicate distress. There are a few outliers with larger percentages; however, the maximum is only 2.9 percent (Penns Grove), or about 1 in 34 houses. Even at the maximum, this is a very poor metric of municipal distress by any measure.

Moreover, the limited variability in the indicator (the standard deviation is only 0.5%) makes it a non-meaningful measure of housing quality. This is why substandard housing does not correlate with any of the observed dimensions of distress, as shown in the table below. As a point of reference, a moderate correlation can be considered about 0.4 to 0.6 and a strong correlation, 0.6 and above.

Correlation Matrix: Existing Municipal Revitalization Index Component Variables

	Avg. Annual Population Change	TANF Children per 1,000 Pop.	Per Capita Income	Unemploy- ment Rate	Effective Property Tax Rate	Equalized Valuation Per Capita	% pre- 1960 Housing	% Substd. Housing
Avg. Annual Population Change	1.00		_					
TANF Children per 1,000 Pop.	-0.11	1.00						
Per Capita Income	0.04	-0.35	1.00		_			
Unemployment Rate	-0.21	0.53	-0.51	1.00		_		
Effective Property Tax Rate	0.04	0.24	-0.35	0.15	1.00		_	
Equalized Valuation Per Capita	-0.18	-0.10	0.39	-0.03	-0.36	1.00		
% pre-1960 Housing	-0.14	0.20	0.00	0.02	0.27	0.00	1.00	
% Substandard Housing	-0.03	0.15	-0.16	0.19	0.05	-0.05	0.08	1.00

Inclusion of the substandard housing variable is why Sussex, a small Sussex County community with the tenth-highest percentage of substandard housing, ranks #12 on the existing MRI. Because of substandard housing's distorting effects on the Index results, Sussex ranks as more distressed than Paterson, Passaic, East Orange, and even Newark. Similarly, Egg Harbor City ranks as more distressed than Paterson simply because its housing stock is older and it has a higher, but still quite small, percentage of substandard housing (1.3 percent). These examples show that the current dimensions of distress within the MRI may not provide the most accurate representation of distress levels across the state.

Other variables, such as average annual population change, pre-1960 housing percentage, and the effective property tax rate, do not correlate strongly with any of the other variables in the existing MRI, as shown by the correlation matrix on the previous page. This means that these variables do not appear to be linked together by common influences of "distress" as one would expect from the components of a distress index.

To rectify weaknesses in that methodology, these variables should be re-examined, replaced, or weighted much less significantly, such that they do not distort the measurement of distress and result in unusual outcomes such as Winfield Township's #2 ranking. One way to examine them is to compare them to indicators commonly used in other similar distress indices.

Comparable Measures of Municipal Distress — A Literature Review

Municipal distress is measured in many different ways by state and federal agencies as well as the academic community. These distress measures vary by the kind of distress they are measuring and the practical purpose the distress measure will serve. New Jersey's MRI is distinct from many others in that it is broader and focused on social, economic, fiscal, and infrastructure indicators. Other indices often focus mostly or entirely on economic and fiscal distress. Most alternative distress indices include some measures of unemployment, poverty, and income to determine distressed status (Glasmeier, Wood, and Fuellhart, 2003). Other common indicators include population change, out-migration, poor housing conditions, and low educational attainment (Ibid).

The municipal distress literature over the years has posited a number of potential municipal distress definitions. A 1983 report by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development described the concept of "urban decline" as a spatial concentration in large cities of social, economic, and environmental problems such as high unemployment and poverty, housing deterioration, and urban infrastructure decay. Bradbury, Downs, and Small (1982) described "urban decline" in both a descriptive and functional sense. Descriptively, it can refer to contractions in population or employment, representing a decline in desirability as a place. Functionally, it can refer to an impairment of city functioning or urban agglomeration through declines in income or rises in poverty, unemployment, and crime.

Nathan and Adams (1989) expanded this definition to focus on a more diverse array of municipal conditions. They described municipal distress as a function of income, poverty, employment, social

dependency, education, and housing conditions. Nathan and Adams created an index of city-suburb hardship using six equally weighted factors including unemployment, dependency (proportion of under 18 and over 65 population), education (proportion without a high school diploma), income (per capita income), overcrowded housing (proportion of occupied units with more than one person per room), and poverty (proportion of families at or below 125 percent of the poverty level). Continuing the trend toward defining distress through multiple diverse indicators, Jennings (2012) crafted a neighborhood index for Boston using foreclosure, crime, and homicide rates, per capita income, average household size, labor force participation, poverty, and the numbers of children, female-headed households, high school dropouts, and foreign-born, non-English speakers. He selected these indicators after examining the literature, reviewing earlier research papers and reports, and soliciting input from elected officials, advocates, and other informants.

Yet other researchers have focused on more simple definitions utilizing a few select economic and population indicators. Wolman, Hill, and Furdell (2004), following up on work by James (1990), used the poverty rate, unemployment rate, median household income, and decennial population change in their index of municipal distress, using four equally weighted indicators converted to standardized scores (the difference of the score and the average, divided by standard deviation) and summed together. Cities on the bottom third of the Index distribution were considered distressed. Similarly, Okumu (2014) proposed five indicators of municipal distress, including net sales tax change, per capita income, poverty rate, unemployment rate, and population change. Serkin and Whitlow (2005) devised a simple North Carolina-specific measure utilizing the unemployment rate, per capita income, and poverty rate, based on the fact that most municipal distress measures include some combination of income, poverty, and unemployment.

Some municipal distress measures concentrate exclusively on economic distress. Indiana University's Indiana Business Research Center (2016) measures economic distress through the 24-month unemployment rate, per capita income, and per capita personal income. Glasmeier, Woods, and Fuellhart (2006) argue that economic distress results from both similar and different processes, with the explanation for why places become distressed changing over time. They posit there is no single consistent, static explanation for why a place can become distressed. Consequently, they developed an "Economic Health Index" for counties composed of several diverse indicators. The Index consists of per capita income, the unemployment rate, the labor force to population ratio, and the per capita transfer payments to per capita income ratio. Each variable was converted to an index using the national score as the base. After examining which variables had the largest impact on their Index, they found that a large dependent population (seniors and children) and higher levels of educational attainment were negatively and positively linked, respectively, to economic health from 1970 through 2000. However, they noted the strength and statistical significance of these and other indicators on economic health changed over time.

Other researchers have focused solely on municipal fiscal distress. The Pennsylvania Economy League (2007) uses a municipal fiscal distress index that consists of the ratio of municipal tax revenue to the municipal tax base and the ratio of property values and household incomes to the number of households. The League argues there is a predictable cycle that leads to municipal fiscal distress as defined by that

measure. The first phase is a situation of low municipal taxes with economic prosperity, followed by gradually rising tax rates amid increased demand for services. Following this phase is a plateau of the tax base with corresponding reductions in non-core services. The plateau leads to a situation in which there are insufficient taxes or a constrained tax base, leading to reductions in core services. This phase is followed by a loss of tax base as businesses and residents exit and, finally, by fiscal distress. Other fiscal distress indices focus on the financial health of municipal governments. The New York State Comptroller's Fiscal Stress Monitoring System uses nine local government financial indicators that measure year-end fund balances, operating deficits, cash position, use of short-term debt, and fixed costs to gauge fiscal distress.

Both state and federal government agencies adopt an entirely different set of measures based on their unique funding decision needs. These indices generally tend to focus on economically-oriented indicators. Nearly all identified government distress indices include the unemployment rate, and about half use the poverty rate. Most also incorporate some measure of income through per capita income, median household income, or per capita personal income. Population change is also a popular indicator and is used by three of the 10 identified government general distress indices.

The following tables show comparable government and academic/policy institute distress indices by indicators included in comparison to the existing MRI.

Comparable Measures of Municipal Distress: Government

	New Jersey	US Government Accountab. Office	North Carolina Dept. of Commerce	Nebraska Department of Economic Development	Florida Office of Program Policy Analysis & Government Accountability	Washington Department <u>o</u> f Transp.	Michigan State Housing Development Authority	New York Department of Transp.	Oregon, Business Oregon	Texas Water Developm. Board	Appalachian Regional Commission (2014)
Indicator Name	MRI (Existing)	Economically Distressed Areas	County Development Tiers System	Economically Distressed Areas	Economic Conditions Index	Distressed Areas	Eligible Distressed Areas	Economically Distressed Areas	Distressed Areas	Economically Distressed Area	Distressed Designation
Per Capita Income	X			X				X			
Per Capita Personal Income								X	X		X
Household Income			X							X	
Poverty Rate		X			Х		X		Х		Х
Unemployment Rate	X	X	X	Х	Х	X	X	X	X		X
Population Change	X		X	Х			X				
Bachelor's Degree Attainment									Х		
High School Diploma Attainment											
Substandard Housing	Х				Х						
Change in Employment									Х		
Change in Average Covered Payroll per Worker									Х		
Change in Business Establishments											
Increase in Property Value							X				
Property Tax Capacity	Х										
Property Tax Rate	Х										
Pre-1960 Housing Percentage	Х										
Housing Vacancy Rate											
Children's TANF Participation	Х										

Blue bold indicates one of the top factors used in municipal distress indices
Blue indicates one of the more commonly used in municipal distress indices
For more information about the measures, see the 'References' section for the full reports describing each measure.

Comparable Measures of Municipal Distress: Academic, Policy Institute, and Other (select studies)

				Academic/Poli	cy Institute			Other
	New Jersey	Indiana Business Research Center (Indiana University)	Serkin and Whitlow (2005)	Jennings (2012)	Okumu (2014)	Wolman, Hill, & Furdell (2004)	Pennsylvania Economy League (2007)	Economic Innovation Group
Indicator Name	MRI (Existing)	Economic Distress Criteria	Urban Distressed Communities	Neighborhood Distress Score	Composite Index	Weighted Composite Index	Distress Index	Distressed Communities
Per Capita Income	X	X	X	Х	X			
Per Capita Personal Income		X						
Household Income						X	X	X
Poverty Rate			X	X	X	X	X	X
Unemployment Rate	X	Х	X		X	Х		X
Population Change	X				X	Х		
Bachelor's Degree Attainment							X	
High School Diploma Attainment				X				Х
Substandard Housing	Х							
Change in Employment								
Change in Average Covered Payroll per Worker								
Change in Business Establishments								Х
Increase in Property Value								
Property Tax Capacity	Х				Х		X	
Property Tax Rate	Х							
Pre-1960 Housing Percentage	Х							
Housing Vacancy Rate								Х
Children's TANF Participation	Х							

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Across all these comparable indices, the most popular specific indicators are as follows:

- Per Capita Income
- Per Capita Personal Income (not available at municipal level)
- Household Income (average or median)
- Poverty Rate
- Unemployment Rate
- Population Change

Of these indicators, only per capita income, unemployment rate, and population change are included within the MRI.

Other more commonly used indicators include:

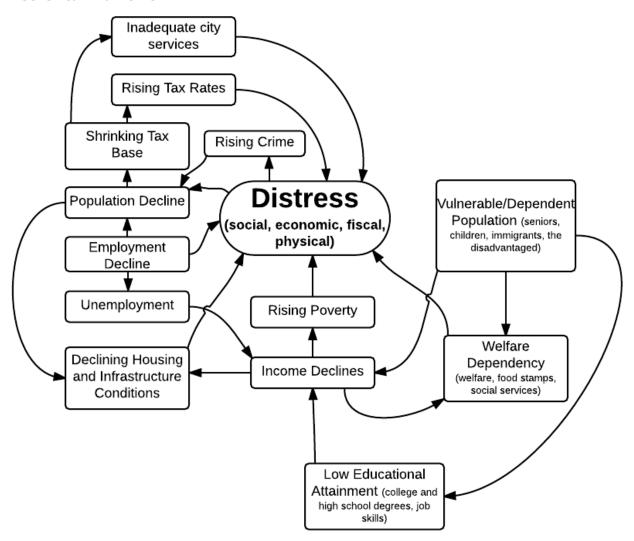
- Bachelor's Degree Attainment
- High School Diploma Attainment
- Property Tax Capacity (equalized valuation)

Of these indicators, only property tax capacity is included within the existing MRI. New Jersey's Index is unique in its inclusion of the pre-1960 housing percentage, the property tax rate, and children's TANF participation, variables that have contributed to some non-intuitive municipal index outcomes.

Theoretical Framework

The municipal distress literature suggests there are multiple processes, which can be linked or completely independent of each other, that generate conditions commonly associated with municipal distress. Based on findings from the literature, the diagram below shows the hypothesized relationships between the phenomena influencing municipal distress.

Theoretical Framework



An influx or development of a vulnerable or dependent population, such as seniors, children, immigrants, historically disadvantaged minorities, and other disadvantaged groups, might increase welfare dependency within a municipality and produce a social dimension of distress. Likewise, the in-migration of those population groups can lead to low community educational attainment and deficits in human capital, which reduces community incomes, contributes to higher poverty, and affects the economic dimension of distress. A growing low-income, vulnerable population can also directly affect economic distress by pushing down household incomes and increasing the poverty rate.

Declines in employment for a municipality's residents can also affect distress through multiple paths. First, a loss of jobs produces higher unemployment, which can lead to declining household incomes and higher poverty. This affects the economic dimension of distress. Job losses also might lead to an exodus from a municipality, which causes higher levels of housing vacancy and abandonment, affecting the physical dimension of distress. The same population decline may cause a reduction in the tax base as demand for real property in the community declines. This shrinking tax base can reduce the resources

available to provide adequate municipal services as well as lead to high tax rates. Both high tax rates and inadequate municipal services contribute to the fiscal dimension of distress and indirectly to the physical dimension by limiting resources for infrastructure investment and renewal. At the same time, a community generally perceived as "distressed" becomes less desirable as a place of residence, reinforcing population losses and compounding the process of distress. Moreover, such distressed communities are more likely to have higher crime as the deteriorated physical environment and dearth of job opportunities becomes conducive to criminal activity. The resulting decline in public safety can reinforce population losses and further accelerate the slide toward distress.

Factor Analysis Results

DCA performed a factor analysis to assess how well the existing MRI reflects distress and identify other variables that could better measure it. Factor analysis is generally used to identify variables that are linked by a common latent, unobserved variable. Principal components analysis (PCA) is a commonly used alternative technique; however, unlike a factor analysis, PCA combines groups of variables into principal components that are uncorrelated with each other. It reduces the large number of starting variables into a smaller group of variables that explain most of the variation in the data, while assuming there are no outliers in the data. As there are a number of known outliers in the data and given the fact that the MRI serves as an index that measures distress as a latent variable that is influenced by manifest variables, rather than the sum total of a series of variables, factor analysis was deemed more appropriate than PCA in this case.

To start, the variables currently used in the MRI were compiled with new additions from other distress indices used by academics, state and federal agencies in the previous section that are regularly available at the municipal level. This yielded the following candidate variables:

Candidate Variables for the 2017 MRI

- Unemployment rate
- Employment/Population ratio
- Per capita income
- Median household income
- Poverty rate
- Children on TANF per 1,000 persons
- % of households receiving SNAP assistance (food stamps)
- Bachelor's degree or higher
- High school diploma or higher
- Average annual population change
- Equalized 3-year effective property tax rate
- Equalized property valuation per capita
- Housing vacancy rate
- Substandard housing
- Pre-1960 housing percentage

In addition, other candidate variables, such as the crime rate, physical and mental health indicators, and infrastructure conditions, were also considered but were not included in the Index as they are not routinely available for all 565 municipalities. Other variables, such as the population concentrations of seniors, children, and immigrants, were considered too, but are not typically included in municipal distress indices, either government or academic. In addition, they are indirectly captured by other

candidate variables such as children receiving TANF assistance, the poverty rate, and the percent of households receiving SNAP assistance, which more directly measure the vulnerable, dependent population. Moreover, while the high school dropout/graduation rate was considered, nearly half of the state's municipalities had a zero percent estimated dropout rate, creating insufficient variation to make a meaningful contribution to the Index. The percentage of property value that is tax exempt was also considered; however, including the measure would likely create a distress bias toward municipalities with a government or higher-education presence. Other potential variables, such as the labor force participation rate, were not included because they are already indirectly measured by other candidate variables and not typically included in municipal distress indices.

The specific analytic method was an iterated principal factor analysis with orthogonal varimax rotation on all the candidate variables. Iterated principal factors have an advantage over principal component and principal factors in that they use the fitted model to generate better estimates of the latent variable through an iterative (repeating) process. Varimax rotation was selected in order to force convergence on a selective group of factors, specifically avoiding the case of a given variable loading on too many factors.

After conducting the analysis, three of fifteen potential factors emerged with Eigen Values over 1.0, the threshold for retaining a factor under the oft-cited Kaiser criterion (Kaiser, 1960). These factors accounted for the largest proportion of variance in the data, together explaining 75% of the variance.

After these three factors were selected, the variables for each factor were reduced to only those with factor loadings exceeding 0.50, a common criterion in factor analysis for gauging variables of real practical significance to a factor (Changchit and Klaud, 2009, Neill, 2008). The final three factors and their constituent variables are shown below:

Economic Vulnerability Distress

Percentage of variance explained: 25%

- Per capita income (in existing MRI)
- % with bachelor's degree or higher
- Median household income

Social Vulnerability Distress

Percentage of variance explained: 31%

- Children on TANF per 1,000 persons (in existing MRI)
- Poverty rate
- Unemployment rate (in existing MRI)
- % with high school diploma or higher
- % households receiving SNAP assistance (food stamps)

Shore Community

Percentage of variance explained: 19%

- Equalized valuation per capita (in existing MRI)
- Housing vacancy rate

Since the shore community factor measures the tendency for shore municipalities to have high property values and high rates of housing vacancy due to their heavy concentration of seasonal housing, it was removed from consideration as unrelated to distress.

Next, as a robustness test, an alternative rotation method known as promax rotation was used. This uses oblique rather than orthogonal rotation that does not maintain factor independence. The results showed a strong social dimension measured by the poverty and SNAP participation rates, and an economic dimension measured by per capita income, the percentage with a bachelor's degree or higher, and median household income. This is a very similar result to the analysis with varimax rotation, but focused more on a few key variables.

In sum, three of the eight distress indicators in the existing MRI fit into a defined category of distress as emergent from the data. These include per capita income, the unemployment rate, and the children's TANF participation rate. The remaining five measures, the equalized property valuation per capita, equalized 3-year effective property tax rate, average annual population growth, pre-1960 housing percentage, and substandard housing, were not linked to any defined distress dimension. In fact, in 2015, the North Carolina Department of Commerce recommended dropping property tax base per capita and population growth from the state's County Development Tiers System because these factors were not symptomatic of "root causes of distress," a finding corroborated by the factor analysis. The full results of the factor analyses performed can be found in the Appendix.

⁴North Carolina Department of Commerce. (2015). Measuring Economic Distress in North Carolina. http://www.nccommerce.com/Portals/0/Incentives/Tiers%20Changes%20to%20the%20Legislature%202-6-15.pdf

The 2017 Municipal Revitalization Index

Given the analysis of comparable distress indices, the theoretical framework, and the factor analysis results, a new MRI was created for 2017 that corrects the many shortcomings of the existing MRI and provides a more robust and defensible measure of distress across the state.

The 2017 MRI includes six indicators that reflect economic and social vulnerability measures of distress. These include the existing MRI indicators with a few additions and replacements. The six indicators were found to be correlated with another and linked to a unified concept of distress through the factor analysis. Together, these indicators measure the presence of social and economic needs within communities that should be addressed.

The 2017 MRI also includes four measures that reflect migration/disinvestment and fiscal vulnerability distress dimensions. The migration/disinvestment indicators gauge the attractiveness of a community to potential residents, while the fiscal vulnerability indicators measure the municipal resources available to meet social and economic needs. They are weighted at 0.25 each to minimize bias that may occur toward municipalities that are older, have small ratable bases, high property tax rates, and that may not exhibit typical symptoms of "distress." Together they form the equivalent of a single variable within the Index. This was done to mitigate the documented biases in the existing MRI, while preserving the diversity of indicators.

The factor analysis showed migration/disinvestment and fiscal vulnerability variables to be less connected to "distress" as jointly measured by the other variables, requiring reduced weighting within the Index. Although the factor weights from the analysis might have been good candidates for weighting the variables, they would change from year to year as the Index is updated. Therefore, utilizing these weights would mean that some of the change in rankings would not be due to increases or decreases in distress, but changes in the factor weights over time. For this reason, and to preserve the simplicity of Index construction, it was decided to use weights of 1 and 0.25, which roughly reflect the relative importance to a unified concept of distress from the factor analysis.

In addition, the Index includes most of the indicators commonly used in state, federal, and scholarly distress indices. However, it also includes new variables statistically linked to distress in New Jersey, such as the SNAP participation rate and the percentage with a high school diploma or higher.

Variable Choices

Each variable was chosen after careful internal deliberation and consideration of multiple alternative indices as suggested from the municipal distress literature review and factor analysis results. The resulting Index preserves the diversity of distress dimensions within the MRI, while correcting for distortions and biases that occur from including or fully weighting more problematic variables.

Educational attainment emerged as a key indicator linked to distress in the factor analysis. The percentage with a high school diploma or higher adds an important educational attainment dimension

to the Index, which captures both human capital and competitiveness within larger regional labor markets. The percentage with a bachelor's degree or higher was not selected to limit the education component of the Index to only one indicator. Moreover, a close analysis of this variable showed that its inclusion tends to obscure distress within communities with high concentrations of college-educated residents, but also large pockets of poverty. It also tends to penalize communities that are middle- to high-income but have local job markets that do not require large numbers of college-educated workers, which is true of many rural northwestern New Jersey communities. The poverty rate, in addition to being statistically linked to distress through the factor analysis, is widely used as a distress indicator, including by the states of Florida, Michigan, and Texas and by several federal agencies. Moreover, the SNAP participation rate is included because it captures a broader poverty-level population than the children's TANF participation rate and is also a more comprehensive measure of reliance on government assistance.

The non-seasonal housing vacancy rate also merits inclusion in the Index as an indicator of residential desirability. It measures what proportion of the housing stock is unused, which could signal community disinvestment. Per capita income is replaced with median household income to focus on resources available to a typical household, rather than a ratio of income to population. Municipalities with larger family sizes will have lower per capita incomes, which does not necessarily indicate distress or an inability to meet living expenses. Using median household income also eliminates the distorting effects of a few extremely wealthy households within a community, which makes wealthy municipalities such as Mendham Township, Rumson, Alpine, and Far Hills seem a lot wealthier than they actually are.

Finally, the two fiscal indicators, the effective property tax rate and property valuation per capita, although not linked to the dimensions of distress from the factor analysis, are retained to preserve a fiscal dimension within the Index. The municipal annual operating results, essentially the annual municipal operating surplus or deficit, and cumulative balances were also considered but were not chosen due to their poor correlation with the other distress indicators and the factor analysis distress dimensions. Yet they would be excellent candidates for inclusion in a more fiscally-focused distress index.

The Ten Indicators in the 2017 Municipal Revitalization Index

The final ten indicators selected for the 2017 MRI are as follows:

Indicators weighted at 1 each (indicators selected through factor analysis)

- Children on TANF per 1,000 persons
- Unemployment rate
- Poverty rate (new)
- High school diploma or higher (new)
- Median household income (replaces per capita income)
- % of households receiving SNAP assistance (food stamps) (new)

Indicators weighted at 0.25 each (indicators selected through literature review and internal deliberations)

- Decennial population change (replaces average annual pop. change)
- Non-seasonal housing vacancy rate (replaces substandard housing)
- Equalized 3-year effective property tax rate
- Equalized property valuation per capita

Social Indicators

Children on TANF per 1,000 Persons — The number of children receiving aid per thousand persons in the municipality. The TANF caseload is tabulated by the Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development. Children supported through TANF on the January 31, 2016 report were divided by the population (expressed in thousands) as of the Census 2015 municipal estimates. As TANF is administered as a block grant, funding may not be available for all eligible individuals within a municipality, creating an artificial cap on TANF enrollment. To address this weakness, an alternative welfare measure, the percentage receiving SNAP assistance, is used as well.

% of households receiving SNAP Assistance — Percent of households participating in SNAP (food stamps), as measured by the U.S. Census Bureau's ACS 2011-2015 5-year estimates.

Economic Indicators

Median Household Income — Median reported household income. The income reported is an estimate for 2015 from the U.S. Census Bureau's ACS 2011-2015 5-year estimates.⁵

⁵Due to sample size limitations, data for Pine Valley Borough and Tavistock Borough were not available from the 2011-2015 ACS; therefore, 2005-2009 ACS estimates inflation-adjusted to 2015 were used as a substitute.

Unemployment Rate — Percent of labor force unemployed, as measured through the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development's 2015 Municipal Labor Force Estimates. The Department provides these data annually. Although this measure does not reflect underemployment or "hidden" unemployment that could result from discouraged workers dropping out of the labor force, some of these phenomena are indirectly captured by other indicators in the MRI such as poverty and % receiving SNAP assistance.

Poverty Rate — Percent of individuals with incomes falling below the federal poverty level, as measured by the U.S. Census Bureau's ACS 2011-2015 5-year estimates.

Educational Indicator

% with High School Diploma or Higher — Percent of individuals aged 25 or older with a high school diploma or its equivalent, as measured by the U.S. Census Bureau's ACS 2011-2015 5-year estimates.

Fiscal Indicators

Equalized 3-Year Effective Tax Rate — The average of three consecutive years of State-equalized total (county, municipal, and school) real property tax rates. Using a three-year average flattens the spikes and dips of single-year anomalies in local tax rates. This index was calculated from equalized tax rate figures for 2014, 2015, and 2016 in the New Jersey Division of Taxation's "Abstract of Ratables." These data replace the equalized rates from years 2003, 2004, and 2005 used in the 2008 MRI.⁶

Equalized Valuation Per Capita (also *Property Value per Capita*) — The State equalized assessed valuation of all real property in Calendar Year 2016, also obtained from the Division of Taxation. That amount was divided by the municipality's 2015 Census population estimate.

Residential Desirability Indicators

Non-seasonal Housing Vacancy Rate— The percentage of all housing units that are vacant and not available for seasonal or migrant worker use. The figure reported is an estimate for 2015 from the U.S. Census Bureau's ACS 2011-2015 5-year estimates.

Decennial Population Change — The ten-year rate of change in total population from the 2005 to 2015 Census provisional population estimates. This replaces average annual population change for the MRI, focusing more on long-term rather than short-term decline. Long-term population change is more typically included in comparable distress indices than short-term change. The U.S. Census Bureau provides intercensal estimates of total population at the municipal level. Population change is presumed to be indicative of changes in desirability as a

⁶Since the release of the 2008 MRI, Princeton Township and Princeton Borough have consolidated.

place of residence. A long-term decline in population is considered a signal of increased distress, while increasing population is a sign of municipal strength. Although an influx of a poor immigrant population might suggest increased distress, this trend would also be reflected in the other MRI indicators such as poverty, unemployment, SNAP participation, etc. Therefore, in that particular case, deterioration in those social indicators offsets any misleading information from population growth. Of the ten indicators, this is the only one that reflects a change over time rather than a point-in-time estimate. Therefore, unlike the other indicators, decennial population change may reflect a distress trajectory over time rather than a picture of distress at a recent point in time. However, this variable is a commonly used indicator of residential desirability within other municipal distress indices, which use it in conjunction with point-in-time indicators. Moreover, the application of a 0.25 weight to this variable mitigates any bias within the larger Index toward a distress trend rather than current distress. For these reasons, it was deemed appropriate to include this indicator within the Index, despite its long-term, dynamic focus.

Updated data for each of these variables are available on an annual basis. In order to maintain an up-todate picture of municipal distress in New Jersey, the Index will be updated no less often than every two years.

Calculating the 2017 MRI

The 2017 MRI is calculated by the same standardized scores procedure used for the existing MRI. The Index is calculated by computing the standardized scores (score minus mean divided by standard deviation) of all ten indicators, with the five indicators of distress (children on TANF per 1,000 persons, unemployment rate, equalized 3-year effective tax rate, non-seasonal housing vacancy rate, and poverty rate) converted to negative scores to ensure they are representative of distress rather than strength. The indicators are then summed together to form the Index, with the primary six correlated indicators weighted at 1 each (combined 86% of index) and the remaining four at 0.25 (combined 14% of Index).

Data Sources

The index relies on the U.S. Census Bureau's ACS 5-Year Estimates for data on five of the ten indicators. This represents the most reliable dataset that releases new estimates for all 565 municipalities annually. The ACS 5-Year Estimates are computed based on a five-year average of randomly sampled household and person data. For the period 2011–2015, an average of 55,000 New Jersey households and 3,900 group quarters persons were surveyed per year, with an average response rate of 95 percent for this federally administered mandatory survey. The average household coverage rate in New Jersey was high at approximately 99 percent, and the population coverage rate was 95 percent. However, the primary weakness of the ACS is that, because it is a survey with a random sample rather than a comprehensive

⁷U.S. Census Bureau. (2015). Sample Size and Data Quality. http://www.census.gov/acs/www/methodology/sample-size-and-data-quality/8! Bid.

count, it has very high margins of error for small municipalities. Yet the ACS's sampling procedures are extremely rigorous and its estimates generally considered the best available on these indicators, even for small geographies. Population change data come from the U.S. Census Bureau's annual population estimates. These estimates are computed using a population base from the decennial census or preceding year, then adding births, subtracting deaths, and adding in- and out-migration both within the nation and from abroad. Other data sources include state TANF administrative data from the Department of Human Services, the Department of Labor and Workforce Development's official unemployment rates, and property valuation and tax rate data computed by the Division of Taxation. These state sources represent the most accurate and up-to-date sources for these indicators in New Jersey.

2017 Municipal Revitalization Index Results

2017 MRI Results

The following section discusses the results and analyzes the properties of the new 2017 MRI. Lower values on the index indicate more distress, while larger values indicate less distress. An index score of 0.00 corresponds to the state average. The rankings are structured such that #1 means the most distressed community, while #565 is the least distressed. Additionally, MRI "Distress Scores" were calculated to rescale the MRI to a 0 to 100 scale. The lowest, most negative score on the MRI becomes a 100, indicating maximum distress, while the highest, most positive score becomes a 0, indicating minimal distress. Because the Distress Scores are scaled by the minimum and maximum MRI score in a given year, they are not appropriate for gauging year-to-year changes in municipal distress, only point-in-time assessments. Distress scores of 75 to 100 reflect the top 25% of the New Jersey's municipal distress range and can be considered indicative of "high distress." Scores of 50 to 74 reflect the next highest quartile of distress (25% - 50%) and indicate "moderate distress." Scores below 50 show little to no distress.

Camden tops the list, followed closely by Salem and Atlantic City. Each of these communities receives Transitional Aid, suggesting the Index does a good job identifying municipalities that are fiscally distressed. The Index seems to produce results matching the municipalities actually receiving special aid for municipal distress, even though receipt of such aid was not considered in the Index's construction.

The 2017 MRI shows many other improvements over the existing MRI. Questionable rankings no longer exist; communities like Winfield Township, Audubon Park, and Sussex no longer make the top 25 list. Egg Harbor City no longer ranks ahead of Paterson. Nine of the twelve Transitional Aid municipalities make the top 25 of the 2017 MRI, compared to seven on the existing MRI. Two of the remaining three Transitional Aid municipalities, Manville (#131) and Harrison (#87), are still in the 25th percentile on the Index. The final remaining municipality, Nutley (#319), does not rank highly on the 2017 MRI; however, its receipt of TA is tied not to municipal distress but to a one-time significant loss in ratables from the departure of a major commercial employer. The top 25 scores are shown in the table below. The complete ranking of all 565 municipalities can be found in the Appendix.

2017 Municipal Revitalization Index, Top 25 Municipalities

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					Res	sidential	Desiro	bility		Social In	dicato	rs		Ec	onomi	c Indicato	rs		Education		Fiscal Ir		ndicators	
1 = most distressed, 565 =	least distressed				Pop. Change		Non-Seasonal Housing Vacancy		% w SNAP Benefits			Children on TANF Rate		Poverty Rate		Med. Household Inc.		empl. Rate	HS Diploma or Higher		Avg Property Tax Rate		Propert Tax Value Po Capita	
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					Re	Retained		New		New		Retained		New		New		tained	New		Retained		R	etained
Municipality	County	MRI Score	MRI Distress Score	MRI Rank	Rank	Value	Rank	Value	Rank	Value	Rank	Value	Rank	Value	Rank	Value	Rank	Value	Rank	Value	Rank	Value	Rank	Value
Camden city	Camden	-26.05	100.0	1	126	-3.5%	6	18.3%	1	43.2%	3	23.2	1	39.9%	1	25,042	12	11.1%	7	67.6%	203	2.78	5	22,145
Salem city	Salem	-25.00	97.1	2	28	-10.9%	4	23.6%	2	39.6%	6	18.4	2	39.6%	3	26,320	4	14.1%	25	76.3%	5	4.82	9	30,568
Atlantic City city	Atlantic	-23.33	92.4	3	103	-4.0%	24	14.4%	6	31.6%	4	19.7	3	36.9%	2	25,737	5	13.2%	9	69.6%	86	3.31	368	163,937
Bridgeton city	Cumberland	-21.12	86.3	4	337	2.9%	30	13.5%	7	30.0%	7	17.6	8	32.0%	15	36,208	22	10.0%	2	61.5%	16	4.30	3	19,269
Wildw ood city	Cape May	-20.60	84.8	5	109	-3.9%	55	11.2%	25	20.2%	8	15.9	13	29.1%	4	27,067	1	20.3%	37	79.7%	375	2.24	486	276,210
Seaside Heights borough	Ocean	-19.76	82.5	6	70	-5.9%	3	25.3%	16	25.0%	1	31.1	18	25.3%	12	33,958	67	7.8%	34	79.3%	443	2.04	448	220,392
Penns Grove borough	Salem	-19.72	82.4	7	184	-1.7%	19	15.6%	5	36.1%	12	12.3	11	30.4%	5	31,406	26	9.8%	5	66.8%	14	4.35	7	27,080
Paterson city	Passaic	-19.43	81.6	8	247	0.6%	48	11.8%	4	36.4%	9	15.2	13	29.1%	8	32,915	20	10.1%	13	71.4%	40	3.80	15	42,592
Woodbine borough	Cape May	-18.05	77.7	9	139	-3.2%	173	7.6%	10	27.1%	16	11.3	15	28.9%	14	34,906	14	10.9%	1	61.3%	512	1.56	69	63,856
Passaic city	Passaic	-17.45	76.1	10	383	3.9%	115	8.7%	3	36.5%	22	8.8	10	31.6%	6	31,832	61	8.0%	4	65.7%	121	3.13	25	47,621
Trenton city	Mercer	-17.33	75.7	11	178	-1.9%	5	19.6%	11	26.9%	10	14.6	16	28.3%	13	34,257	61	8.0%	11	71.0%	6	4.77	8	28,013
New ark city	Essex	-16.53	73.5	12	332	2.8%	17	15.8%	9	29.3%	15	11.7	12	29.7%	10	33,139	37	8.8%	16	72.3%	166	2.90	29	48,803
Pleasantville city	Atlantic	-16.37	73.1	13	360	3.3%	74	10.4%	14	25.4%	17	11.0	22	24.8%	27	41,633	10	11.6%	10	70.1%	23	4.07	12	37,801
Wrightstow n borough	Burlington	-15.46	70.5	14	238	0.3%	222	6.8%	24	20.4%	2	26.4	29	21.4%	41	46,625	174	5.9%	23	75.7%	231	2.70	22	47,140
Woodlynne borough	Camden	-14.69	68.4	15	291	1.8%	52	11.5%	13	26.0%	20	9.5	20	24.9%	23	40,913	51	8.3%	19	74.7%	2	7.56	6	23,363
Paulsboro borough	Gloucester	-14.44	67.7	16	141	-3.1%	12	16.2%	8	29.9%	21	8.8	5	33.8%	24	40,925	26	9.8%	139	88.5%	74	3.40	64	62,442
New Brunswick city	Middlesex	-13.37	64.7	17	506	9.0%	117	8.6%	23	20.8%	41	5.8	4	34.7%	19	38,435	267	5.1%	3	61.6%	246	2.66	46	56,683
Egg Harbor City city	Atlantic	-12.32	61.8	18	79	-5.0%	21	15.3%	54	15.0%	11	13.9	54	15.7%	28	43,235	23	9.9%	38	80.0%	18	4.25	42	55,141
Union City city	Hudson	-12.20	61.5	19	423	4.9%	90	9.8%	12	26.6%	66	4.2	20	24.9%	26	41,107	135	6.4%	6	67.4%	122	3.13	33	51,504
Asbury Park city	Monmouth	-11.98	60.8	20	82	-4.9%	38	12.5%	15	25.1%	55	4.9	9	31.9%	7	32,755	77	7.6%	47	82.0%	462	1.95	149	89,178
East Orange city	Essex	-11.89	60.6	21	148	-2.9%	13	16.1%	20	23.1%	19	9.5	30	21.1%	17	36,921	43	8.6%	78	85.4%	12	4.42	14	41,716
City of Orange township	Essex	-11.75	60.2	22	173	-2.1%	25	14.2%	21	23.0%	48	5.3	17	25.5%	11	33,233	67	7.8%	36	79.6%	19	4.19	26	47,810
Irvington township	Essex	-11.65	59.9	23	92	-4.4%	15	16.0%	35	17.6%	26	8.3	23	23.7%	16	36,782	47	8.5%	45	81.8%	9	4.56	11	37,551
Commercial township	Cumberland	-11.49	59.5	24	169	-2.2%	23	14.5%	19	23.5%	220	1.2	27	22.0%	40	46,195	8	11.8%	27	77.7%	271	2.59	18	45,679
Perth Amboy city	Middlesex	-11.25	58.8	25	471	6.4%	249	6.3%	40	17.3%	76	3.7	25	22.8%	33	44,024	32	9.3%	8	67.9%	158	2.94	57	60,886

Municipal Anomaly Examples

Although the 2017 MRI produces results roughly in line with expectations, there are some anomalies. Some slightly unexpected results are the inclusion of some shore communities, such as **Wildwood**, **Seaside Heights**, **Somers Point**, and **Ventnor City**, among the top ranks of the MRI. One might not expect these communities to be distressed because of their strong seasonal local economies. Their high rankings on the MRI are largely due to their permanent resident population losses and the demographic profiles of their permanent resident populations, which tend toward high levels of social and economic vulnerability, as discussed below.

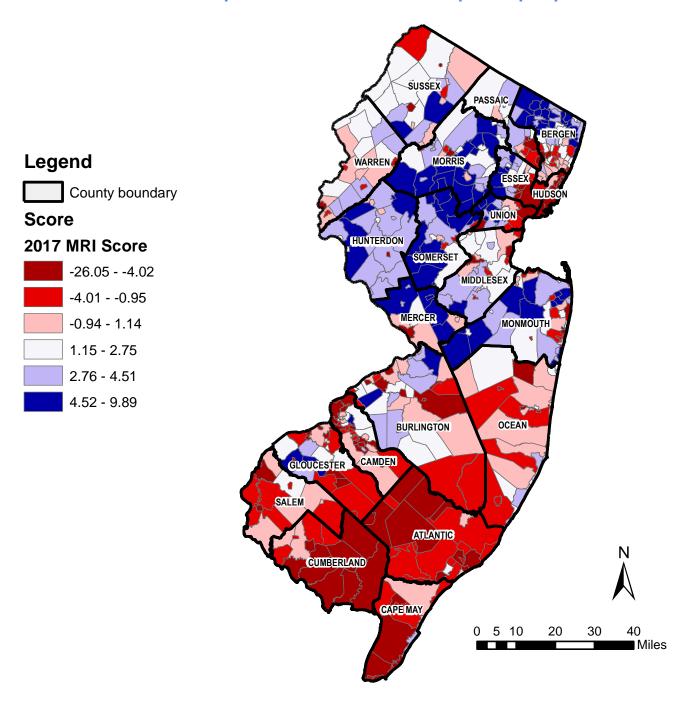
New Brunswick makes the list largely due to its largely poor, poorly educated, immigrant resident population. Although New Brunswick has recently seen substantial investments and improvements in its downtown, it remains a highly distressed community as a whole on multiple measures. As the home of Rutgers University, New Brunswick contains a large student community that could substantially impact the Index. A computation of the Index removing the under-25 population from the poverty, median household income, and unemployment numbers would only improve New Brunswick's ranking by 5. Even without the presence of Rutgers students, New Brunswick would still rank as a highly distressed community. Examining similar communities with large college-enrolled populations showed no systematic bias in the Index rankings toward distress.

Although a popular summer vacation destination with high property values and low property taxes, **Seaside Heights** makes the list at #6 due to its high poverty rate, low household income levels, and high rates of SNAP and TANF participation. Each of these indicators suggests that Seaside Heights' permanent resident population is generally poor. Moreover, its recent population losses and non-seasonal vacancy rate suggest a lack of desirability as a place of *permanent* residence, despite its high seasonal population.

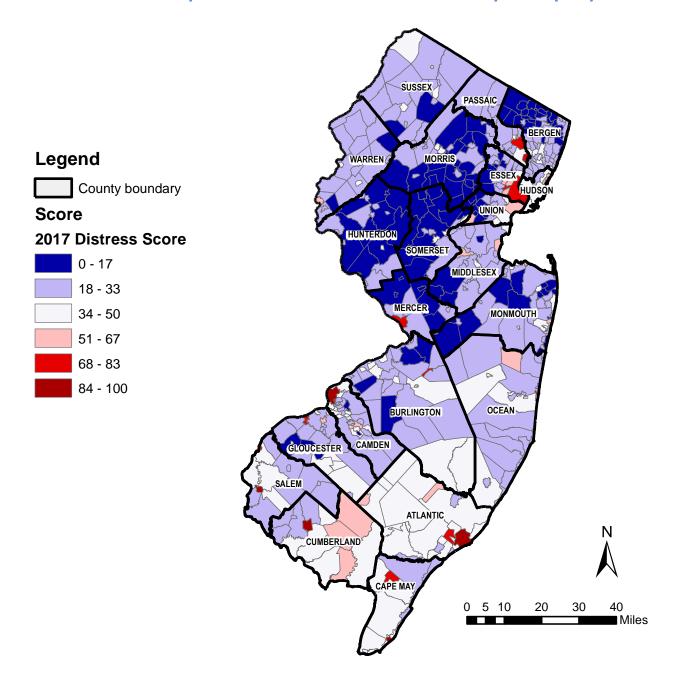
A similar story can be told about **Wildwood**, which ranks #5 on the Index. Wildwood has a very high unemployment rate, as much of the employment in the town is seasonal. A total of 47 percent of Wildwood's resident workers work less than 40 weeks per year, compared to 17 percent statewide. 29 percent of residents live in poverty, and SNAP and TANF participation well exceeds that of most communities. Wildwood is also home to a large poor Hispanic community, which comprises 23 percent of the population and has a median household income of only \$16,736, more than 76 percent below the state total.⁹

The following maps show New Jersey's 565 municipalities by 2017 MRI score, distress score, and rank.

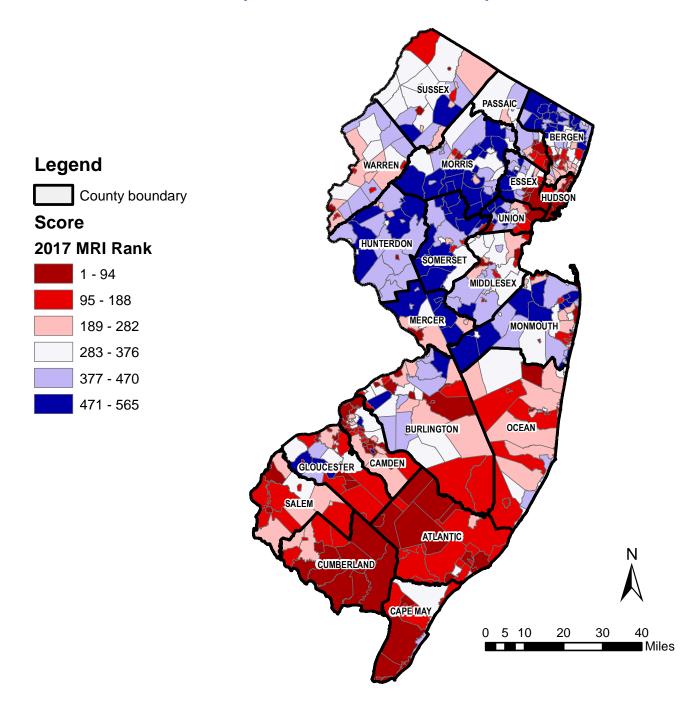
2017 Municipal Revitalization Index Score by Municipality



Municipal Revitalization Index Distress Scores by Municipality



Municipal Revitalization Index Scores by Rank



2007-2017 Changes in MRI

To examine changes in distress over time, the MRI was recalculated with the new methodology, but using 2007 data, covering the last time the MRI was released. The following chart shows the top 25 municipalities with the largest decreases in distress as measured by the new 2017 MRI:

2017 MRI, Top 25 Municipalities - Distress Decrease

Municipality	County	MRI Index Change	MRI Decrease Rank	MRI Rank Change	2007 Rank	2017 Rank	2015 Pop	Primary reasons for change		
Washington township	Burlington	8.49	1	92	20	112	674	Increase in HS graduate population share, decrease in poverty		
Elmer borough	Salem	7.28	2	146	45	191	1,343	Decrease in children's pop. on welfare		
Asbury Park city	Monmouth	6.75	3	13	7	20	15,818	Decrease in children's pop. on welfare, drop in unemployment rate		
Wildwood Crest borough	Cape May	5.32	4	58	38	96	3,182	Decrease in poverty rate, decrease in food stamp participation.		
East Orange city	Essex	5.18	5	9	12	21	64,949	Decrease in poverty and children's pop. on welfare		
Swedesboro borough	Gloucester	5.07	6	81	49	130	2,613	Decrease in food stamp participation, decrease in poverty rate		
Upper Deerfield township	Cumberland	4.51	7	100	57	157	7,586	Decrease in children's pop. on welfare, drop in poverty		
Seaside Park borough	Ocean	4.46	8	144	80	224	1,551	Decrease in poverty rate, rise in income levels		
Andover borough	Sussex	4.05	9	158	110	268	581	Decrease in food stamp participation, decrease in poverty rate, falling unemployment rate		
Camden	Camden	3.95	10	0	1	1	76,119	Decrease in children's pop. on welfare		
West Wildwood borough	Cape May	3.88	11	52	47	99	572	Decrease in children's pop. on welfare		
Carneys Point township	Salem	3.84	12	22	32	54	7846	Decrease in children's pop. on welfare		
Hi-Nella borough	Camden	3.79	13	40	44	84	860	Decrease in food stamp participation, falling unemployment rate		
Union township	Hunterdon	3.61	14	199	205	404	5,679	Falling poverty rate, increase in HS graduate population share		
Englewood Cliffs borough	Bergen	3.59	15	203	295	498	5,403	Decline in poverty rate		
Tavistock borough	Camden	3.52	16	27	538	565	5	Increase in HS graduate population share		
Fairview borough	Bergen	3.47	17	32	43	75	14,451	Drop in unemployment rate		
Jersey City	Hudson	3.34	18	24	40	64	264,290	Drop in children's welfare participation		
North Hanover township	Burlington	3.28	19	133	126	259	7,609	Increase in HS graduate population share		
Clementon borough	Camden	3.22	20	18	24	42	4,947	Decrease in food stamp participation		
Carteret borough	Middlesex	3.15	21	48	53	101	24,170	Drop in unemployment rate and poverty		
Boonton town	Morris	3.06	22	135	165	300	8,441	Drop in poverty and unemployment rate		
Palisades Park borough	Bergen	3.04	23	118	130	248	20,743	Drop in unemployment rate and food stamp participation		
South Harrison township	Gloucester	2.93	24	169	246	415	3,138	Drop in poverty, increase in HS graduate population share		
Millville city	Cumberland	2.87	25	10	19	29	28230	Drop in poverty		

Washington Township, Burlington County showed the biggest decrease in distress of New Jersey's 565 municipalities. Census data showed a large increase in the high school graduate population share and a drop in poverty. However, as a rural Pinelands town of only 674 persons, there is a very large margin of error associated with estimates based on such small sample sizes. The difference in indicators from 2007 to 2015 could simply be due to sampling error, making the extreme drop in distress less of a certainty. Moreover, for such small municipalities, very small population changes can have large impacts on indicators, magnifying their significance to distress.

Elmer had the second largest drop in distress due to a large decline in the number of children on TANF. Asbury Park dropped significantly in the rankings from falling unemployment and children's TANF participation. Wildwood Crest showed a sharp fall in distress from a large decrease in both SNAP participation and poverty. East Orange, one of New Jersey's most persistently distressed cities, had a decrease in children's TANF participation and poverty, improving its distress score. Camden's Index score improved because the number of children on TANF fell. However the city remains the state's most distressed community. Other notable communities with decreases in distress include Millville, Seaside Park, and Jersey City.

The results also showed a number of municipalities with substantial increases in distress, as shown in the following table:

2017 MRI Top 25 Municipalities - Distress Increase

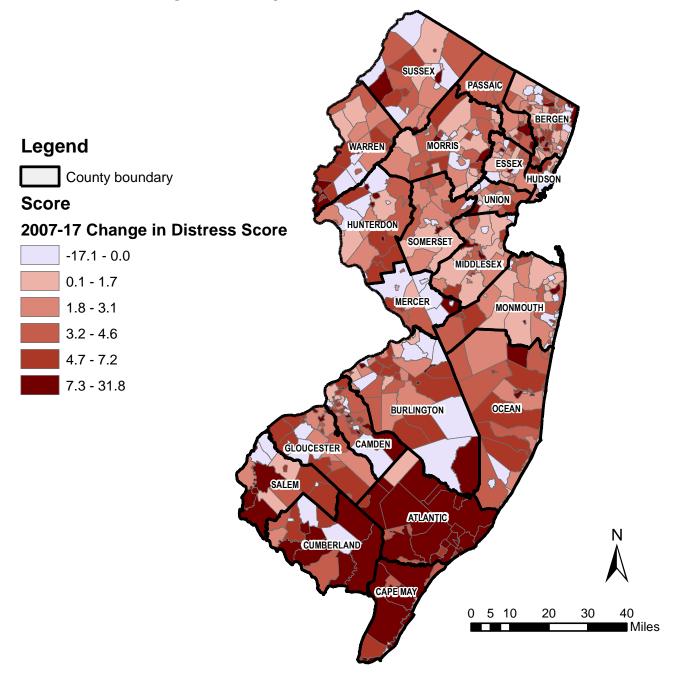
Municipality	County	MRI Change	MRI Increase Rank	2007 Rank	2017 Rank	MRI Rank Change	2015 Pop	Primary reasons for change
Teterboro borough	Bergen	-9.4473	1	532	115	-417	69	Ratable losses, rising unemployment, growing population without a HS diploma and households receiving food stamps, falling incomes, rising poverty
Salem city	Salem	-8.7118	2	14	2	-12	4,894	Growing pop. of children on welfare, rising unemployment, poverty, and food stamp participation
Pemberton borough	Burlington	-6.0479	3	107	30	-77	1,383	Rising pop. of children on welfare and households receiving food stamps, rise in poverty
Ocean Gate borough	Ocean	-5.6788	4	244	67	-177	2,010	Rising food stamp and children's welfare participation
Pleasantville city	Atlantic	-5.0137	5	22	13	-9	20,755	Rising food stamp participation
Folsom borough	Atlantic	-4.999	6	296	110	-186	1,851	Rising food stamp participation and unemployment
Brooklawn borough	Camden	-4.8324	7	177	57	-120	1,933	Rising unemployment, poverty rate, and food stamp participation
Harvey Cedars borough	Ocean	-4.7306	8	541	322	-219	341	Rising unemployment
Berlin township	Camden	-4.1866	9	224	94	-130	5434	Rising unemployment
Atlantic City	Atlantic	-4.1697	10	5	3	-2	39,260	Rising poverty, growing population without a HS diploma, rising unemployment
Flemington borough	Hunterdon	-4.0113	11	131	52	-79	4,641	Rising poverty, growing population without a HS diploma, increased food stamp participation
Port Republic city	Atlantic	-3.9552	12	410	199	-211	1,100	Rising unemployment, growing population without a HS diploma
Wrightstown borough	Burlington	-3.8879	13	21	14	-7	796	Growing population without a HS diploma
Northfield city	Atlantic	-3.5591	14	298	152	-146	8,521	Rising unemployment and poverty
Oceanport borough	Monmouth	-3.4536	15	439	241	-198	5,739	Rising poverty, food stamp participation, and unemployment
Millstone borough	Somerset	-3.3796	16	506	338	-168	419	Rising unemployment
Brigantine city	Atlantic	-3.3778	17	201	97	-104	9,204	Rising unemployment
Alpine borough	Bergen	-3.2557	18	550	425	-125	1,917	Falling incomes
Mullica township	Atlantic	-3.2465	19	147	69	-78	6,098	Rising unemployment
Union Beach borough	Monmouth	-3.2105	20	204	105	-99	5595	Rising food stamp participation
Glen Gardner borough	Hunterdon	-3.1525	21	376	208	-168	1,663	Rising food stamp participation
Mantoloking borough	Ocean	-3.0701	22	565	543	-22	253	Rising unemployment
Dennis township	Cape May	-3.0241	23	265	153	-112	6,315	Rising unemployment
Stanhope borough	Sussex	-2.9049	24	370	217	-153	3,410	Rising poverty and food stamp participation
New Brunswick city	Middlesex	-2.8529	25	27	17	-10	57,035	Growing population without a HS diploma, rising poverty

The #1 ranked town on increased distress is also among the state's smallest communities. **Teterboro** (pop. 71) showed large ratable losses, rising unemployment, a falling concentration of high school graduates, and a rising proportion of SNAP participation. However, this ranking may be due to Teterboro's tiny size, as small population changes can produce sizable shifts in the distress indicators.

The second-highest increase in distress occurred in **Salem**, where the exit of a major glass manufacturer and a corresponding growth in children's TANF dependence, unemployment, SNAP participation, and poverty catapulted the City from #14 to the second-most distressed municipality in New Jersey. **Ocean Gate**, a seaside Monmouth County community adjacent to **Asbury Park**, had a large increase in distress from a population increasingly dependent on TANF and SNAP. Two Atlantic County communities linked to the Atlantic City metropolitan economy, **Pleasantville** and **Folsom** had severe increases in distress from rising unemployment and SNAP participation, as casino closures produced large regional job losses. Other nearby suburban communities, such as **Brigantine**, **Northfield**, and **Port Republic**, have also seen large increases. **Atlantic City** itself had the 10th largest increase in distress from rising unemployment, poverty, and a growing population without a high school diploma. Other notable municipalities with large increases in distress include **Flemington**, **New Brunswick**, and **Brooklawn**.

While the vast majority of New Jersey municipalities had some increase in distress from 2007 to 2015, many of the heaviest increases have occurred in South Jersey, especially within Cumberland, Cape May, Salem, and Atlantic Counties. Communities with declines in distress are much fewer in number and are evenly distributed across the state.

2007-17 Change in Municipal Revitalization Index Distress Scores



2017 Municipal Revitalization Index Analysis

No municipal distress index can perfectly measure distress. The sheer diversity of the state's 565 communities makes it impossible for a single measure to completely and accurately assess distress without some degree of bias. Moreover, how distress should be defined and measured is not universally accepted and is very much subject to debate. The 2017 MRI is a notable improvement over the existing MRI and is constructed based on the results of a factor analysis and commonly accepted distress indicators. As commonly accepted does not always mean most appropriate, these indicators were then substantiated with a factor analysis validating their selection. The 2017 MRI, like any other municipal distress index, has its shortcomings. For example, it cannot perfectly measure the various dimensions commonly associated with social, economic, physical, and fiscal distress. However, it results from a very robust and rigorous process to develop an adequate measure of municipal distress in New Jersey.

2017 MRI Correlation Analysis

Decennial

A correlation analysis reveals that many of the 2017 MRI indicators are strongly correlated with each other. They are also much more strongly correlated with each other than the existing MRI indicators. ¹⁰ This finding suggests that 2017 MRI variables constitute better indicators of distress than the components of the existing MRI.

Correlation Matrix — 2017 Municipal Revitalization Index Indicators

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Children

	Population Change	Housing Vacancy Rate	w/SNAP Benefits	on TANF Rate	Poverty Rate	Household Income	Unemploy- ment Rate	Diploma or Higher	Property Tax Rate	Valuation per Capita
Decennial Population Change	1.00									
Non-Seas. Housing Vacancy Rate	-0.29	1.00		•						
% w SNAP Benefits	-0.01	0.32	1.00		_					
Children on TANF Rate	-0.10	0.33	0.73	1.00		_				
Poverty Rate	0.01	0.31	0.90	0.68	1.00					
Median Household Income	0.10	-0.29	-0.69	-0.49	-0.69	1.00				
Unemployment Rate	-0.14	0.17	0.59	0.53	0.58	-0.66	1.00		_	
HS Diploma or Higher	-0.04	-0.30	-0.79	-0.57	-0.77	0.65	-0.54	1.00		
Effective Property Tax Rate	0.08	0.06	0.34	0.24	0.26	-0.30	0.15	-0.27	1.00	
Equalized Valuation per Capita	-0.21	0.12	-0.16	-0.10	-0.06	0.08	-0.03	0.19	-0.36	1.00

To supplement the correlation analysis, Cronbach's alpha, a measure of internal consistency, was calculated from each of component variables with weights applied. The analysis produced an alpha of 0.88, which is well above 0.70, the minimum for an acceptable level of internal consistency (Nunnaly, 1978). This suggests that the indicators within the 2017 MRI together measure distress as a single construct emergent from the combined indicators.

Equalized

Effective

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¹⁰A full comparison of correlations in the existing MRI to correlations in 2017 MRI can be found in the Appendix.

County and Regional Analysis

Similar to the MRI Update, the 2017 MRI shows high concentrations of distress in rural parts of South Jersey, particularly within Cape May, Cumberland, Salem, and Atlantic Counties. The state's urban communities are shown as almost uniformly highly distressed, while urban northeastern New Jersey communities within Bergen, Passaic, Essex, Hudson, and Union Counties show as very distressed. The Highlands region (mostly Sussex and Warren Counties) also registers as nearly distressed.

When compared to the existing MRI Update, the 2017 MRI generally shows rural South Jersey communities as more distressed than they appear in the Update and the Highlands region as slightly less distressed. Many Ocean, Somerset, and Middlesex County communities appear as slightly more distressed, while the relatively affluent municipalities of Hunterdon and Morris Counties show as slightly less distressed. Many suburban northeastern New Jersey communities register as somewhat less distressed. Many of these changes are likely due to the removal of pre-1960 and substandard housing from the Index, which created a distress bias toward older and more rural communities.

When examining the results on a countywide basis, Cumberland County emerges with the highest population-weighted average 2017 MRI distress score, followed by Passaic, Atlantic, Essex, Hudson, Camden, Salem, and Cape May Counties. The typical resident of Cumberland County is much more likely to live in a highly distressed municipality than residents of other New Jersey counties. Passaic County and Essex County's scores are driven heavily by the presence of relatively large and highly distressed cities such as Newark and Paterson.

The median 2017 MRI results are similar; however, the county ranks differ slightly. This suggests that municipal distress is highly concentrated in the rural southern portion of the state and the urban northeast, just outside New York City. Salem and Essex Counties show the most variability in 2017 MRI scores, while Hunterdon, Somerset, and Warren Counties show the least. Regionally, South Jersey emerges as the most distressed part of the state and has the most variability in municipal distress, followed by North Jersey. Central Jersey, a heavily suburban region, is the least distressed area and has the least variability in municipal distress.

2017 Municipal Revitalization Index County and Regional Averages

	Num. of Towns	Pop- Weighted Average Distress Score	Rank - Pop- Weighted Average	Standard Deviation	Minimum	Bottom Quartile	Median	Top Quartile	Maximum	Rank - Median
New Jersey	565	27.5		14.7	0.0	17.5	24.4	34.1	100.0	
Atlantic	23	48.5	3	16.2	15.8	33.4	38.1	44.1	92.4	4
Bergen	70	22.9	18	9.3	6.5	13.6	19.9	25.9	45.3	16
Burlington	40	26.3	15	11.9	14.8	20.5	25.5	36.4	70.5	9
Camden	37	41.6	6	16.5	0.0	27.5	35.1	43.2	100.0	5
Cape May	16	39.7	8	18.4	19.1	26.0	38.3	41.3	84.8	3
Cumberland	14	55.3	1	15.6	28.5	31.7	43.8	52.9	86.3	1
Essex	22	46.9	4	20.0	4.1	13.2	19.0	31.3	73.5	17
Gloucester	24	29.5	12	12.6	11.2	22.7	31.6	38.4	67.7	7
Hudson	12	42.1	5	11.6	17.3	30.9	40.3	43.6	61.5	2
Hunterdon	26	17.7	21	7.2	7.9	15.1	17.5	23.5	45.4	19
Mercer	12	33.5	10	18.1	7.7	12.8	17.7	28.5	75.7	18
Middlesex	25	27.8	14	12.3	12.6	19.8	23.8	30.3	64.7	12
Monmouth	53	23.4	17	11.2	6.6	15.0	21.7	30.9	60.8	15
Morris	39	18.1	20	9.0	4.9	13.1	16.3	21.0	48.9	20
Ocean	33	32.3	11	12.7	9.8	22.4	26.7	33.6	82.5	8
Passaic	16	49.5	2	19.8	17.3	22.3	25.0	42.8	81.6	11
Salem	15	41.5	7	21.4	23.6	26.0	32.8	36.5	97.1	6
Somerset	21	18.5	19	8.4	8.8	13.2	15.1	25.3	34.8	21
Sussex	24	23.5	16	8.9	13.9	20.0	23.1	28.8	51.8	13
Union	21	34.0	9	14.2	10.7	13.2	23.0	36.2	55.9	14
Warren	22	29.3	13	8.6	15.6	19.9	25.0	30.4	55.4	10
North	205	34.9	2	13.1	4.1	15.6	21.3	29.0	81.6	2
Central	158	27.3	3	11.7	6.6	14.9	20.2	28.7	75.7	3
South	202	36.6	1	15.8	0.0	24.1	31.7	40.1	100.0	1

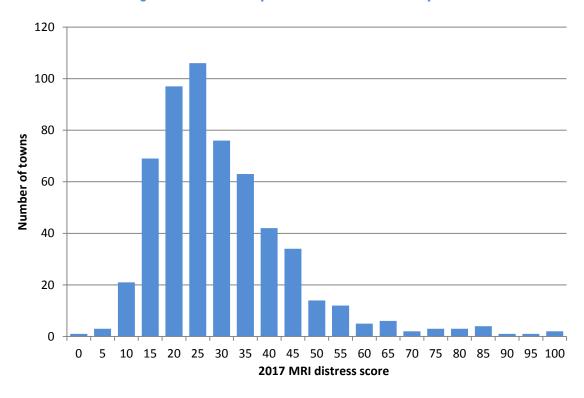
The components of the 2017 MRI also generally show more variability than the existing MRI, suggesting they may function better as indicators of the various dimensions of distress.

Summary Statistics: Components of the 2017 Municipal Revitalization Index

	Average MRI Distress Score	Decen. % Pop. Change	% w SNAP Benefits	Children on TANF Rate	Poverty Rate	Median Household Income	Unemployment Rate	HS Diploma or Higher	Effective Property Tax Rate	Equalized Valuation per Capita	Non- Seasonal Housing Vacancy
Pop. Weighted Avg.	27.5	1.4%	6.4%	1.86	8.0%	\$84,492	5.6%	91.1%	2.59	\$252,885	6.61%
Std. Deviation	14.7	8.8%	6.5%	3.37	6.4%	\$30,282	2.1%	6.5%	1.06	\$596,202	5.41%
Minimum	0.0	-44.4%	0.0%	0.00	0.0%	\$25,042	0.0%	61.3%	0.51	\$10,676	0.00%
Bottom Quartile	17.5	-3.1%	2.0%	0.07	3.8%	\$63,306	4.2%	88.6%	2.10	\$87,144	3.71%
Median	24.4	1.6%	4.4%	0.69	6.3%	\$79,327	5.1%	92.8%	2.56	\$125,832	5.96%
Top Quartile	34.1	4.9%	8.4%	2.19	10.0%	\$101,773	6.3%	95.5%	3.03	\$197,266	8.17%
Maximum	100.0	79.7%	43.2%	31.12	39.9%	\$200,152	20.3%	100.0%	18.60	\$6,335,760	81.25%

As one might expect, the distribution of 2017 MRI Distress Scores shows a strong positive skew from the presence of a small number of highly distressed communities. However, the vast majority of New Jersey communities are below 50 on the distress scale and cannot be considered distressed.

Histogram: 2017 Municipal Revitalization Index by Distress Score



Conclusion

Given the shortcomings of the existing MRI and the many improvements and advantages of the new version demonstrated in the report, the indicators of the new 2017 MRI will compose the official Municipal Revitalization Index for 2017 and future years. The new index, although not perfect, is better aligned to statistically emergent dimensions of distress and produces intuitive outcomes more closely matched to actual distributions of need-based municipal aid in New Jersey.

Replacing the existing MRI with the 2017 MRI will better inform policy decisions across New Jersey government by focusing more on relevant, current indicators statistically linked to distress. It also provides a new format and classification system that clarifies what communities can be considered not distressed, moderately distressed, or highly distressed. Moreover, the improved selection of indicators can improve fairness and equity with respect to areas of State law using the MRI as a criterion for allocating preferences and targeted funds to municipalities in need.

Legitimate policy concerns exist about whether any distress index can adequately measure distress across all New Jersey's varied towns, townships, boroughs, and cities. However, the 2017 MRI will improve the measurement of distress and equitable allocation of resources across New Jersey's 565 diverse communities.

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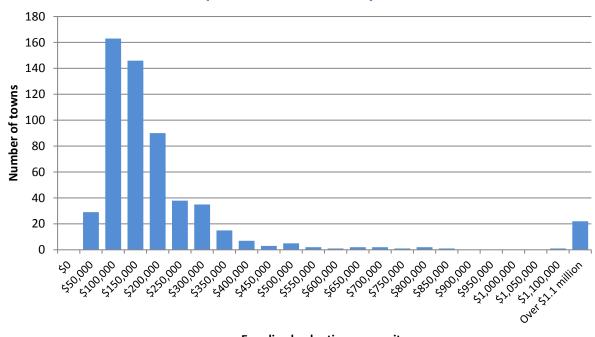
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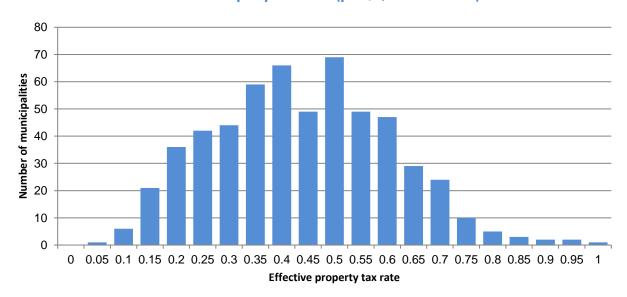
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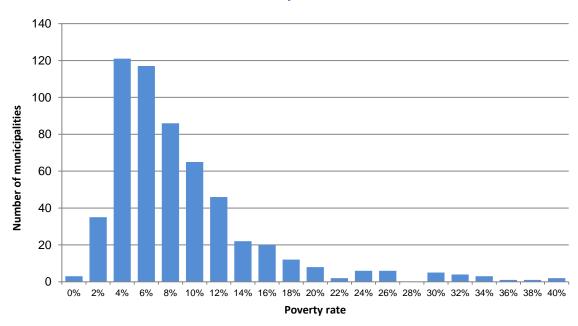


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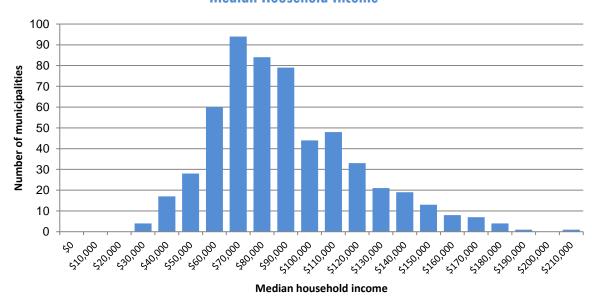
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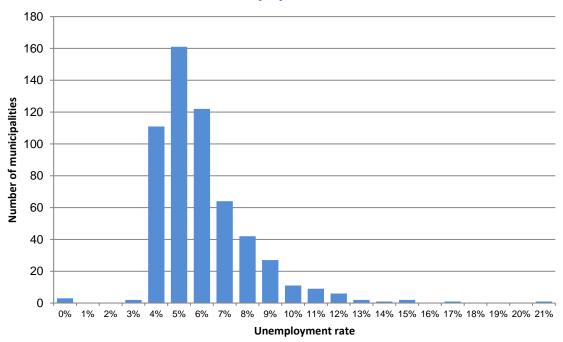
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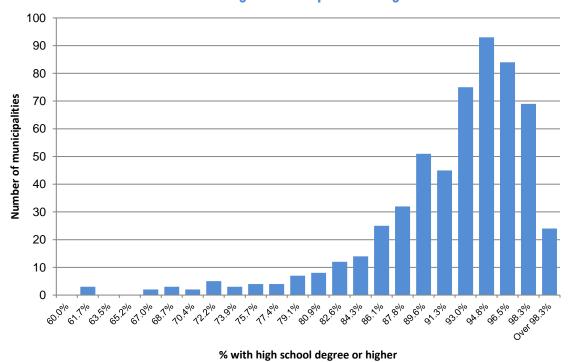
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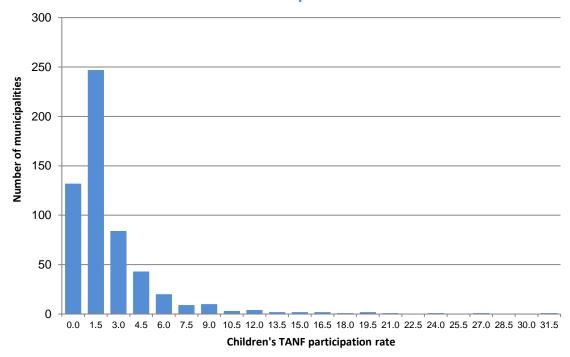
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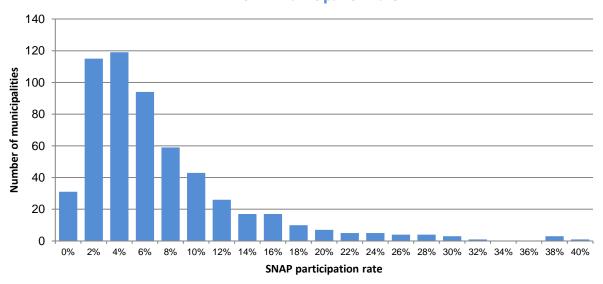
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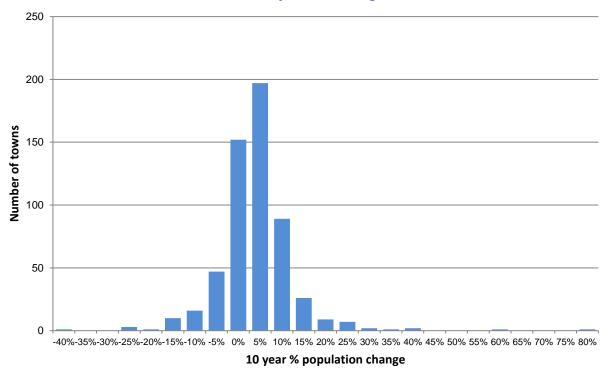
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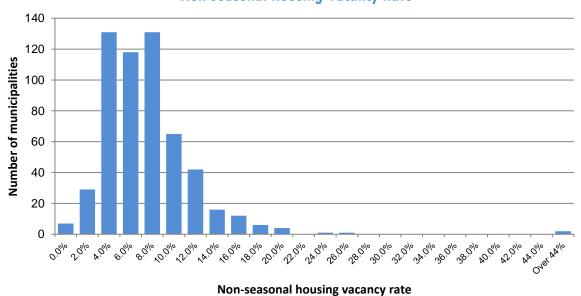
SNAP Participation Rate



10-Year Population Change







Factor Analysis Results

Iterated Principal Factor Analysis with Varimax Rotation Results

Factor	Variance	Difference	Proportion	Cumulative
Factor1	3.55	0.60	0.31	0.31
Factor2	2.96	0.77	0.25	0.56
Factor3	2.19	1.61	0.19	0.75
Factor4	0.58	0.13	0.05	0.80
Factor5	0.45	0.02	0.04	0.84
Factor6	0.43	0.04	0.04	0.88
Factor7	0.39	0.02	0.03	0.91
Factor8	0.38	0.15	0.03	0.94
Factor9	0.22	0.01	0.02	0.96
Factor10	0.21	0.14	0.02	0.98
Factor11	0.07	0.00	0.01	0.98
Factor12	0.07	0.01	0.01	0.99
Factor13	0.06	0.01	0.00	1.00
Factor14	0.04	0.03	0.00	1.00
Factor15	0.01		0.00	1.00

Varimax rotated factor loadings (pattern matrix) and unique variances

Variable	Factor1	Factor2	Factor3	Factor4	Factor5	Factor6	Factor7	Factor8	Factor9	Factor10	Factor11	Factor12	Factor13	Factor14	Factor15	Unique- ness
Avg. Annual Pop. Change	0.04	0.08	-0.35	-0.07	0.57	-0.11	0.07	-0.01	-0.03	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.01	0.00	0.52
Children's TANF Participation	0.71	-0.23	0.04	0.08	-0.12	0.13	0.09	0.22	0.02	-0.04	0.04	0.02	-0.01	0.19	0.00	0.32
Per Capita Income	-0.27	0.78	0.21	-0.04	-0.17	-0.23	0.12	-0.04	-0.08	0.17	-0.04	0.03	0.15	-0.02	0.02	0.12
Unemployment Rate	0.45	-0.58	0.20	-0.02	-0.01	-0.13	-0.16	0.51	0.03	-0.02	-0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.12
Effective Property Tax Rate	0.17	-0.27	-0.40	0.49	-0.01	0.06	0.12	0.10	0.05	0.12	0.02	0.06	0.06	-0.05	0.07	0.45
Equalized Valuation per Capita	-0.06	0.24	0.71	-0.05	0.03	-0.05	-0.07	-0.07	-0.02	0.35	-0.03	0.00	0.00	-0.01	0.00	0.29
% pre-1960 Housing	0.20	0.01	-0.01	0.54	-0.08	0.03	0.06	-0.09	-0.06	-0.10	-0.01	-0.05	-0.05	0.04	-0.05	0.63
% Substandard Housing	0.22	-0.13	0.11	0.02	0.02	-0.06	0.07	-0.08	-0.09	-0.08	0.24	0.03	-0.01	0.02	0.00	0.83
Poverty Rate	0.90	-0.29	0.07	0.04	0.04	0.01	-0.07	0.01	0.04	-0.09	-0.01	-0.04	0.09	-0.05	-0.05	0.06
% Vacant	0.05	-0.04	0.97	-0.02	-0.09	0.08	-0.02	0.06	0.02	-0.08	0.01	-0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.03
% with Bachelor's Degree or Higher	-0.37	0.87	0.06	0.00	0.19	0.01	-0.03	-0.07	0.15	-0.06	-0.04	-0.14	-0.09	-0.01	-0.01	0.00
% with HS Diploma or Higher	-0.73	0.45	0.07	-0.04	-0.08	-0.06	0.15	0.05	0.41	-0.01	-0.02	-0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.06
Median Household Income	-0.47	0.79	-0.15	-0.09	-0.03	0.03	-0.05	0.03	-0.07	-0.01	0.06	0.18	-0.02	0.02	0.00	0.08
SNAP Participation Rate	0.90	-0.33	-0.02	0.05	-0.03	0.06	0.02	0.05	0.02	0.07	0.02	0.04	-0.10	-0.01	0.05	0.04
Employment/Population Ratio	-0.19	0.14	-0.48	0.15	0.08	0.01	0.53	-0.13	0.06	-0.02	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.39
Non-seasonal Vacancy Rate	0.31	-0.15	0.32	0.06	-0.13	0.56	0.01	-0.09	-0.03	-0.01	-0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.44

Significant variables (loading over 0.50) in bold

Iterated Principal Factor Analysis with Promax Rotation Results

Factor	Variance	Proportion
Factor1	4.87	0.42
Factor2	4.63	0.40
Factor3	2.68	0.23
Factor4	2.35	0.20
Factor5	2.29	0.20
Factor6	2.22	0.19
Factor7	2.01	0.17
Factor8	2.00	0.17
Factor9	1.93	0.17
Factor10	1.61	0.14
Factor11	1.50	0.13
Factor12	1.38	0.12
Factor13	1.19	0.10
Factor14	1.17	0.10
Factor15	0.34	0.03

Promax rotated factor loadings (pattern matrix) and unique variances

Variable	Factor1	Factor2	Factor3	Factor4	Factor5	Factor6	Factor7	Factor8	Factor9	Factor10	Factor11	Factor12	Factor13	Factor14 F	actor15	Unique- ness
Avg. Annual Pop. Change	0.06	0.03	-0.03	-0.02	0.03	-0.08	0.02	0.06	0.03	-0.03	-0.06	0.02	0.67	0.01	-0.03	0.52
Children's TANF Participation	0.42	-0.03	0.07	0.01	-0.04	0.05	0.43	-0.02	-0.01	0.02	0.03	-0.01	0.03	0.00	0.01	0.32
Per Capita Income	0.03	0.73	-0.04	-0.02	0.10	-0.13	0.02	0.07	0.09	-0.03	-0.06	0.03	-0.10	0.01	0.33	0.12
Unemployment Rate	0.15	-0.28	0.67	-0.01	0.05	-0.05	0.01	0.01	0.01	-0.01	-0.03	0.01	-0.04	0.00	-0.02	0.12
Effective Property Tax Rate	-0.03	-0.05	0.03	0.01	-0.13	0.06	-0.02	-0.03	0.00	0.49	0.04	0.36	0.05	0.00	0.04	0.45
Equalized Valuation per Capita	-0.03	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.36	0.04	-0.01	-0.03	0.59	0.01	0.03	-0.01	0.04	0.00	0.01	0.29
% pre-1960 Housing	0.06	0.03	-0.04	-0.02	0.08	-0.07	0.02	0.05	0.01	0.61	-0.05	-0.11	-0.07	0.00	-0.04	0.63
% Substandard Housing	0.04	0.01	-0.02	0.39	0.04	-0.03	0.01	0.02	0.00	-0.01	-0.03	0.01	-0.03	0.01	-0.01	0.83
Poverty Rate	0.89	-0.06	0.02	0.01	-0.06	0.05	-0.02	-0.04	-0.03	0.02	0.04	-0.13	0.05	-0.01	0.10	0.06
% Vacant	-0.04	-0.02	0.03	0.01	0.97	0.06	-0.02	-0.04	-0.03	0.02	0.04	-0.02	0.05	-0.01	0.02	0.03
% with Bachelor's Degree or Higher	-0.10	0.98	0.02	0.01	-0.05	0.05	-0.01	-0.03	-0.02	0.02	0.06	-0.02	0.07	-0.18	-0.04	0.00
% with HS Diploma or Higher	-0.43	0.17	-0.03	-0.02	0.08	-0.08	0.02	0.07	0.03	-0.03	0.49	0.02	-0.08	0.01	-0.03	0.06
Median Household Income	-0.16	0.72	0.02	0.02	-0.05	0.04	-0.01	-0.03	-0.01	0.01	0.03	-0.01	0.04	0.34	0.02	0.08
SNAP Participation Rate	0.97	-0.04	-0.02	-0.01	0.06	-0.05	0.01	0.04	0.02	-0.02	-0.04	0.15	-0.05	0.01	-0.11	0.04
Employment/Population Ratio	-0.05	-0.02	0.01	0.01	-0.18	0.06	-0.02	0.67	-0.02	0.03	0.04	-0.02	0.06	-0.01	0.02	0.39
Non-seasonal Vacancy Rate	0.10	0.03	-0.04	-0.02	0.13	0.64	0.02	0.06	0.03	-0.03	-0.06	0.03	-0.09	0.01	-0.03	0.44

Significant variables (loading over 0.50) in bold

Correlation Matrix Comparison, Existing MRI Update vs. 2017 MRI

Correlation Matrix — Municipal Revitalization Index Update Indicators

	Avg. Annual Population Change	TANF Children per 1,000 Pop.	Per Capita Income	Unemploy- ment Rate	Effective Property Tax Rate	Equalized Valuation Per Capita	% pre- 1960 Housing	% Substandard Housing
Avg. Annual Population Change	1.00							
TANF Children per 1,000 Pop.	-0.11	1.00		_				
Per Capita Income	0.04	-0.35	1.00					
Unemployment Rate	-0.21	0.53	-0.51	1.00				
Effective Property Tax Rate	0.04	0.24	-0.35	0.15	1.00			
Equalized Valuation Per Capita	-0.18	-0.10	0.39	-0.03	-0.36	1.00		_
% pre-1960 Housing	-0.14	0.20	0.00	0.02	0.27	0.00	1.00	
% Substandard Housing	-0.03	0.15	-0.16	0.19	0.05	-0.05	0.08	1.00

Correlation Matrix - New Municipal Revitalization Index Indicators

	Decennial Pop. Change	Non- Seasonal Housing Vacancy Rate	% w/SNAP Benefits	Children on TANF Rate	Poverty Rate	Median Household Income	Unemploy- ment Rate	HS Diploma or Higher	Effective Property Tax Rate	Equalized Valuation Per Capita
Decennial Pop. Change	1.00									
Non-Seas. Housing Vacancy Rate	-0.29	1.00		_						
% w SNAP Benefits	-0.01	0.32	1.00		_					
Children on TANF Rate	-0.10	0.33	0.73	1.00		_				
Poverty Rate	0.01	0.31	0.90	0.68	1.00		_			
Median Household Income	0.10	-0.29	-0.69	-0.49	-0.69	1.00		_		
Unemployment Rate	-0.14	0.17	0.59	0.53	0.58	-0.66	1.00		_	
HS Diploma or Higher	-0.04	-0.30	-0.79	-0.57	-0.77	0.65	-0.54	1.00		
Effective Property Tax Rate	0.08	0.06	0.34	0.24	0.26	-0.30	0.15	-0.27	1.00	
Equalized Valuation Per Capita	-0.21	0.12	-0.16	-0.10	-0.06	0.08	-0.03	0.19	-0.36	1.00

2017 Municipal Revitalization Index Scores by Ranking

						Residential I	Desirabilit	у		Social In	dicators				Economi	c Indicators				cation cator		Fiscal	Indicators	
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		MRI	Distress	MRI	Rei	tained	٨	lew	I	Vew	Ret	ained	٨	lew	1	Vew	Ret	ained	٨	lew	Ret	ained	Re	etained
Municipality	County	Score	Score	Rank	Rank	Value	Rank	Value	Rank	Value	Rank	Value	Rank	Value	Rank	Value	Rank	Value	Rank	Value	Rank	Value	Rank	Value
Camden city	Camden	-26.05	100.0	1	126	-3.5%	6	18.3%	1	43.2%	3	23.2	1	39.9%	1	25,042	12	11.1%	7	67.6%	203	2.78	5	22,145
Salem city	Salem	-25.00	97.1	2	28	-10.9%	4	23.6%	2	39.6%	6	18.4	2	39.6%	3	26,320	4	14.1%	25	76.3%	5	4.82	9	30,568
Atlantic City city	Atlantic	-23.33	92.4	3	103	-4.0%	24	14.4%	6	31.6%	4	19.7	3	36.9%	2	25,737	5	13.2%	9	69.6%	86	3.31	368	163,937
Bridgeton city	Cumberland	-21.12	86.3	4	337	2.9%	30	13.5%	7	30.0%	7	17.6	8	32.0%	15	36,208	22	10.0%	2	61.5%	16	4.30	3	19,269
Wildwood city	Cape May	-20.60	84.8	5	109	-3.9%	55	11.2%	25	20.2%	8	15.9	13	29.1%	4	27,067	1	20.3%	37	79.7%	375	2.24	486	276,210
Seaside Heights borough	Ocean	-19.76	82.5	6	70	-5.9%	3	25.3%	16	25.0%	1	31.1	18	25.3%	12	33,958	67	7.8%	34	79.3%	443	2.04	448	220,392
Penns Grove borough	Salem	-19.72	82.4	7	184	-1.7%	19	15.6%	5	36.1%	12	12.3	11	30.4%	5	31,406	26	9.8%	5	66.8%	14	4.35	7	27,080
Paterson city	Passaic	-19.43	81.6	8	247	0.6%	48	11.8%	4	36.4%	9	15.2	13	29.1%	8	32,915	20	10.1%	13	71.4%	40	3.80	15	42,592
Woodbine borough	Cape May	-18.05	77.7	9	139	-3.2%	173	7.6%	10	27.1%	16	11.3	15	28.9%	14	34,906	14	10.9%	1	61.3%	512	1.56	69	63,856
Passaic city	Passaic	-17.45	76.1	10	383	3.9%	115	8.7%	3	36.5%	22	8.8	10	31.6%	6	31,832	61	8.0%	4	65.7%	121	3.13	25	47,621
Trenton city	Mercer	-17.33	75.7	11	178	-1.9%	5	19.6%	11	26.9%	10	14.6	16	28.3%	13	34,257	61	8.0%	11	71.0%	6	4.77	8	28,013
Newark city	Essex	-16.53	73.5	12	332	2.8%	17	15.8%	9	29.3%	15	11.7	12	29.7%	10	33,139	37	8.8%	16	72.3%	166	2.90	29	48,803
Pleasantville city	Atlantic	-16.37	73.1	13	360	3.3%	74	10.4%	14	25.4%	17	11.0	22	24.8%	27	41,633	10	11.6%	10	70.1%	23	4.07	12	37,801
Wrightstown borough	Burlington	-15.46	70.5	14	238	0.3%	222	6.8%	24	20.4%	2	26.4	29	21.4%	41	46,625	174	5.9%	23	75.7%	231	2.70	22	47,140
Woodlynne borough	Camden	-14.69	68.4	15	291	1.8%	52	11.5%	13	26.0%	20	9.5	20	24.9%	23	40,913	51	8.3%	19	74.7%	2	7.56	6	23,363
Paulsboro borough	Gloucester	-14.44	67.7	16	141	-3.1%	12	16.2%	8	29.9%	21	8.8	5	33.8%	24	40,925	26	9.8%	139	88.5%	74	3.40	64	62,442
New Brunswick city	Middlesex	-13.37	64.7	17	506	9.0%	117	8.6%	23	20.8%	41	5.8	4	34.7%	19	38,435	267	5.1%	3	61.6%	246	2.66	46	56,683
Egg Harbor City city	Atlantic	-12.32	61.8	18	79	-5.0%	21	15.3%	54	15.0%	11	13.9	54	15.7%	28	43,235	23	9.9%	38	80.0%	18	4.25	42	55,141
Union City city	Hudson	-12.20	61.5	19	423	4.9%	90	9.8%	12	26.6%	66	4.2	20	24.9%	26	41,107	135	6.4%	6	67.4%	122	3.13	33	51,504
Asbury Park city	Monmouth	-11.98	60.8	20	82	-4.9%	38	12.5%	15	25.1%	55	4.9	9	31.9%	7	32,755	77	7.6%	47	82.0%	462	1.95	149	89,178
East Orange city	Essex	-11.89	60.6	21	148	-2.9%	13	16.1%	20	23.1%	19	9.5	30	21.1%	17	36,921	43	8.6%	78	85.4%	12	4.42	14	41,716
City of Orange township	Essex	-11.75	60.2	22	173	-2.1%	25	14.2%	21	23.0%	48	5.3	17	25.5%	11	33,233	67	7.8%	36	79.6%	19	4.19	26	47,810
Irvington township	Essex	-11.65	59.9	23	92	-4.4%	15	16.0%	35	17.6%	26	8.3	23	23.7%	16	36,782	47	8.5%	45	81.8%	9	4.56	11	37,551
Commercial township	Cumberland	-11.49	59.5	24	169	-2.2%	23	14.5%	19	23.5%	220	1.2	27	22.0%	40	46,195	8	11.8%	27	77.7%	271	2.59	18	45,679
Perth Amboy city	Middlesex	-11.25 -10.22	58.8	25	471 445	6.4%	249 97	6.3%	40	17.3%	76	3.7	25 24	22.8%	33	44,024	32	9.3%	8 14	67.9%	158	2.94	57 41	60,886
Plainfield city			55.9	26	-	5.5%		9.4%	28	19.8%	67	4.2		23.0%	78	54,500	88 150	7.4%		72.1%	62	3.53		54,550
Phillipsburg town Elizabeth city	Warren	-10.04 -9.76	55.4 54.7	27 28	64 449	-6.4% 5.7%	33 63	13.2% 10.7%	29 34	19.6% 18.2%	27 56	8.2 4.9	36 35	18.9%	34 30	44,537 43,568	150 97	6.2% 7.2%	30 17	78.2% 72.8%	69 64	3.45	31 39	50,444 54,226
Millville city	Cumberland	-9.76 -9.62	54.7	28	314	2.5%	98	9.4%	42	16.3%	14	11.8	40	17.5%	46	43,568	37	8.8%	107	86.7%	164	2.91	39 44	56,050
Pemberton borough	Burlington	-9.30	53.4	30	361	3.3%	67	10.5%	43	16.2%	5	18.8	57	15.3%	184	67,098	96	7.3%	170	89.5%	507	1.62	118	80,045
Vineland city	Cumberland	-8.98	52.5	31	413	4.4%	152	7.9%	38	17.4%	42	5.8	46	16.9%	48	49,453	51	8.3%	26	76.4%	337	2.37	77	67,339
Lindenwold borough	Camden	-8.96	52.4	32	217	-0.6%	35	12.7%	62	14.0%	28	8.2	39	17.6%	20	38,906	99	7.1%	51	82.5%	15	4.32	10	33,406
Woodbury city	Gloucester	-8.74	51.8	33	159	-2.5%	56	11.2%	31	18.7%	33	7.2	27	22.0%	65	51,922	111	6.8%	110	87.0%	20	4.17	50	59,004
Sussex borough	Sussex	-8.72	51.8	34	61	-6.5%	18	15.6%	64	13.9%	31	7.3	34	19.2%	18	37,241	106	6.9%	61	83.6%	131	3.07	63	62,186
West New York town	Hudson	-8.61	51.5	35	535	13.0%	266	6.2%	25	20.2%	77	3.6	26	22.1%	37	45,370	227	5.4%	18	73.0%	237	2.68	30	50,019
Buena borough	Atlantic	-8.39	50.9	36	382	3.9%	192	7.3%	69	13.4%	44	5.7	113	10.9%	39	46,169	18	10.2%	28	77.8%	126	3.11	53	60,153
Lakewood township	Ocean	-8.20	50.3	37	559	25.8%	199	7.2%	17	24.0%	163	1.8	7	32.1%	25	40,983	267	5.1%	56	83.3%	381	2.23	152	90,863
Prospect Park borough	Passaic	-8.18	50.3	38	298	2.0%	93	9.6%	22	22.2%	37	6.4	43	17.4%	72	53,889	135	6.4%	84	85.7%	8	4.63	24	47,347

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Municipality	County				Rank	Value	Rank	Value	Rank	Value	Rank	Value	Rank	Value	Rank	Value	Rank	Value	Rank	Value	Rank	Value	Rank	Value
Keansburg borough	Monmouth	-8.11	50.1	39	72	-5.7%	9	17.9%	18	23.8%	90	3.2	50	16.2%	43	47,686	106	6.9%	73	85.0%	109	3.18	37	52,523
Beverly city	Burlington	-8.07	50.0	40	51	-7.0%	70	10.4%	30	19.5%	30	7.8	71	14.0%	60	50,880	67	7.8%	170	89.5%	13	4.36	28	48,755
North Wildwood city	Cape May	-7.82	49.3	41	25	-12.0%	110	8.9%	216	5.9%	98	3.1	157	9.5%	31	43,941	2	16.9%	123	87.7%	538	1.19	537	658,747
Clementon borough	Camden	-7.70	49.0	42	182	-1.7%	217	6.9%	87	11.2%	24	8.5	38	18.6%	66	52,661	37	8.8%	177	89.8%	24	4.05	32	51,342
Victory Gardens borough	Morris	-7.68	48.9	43	209	-0.8%	506	2.5%	25	20.2%	119	2.6	19	25.2%	21	39,811	238	5.3%	50	82.3%	301	2.49	21	47,101
Fairfield township	Cumberland	-7.54	48.5	44	226	-0.3%	132	8.3%	57	14.8%	269	8.0	74	13.7%	50	50,154	15	10.6%	31	78.5%	309	2.46	19	45,876
South Toms River borough	Ocean	-7.26	47.7	45	230	-0.1%	303	5.6%	35	17.6%	46	5.4	74	13.7%	168	66,250	55	8.2%	40	80.4%	250	2.63	52	59,407
Lawnside borough	Camden	-7.21	47.6	46	320	2.6%	59	11.0%	46	15.7%	51	5.1	51	15.9%	106	59,279	20	10.1%	202	90.7%	49	3.66	113	78,088
Lawrence township	Cumberland	-6.80	46.4	47	485	7.3%	71	10.4%	64	13.9%	96	3.1	47	16.4%	165	65,917	15	10.6%	84	85.7%	253	2.63	81	68,217
Buena Vista township	Atlantic	-6.78	46.4	48	170	-2.2%	87	9.9%	166	7.2%	69	4.1	40	17.5%	53	50,421	18	10.2%	82	85.6%	308	2.46	115	78,729
Chesilhurst borough	Camden	-6.64	46.0	49	364	3.4%	262	6.2%	83	11.4%	99	3.1	45	17.1%	69	53,516	51	8.3%	42	80.9%	89	3.29	35	52,072
Haledon borough	Passaic	-6.60	45.9	50	348	3.1%	351	4.9%	33	18.3%	36	6.4	78	12.9%	148	64,024	116	6.6%	60	83.5%	21	4.12	68	63,691
Gloucester City city	Camden	-6.42	45.4	51	190	-1.6%	61	10.9%	62	14.0%	45	5.6	153	9.6%	55	50,615	55	8.2%	74	85.1%	63	3.52	27	48,039
Flemington borough	Hunterdon	-6.41	45.4	52	375	3.6%	138	8.2%	47	15.6%	92	3.2	40	17.5%	52	50,333	437	4.1%	19	74.7%	165	2.90	179	97,503
Garfield city	Bergen	-6.40	45.3	53	457	5.9%	221	6.9%	51	15.3%	85	3.4	48	16.3%	38	45,469	88	7.4%	63	83.7%	279	2.57	89	70,128
Carneys Point township	Salem	-6.28	45.0	54	210	-0.8%	44	11.9%	78	12.1%	53	5.0	87	12.4%	68	53,474	83	7.5%	48	82.2%	162	2.92	96	72,641
Pine Hill borough	Camden	-6.21	44.8	55	233	0.1%	185	7.4%	47	15.6%	91	3.2	66	14.3%	51	50,184	55	8.2%	139	88.5%	11	4.43	17	45,018
Newton town	Sussex	-6.18	44.7	56	129	-3.4%	95	9.5%	45	15.8%	79	3.5	66	14.3%	45	48,409	124	6.5%	72	84.9%	29	3.91	111	77,915
Brooklawn borough	Camden	-6.14	44.6	57	132	-3.4%	203	7.2%	58	14.6%	68	4.1	58	15.1%	112	60,208	74	7.7%	92	86.0%	54	3.57	51	59,195
Westville borough	Gloucester	-6.13	44.6	58	89	-4.6%	128	8.4%	59	14.5%	32	7.3	77	13.2%	102	58,824	67	7.8%	247	92.0%	27	3.95	48	58,889
Mount Holly township	Burlington	-6.07	44.4	59	42	-8.0%	53	11.4%	83	11.4%	18	10.1	121	10.6%	103	58,884	103	7.0%	162	89.3%	183	2.86	67	63,083
Burlington city	Burlington	-6.02	44.3	60	165	-2.3%	22	14.6%	72	13.2%	23	8.6	139	10.0%	82	55,072	97	7.2%	177	89.8%	91	3.28	70	65,979
Somers Point city	Atlantic	-5.96	44.1	61	60	-6.5%	271	6.1%	85	11.3%	49	5.1	81	12.8%	54	50,450	34	9.0%	141	88.6%	196	2.81	216	105,209
Maurice River township	Cumberland	-5.89	43.9	62	166	-2.2%	65	10.5%	125	9.0%	290	0.6	321	5.5%	142	63,333	17	10.3%	14	72.1%	315	2.44	13	38,108
Downe township	Cumberland	-5.82	43.7	63	84	-4.9%	34	12.8%	149	7.9%	71	3.9	130	10.4%	36	45,333	59	8.1%	41	80.5%	377	2.24	185	98,704
Jersey City city	Hudson	-5.80	43.7	64	511	9.6%	64	10.5%	52	15.2%	40	5.9	33	19.3%	107	59,537	238	5.3%	80	85.5%	391	2.20	178	97,231
East Newark borough	Hudson	-5.71	43.4	65	532	12.0%	278	6.0%	91	11.0%	158	1.9	31	19.9%	47	49,375	150	6.2%	33	79.0%	204	2.78	20	46,986
National Park borough	Gloucester	-5.56	43.0	66	90	-4.6%	295	5.7%	68	13.5%	34	6.7	157	9.5%	96	57,356	61	8.0%	184	90.0%	22	4.09	34	52,040
Ocean Gate borough	Ocean	-5.35	42.4	67	155	-2.8%	277	6.1%	38	17.4%	25	8.5	78	12.9%	177	66,667	116	6.6%	277	92.6%	353	2.29	248	112,585
Ventnor City city	Atlantic	-5.34	42.4	68	22	-12.6%	201	7.2%	41	16.6%	434	0.0	69	14.2%	62	50,978	47	8.5%	131	88.0%	379	2.23	438	207,281
Mullica township	Atlantic	-5.28	42.2	69	195	-1.4%	75	10.4%	129	8.7%	164	1.8	139	10.0%	187	67,269	9	11.7%	91	85.9%	291	2.53	116	78,948
Guttenberg town	Hudson	-5.12	41.8	70	493	7.7%	220	6.9%	47	15.6%	134	2.3	56	15.4%	92	56,837	321	4.8%	34	79.3%	106	3.20	126	81,467
Pennsauken township	Camden	-5.11	41.7	71	211	-0.8%	77	10.3%	64	13.9%	58	4.9	118	10.7%	141	63,279	135	6.4%	65	84.2%	87	3.30	85	69,789
Roselle borough	Union	-5.10	41.7	72	345	3.1%	251	6.3%	89	11.1%	172	1.8	65	14.6%	29	43,397	88	7.4%	110	87.0%	7	4.66	65	62,649
Freehold borough	Monmouth	-5.10	41.7	73	289	1.8%	151	7.9%	50	15.5%	307	0.6	55	15.6%	80	54,595	383	4.4%	24	76.1%	225	2.72	140	86,303
Lower township	Cape May	-5.09	41.7	74	146	-3.0%	301	5.7%	142	8.3%	94	3.2	125	10.5%	76	54,455	12	11.1%	125	87.9%	513	1.56	386	170,917
Fairview borough	Bergen	-5.06	41.6	75	476	7.0%	205	7.1%	81	11.7%	197	1.4	44	17.2%	71	53,846	339	4.7%	22	75.6%	226	2.71	153	91,087
Audubon Park borough	Camden	-5.02	41.5	76	83	-4.9%	528	2.0%	173	7.0%	241	1.0	184	8.6%	35	44,722	30	9.7%	65	84.2%	3	5.38	4	20,746
Lodi borough	Bergen	-5.01	41.5	77	373	3.5%	219	6.9%	74	13.1%	161	1.9	60	14.9%	57	50,774	124	6.5%	55	83.2%	143	3.02	129	83,045
Long Branch city	Monmouth	-4.94	41.3	78	205	-1.0%	84	10.0%	82	11.6%	159	1.9	37	18.7%	44	48,327	194	5.7%	64	84.1%	457	1.97	344	153,710
Riverside township	Burlington	-4.71	40.6	79	157	-2.6%	50	11.7%	77	12.5%	63	4.4	99	11.6%	77	54,492	213	5.5%	78	85.4%	75	3.39	38	53,693
North Bergen township	Hudson	-4.65	40.5	80	482	7.2%	246	6.4%	44	16.1%	434	0.0	52	15.8%	84	55,222	194	5.7%	43	81.2%	208	2.77	143	87,260

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Hamilton township	County Atlantic	-4.57	40.2	81	523	10.9%	171	7.6%	Rank 97	10.6%	Rank 54	5.0	96	11.8%	Rank 116	60,838	Rank 43	8.6%	160	89.2%	Rank 232	2.70	119	80,078
Bayonne city	Hudson	-4.56	40.2	82	489	7.5%	293	5.8%	79	12.0%	57	4.9	62	14.8%	75	54,413	174	5.9%	116	87.3%	101	3.22	127	81,946
		-4.54	40.2	83	198	-1.2%	178	7.5%	115	9.3%	64	4.4	66	14.3%	58	50,784	124	6.5%	154	89.0%	41	3.79	72	66,466
Bellmawr borough Hi-Nella borough	Camden Camden	-4.54	40.2	84	171	-1.2%	106	9.0%	156	7.6%	133	2.3	72	13.8%	42	47,589	55	8.2%	202	90.7%	10	4.53	16	43,227
Dover town	Morris	-4.52	40.1	85	243	0.4%	273	6.1%	54	15.0%	156	1.9	219	7.6%	115	60,822	398	4.3%	12	71.2%	361	2.27	95	72,499
Cape May city	Cape May	-4.51	40.1	86	47	-7.4%	45	11.9%	351	3.2%	173	1.7	78	12.9%	56	50,625	7	12.5%	215	91.3%	550	0.87	542	811,726
Harrison town	Hudson	-4.49	40.0	87	533	12.2%	311	5.5%	70	13.3%	187	1.5	78	13.8%	91	56,713	238	5.3%	29	77.9%	146	3.01	130	83,235
Willingboro township	Burlington	-4.44	39.9	88	73	-5.6%	212	7.0%	102	10.1%	38	6.3	136	10.1%	161	64,969	88	7.4%	193	90.4%	38	3.81	45	56,056
Clayton borough	Gloucester	-4.44	39.8	89	510	9.5%	196	7.0%	37	17.5%	170	1.8	172	9.1%	143	63,628	65	7.4%	109	86.9%	53	3.58	40	54,404
Middle township	Cape May	-4.40	39.8	90	447	5.7%	176	7.5%	222	5.8%	74	3.8	197	8.2%	136	62,887	11	11.5%	118	87.4%	499	1.69	319	140,503
Pemberton township	Burlington	-4.35	39.6	91	105	-4.0%	210	7.1%	100	10.2%	72	3.9	94	11.9%	118	61,039	83	7.5%	108	86.8%	387	2.21	36	52,135
Glassboro borough	Gloucester	-4.31	39.5	92	286	1.7%	81	10.1%	115	9.3%	60	4.5	32	19.5%	150	64,246	141	6.3%	257	92.2%	68	3.45	56	60,811
Hammonton town	Atlantic	-4.26	39.4	93	279	1.5%	161	7.8%	148	8.0%	73	3.9	125	10.5%	135	62,798	59	8.1%	70	84.7%	297	2.51	160	92,470
Berlin township	Camden	-4.22	39.3	94	307	2.2%	245	6.4%	102	10.1%	103	2.9	136	10.1%	104	58,893	103	7.0%	56	83.3%	55	3.56	214	104,980
Winfield township	Union	-4.02	38.7	95	295	1.9%	544	1.5%	231	5.6%	434	0.0	148	9.8%	73	54.167	213	5.5%	264	92.4%	1	18.60	2	10,953
Wildwood Crest borough	Cape May	-4.01	38.7	96	26	-11.5%	504	2.5%	149	7.9%	122	2.5	389	4.4%	164	65,547	3	14.8%	401	95.0%	535	1.25	538	680,200
Brigantine city	Atlantic	-3.98	38.6	97	11	-17.8%	354	4.8%	143	8.2%	78	3.6	94	11.9%	94	57,031	47	8.5%	202	90.7%	504	1.65	520	359,038
Shrewsbury township	Monmouth	-3.91	38.4	98	215	-0.7%	49	11.8%	52	15.2%	252	0.9	48	16.3%	61	50,909	238	5.3%	202	90.7%	133	3.07	23	47,192
West Wildwood borough	Cape May	-3.88	38.3	99	451	5.7%	305	5.6%	216	5.9%	434	0.0	290	6.0%	59	50,795	6	12.7%	93	86.1%	520	1.50	525	407,477
West Cape May borough	Cape May	-3.84	38.2	100	88	-4.7%	51	11.6%	110	9.6%	434	0.0	76	13.5%	49	49,839	23	9.9%	259	92.3%	536	1.22	528	464,293
Carteret borough	Middlesex	-3.80	38.1	101	518	10.1%	294	5.8%	89	11.1%	143	2.1	58	15.1%	183	67,068	124	6.5%	67	84.3%	209	2.77	201	101,731
Estell Manor city	Atlantic	-3.80	38.1	102	290	1.8%	189	7.4%	287	4.3%	13	12.1	342	5.1%	278	78,750	43	8.6%	242	91.9%	392	2.20	162	92,676
Neptune City borough	Monmouth	-3.71	37.8	103	101	-4.1%	495	2.7%	61	14.2%	95	3.1	62	14.8%	88	55,728	124	6.5%	314	93.5%	254	2.62	253	114,336
Bass River township	Burlington	-3.70	37.8	104	102	-4.0%	435	3.6%	143	8.2%	282	0.7	125	10.5%	133	62,727	26	9.8%	102	86.5%	468	1.93	268	120,759
Union Beach borough	Monmouth	-3.69	37.8	105	19	-13.8%	298	5.7%	56	14.9%	192	1.4	125	10.5%	176	66,662	141	6.3%	99	86.4%	275	2.57	174	96,796
Kearny town	Hudson	-3.67	37.7	106	425	4.9%	306	5.6%	105	10.0%	155	1.9	93	12.0%	111	60,015	135	6.4%	56	83.3%	111	3.16	133	84,723
Lakehurst borough	Ocean	-3.65	37.7	107	255	0.8%	184	7.4%	80	11.9%	141	2.2	97	11.7%	166	66,078	77	7.6%	141	88.6%	262	2.61	49	58,896
Absecon city	Atlantic	-3.60	37.5	108	264	0.9%	230	6.6%	237	5.5%	39	6.0	351	4.9%	144	63,656	35	8.9%	120	87.5%	184	2.86	150	89,913
Hackensack city	Bergen	-3.60	37.5	109	432	5.1%	190	7.4%	115	9.3%	121	2.5	52	15.8%	85	55,289	213	5.5%	106	86.6%	123	3.12	278	124,597
Folsom borough	Atlantic	-3.60	37.5	110	76	-5.2%	253	6.3%	75	12.9%	142	2.2	272	6.4%	168	66,250	43	8.6%	113	87.1%	471	1.91	166	93,346
Moonachie borough	Bergen	-3.55	37.4	111	301	2.0%	114	8.7%	147	8.1%	166	1.8	143	9.9%	83	55,179	106	6.9%	44	81.4%	464	1.94	501	297,774
Washington township	Burlington	-3.53	37.3	112	355	3.2%	317	5.4%	185	6.8%	61	4.5	224	7.5%	153	64,375	77	7.6%	46	81.9%	506	1.64	302	132,565
South River borough	Middlesex	-3.49	37.2	113	394	4.1%	100	9.3%	207	6.0%	202	1.3	104	11.4%	137	62,972	99	7.1%	39	80.2%	356	2.28	128	82,337
Hillside township	Union	-3.38	36.9	114	321	2.6%	367	4.6%	198	6.4%	185	1.5	101	11.5%	109	59,939	67	7.8%	95	86.2%	25	4.01	107	76,033
Teterboro borough	Bergen	-3.37	36.9	115	564	56.8%	559	0.0%	32	18.6%	434	0.0	6	32.9%	9	33,068	267	5.1%	54	82.9%	537	1.21	564	5,920,543
Mount Ephraim borough	Camden	-3.36	36.9	116	251	0.7%	57	11.1%	102	10.1%	153	1.9	87	12.4%	124	61,715	141	6.3%	168	89.4%	17	4.26	60	61,336
Quinton township	Salem	-3.23	36.5	117	74	-5.6%	60	10.9%	131	8.6%	184	1.6	240	7.1%	158	64,722	67	7.8%	74	85.1%	272	2.58	94	72,330
Magnolia borough	Camden	-3.14	36.3	118	175	-2.0%	187	7.4%	94	10.8%	144	2.1	81	12.8%	99	57,883	116	6.6%	287	92.9%	26	3.99	59	61,033
Egg Harbor township	Atlantic	-3.09	36.1	119	542	15.0%	214	7.0%	107	9.8%	112	2.8	157	9.5%	247	74,409	42	8.7%	133	88.1%	188	2.84	167	93,538
Belleville township	Essex	-3.07	36.1	120	275	1.2%	244	6.4%	115	9.3%	109	2.8	143	9.9%	162	65,234	141	6.3%	95	86.2%	60	3.54	101	74,390
Somerdale borough	Camden	-3.06	36.0	121	397	4.1%	242	6.4%	99	10.5%	81	3.5	133	10.3%	64	51,633	150	6.2%	240	91.8%	30	3.91	62	61,982
Runnemede borough	Camden	-3.06	36.0	122	187	-1.6%	158	7.8%	91	11.0%	124	2.5	157	9.5%	125	61,885	150	6.2%	141	88.6%	46	3.70	54	60,306
Mannington township	Salem	-3.02	35.9	123	381	3.8%	11	16.4%	151	7.8%	312	0.6	90	12.1%	233	72,917	88	7.4%	88	85.8%	240	2.67	258	116,255

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Red Bank borough	Monmouth	-2.96	35.8	124	258	0.8%	227	6.7%	131	8.6%	337	0.4	60	14.9%	128	62,028	398	4.3%	32	78.8%	417	2.11	389	174,239
Deerfield township	Cumberland	-2.86	35.5	125	371	3.5%	175	7.5%	204	6.1%	244	1.0	184	8.6%	182	67,012	74	7.7%	53	82.6%	142	3.02	66	62,726
Linden city	Union	-2.86	35.5	126	456	5.9%	120	8.6%	125	9.0%	195	1.4	163	9.4%	140	63,250	124	6.5%	68	84.4%	85	3.33	293	129,116
Galloway township	Atlantic	-2.85	35.5	127	467	6.1%	302	5.6%	131	8.6%	136	2.3	197	8.2%	120	61,530	47	8.5%	170	89.5%	202	2.79	100	74,296
Manchester township	Ocean	-2.81	35.3	128	385	3.9%	68	10.5%	194	6.6%	278	0.7	196	8.3%	22	40,154	74	7.7%	125	87.9%	389	2.21	141	87,114
Merchantville borough	Camden	-2.71	35.1	129	196	-1.4%	42	12.0%	94	10.8%	181	1.6	342	5.1%	203	69,833	83	7.5%	137	88.2%	35	3.84	76	67,120
Swedesboro borough	Gloucester	-2.66	34.9	130	520	10.5%	37	12.6%	87	11.2%	43	5.7	272	6.4%	254	75,595	321	4.8%	102	86.5%	36	3.83	73	66,779
Manville borough	Somerset	-2.63	34.8	131	241	0.3%	20	15.4%	137	8.5%	111	2.8	143	9.9%	155	64,514	183	5.8%	146	88.7%	153	2.96	134	85,654
Rahway city	Union	-2.63	34.8	132	519	10.3%	103	9.1%	100	10.2%	102	3.0	188	8.5%	113	60,374	116	6.6%	184	90.0%	59	3.54	135	85,721
Bound Brook borough	Somerset	-2.63	34.8	133	268	1.0%	7	18.2%	270	4.7%	84	3.4	134	10.2%	130	62,263	339	4.7%	71	84.8%	90	3.29	91	70,482
Wharton borough	Morris	-2.59	34.7	134	329	2.8%	500	2.6%	70	13.3%	149	2.0	211	7.8%	174	66,579	289	5.0%	51	82.5%	211	2.76	198	100,481
Montague township	Sussex	-2.57	34.7	135	260	0.9%	69	10.5%	94	10.8%	82	3.5	115	10.8%	95	57,150	183	5.8%	296	93.1%	252	2.63	183	98,188
Keyport borough	Monmouth	-2.56	34.6	136	97	-4.2%	299	5.7%	140	8.4%	151	2.0	134	10.2%	79	54,522	256	5.2%	80	85.5%	245	2.66	184	98,620
Washington borough	Warren	-2.55	34.6	137	94	-4.3%	82	10.1%	196	6.5%	118	2.6	81	12.8%	121	61,625	194	5.7%	209	90.9%	32	3.89	88	70,007
Berkeley township	Ocean	-2.50	34.5	138	248	0.6%	181	7.5%	222	5.8%	226	1.2	219	7.6%	32	43,942	77	7.6%	118	87.4%	452	2.00	286	126,774
Little Egg Harbor township	Ocean	-2.47	34.4	139	529	11.6%	92	9.7%	131	8.6%	130	2.4	197	8.2%	110	60,014	65	7.9%	179	89.9%	376	2.24	237	110,830
Weymouth township	Atlantic	-2.41	34.2	140	498	8.0%	440	3.6%	207	6.0%	434	0.0	153	9.6%	90	56,681	37	8.8%	110	87.0%	390	2.21	71	66,462
South Hackensack township	Bergen	-2.38	34.2	141	474	6.6%	558	0.5%	127	8.9%	214	1.2	139	10.0%	145	63,693	161	6.1%	48	82.2%	264	2.60	492	284,617
Pennsville township	Salem	-2.36	34.1	142	110	-3.8%	89	9.9%	173	7.0%	222	1.2	101	11.5%	105	58,939	135	6.4%	190	90.3%	77	3.37	109	76,899
Neptune township	Monmouth	-2.33	34.0	143	180	-1.8%	154	7.9%	97	10.6%	135	2.3	121	10.6%	138	62,992	116	6.6%	247	92.0%	421	2.10	309	136,374
Belvidere town	Warren	-2.33	34.0	144	52	-6.9%	122	8.6%	76	12.7%	227	1.2	194	8.4%	89	56,221	238	5.3%	214	91.2%	31	3.90	87	69,951
Franklin township	Gloucester	-2.25	33.8	145	305	2.2%	94	9.6%	114	9.5%	183	1.6	211	7.8%	269	77,739	67	7.8%	154	89.0%	156	2.95	112	77,934
Edgewater Park township	Burlington	-2.23	33.7	146	334	2.9%	78	10.3%	107	9.8%	146	2.0	188	8.5%	131	62,475	267	5.1%	84	85.7%	238	2.68	61	61,697
North Plainfield borough	Somerset	-2.18	33.6	147	261	0.9%	353	4.8%	161	7.4%	199	1.4	121	10.6%	170	66,272	238	5.3%	68	84.4%	50	3.64	84	69,789
Clifton city	Passaic	-2.17	33.6	148	460	5.9%	111	8.8%	115	9.3%	117	2.6	172	9.1%	194	67,992	183	5.8%	120	87.5%	171	2.89	240	111,102
Franklin borough	Sussex	-2.16	33.5	149	57	-6.7%	123	8.6%	173	7.0%	126	2.5	175	8.9%	97	57,599	141	6.3%	231	91.6%	78	3.37	137	85,871
Elk township	Gloucester	-2.13	33.5	150	441	5.4%	256	6.3%	60	14.4%	245	1.0	224	7.5%	190	67,321	116	6.6%	193	90.4%	113	3.16	147	89,114
Lake Como borough	Monmouth	-2.13	33.4	151	115	-3.8%	40	12.3%	247	5.2%	106	2.9	70	14.1%	132	62,663	202	5.6%	199	90.6%	489	1.80	458	233,247
Northfield city	Atlantic	-2.12	33.4	152	266	1.0%	439	3.6%	164	7.3%	221	1.2	87	12.4%	200	68,854	83	7.5%	212	91.1%	134	3.07	228	108,291
Dennis township	Cape May	-2.12	33.4	153	161	-2.4%	291	5.8%	301	4.0%	293	0.6	81	12.8%	180	66,727	51	8.3%	154	89.0%	516	1.54	320	140,513
Netcong borough	Morris	-2.10	33.4	154	221	-0.4%	546	1.4%	169	7.1%	212	1.2	90	12.1%	81	54,659	150	6.2%	170	89.5%	129	3.09	125	81,199
Farmingdale borough	Monmouth	-2.10	33.4	155	33	-9.9%	335	5.1%	93	10.9%	272	0.8	64	14.7%	119	61,101	124	6.5%	442	95.8%	435	2.07	243	111,825
Elsinboro township Upper Deerfield	Salem	-2.05	33.2	156	46	-7.4%	197	7.2%	427	1.9%	434	0.0	118	10.7%	167	66,094	23	9.9%	264	92.4%	214	2.75	215	105,048
township	Cumberland	-2.04	33.2	157	231	0.0%	324	5.3%	143	8.2%	286	0.7	209	7.9%	70	53,547	150	6.2%	102	86.5%	205	2.77	117	79,114
Alpha borough	Warren	-1.92	32.9	158	44	-7.7%	194	7.3%	128	8.8%	206	1.3	153	9.6%	101	58,804	202	5.6%	193	90.4%	116	3.15	157	91,906
Woodstown borough	Salem	-1.88	32.8	159	437	5.3%	130	8.4%	72	13.2%	137	2.3	104	11.4%	312	82,738	141	6.3%	336	93.9%	98	3.24	108	76,098
Tuckerton borough	Ocean	-1.86	32.7	160	152	-2.8%	164	7.7%	164	7.3%	169	1.8	216	7.7%	151	64,273	167	6.0%	95	86.2%	347	2.31	264	119,328
Hackettstown town	Warren	-1.80	32.5	161	220	-0.5%	431	3.7%	166	7.2%	210	1.3	113	10.9%	154	64,464	213	5.5%	102	86.5%	159	2.94	202	101,846
Corbin City city	Atlantic	-1.79	32.5	162	249	0.6%	165	7.7%	110	9.6%	434	0.0	130	10.4%	93	56,875	83	7.5%	296	93.1%	494	1.75	225	107,907
Newfield borough	Gloucester	-1.73	32.3	163	113	-3.8%	172	7.6%	110	9.6%	205	1.3	230	7.3%	208	70,556	88	7.4%	287	92.9%	82	3.35	104	75,036
Jamesburg borough	Middlesex	-1.73	32.3	164	312	2.4%	342	5.0%	190	6.7%	125	2.5	110	11.1%	211	70,787	227	5.4%	122	87.6%	118	3.14	98	73,282

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Waterford township	Camden	-1.69	32.2	165	259	0.8%	223	6.8%	244	5.3%	123	2.5	230	7.3%	245	74,250	106	6.9%	133	88.1%	56	3.55	83	69,556
Wallington borough	Bergen	-1.66	32.1	166	327	2.8%	149	8.0%	169	7.1%	260	0.9	112	11.0%	87	55,547	161	6.1%	206	90.8%	239	2.68	131	84,148
New Hanover township	Burlington	-1.56	31.9	167	24	-12.0%	76	10.3%	456	1.6%	412	0.3	314	5.6%	303	81,500	32	9.3%	88	85.8%	485	1.82	1	10,676
Shiloh borough	Cumberland	-1.52	31.8	168	142	-3.1%	28	13.8%	466	1.5%	70	4.0	286	6.1%	188	67,292	174	5.9%	113	87.1%	186	2.85	55	60,579
Greenwich township	Gloucester	-1.51	31.7	169	188	-1.6%	264	6.2%	200	6.3%	97	3.1	211	7.8%	156	64,652	150	6.2%	199	90.6%	199	2.79	365	161,347
Greenwich township	Cumberland	-1.51	31.7	170	108	-3.9%	338	5.0%	311	3.8%	52	5.1	224	7.5%	177	66,667	167	6.0%	221	91.4%	112	3.16	187	99,134
Monroe township	Gloucester	-1.49	31.7	171	530	11.7%	235	6.5%	154	7.7%	105	2.9	240	7.1%	244	74,212	124	6.5%	152	88.9%	65	3.49	93	71,365
Barrington borough	Camden	-1.47	31.6	172	123	-3.6%	334	5.1%	67	13.6%	235	1.0	272	6.4%	123	61,711	289	5.0%	227	91.5%	34	3.85	105	75,419
Deptford township	Gloucester	-1.47	31.5	172	439	5.4%	339	5.0%	131	8.6%	190	1.5	143	9.9%	157	64,705	150	6.2%	210	91.0%	174	2.88	154	91,224
South Amboy city	Middlesex	-1.40	31.4	174	453	5.8%	498	2.6%	185	6.8%	86	3.4	250	6.9%	152	64,293	167	6.0%	141	88.6%	223	2.73	180	97,577
Barnegat township	Ocean	-1.37	31.3	175	551	18.9%	296	5.7%	166	7.2%	101	3.0	125	10.5%	163	65,405	141	6.3%	212	91.1%	273	2.58	203	101,919
Elmwood Park borough	Bergen	-1.35	31.3	176	465	6.1%	463	3.3%	122	9.2%	247	0.9	157	9.5%	218	71,852	167	6.0%	123	87.7%	220	2.73	207	103,154
Laurel Springs borough	Camden	-1.34	31.2	177	137	-3.2%	232	6.5%	311	3.8%	29	8.0	230	7.3%	297	81,250	256	5.2%	419	95.4%	4	4.94	47	58,632
Bradley Beach borough	Monmouth	-1.33	31.2	178	59	-6.6%	535	1.8%	262	4.8%	100	3.0	153	9.6%	122	61,682	202	5.6%	131	88.0%	522	1.43	487	277,359
Stratford borough	Camden	-1.31	31.2	179	167	-2.2%	140	8.2%	173	7.0%	259	0.9	204	8.0%	192	67.556	183	5.8%	162	89.3%	33	3.89	58	60,920
Pittsgrove township	Salem	-1.23	31.0	180	202	-1.1%	168	7.6%	231	5.6%	204	1.3	272	6.4%	197	68,785	161	6.1%	99	86.4%	172	2.89	92	70,558
Palmyra borough	Burlington	-1.19	30.8	181	181	-1.8%	85	10.0%	190	6.7%	107	2.9	202	8.1%	160	64,766	289	5.0%	215	91.3%	93	3.26	82	69,329
Bogota borough	Bergen	-1.17	30.8	182	323	2.7%	517	2.3%	122	9.2%	193	1.4	109	11.2%	260	76,649	289	5.0%	146	88.7%	84	3.34	138	86,077
Maple Shade township	Burlington	-1.16	30.8	183	143	-3.1%	113	8.8%	158	7.5%	167	1.8	175	8.9%	100	57,977	267	5.1%	253	92.1%	175	2.87	86	69,856
Fieldsboro borough	Burlington	-1.13	30.7	184	424	4.9%	248	6.4%	427	1.9%	157	1.9	290	6.0%	246	74,375	37	8.8%	170	89.5%	217	2.75	176	97,048
Englewood city	Bergen	-1.10	30.6	185	483	7.3%	141	8.2%	154	7.7%	150	2.0	101	11.5%	251	75,074	267	5.1%	151	88.8%	342	2.33	379	168,452
Woodland Park borough	Passaic	-1.09	30.6	186	517	10.1%	209	7.1%	131	8.6%	114	2.7	304	5.8%	276	78,708	135	6.4%	146	88.7%	187	2.84	323	141,496
Highlands borough	Monmouth	-1.09	30.6	187	62	-6.5%	16	15.9%	291	4.2%	296	0.6	90	12.1%	134	62,770	183	5.8%	318	93.6%	265	2.60	284	126,017
Ocean City city	Cape May	-1.01	30.3	188	14	-15.2%	104	9.1%	173	7.0%	228	1.1	163	9.4%	98	57,813	99	7.1%	385	94.7%	551	0.87	543	1,053,928
Eatontown borough	Monmouth	-0.98	30.2	189	43	-8.0%	315	5.4%	156	7.6%	177	1.6	169	9.2%	149	64,149	238	5.3%	221	91.4%	358	2.28	370	164,784
Cliffside Park borough	Bergen	-0.95	30.2	190	480	7.1%	265	6.2%	161	7.4%	215	1.2	85	12.5%	117	60,979	450	4.0%	125	87.9%	411	2.14	274	123,086
Elmer borough	Salem	-0.91	30.1	191	128	-3.5%	543	1.5%	129	8.7%	274	0.7	97	11.7%	230	72,411	167	6.0%	307	93.3%	179	2.87	120	80,093
Winslow township	Camden	-0.90	30.0	192	444	5.5%	124	8.5%	173	7.0%	434	0.0	165	9.3%	234	72,934	103	7.0%	242	91.9%	97	3.24	75	67,092
Oaklyn borough	Camden	-0.88	30.0	193	151	-2.9%	166	7.7%	216	5.9%	65	4.3	326	5.4%	193	67,969	213	5.5%	328	93.7%	37	3.82	79	67,831
Somerville borough	Somerset	-0.86	29.9	194	214	-0.7%	8	18.0%	182	6.9%	129	2.4	272	6.4%	209	70,643	303	4.9%	227	91.5%	105	3.21	197	100,365
Gloucester township	Camden	-0.83	29.8	195	228	-0.2%	218	6.9%	194	6.6%	179	1.6	182	8.7%	220	71,963	194	5.7%	234	91.7%	51	3.61	74	66,845
Bloomfield township	Essex	-0.81	29.8	196	293	1.9%	313	5.4%	204	6.1%	138	2.2	204	8.0%	232	72,840	202	5.6%	198	90.5%	52	3.61	151	89,978
Oxford township	Warren	-0.78	29.7	197	192	-1.5%	414	3.8%	262	4.8%	108	2.8	407	4.0%	227	72,311	161	6.1%	133	88.1%	71	3.44	80	67,862
Hopewell township	Cumberland	-0.70	29.5	198	206	-1.0%	147	8.1%	207	6.0%	381	0.2	219	7.6%	171	66,326	141	6.3%	199	90.6%	176	2.87	97	72,792
Port Republic city	Atlantic	-0.65	29.3	199	235	0.2%	559	0.0%	253	5.0%	113	2.7	367	4.6%	320	84,688	61	8.0%	162	89.3%	399	2.18	246	112,207
Pohatcong township	Warren	-0.64	29.3	200	53	-6.8%	105	9.0%	231	5.6%	356	0.3	139	10.0%	173	66,556	383	4.4%	170	89.5%	61	3.53	233	109,291
Hightstown borough	Mercer	-0.63	29.3	201	267	1.0%	177	7.5%	216	5.9%	231	1.1	267	6.5%	214	71,174	483	3.8%	61	83.6%	39	3.81	99	74,051
Little Ferry borough	Bergen	-0.62	29.3	202	328	2.8%	136	8.2%	182	6.9%	265	0.8	148	9.8%	191	67,357	303	4.9%	190	90.3%	147	3.00	163	92,991
Lyndhurst township	Bergen	-0.62	29.2	203	531	11.9%	146	8.1%	190	6.7%	242	1.0	179	8.8%	205	70,344	183	5.8%	162	89.3%	229	2.70	324	141,516
Dunellen borough	Middlesex	-0.62	29.2	204	419	4.7%	287	5.9%	140	8.4%	189	1.5	204	8.0%	264	77,099	303	4.9%	138	88.3%	130	3.08	122	80,727
Hamburg borough	Sussex	-0.58	29.1	205	134	-3.3%	225	6.8%	257	4.9%	80	3.5	261	6.6%	252	75,179	202	5.6%	259	92.3%	72	3.42	136	85,844
Berlin borough	Camden	-0.58	29.1	206	508	9.2%	127	8.4%	253	5.0%	75	3.7	202	8.1%	307	82,429	256	5.2%	159	89.1%	140	3.04	175	96,959
Southampton township	Burlington	-0.58	29.1	207	131	-3.4%	252	6.3%	420	2.0%	223	1.2	314	5.6%	86	55,432	141	6.3%	146	88.7%	312	2.45	222	106,856

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Glen Gardner borough	Hunterdon	-0.56	29.1	208	35	-9.5%	107	9.0%	137	8.5%	128	2.4	245	7.0%	126	61,917	398	4.3%	333	93.8%	243	2.66	165	93,335
Beachwood borough	Ocean	-0.55	29.0	209	316	2.5%	344	5.0%	115	9.3%	224	1.2	179	8.8%	216	71,540	174	5.9%	281	92.8%	413	2.13	110	77,549
Collingswood borough	Camden	-0.54	29.0	210	199	-1.2%	29	13.6%	143	8.2%	168	1.8	304	5.8%	114	60,777	352	4.6%	307	93.3%	83	3.34	106	75,926
Ewing township	Mercer	-0.53	29.0	211	278	1.3%	269	6.1%	207	6.0%	304	0.6	107	11.3%	267	77,464	256	5.2%	193	90.4%	57	3.54	114	78,607
Ridgefield Park village	Bergen	-0.51	28.9	212	331	2.8%	204	7.1%	137	8.5%	301	0.6	267	6.5%	146	63,841	238	5.3%	210	91.0%	88	3.30	192	99,864
Roselle Park borough	Union	-0.47	28.8	213	376	3.6%	99	9.3%	311	3.8%	308	0.6	182	8.7%	139	63,021	183	5.8%	231	91.6%	47	3.69	121	80,621
Lower Alloways Creek township	Salem	-0.46	28.8	214	78	-5.1%	83	10.0%	207	6.0%	434	0.0	165	9.3%	226	72,250	150	6.2%	187	90.1%	541	1.02	384	170,605
Branchville borough	Sussex	-0.46	28.8	215	58	-6.6%	36	12.7%	364	2.9%	434	0.0	258	6.7%	189	67,308	150	6.2%	133	88.1%	438	2.05	391	174,513
Morristown town	Morris	-0.43	28.7	216	242	0.4%	195	7.3%	202	6.2%	250	0.9	118	10.7%	266	77,407	483	3.8%	74	85.1%	396	2.19	351	154,823
Stanhope borough	Sussex	-0.42	28.7	217	50	-7.1%	66	10.5%	185	6.8%	171	1.8	184	8.6%	299	81,311	213	5.5%	355	94.2%	66	3.47	168	93,542
South Bound Brook borough	Somerset	-0.42	28.7	218	281	1.5%	46	11.8%	270	4.7%	207	1.3	188	8.5%	225	72,180	124	6.5%	395	94.9%	79	3.37	90	70,166
Weehawken township	Hudson	-0.38	28.6	219	507	9.0%	79	10.2%	110	9.6%	200	1.4	130	10.4%	253	75,388	483	3.8%	154	89.0%	373	2.24	432	203,432
Margate City city	Atlantic	-0.38	28.6	220	13	-15.7%	268	6.2%	262	4.8%	154	1.9	169	9.2%	185	67,138	124	6.5%	406	95.1%	526	1.36	536	635,425
Stow Creek township	Cumberland	-0.36	28.5	221	223	-0.4%	238	6.5%	294	4.1%	434	0.0	326	5.4%	224	72,159	111	6.8%	125	87.9%	195	2.82	102	74,842
Cape May Point borough	Cape May	-0.34	28.5	222	462	6.0%	373	4.5%	277	4.5%	434	0.0	85	12.5%	67	53,125	26	9.8%	561	99.6%	564	0.56	552	1,619,205
Florence township	Burlington	-0.25	28.2	223	494	7.7%	179	7.5%	115	9.3%	87	3.4	362	4.7%	277	78,709	194	5.7%	287	92.9%	328	2.40	181	97,732
Seaside Park borough	Ocean	-0.24	28.2	224	7	-20.0%	155	7.9%	244	5.3%	120	2.6	254	6.8%	235	72,981	88	7.4%	518	97.7%	533	1.27	540	762,368
White township	Warren	-0.20	28.1	225	252	0.7%	169	7.6%	226	5.7%	434	0.0	362	4.7%	63	51,524	213	5.5%	162	89.3%	386	2.21	261	117,497
Belmar borough	Monmouth	-0.15	27.9	226	98	-4.2%	133	8.2%	274	4.6%	213	1.2	152	9.7%	129	62,083	267	5.1%	234	91.7%	532	1.30	484	273,923
North Arlington borough	Bergen	-0.11	27.8	227	411	4.4%	493	2.8%	226	5.7%	434	0.0	204	8.0%	172	66,484	183	5.8%	184	90.0%	152	2.96	182	98,131
Toms River township	Ocean	-0.04	27.6	228	193	-1.5%	261	6.2%	173	7.0%	182	1.6	282	6.3%	219	71,960	194	5.7%	242	91.9%	477	1.90	377	167,012
Union township	Union	0.00	27.5	229	442	5.5%	364	4.6%	257	4.9%	340	0.4	204	8.0%	255	75,742	202	5.6%	141	88.6%	128	3.09	224	107,299
West Deptford township	Gloucester	0.02	27.5	230	357	3.2%	198	7.2%	169	7.1%	434	0.0	304	5.8%	181	66,964	167	6.0%	247	92.0%	168	2.90	219	105,670
Stafford township	Ocean	0.04	27.4	231	484	7.3%	162	7.8%	198	6.4%	276	0.7	219	7.6%	202	69,268	174	5.9%	247	92.0%	398	2.18	353	155,056
Burlington township	Burlington	0.04	27.4	232	374	3.6%	376	4.4%	185	6.8%	89	3.3	237	7.2%	304	81,798	256	5.2%	277	92.6%	242	2.67	213	104,880
Hampton borough	Hunterdon	0.07	27.3	233	40	-8.3%	241	6.4%	122	9.2%	434	0.0	321	5.5%	222	72,045	213	5.5%	314	93.5%	151	2.97	146	87,717
Totowa borough	Passaic	0.08	27.3	234	461	6.0%	233	6.5%	294	4.1%	366	0.3	216	7.7%	356	88,490	174	5.9%	77	85.2%	317	2.44	420	194,828
Lopatcong township	Warren	0.10	27.2	235	543	15.5%	131	8.3%	105	10.0%	346	0.4	194	8.4%	240	73,734	339	4.7%	215	91.3%	167	2.90	217	105,337
Lacey township	Ocean	0.11	27.2	236	420	4.8%	355	4.8%	200	6.3%	198	1.4	175	8.9%	217	71,714	213	5.5%	264	92.4%	465	1.94	297	131,529
Hamilton township	Mercer Ocean	0.12 0.21	27.2 26.9	237 238	245 550	0.5% 16.8%	263 333	6.2% 5.1%	207 173	6.0% 7.0%	248 131	0.9 2.4	245 396	7.0% 4.3%	213 195	70,996 67,997	339 111	4.7% 6.8%	168 311	89.4% 93.4%	256 492	2.62 1.77	177 355	97,201 155,900
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borough	Gloucester	0.22	26.9	239	179	-1.9%	314	5.4%	151	7.8%	148	2.0	499	2.6%	286	79,653	238	5.3%	234	91.7%	28	3.92	144	87,435
Bloomsbury borough	Hunterdon	0.25	26.8	240	77	-5.1%	285	5.9%	85	11.3%	434	0.0	332	5.3%	257	76,071	352	4.6%	227	91.5%	269	2.59	249	113,187
Oceanport borough	Monmouth	0.27	26.8	241	149	-2.9%	26	14.1%	151	7.8%	397	0.2	107	11.3%	368	90,238	238	5.3%	370	94.4%	480	1.87	440	207,474
Brick township	Ocean	0.28	26.7	242	156	-2.7%	234	6.5%	262	4.8%	219	1.2	267	6.5%	210	70,647	183	5.8%	264	92.4%	442	2.04	330	142,470
Pitman borough	Gloucester	0.36	26.5	243	120	-3.6%	159	7.8%	262	4.8%	165	1.8	367	4.6%	239	73,616	227	5.4%	328	93.7%	42	3.77	78	67,425
Mansfield township	Warren	0.50	26.1	244	45	-7.6%	286	5.9%	294	4.1%	434	0.0	261	6.6%	108	59,850	321	4.8%	274	92.5%	145	3.01	171	95,690
East Rutherford borough Upper Pittsgrove	Bergen	0.52	26.1	245	402	4.3%	328	5.2%	158	7.5%	257	0.9	136	10.1%	274	78,680	303	4.9%	287	92.9%	491	1.78	454	230,213
township	Salem	0.53	26.0	246	183	-1.7%	409	3.9%	364	2.9%	309	0.6	240	7.1%	367	90,042	213	5.5%	99	86.4%	292	2.53	164	93,151
Gibbsboro borough	Camden	0.55	26.0	247	100	-4.1%	485	2.9%	249	5.1%	140	2.2	367	4.6%	313	82,944	183	5.8%	314	93.5%	58	3.54	170	94,633
Palisades Park borough	Bergen	0.60	25.9	248	536	13.1%	292	5.8%	294	4.1%	237	1.0	143	9.9%	159	64,726	556	3.1%	93	86.1%	498	1.71	307	134,758

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Lumberton township	Burlington	0.63	25.8	249	429	5.0%	321	5.3%	216	5.9%	132	2.3	230	7.3%	319	84,190	289	5.0%	253	92.1%	349	2.31	236	109,585
Oldmans township	Salem	0.65	25.7	250	310	2.3%	139	8.2%	311	3.8%	434	0.0	230	7.3%	222	72,045	321	4.8%	154	89.0%	340	2.33	283	125,832
Liberty township	Warren	0.66	25.7	251	144	-3.1%	322	5.3%	222	5.8%	434	0.0	254	6.8%	388	93,833	194	5.7%	179	89.9%	150	2.98	172	96,620
Woodland township	Burlington	0.67	25.7	252	537	13.6%	243	6.4%	253	5.0%	434	0.0	314	5.6%	358	88,636	174	5.9%	88	85.8%	378	2.24	132	84,440
Carlstadt borough	Bergen	0.68	25.6	253	414	4.5%	255	6.3%	379	2.6%	180	1.6	401	4.2%	204	70,056	202	5.6%	146	88.7%	450	2.01	521	365,064
Secaucus town	Hudson	0.68	25.6	254	552	20.0%	208	7.1%	173	7.0%	209	1.3	224	7.5%	332	86,061	352	4.6%	113	87.1%	422	2.10	462	241,678
Audubon borough	Camden	0.69	25.6	255	140	-3.1%	330	5.2%	231	5.6%	127	2.4	314	5.6%	279	79,000	352	4.6%	328	93.7%	73	3.40	124	81,159
Bergenfield borough	Bergen	0.70	25.6	256	418	4.6%	393	4.1%	202	6.2%	317	0.5	219	7.6%	279	79,000	417	4.2%	162	89.3%	127	3.10	190	99,505
Bloomingdale borough	Passaic	0.73	25.5	257	502	8.3%	541	1.6%	287	4.3%	93	3.2	465	3.1%	256	75,781	213	5.5%	264	92.4%	44	3.74	200	101,269
Mine Hill township	Morris	0.76	25.4	258	147	-2.9%	392	4.1%	376	2.7%	434	0.0	349	5.0%	393	95,000	161	6.1%	82	85.6%	266	2.59	266	119,852
North Hanover township	Burlington	0.77	25.4	259	504	8.7%	43	12.0%	311	3.8%	407	0.1	429	3.7%	74	54,280	150	6.2%	363	94.3%	427	2.09	43	55,273
Alloway township	Salem	0.78	25.4	260	488	7.5%	142	8.2%	190	6.7%	188	1.5	326	5.4%	238	73,586	202	5.6%	419	95.4%	261	2.61	139	86,157
Lavallette borough	Ocean	0.78	25.3	261	8	-19.4%	54	11.3%	356	3.1%	315	0.6	237	7.2%	127	61,989	238	5.3%	318	93.6%	553	0.85	546	1,192,316
Sea Isle City city	Cape May	0.84	25.2	262	16	-14.8%	31	13.5%	411	2.2%	434	0.0	179	8.8%	179	66,683	77	7.6%	465	96.5%	561	0.66	556	2,221,124
Woodbridge township	Middlesex	0.84	25.2	263	339	3.0%	378	4.4%	244	5.3%	267	0.8	282	6.3%	287	79,720	303	4.9%	193	90.4%	206	2.77	206	103,127
Matawan borough	Monmouth	0.85	25.2	264	256	0.8%	183	7.5%	247	5.2%	285	0.7	216	7.7%	301	81,420	227	5.4%	355	94.2%	169	2.89	260	116,923
Ocean township	Monmouth	0.88	25.1	265	208	-0.9%	425	3.7%	226	5.7%	392	0.2	169	9.2%	289	80,323	321	4.8%	231	91.6%	431	2.08	395	175,581
High Bridge borough	Hunterdon	0.89	25.0	266	67	-6.1%	529	2.0%	257	4.9%	88	3.4	494	2.7%	297	81,250	227	5.4%	395	94.9%	67	3.47	196	100,356
Bordentown city	Burlington	0.90	25.0	267	91	-4.5%	39	12.5%	301	4.0%	270	0.8	339	5.2%	196	68,266	267	5.1%	442	95.8%	120	3.14	148	89,170
Andover borough	Sussex	0.90	25.0	268	37	-8.8%	118	8.6%	436	1.8%	83	3.4	389	4.4%	261	76,875	472	3.9%	215	91.3%	222	2.73	250	113,444
Highland Park borough	Middlesex	0.92	25.0	269	283	1.6%	379	4.4%	216	5.9%	271	0.8	110	11.1%	198	68,837	514	3.6%	431	95.6%	94	3.26	142	87,175
North Brunswick township	Middlesex	0.93	24.9	270	515	9.9%	476	3.0%	262	4.8%	217	1.2	237	7.2%	290	80,358	352	4.6%	152	88.9%	307	2.46	211	104,372
Delanco township	Burlington	0.93	24.9	271	547	16.5%	101	9.2%	351	3.2%	186	1.5	381	4.5%	186	67,153	124	6.5%	406	95.1%	221	2.73	155	91,467
Hazlet township	Monmouth	0.98	24.8	272	96	-4.2%	394	4.1%	222	5.8%	327	0.4	310	5.7%	324	84,871	238	5.3%	221	91.4%	300	2.49	269	121,293
Plumsted township	Ocean	0.98	24.8	273	464	6.1%	433	3.6%	161	7.4%	280	0.7	357	4.8%	340	86,694	174	5.9%	227	91.5%	429	2.09	194	100,200
Sea Bright borough	Monmouth	0.99	24.8	274	12	-16.3%	14	16.1%	204	6.1%	275	0.7	104	11.4%	315	83,244	383	4.4%	549	98.7%	527	1.35	532	502,209
East Windsor township	Mercer	1.00	24.7	275	427	5.0%	316	5.4%	270	4.7%	323	0.5	157	9.5%	311	82,700	483	3.8%	179	89.9%	110	3.16	199	100,584
Hopatcong borough	Sussex	1.00	24.7	276	39	-8.4%	134	8.2%	379	2.6%	365	0.3	261	6.6%	261	76,875	202	5.6%	350	94.1%	197	2.80	230	108,539
Ogdensburg borough	Sussex	1.02	24.7	277	27	-10.9%	345	4.9%	207	6.0%	256	0.9	389	4.4%	281	79,271	289	5.0%	385	94.7%	70	3.44	123	81,001
Rochelle Park township	Bergen	1.04	24.6	278	362	3.3%	507	2.5%	291	4.2%	194	1.4	455	3.3%	237	73,512	227	5.4%	187	90.1%	350	2.30	376	166,797
Little Falls township	Passaic	1.05	24.6	279	524	11.0%	399	4.0%	231	5.6%	229	1.1	272	6.4%	236	73,256	289	5.0%	281	92.8%	213	2.75	239	110,949
Vernon township	Sussex	1.09	24.5	280	34	-9.5%	170	7.6%	311	3.8%	254	0.9	290	6.0%	348	87,779	213	5.5%	336	93.9%	193	2.83	210	104,314
Ridgefield borough	Bergen	1.10	24.5	281	410	4.4%	327	5.2%	311	3.8%	255	0.9	254	6.8%	199	68,843	398	4.3%	189	90.2%	472	1.91	360	160,872
Knowlton township	Warren	1.12	24.4	282	99	-4.2%	163	7.7%	335	3.5%	434	0.0	367	4.6%	353	88,259	161	6.1%	221	91.4%	201	2.79	209	104,255
Upper township	Cape May	1.13	24.4	283	186	-1.6%	432	3.6%	294	4.1%	333	0.4	429	3.7%	263	77,012	77	7.6%	419	95.4%	508	1.61	356	158,374
Helmetta borough	Middlesex	1.14	24.3	284	516	10.0%	135	8.2%	476	1.4%	115	2.7	351	4.9%	248	74,554	227	5.4%	287	92.9%	284	2.55	161	92,647
Spotswood borough	Middlesex	1.20	24.2	285	398	4.2%	452	3.4%	158	7.5%	434	0.0	304	5.8%	249	74,696	289	5.0%	336	93.9%	178	2.87	156	91,645
Voorhees township	Camden	1.21	24.2	286	294	1.9%	319	5.3%	249	5.1%	299	0.6	267	6.5%	272	78,568	383	4.4%	259	92.3%	95	3.25	262	118,531
Ship Bottom borough	Ocean	1.27	24.0	287	23	-12.4%	465	3.2%	402	2.3%	116	2.6	420	3.8%	147	63,977	116	6.6%	480	96.8%	543	0.98	544	1,116,368
Mantua township	Gloucester	1.31	23.9	288	276	1.2%	466	3.1%	231	5.6%	240	1.0	326	5.4%	310	82,673	238	5.3%	355	94.2%	138	3.05	158	91,997
Fort Lee borough	Bergen	1.31	23.9	289	389	4.0%	156	7.9%	282	4.4%	319	0.5	148	9.8%	207	70,415	521	3.5%	280	92.7%	441	2.05	398	175,948
Surf City borough	Ocean	1.31	23.9	290	30	-10.3%	467	3.1%	411	2.2%	264	0.8	175	8.9%	175	66,597	167	6.0%	395	94.9%	547	0.91	550	1,431,662

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Pompton Lakes borough	Passaic	1.31	23.9	291	358	3.3%	381	4.3%	249	5.1%	251	0.9	209	7.9%	341	87,004	321	4.8%	381	94.6%	45	3.72	193	100,035
Sayreville borough	Middlesex	1.34	23.8	292	478	7.0%	284	5.9%	329	3.6%	342	0.4	261	6.6%	291	80,386	289	5.0%	206	90.8%	323	2.43	205	102,664
West Orange township	Essex	1.35	23.8	293	384	3.9%	396	4.1%	311	3.8%	236	1.0	314	5.6%	372	90,363	267	5.1%	215	91.3%	48	3.66	289	127,727
Maywood borough	Bergen	1.35	23.8	294	353	3.2%	304	5.6%	169	7.1%	300	0.6	310	5.7%	300	81,339	352	4.6%	303	93.2%	280	2.57	311	137,124
Saddle Brook township	Bergen	1.36	23.7	295	446	5.6%	487	2.8%	436	1.8%	384	0.2	224	7.5%	292	80,543	238	5.3%	176	89.6%	351	2.30	367	163,025
Eastampton township	Burlington	1.40	23.6	296	85	-4.9%	483	2.9%	257	4.9%	262	0.8	494	2.7%	212	70,814	267	5.1%	318	93.6%	218	2.74	103	74,999
Milford borough	Hunterdon	1.40	23.6	297	95	-4.2%	41	12.2%	335	3.5%	434	0.0	332	5.3%	275	78,681	256	5.2%	410	95.2%	104	3.21	173	96,732
Wanaque borough	Passaic	1.42	23.6	298	525	11.0%	480	2.9%	324	3.7%	147	2.0	381	4.5%	350	88,125	289	5.0%	190	90.3%	107	3.19	220	106,102
Pilesgrove township	Salem	1.42	23.6	299	280	1.5%	229	6.6%	495	1.1%	321	0.5	165	9.3%	338	86,523	256	5.2%	294	93.0%	173	2.88	221	106,691
Boonton town	Morris	1.44	23.5	300	219	-0.5%	283	6.0%	226	5.7%	348	0.4	314	5.6%	370	90,326	303	4.9%	234	91.7%	249	2.65	310	137,083
Frenchtown borough	Hunterdon	1.45	23.5	301	81	-4.9%	412	3.8%	109	9.7%	434	0.0	229	7.4%	265	77,396	543	3.3%	410	95.2%	185	2.85	263	119,230
Leonia borough	Bergen	1.48	23.4	302	372	3.5%	372	4.5%	253	5.0%	352	0.3	99	11.6%	334	86,107	496	3.7%	303	93.2%	260	2.61	337	148,850
Island Heights borough	Ocean	1.49	23.4	303	65	-6.3%	239	6.5%	249	5.1%	434	0.0	197	8.2%	271	78,147	227	5.4%	505	97.3%	488	1.81	424	196,827
Hawthorne borough	Passaic	1.50	23.4	304	366	3.4%	356	4.8%	369	2.8%	232	1.0	332	5.3%	308	82,532	256	5.2%	257	92.2%	155	2.95	276	123,363
New Milford borough	Bergen	1.50	23.4	305	347	3.1%	441	3.6%	309	3.9%	414	0.1	245	7.0%	270	78,077	383	4.4%	215	91.3%	180	2.86	231	108,690
Washington township	Gloucester	1.52	23.3	306	174	-2.1%	472	3.1%	282	4.4%	152	1.9	429	3.7%	331	85,892	289	5.0%	318	93.6%	115	3.15	169	94,532
Garwood borough	Union	1.54	23.2	307	409	4.4%	148	8.1%	495	1.1%	145	2.1	514	2.3%	243	73,924	213	5.5%	281	92.8%	241	2.67	343	153,091
Point Pleasant Beach borough	Ocean	1.54	23.2	308	31	-10.1%	116	8.7%	402	2.3%	287	0.7	188	8.5%	259	76,174	352	4.6%	370	94.4%	523	1.40	527	451,748
Caldwell borough	Essex	1.55	23.2	309	338	2.9%	240	6.5%	379	2.6%	294	0.6	357	4.8%	231	72,708	267	5.1%	277	92.6%	316	2.44	308	136,223
Walpack township	Sussex	1.57	23.2	310	1	-44.4%	2	64.7%	535	0.0%	434	0.0	563	0.0%	549	156,124	563	0.0%	21	75.0%	514	1.55	414	186,311
Sandyston township	Sussex	1.57	23.1	311	107	-3.9%	80	10.2%	420	2.0%	434	0.0	240	7.1%	250	74,875	256	5.2%	415	95.3%	355	2.29	292	128,817
Delran township	Burlington	1.61	23.1	312	262	0.9%	258	6.3%	301	4.0%	162	1.8	351	4.9%	373	90,512	437	4.1%	221	91.4%	119	3.14	145	87,694
Kenilworth borough	Union	1.61	23.0	313	463	6.1%	474	3.1%	329	3.6%	302	0.6	521	2.2%	402	97,279	202	5.6%	98	86.3%	236	2.69	382	169,570
Stillwater township	Sussex	1.62	23.0	314	41	-8.2%	119	8.6%	394	2.4%	372	0.3	282	6.3%	284	79,392	303	4.9%	389	94.8%	230	2.70	256	115,624
Harmony township	Warren	1.65	22.9	315	48	-7.3%	418	3.8%	185	6.8%	434	0.0	357	4.8%	296	81,146	303	4.9%	370	94.4%	374	2.24	443	208,852
Linwood city	Atlantic	1.65	22.9	316	93	-4.3%	259	6.2%	335	3.5%	331	0.4	468	3.0%	306	82,419	183	5.8%	375	94.5%	108	3.18	306	133,832
Tinton Falls borough	Monmouth	1.67	22.9	317	408	4.4%	207	7.1%	329	3.6%	211	1.2	272	6.4%	242	73,891	303	4.9%	415	95.3%	473	1.91	392	174,905
Hope township	Warren	1.68	22.8	318	112	-3.8%	443	3.5%	287	4.3%	233	1.0	367	4.6%	365	89,792	202	5.6%	381	94.6%	207	2.77	259	116,876
Nutley township	Essex	1.71	22.8	319	352	3.2%	325	5.2%	301	4.0%	326	0.5	304	5.8%	328	84,974	267	5.1%	318	93.6%	141	3.03	288	126,947
Deal borough	Monmouth	1.72	22.7	320	10	-18.1%	524	2.1%	338	3.4%	434	0.0	184	8.6%	294	80,714	369	4.5%	84	85.7%	558	0.69	558	2,978,945
Hasbrouck Heights borough	Bergen	1.74	22.7	321	417	4.6%	537	1.7%	237	5.5%	288	0.7	290	6.0%	302	81,460	289	5.0%	370	94.4%	247	2.65	340	150,814
Harvey Cedars borough	Ocean	1.75	22.7	322	118	-3.7%	539	1.7%	351	3.2%	434	0.0	282	6.3%	201	69,167	30	9.7%	526	97.8%	546	0.96	561	3,670,334
Eagleswood township	Ocean	1.76	22.6	323	387	4.0%	491	2.8%	287	4.3%	434	0.0	536	1.7%	329	85,000	111	6.8%	264	92.4%	360	2.27	332	144,219
Northvale borough	Bergen	1.78	22.6	324	479	7.1%	417	3.8%	389	2.5%	434	0.0	174	9.0%	326	84,881	417	4.2%	179	89.9%	321	2.43	417	191,088
Middlesex borough	Middlesex	1.80	22.5	325	270	1.1%	385	4.3%	356	3.1%	277	0.7	504	2.5%	283	79,327	303	4.9%	206	90.8%	215	2.75	212	104,418
Aberdeen township	Monmouth	1.82	22.5	326	311	2.3%	368	4.6%	364	2.9%	266	0.8	258	6.7%	322	84,720	289	5.0%	333	93.8%	293	2.53	245	112,133
Logan township	Gloucester	1.82	22.4	327	191	-1.5%	534	1.8%	369	2.8%	203	1.3	286	6.1%	342	87,200	321	4.8%	242	91.9%	439	2.05	428	198,743
Frankford township	Sussex	1.84	22.4	328	121	-3.6%	254	6.3%	356	3.1%	434	0.0	415	3.9%	366	89,891	174	5.9%	274	92.5%	365	2.26	336	148,231
Piscataway township	Middlesex	1.86	22.3	329	499	8.0%	397	4.1%	338	3.4%	292	0.6	250	6.9%	357	88,494	256	5.2%	287	92.9%	313	2.45	265	119,788
South Plainfield borough	Middlesex	1.86	22.3	330	472	6.5%	484	2.9%	411	2.2%	375	0.2	357	4.8%	336	86,404	321	4.8%	116	87.3%	426	2.09	341	151,742
Beach Haven borough	Ocean	1.90	22.2	331	68	-6.0%	481	2.9%	446	1.7%	261	0.9	250	6.9%	221	71,964	88	7.4%	533	98.0%	539	1.05	553	1,741,442
Teaneck township	Bergen	1.92	22.2	332	393	4.1%	323	5.3%	207	6.0%	196	1.4	298	5.9%	398	96,760	383	4.4%	336	93.9%	154	2.96	305	133,692

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Wantage township	Sussex	1.95	22.1	333	218	-0.6%	167	7.7%	369	2.8%	394	0.2	389	4.4%	344	87,300	267	5.1%	264	92.4%	259	2.61	218	105,404
Clinton town	Hunterdon	1.96	22.1	334	150	-2.9%	497	2.6%	182	6.9%	343	0.4	230	7.3%	419	101,422	496	3.7%	234	91.7%	170	2.89	334	146,047
Englishtown borough	Monmouth	1.98	22.0	335	466	6.1%	247	6.4%	369	2.8%	434	0.0	362	4.7%	316	83,317	227	5.4%	253	92.1%	362	2.27	272	122,229
West Milford township	Passaic	1.99	22.0	336	365	3.4%	137	8.2%	311	3.8%	208	1.3	405	4.1%	405	98,556	267	5.1%	318	93.6%	76	3.38	247	112,408
Roosevelt borough	Monmouth	2.00	22.0	337	87	-4.7%	437	3.6%	311	3.8%	434	0.0	389	4.4%	228	72,321	227	5.4%	513	97.6%	149	2.98	186	98,771
Millstone borough	Somerset	2.00	22.0	338	297	1.9%	145	8.1%	311	3.8%	434	0.0	494	2.7%	430	103,000	106	6.9%	314	93.5%	263	2.61	279	124,612
Hampton township	Sussex	2.03	21.9	339	122	-3.6%	237	6.5%	456	1.6%	434	0.0	407	4.0%	258	76,127	238	5.3%	345	94.0%	283	2.56	290	127,960
Point Pleasant borough	Ocean	2.04	21.8	340	130	-3.4%	224	6.8%	379	2.6%	330	0.4	250	6.9%	364	89,779	238	5.3%	389	94.8%	481	1.87	399	177,894
Cherry Hill township	Camden	2.06	21.8	341	265	1.0%	350	4.9%	262	4.8%	216	1.2	339	5.2%	380	92,185	398	4.3%	363	94.3%	80	3.36	254	114,892
West Long Branch borough	Monmouth	2.09	21.7	342	172	-2.1%	548	1.3%	270	4.7%	434	0.0	429	3.7%	293	80,585	256	5.2%	307	93.3%	419	2.11	364	161,273
Westampton township	Burlington	2.10	21.7	343	452	5.7%	395	4.1%	262	4.8%	35	6.4	455	3.3%	422	101,653	398	4.3%	526	97.8%	367	2.26	316	139,594
Shamong township	Burlington	2.18	21.5	344	111	-3.8%	512	2.4%	237	5.5%	295	0.6	362	4.7%	392	94,777	303	4.9%	363	94.3%	298	2.50	232	109,197
Westwood borough	Bergen	2.18	21.5	345	333	2.8%	206	7.1%	274	4.6%	434	0.0	230	7.3%	330	85,849	398	4.3%	385	94.7%	339	2.35	387	171,033
Jackson township	Ocean	2.19	21.4	346	534	12.6%	365	4.6%	291	4.2%	316	0.5	389	4.4%	324	84,871	213	5.5%	328	93.7%	402	2.17	275	123,171
Raritan borough	Somerset	2.22	21.3	347	553	20.2%	96	9.5%	324	3.7%	178	1.6	310	5.7%	241	73,827	417	4.2%	410	95.2%	371	2.25	347	153,959
Jefferson township	Morris	2.23	21.3	348	378	3.7%	361	4.6%	379	2.6%	378	0.2	254	6.8%	389	94,662	227	5.4%	350	94.1%	274	2.58	277	124,387
Independence township	Warren	2.24	21.3	349	80	-5.0%	448	3.4%	479	1.3%	347	0.4	415	3.9%	282	79,301	267	5.1%	355	94.2%	190	2.84	208	103,299
Haddon township	Camden	2.25	21.3	350	197	-1.3%	143	8.2%	282	4.4%	335	0.4	381	4.5%	309	82,621	450	4.0%	415	95.3%	96	3.24	159	92,113
East Hanover township	Morris	2.26	21.2	351	212	-0.7%	454	3.4%	207	6.0%	396	0.2	272	6.4%	427	102,165	437	4.1%	179	89.9%	515	1.54	497	290,379
Riverton borough	Burlington	2.27	21.2	352	138	-3.2%	470	3.1%	301	4.0%	191	1.5	351	4.9%	379	92,125	339	4.7%	455	96.1%	137	3.05	191	99,679
Wenonah borough	Gloucester	2.30	21.1	353	160	-2.5%	193	7.3%	379	2.6%	62	4.4	499	2.6%	440	104,375	352	4.6%	513	97.6%	43	3.75	188	99,291
Old Bridge township	Middlesex	2.32	21.1	354	450	5.7%	398	4.0%	301	4.0%	310	0.6	441	3.5%	318	83,750	352	4.6%	264	92.4%	327	2.41	242	111,455
Emerson borough	Bergen	2.35	21.0	355	458	5.9%	362	4.6%	257	4.9%	408	0.1	211	7.8%	429	102,500	417	4.2%	240	91.8%	310	2.45	369	164,320
Atlantic Highlands borough	Monmouth	2.35	21.0	356	71	-5.8%	371	4.6%	456	1.6%	160	1.9	272	6.4%	349	88,024	339	4.7%	476	96.7%	412	2.13	409	185,182
Dumont borough	Bergen	2.35	21.0	357	363	3.3%	430	3.7%	237	5.5%	364	0.3	451	3.4%	385	93,074	369	4.5%	274	92.5%	135	3.07	235	109,450
Fair Lawn borough	Bergen	2.35	21.0	358	434	5.2%	515	2.3%	237	5.5%	328	0.4	342	5.1%	409	99,536	369	4.5%	247	92.0%	191	2.84	321	140,779
Lincoln Park borough	Morris	2.36	21.0	359	119	-3.6%	276	6.1%	436	1.8%	361	0.3	451	3.4%	305	81,956	303	4.9%	328	93.7%	267	2.59	295	130,952
Mount Laurel township	Burlington	2.40	20.8	360	216	-0.7%	309	5.5%	338	3.4%	239	1.0	342	5.1%	347	87,724	383	4.4%	389	94.8%	336	2.37	338	149,582
Edison township	Middlesex	2.41	20.8	361	349	3.1%	391	4.2%	329	3.6%	298	0.6	342	5.1%	374	90,515	417	4.2%	242	91.9%	345	2.32	349	154,193
Blairstown township	Warren	2.42	20.8	362	124	-3.5%	326	5.2%	369	2.8%	434	0.0	468	3.0%	321	84,717	303	4.9%	281	92.8%	364	2.27	271	121,798
Tabernacle township	Burlington	2.43	20.8	363	125	-3.5%	290	5.8%	379	2.6%	238	1.0	441	3.5%	404	98,375	238	5.3%	350	94.1%	285	2.55	204	102,582
Montclair township	Essex	2.45	20.7	364	239	0.3%	343	5.0%	277	4.5%	253	0.9	258	6.7%	407	99,105	398	4.3%	419	95.4%	144	3.02	411	185,332
Mount Olive township	Morris	2.46	20.7	365	513	9.9%	231	6.5%	196	6.5%	355	0.3	367	4.6%	355	88,333	383	4.4%	442	95.8%	136	3.06	223	106,922
Franklin township	Somerset	2.46	20.7	366	545	15.8%	297	5.7%	351	3.2%	201	1.3	332	5.3%	377	90,949	303	4.9%	318	93.6%	366	2.26	315	139,592
Bay Head borough	Ocean	2.50	20.6	367	18	-14.7%	47	11.8%	512	0.7%	50	5.1	188	8.5%	454	108,542	321	4.8%	558	99.2%	555	0.82	551	1,550,731
Rockaway borough	Morris	2.53 2.54	20.5	368 369	232 487	0.1% 7.5%	186 370	7.4% 4.6%	456	1.6% 4.0%	297 246	0.6 1.0	514 332	2.3% 5.3%	273	78,604 90,286	417 383	4.2%	259	92.3% 94.9%	287	2.55	314 226	138,242 108,105
Cinnaminson township Howell township	Burlington Monmouth	2.54	20.4	370	346	3.1%	509	2.5%	301 282	4.0%	386	0.2	396	4.3%	369 387	90,286	267	5.1%	395 318	94.9%	194 359	2.82	294	129,741
Lafayette township	Sussex	2.55	20.4	370	177	-1.9%	62	10.8%	427	1.9%	434	0.2	339	5.2%	391	93,733	321	4.8%	318	93.6%	289	2.28	312	137,559
	Morris	2.63	20.2	371	359	3.3%	174	7.5%	379	2.6%	434	0.0		4.3%	382	94,712	369	4.8%	264	94.8%	289	2.54	273	122,381
Butler borough Haddon Heights borough	Camden	2.64	20.2	372	229	-0.2%	280	6.0%	277	4.5%	318	0.0	396 441	3.5%	352	92,377 88,162	450	4.5%	395	94.9%	132	3.07	273	108,424
Lawrence township	Mercer		20.1	374	428	5.0%	401			3.7%		0.5	290					3.6%	311			2.51	-	
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Andover township	Sussex	2.72	20.0	375	86	-4.8%	320	5.3%	411	2.2%	434	0.0	415	3.9%	433	103,598	369	4.5%	221	91.4%	114	3.16	252	113,964
Parsippany-Troy Hills township	Morris	2.75	19.9	376	330	2.8%	300	5.7%	311	3.8%	399	0.2	351	4.9%	361	89,385	417	4.2%	336	93.9%	354	2.29	358	160,569
Hardwick township	Warren	2.75	19.9	377	296	1.9%	363	4.6%	446	1.7%	434	0.0	290	6.0%	444	105,556	267	5.1%	264	92.4%	270	2.59	238	110,919
Wood-Ridge borough	Bergen	2.75	19.9	378	505	8.9%	331	5.1%	345	3.3%	434	0.0	321	5.5%	399	96,988	321	4.8%	296	93.1%	290	2.53	326	142,132
Rutherford borough	Bergen	2.76	19.9	379	380	3.8%	473	3.1%	345	3.3%	268	8.0	367	4.6%	323	84,778	437	4.1%	381	94.6%	258	2.61	350	154,211
Franklin township	Warren	2.76	19.8	380	272	1.1%	516	2.3%	402	2.3%	291	0.6	514	2.3%	362	89,420	267	5.1%	355	94.2%	125	3.11	300	131,954
East Brunswick township	Middlesex	2.77	19.8	381	336	2.9%	366	4.6%	324	3.7%	363	0.3	272	6.4%	406	98,658	417	4.2%	345	94.0%	235	2.69	335	147,674
Monroe township	Middlesex	2.77	19.8	382	560	28.9%	486	2.8%	456	1.6%	374	0.2	381	4.5%	206	70,357	238	5.3%	303	93.2%	401	2.17	418	191,342
Frelinghuysen township	Warren	2.78	19.8	383	163	-2.4%	550	1.3%	484	1.2%	434	0.0	441	3.5%	415	100,625	383	4.4%	125	87.9%	320	2.43	285	126,398
Stone Harbor borough	Cape May	2.78	19.8	384	15	-15.2%	108	9.0%	503	0.9%	434	0.0	245	7.0%	295	81,111	35	8.9%	513	97.6%	563	0.57	562	5,144,383
Midland Park borough	Bergen	2.81	19.7	385	416	4.5%	420	3.7%	324	3.7%	367	0.3	321	5.5%	360	89,130	352	4.6%	442	95.8%	288	2.54	378	167,653
Spring Lake Heights borough	Monmouth	2.82	19.7	386	55	-6.7%	191	7.3%	466	1.5%	434	0.0	429	3.7%	229	72,353	303	4.9%	489	97.0%	524	1.40	471	256,905
Lambertville city	Hunterdon	2.82	19.7	387	127	-3.5%	121	8.6%	389	2.5%	369	0.3	381	4.5%	285	79,444	556	3.1%	287	92.9%	474	1.90	431	203,246
Evesham township	Burlington	2.83	19.6	388	269	1.1%	274	6.1%	376	2.7%	320	0.5	332	5.3%	375	90,797	417	4.2%	410	95.2%	251	2.63	255	115,057
South Orange Village township	Essex	2.84	19.6	389	213	-0.7%	329	5.2%	411	2.2%	434	0.0	121	10.6%	487	116,727	398	4.3%	389	94.8%	92	3.26	372	165,111
Milltown borough	Middlesex	2.85	19.6	390	263	0.9%	369	4.6%	379	2.6%	313	0.6	165	9.3%	423	101,685	398	4.3%	473	96.6%	318	2.44	280	124,919
Springfield township	Burlington	2.92	19.4	391	200	-1.1%	407	3.9%	525	0.4%	434	0.0	286	6.1%	445	105,852	267	5.1%	281	92.8%	216	2.75	281	125,061
Wall township	Monmouth	2.93	19.4	392	250	0.6%	445	3.5%	394	2.4%	417	0.1	267	6.5%	383	92,539	303	4.9%	438	95.7%	476	1.90	453	227,368
Pine Beach borough	Ocean	2.94	19.4	393	368	3.4%	413	3.8%	436	1.8%	110	2.8	429	3.7%	363	89,750	383	4.4%	461	96.4%	463	1.94	287	126,858
Bordentown township	Burlington	2.96	19.3	394	549	16.8%	275	6.1%	356	3.1%	230	1.1	367	4.6%	333	86,104	417	4.2%	401	95.0%	244	2.66	244	112,084
Stockton borough	Hunterdon	2.97	19.3	395	63	-6.4%	32	13.4%	294	4.1%	434	0.0	321	5.5%	376	90,938	514	3.6%	508	97.4%	432	2.08	403	180,543
Ringwood borough	Passaic	3.03	19.1	396	292	1.8%	307	5.5%	411	2.2%	354	0.3	420	3.8%	455	108,638	339	4.7%	259	92.3%	117	3.15	296	131,344
Avalon borough	Cape May	3.04	19.1	397	4	-25.1%	73	10.4%	535	0.0%	59	4.7	367	4.6%	317	83,523	99	7.1%	518	97.7%	565	0.51	565	6,335,760
Long Beach township	Ocean	3.05	19.0	398	56	-6.7%	475	3.0%	512	0.7%	434	0.0	188	8.5%	288	80,096	116	6.6%	505	97.3%	549	0.90	557	2,766,079
Roxbury township	Morris	3.06	19.0	399	240	0.3%	404	3.9%	351	3.2%	305	0.6	389	4.4%	443	105,105	352	4.6%	350	94.1%	248	2.65	313	137,751
Wayne township	Passaic	3.08	19.0	400	284	1.6%	444	3.5%	329	3.6%	332	0.4	407	4.0%	447	106,357	369	4.5%	296	93.1%	177	2.87	401	179,805
Clark township	Union	3.10	18.9	401	473	6.6%	525	2.1%	420	2.0%	370	0.3	429	3.7%	378	90,956	321	4.8%	307	93.3%	325	2.42	380	168,469
Mount Arlington borough	Morris	3.12	18.8	402	496	7.9%	86	9.9%	484	1.2%	174	1.7	557	0.7%	327	84,912	289	5.0%	458	96.3%	344	2.32	331	144,176
Washington township	Warren	3.13	18.8	403	154	-2.8%	429	3.7%	427	1.9%	434	0.0	539	1.6%	354	88,322	321	4.8%	395	94.9%	102	3.21	227	108,136
Union township	Hunterdon	3.15	18.8	404	38	-8.4%	360	4.6%	503	0.9%	434	0.0	415	3.9%	498	122,527	369	4.5%	125	87.9%	363	2.27	329	142,351
Manasquan borough	Monmouth	3.20	18.6	405	75	-5.2%	160	7.8%	338	3.4%	434	0.0	298	5.9%	386	93,200	352	4.6%	518	97.7%	528	1.35	518	352,904
Middletown township	Monmouth	3.22	18.6	406	176	-2.0%	384	4.3%	338	3.4%	389	0.2	381	4.5%	428	102,474	321	4.8%	425	95.5%	416	2.12	366	161,585
Allentown borough	Monmouth	3.24	18.5	407	145	-3.0%	312	5.4%	535	0.0%	434	0.0	499	2.6%	403	97,434	321	4.8%	281	92.8%	182	2.86	251	113,857
Holland township	Hunterdon	3.27	18.4	408	133	-3.4%	153	7.9%	389	2.5%	434	0.0	484	2.8%	350	88,125	352	4.6%	494	97.1%	331	2.40	291	128,378
Edgewater borough	Bergen	3.27	18.4	409	558	24.6%	157	7.8%	226	5.7%	263	0.8	148	9.8%	424	101,767	553	3.2%	389	94.8%	518	1.52	494	285,262
Hainesport township	Burlington	3.28	18.4	410	540	14.2%	405	3.9%	535	0.0%	176	1.7	326	5.4%	371	90,331	339	4.7%	425	95.5%	408	2.15	304	133,449
Cedar Grove township	Essex	3.31	18.3	411	319	2.6%	526	2.1%	534	0.1%	339	0.4	349	5.0%	425	101,779	339	4.7% 4.6%	247	92.0%	414	2.13	405	181,308
Maplewood township	Essex	3.33 3.36	18.3 18.2	412 413	379 17	3.7% -14.7%	150 503	8.0% 2.5%	402 535	2.3% 0.0%	303 434	0.6	342 407	5.1%	489	118,242 77,500	352	6.8%	363 558	94.3% 99.2%	99 554	3.24 0.84	342 554	152,248 1,762,413
Barnegat Light borough	Ocean													4.0%	268		111							
Green Brook township	Somerset	3.37	18.2	414	527	11.4%	215	6.9%	345	3.3%	434	0.0	298	5.9%	513	130,053	369	4.5%	160	89.2%	330	2.40	422	196,018
South Harrison township	Gloucester	3.37	18.2	415	528	11.6%	426	3.7%	311	3.8%	139	2.2	545	1.3%	485	116,375	303	4.9%	303	93.2%	224	2.72	282	125,540

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East Amwell township	Hunterdon	3.37	18.1	416	49	-7.3%	272	6.1%	484	1.2%	434	0.0	342	5.1%	400	97,031	472	3.9%	363	94.3%	428	2.09	407	182,939
Pequannock township	Morris	3.39	18.1	417	422	4.8%	415	3.8%	402	2.3%	434	0.0	468	3.0%	346	87,464	369	4.5%	363	94.3%	448	2.02	383	169,973
Springfield township	Union	3.40	18.1	418	544	15.5%	423	3.7%	294	4.1%	338	0.4	357	4.8%	408	99,211	483	3.8%	318	93.6%	148	2.99	322	141,441
Hillsdale borough	Bergen	3.41	18.0	419	406	4.4%	533	1.9%	394	2.4%	421	0.1	197	8.2%	452	108,224	450	4.0%	355	94.2%	304	2.48	388	171,690
Avon-by-the-Sea	Monmouth	3.53	17.7	420	20	-13.8%	310	5.5%	535	0.0%	314	0.6	455	3.3%	215	71,513	398	4.3%	542	98.5%	540	1.05	533	548,185
borough		3.53	17.7	421		3.0%		1.7%		1.5%	434	0.0	362	4.7%		92,203	450	4.0%		93.4%	400	2.17	449	221,103
Norwood borough	Bergen Morris	3.53	17.7	421	340 273	1.1%	536 308	5.5%	466 329	3.6%	434	0.0	420	3.8%	381 401	92,203	496	3.7%	311 375	93.4%	299	2.17	449	238,198
Chester borough Fredon township	Sussex	3.54	17.7	422	273	0.2%	451	3.4%	329 427	1.9%	434	0.0	245	7.0%	414	100,368	496	4.1%	489	94.5%	299	2.49	299	131,710
Medford Lakes borough	Burlington	3.57	17.7	423	104	-4.0%	531	1.9%	402	2.3%	104	2.9	558	0.6%	414	100,368	398	4.1%	533	98.0%	157	2.79	299	111,106
Alpine borough	Bergen	3.63	17.6	424	104	-4.0%	27	1.9%	402	1.6%	234	1.0	115	10.8%	411	111,146	543	3.3%	442	95.8%	562	0.63	548	1,271,273
Fairfield township	Essex	3.65	17.4	425	396	4.1%	226	6.8%	525	0.4%	218	1.2	561	0.3%	448	106,691	194	5.7%	318	93.6%	461	1.95	523	383,049
Paramus borough	Bergen	3.65	17.4	420	388	4.1%	389	4.2%	376	2.7%	391	0.2	468	3.0%	440	100,091	369	4.5%	296	93.6%	510	1.58	523	357,776
Hoboken city	Hudson	3.66	17.4	428	557	21.7%	211	7.0%	242	5.4%	243	1.0	115	10.8%	474	114,381	562	2.7%	345	94.0%	529	1.34	489	282,059
North Haledon borough	Passaic	3.66	17.3	429	495	7.9%	457	3.3%	535	0.0%	377	0.2	405	4.1%	394	96,161	352	4.6%	336	93.9%	294	2.52	345	153,857
Byram township	Sussex	3.70	17.2	430	69	-5.9%	279	6.0%	466	1.5%	411	0.2	523	2.1%	439	104,281	267	5.1%	518	97.7%	103	3.21	267	120,231
Loch Arbour village	Monmouth	3.73	17.2	431	5	-22.4%	112	8.8%	535	0.0%	47	5.3	560	0.5%	468	112,500	521	3.5%	542	98.5%	437	2.05	539	732,502
Freehold township	Monmouth	3.73	17.2	432	400	4.2%	422	3.7%	479	1.3%	373	0.3	367	4.6%	416	100,759	383	4.4%	385	94.7%	407	2.15	402	180,312
Hardyston township	Sussex	3.73	17.1	433	503	8.3%	109	8.9%	402	2.3%	434	0.0	504	2.5%	390	94,665	267	5.1%	533	98.0%	303	2.48	325	141,640
Manalapan township	Monmouth	3.82	16.9	434	512	9.8%	318	5.4%	345	3.3%	424	0.1	420	3.8%	450	107,569	383	4.4%	336	93.9%	456	1.97	362	160,912
Rockleigh borough	Bergen	3.82	16.9	435	546	16.1%	513	2.4%	535	0.0%	434	0.0	298	5.9%	522	133,125	369	4.5%	59	83.4%	542	1.01	516	335,484
Lebanon borough	Hunterdon	3.84	16.8	436	561	34.1%	267	6.2%	389	2.5%	434	0.0	261	6.6%	339	86,620	352	4.6%	499	97.2%	383	2.22	375	166,770
East Greenwich	Gloucester	3.85	16.8	437	562	35.7%	358	4.7%	242	5.4%	311	0.6	240	7.1%	472	113,421	417	4.2%	415	95.3%	161	2.93	234	109,366
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West Caldwell township	Essex	3.88	16.7	438	271	1.1%	442	3.5%	506	0.8%	422	0.1	477	2.9%	410	99,708	437	4.1%	296	93.1%	343	2.32	447	216,295
West Amwell township	Hunterdon	3.88	16.7	439	21	-13.4%	478	3.0%	446	1.7%	434	0.0	514	2.3%	435	103,875	472	3.9%	345	94.0%	420	2.10	397	175,737
Franklin township	Hunterdon	3.90	16.7	440 441	300	2.0%	144	8.1%	495	1.1%	249	0.9	468	3.0%	396	96,591	450	4.0%	489	97.0%	341	2.33	385	170,708
Verona township	Essex	3.92 3.92	16.6 16.6	441 442	274 9	1.1%	383	4.3%	427 394	1.9%	359 434	0.3	436 441	3.6%	421	101,528	417 450	4.2%	461	96.4%	234	2.69 0.76	393 545	174,906
Allenhurst borough	Monmouth Morris	3.92	16.6	442	377	-18.6% 3.6%	359	4.7%	420	2.4%	434	0.0	441	3.5% 2.8%	314 413	83,155 100,303	450	4.0%	518 438	97.7% 95.7%	556 189	2.84	357	1,149,015 159,833
Rockaway township	Hunterdon	3.92	16.6	443	308	2.2%	352 510	2.4%	301	4.0%	379	0.2	332		413	114,569	417	3.9%	438	95.7%	334	2.84	416	187,556
Raritan township Mansfield township	Burlington	3.94	16.5	444	556	20.7%	479	3.0%	466	1.5%	379	0.2	539	5.3% 1.6%	384	92,594	303	4.9%	375	95.2%	286	2.38	318	139,944
Montvale borough	Bergen	3.96	16.5	445	538	13.6%	559	0.0%	277	4.5%	324 415	0.5	211	7.8%	384 461	110,635	472	3.9%	431	94.5%	447	2.55	482	271,085
Plainsboro township	Middlesex	4.00	16.4	446	500	8.1%	91	9.7%	418	2.1%	385	0.1	407	4.0%	395	96,480	543	3.3%	425	95.5%	332	2.02	410	185,192
Riverdale borough	Morris	4.00	16.3	447	563	38.9%	289	5.9%	506	0.8%	281	0.2	396	4.0%	343	87,274	339	4.7%	350	95.5%	495	1.74	430	202,829
Greenwich township	Warren	4.04	16.3	449	468	6.2%	250	6.3%	345	3.3%	395	0.7	461	3.2%	464	111,094	369	4.7%	480	96.8%	210	2.76	270	121,774
River Edge borough	Bergen	4.05	16.2	450	430	5.0%	522	2.2%	484	1.2%	371	0.2	436	3.6%	434	103,607	514	3.6%	296	93.1%	198	2.80	333	145.721
Park Ridge borough	Bergen	4.07	16.2	451	367	3.4%	530	2.0%	389	2.5%	418	0.3	461	3.2%	437	104.047	450	4.0%	355	94.2%	369	2.25	437	206,615
Longport borough	Atlantic	4.21	15.8	452	29	-10.8%	464	3.2%	517	0.6%	434	0.0	451	3.4%	337	86,484	267	5.1%	450	96.0%	552	0.86	555	2.117.449
Lebanon township	Hunterdon	4.25	15.7	453	244	0.5%	337	5.0%	446	1.7%	434	0.0	468	3.0%	446	106,156	383	4.4%	465	96.5%	382	2.23	327	142,284
Madison borough	Morris	4.26	15.7	454	304	2.2%	377	4.4%	456	1.6%	434	0.0	310	5.7%	459	110,040	450	4.0%	425	95.5%	502	1.67	465	249,095
South Brunswick township	Middlesex	4.29	15.6	455	526	11.2%	436	3.6%	369	2.8%	306	0.6	420	3.8%	458	109,551	450	4.0%	406	95.1%	425	2.09	415	186,950
Allamuchy township	Warren	4.29	15.6	456	492	7.7%	375	4.4%	525	0.4%	434	0.0	407	4.0%	359	88,802	472	3.9%	526	97.8%	257	2.62	303	132,653
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Waldwick borough	Bergen	4.32	15.5	457	436	5.3%	460	3.3%	506	0.8%	434	0.0	261	6.6%	451	108,182	496	3.7%	458	96.3%	255	2.62	354	155,878
Bridgewater township	Somerset	4.33	15.5	458	343	3.0%	446	3.5%	345	3.3%	376	0.2	436	3.6%	476	114,510	437	4.1%	425	95.5%	459	1.96	439	207,432
Florham Park borough	Morris	4.34	15.5	459	470	6.3%	461	3.3%	484	1.2%	398	0.2	304	5.8%	436	103,916	450	4.0%	450	96.0%	517	1.53	480	267,745
Pennington borough	Mercer	4.36	15.4	460	189	-1.6%	554	0.9%	498	1.0%	225	1.2	290	6.0%	481	115,536	543	3.3%	448	95.9%	277	2.57	419	192,555
Oakland borough	Bergen	4.37	15.4	461	421	4.8%	453	3.4%	506	0.8%	434	0.0	504	2.5%	457	109,258	369	4.5%	375	94.5%	305	2.47	406	182,735
Hanover township	Morris	4.37	15.4	462	477	7.0%	374	4.4%	338	3.4%	349	0.3	484	2.8%	473	113,816	450	4.0%	333	93.8%	511	1.57	496	288,172
Monmouth Beach borough	Monmouth	4.38	15.3	463	66	-6.1%	213	7.0%	427	1.9%	434	0.0	314	5.6%	431	103,287	450	4.0%	557	99.1%	534	1.25	526	428,226
Delaware township	Hunterdon	4.39	15.3	464	114	-3.8%	532	1.9%	309	3.9%	434	0.0	514	2.3%	441	104,643	543	3.3%	425	95.5%	393	2.20	423	196,165
Medford township	Burlington	4.43	15.2	465	253	0.8%	458	3.3%	394	2.4%	434	0.0	468	3.0%	456	109,015	450	4.0%	485	96.9%	192	2.83	317	139,925
Metuchen borough	Middlesex	4.45	15.1	466	405	4.3%	502	2.5%	436	1.8%	258	0.9	484	2.8%	470	112,971	496	3.7%	401	95.0%	219	2.74	373	165,912
Hopewell borough	Mercer	4.45	15.1	467	135	-3.3%	555	0.8%	274	4.6%	434	0.0	536	1.7%	418	101,316	514	3.6%	533	98.0%	233	2.69	371	164,986
Readington township	Hunterdon	4.46	15.1	468	158	-2.6%	434	3.6%	456	1.6%	410	0.1	381	4.5%	488	118,125	472	3.9%	431	95.6%	338	2.36	429	201,488
Scotch Plains township	Union	4.47	15.1	469	433	5.1%	447	3.5%	362	3.0%	388	0.2	514	2.3%	463	110,908	437	4.1%	455	96.1%	276	2.57	381	168,825
Bedminster township	Somerset	4.47	15.1	470	224	-0.3%	228	6.7%	427	1.9%	413	0.1	407	4.0%	397	96,644	496	3.7%	538	98.1%	530	1.33	505	304,630
Clinton township	Hunterdon	4.49	15.0	471	117	-3.7%	390	4.2%	466	1.5%	434	0.0	484	2.8%	499	123,147	398	4.3%	375	94.5%	319	2.43	390	174,322
Pine Valley borough	Camden	4.51	15.0	472	6	-20.0%	1	81.3%	535	0.0%	434	0.0	563	0.0%	345	87,359	563	0.0%	563	100%	503	1.67	560	3,660,007
Boonton township	Morris	4.52	15.0	473	288	1.8%	427	3.7%	362	3.0%	283	0.7	531	1.9%	480	115,268	369	4.5%	489	97.0%	449	2.02	442	208,788
Bethlehem township	Hunterdon	4.54	14.9	474	164	-2.4%	270	6.1%	277	4.5%	434	0.0	367	4.6%	517	130,565	472	3.9%	513	97.6%	228	2.71	328	142,325
Califon borough	Hunterdon	4.57	14.8	475	201	-1.1%	547	1.4%	535	0.0%	434	0.0	461	3.2%	417	100,833	437	4.1%	538	98.1%	100	3.23	298	131,657
Morris Plains borough	Morris	4.57	14.8	476	234	0.2%	488	2.8%	436	1.8%	279	0.7	523	2.1%	462	110,817	417	4.2%	458	96.3%	451	2.00	474	260,756
Moorestown township	Burlington	4.58	14.8	477	254	0.8%	260	6.2%	356	3.1%	284	0.7	420	3.8%	495	121,637	483	3.8%	485	96.9%	418	2.11	451	224,751
Cresskill borough	Bergen	4.58	14.8	478	497	8.0%	348	4.9%	484	1.2%	434	0.0	441	3.5%	460	110,156	496	3.7%	336	93.9%	394	2.20	466	249,820
Chesterfield township	Burlington	4.59	14.8	479	509	9.4%	403	3.9%	535	0.0%	406	0.1	553	0.9%	493	120,515	339	4.7%	234	91.7%	268 444	2.59	195	100,306
Rocky Hill borough	Somerset	4.60 4.62	14.7	480 481	302 356	2.1% 3.2%	449 459	3.4%	535 521	0.0%	434 434	0.0	401 396	4.2% 4.3%	438 432	104,219	483 450	3.8% 4.0%	438 401	95.7% 95.0%	531	1.30	413 530	186,001 489,399
Far Hills borough	Somerset																							
Denville township	Morris Monmouth	4.63 4.63	14.7 14.6	482 483	324 32	2.7% -9.9%	341 72	5.0% 10.4%	394 466	2.4% 1.5%	358 434	0.3	535 401	1.8% 4.2%	442 420	104,815 101,500	437 398	4.1% 4.3%	518 549	97.7% 98.7%	405 559	2.16 0.68	421 549	194,992 1,305,750
Spring Lake borough Kingwood township	Hunterdon	4.63	14.6	483	153	-9.9% -2.8%	514	2.4%	535	0.0%	434	0.0	539	1.6%	420	113,306	398	4.7%	406	95.1%	409	2.15	359	1,305,750
Harrison township	Gloucester	4.69	14.5	485	554	20.4%	552	1.2%	446	1.7%	175	1.7	484	2.8%	506	127,975	321	4.7 %	400	95.0%	227	2.71	257	115,663
Princeton borough	Mercer	4.71	14.4	486	237	0.2%	188	7.4%	498	1.0%	368	0.3	290	6.0%	478	114,645	556	3.1%	473	96.6%	445	2.02	475	262,576
Mahwah township	Bergen	4.72	14.4	487	475	6.8%	542	1.6%	446	1.7%	423	0.3	504	2.5%	449	107,336	383	4.4%	431	95.6%	505	1.64	452	226,109
Long Hill township	Morris	4.72	14.4	488	225	-0.3%	556	0.8%	394	2.4%	434	0.0	484	2.8%	466	111,500	472	3.9%	450	96.0%	395	2.20	426	198,436
Hillsborough township	Somerset	4.75	14.3	489	448	5.7%	346	4.9%	446	1.7%	380	0.2	436	3.6%	469	112,788	450	4.0%	499	97.2%	368	2.26	352	154,853
Green township	Sussex	4.75	14.3	490	246	0.5%	347	4.9%	521	0.5%	434	0.0	528	2.0%	491	119,286	417	4.2%	419	95.4%	139	3.05	301	131,975
Millstone township	Monmouth	4.79	14.2	491	454	5.8%	336	5.1%	521	0.5%	362	0.3	367	4.6%	515	130,109	417	4.2%	355	94.2%	372	2.24	396	175,699
Sparta township	Sussex	4.89	13.9	492	203	-1.1%	281	6.0%	379	2.6%	420	0.1	484	2.8%	518	131,182	398	4.3%	511	97.5%	160	2.94	363	161,116
Washington township	Bergen	4.90	13.9	493	407	4.4%	438	3.6%	484	1.2%	383	0.2	531	1.9%	482	115,571	398	4.3%	442	95.8%	406	2.15	412	185,869
Roseland borough	Essex	4.90	13.9	494	455	5.8%	518	2.3%	535	0.0%	434	0.0	511	2.4%	426	101,786	437	4.1%	448	95.9%	440	2.05	509	311,246
Old Tappan borough	Bergen	4.91	13.9	495	486	7.4%	450	3.4%	479	1.3%	434	0.0	415	3.9%	484	116,285	514	3.6%	345	94.0%	470	1.92	499	292,845
Summit city	Union	4.91	13.9	496	415	4.5%	382	4.3%	369	2.8%	393	0.2	401	4.2%	510	129,583	496	3.7%	363	94.3%	479	1.88	513	333,017
Brielle borough	Monmouth	4.92	13.8	497	162	-2.4%	469	3.1%	456	1.6%	434	0.0	504	2.5%	497	122,416	321	4.8%	480	96.8%	497	1.73	508	308,425
Englewood Cliffs borough	Bergen	4.94	13.8	498	315	2.5%	102	9.2%	282	4.4%	344	0.4	441	3.5%	535	140,605	534	3.4%	253	92.1%	544	0.98	535	604,143

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Peapack and Gladstone	Somerset	4.95	13.8	499	309	2.3%	288	5.9%	466	1.5%	434	0.0	511	2.4%	520	132,250	417	4.2%	294	93.0%	482	1.87	491	283,903
borough Branchburg township	Somerset	5.03	13.5	500	257	0.8%	505	2.5%	476	1.4%	405	0.1	420	3.8%	502	124,306	417	4.2%	476	96.7%	410	2.14	441	208,408
New Providence borough	Union	5.09	13.4	501	403	4.3%	388	4.2%	446	1.7%	402	0.2	381	4.5%	514	130,057	496	3.7%	438	95.7%	324	2.42	435	205,404
Holmdel township	Monmouth	5.17	13.1	502	282	1.6%	380	4.4%	484	1.2%	434	0.0	455	3.3%	526	136,525	398	4.3%	370	94.4%	455	1.97	469	253,925
Washington township	Morris	5.18	13.1	503	335	2.9%	482	2.9%	484	1.2%	431	0.1	468	3.0%	501	124,177	398	4.3%	494	97.1%	335	2.37	348	154,020
Morris township	Morris	5.19	13.1	504	318	2.5%	489	2.8%	420	2.0%	434	0.0	326	5.4%	505	127,805	521	3.5%	450	96.0%	484	1.83	456	232,535
Cranford township	Union	5.20	13.1	505	491	7.7%	419	3.8%	479	1.3%	387	0.2	523	2.1%	479	115,201	483	3.8%	465	96.5%	311	2.45	394	175,377
Randolph township	Morris	5.20	13.1	506	287	1.7%	499	2.6%	446	1.7%	434	0.0	499	2.6%	492	120,392	450	4.0%	505	97.3%	314	2.45	374	166,723
Montville township	Morris	5.20	13.0	507	306	2.2%	456	3.4%	436	1.8%	432	0.0	436	3.6%	496	122,260	483	3.8%	485	96.9%	434	2.07	455	230,227
Watchung borough	Somerset	5.24	12.9	508	490	7.5%	125	8.5%	506	0.8%	350	0.3	468	3.0%	532	140,163	417	4.2%	336	93.9%	430	2.08	498	291,347
Harrington Park borough	Bergen	5.26	12.9	509	342	3.0%	559	0.0%	498	1.0%	334	0.4	351	4.9%	507	128,088	496	3.7%	465	96.5%	302	2.48	436	206,342
Closter borough	Bergen	5.37	12.6	510	390	4.0%	471	3.1%	476	1.4%	416	0.1	504	2.5%	500	124,023	496	3.7%	431	95.6%	403	2.17	463	245,364
Cranbury township	Middlesex	5.37	12.6	511	522	10.7%	126	8.5%	364	2.9%	273	0.8	552	1.0%	509	128,750	450	4.0%	461	96.4%	467	1.93	522	374,302
Robbinsville township	Mercer	5.49	12.3	512	548	16.7%	527	2.1%	364	2.9%	434	0.0	548	1.2%	486	116,686	496	3.7%	465	96.5%	181	2.86	400	178,741
Upper Freehold township	Monmouth	5.50	12.2	513	555	20.7%	402	3.9%	420	2.0%	434	0.0	499	2.6%	504	127,753	321	4.8%	494	97.1%	352	2.29	404	180,582
River Vale township	Bergen	5.52	12.2	514	435	5.2%	501	2.5%	436	1.8%	434	0.0	477	2.9%	521	132,265	450	4.0%	465	96.5%	306	2.46	433	204,126
Allendale borough	Bergen	5.56	12.0	515	395	4.1%	216	6.9%	517	0.6%	404	0.1	407	4.0%	534	140,331	398	4.3%	499	97.2%	380	2.23	470	255,207
Alexandria township	Hunterdon	5.57	12.0	516	227	-0.2%	58	11.1%	535	0.0%	336	0.4	539	1.6%	516	130,262	437	4.1%	549	98.7%	348	2.31	361	160,912
Mountainside borough	Union	5.58	12.0	517	404	4.3%	236	6.5%	535	0.0%	434	0.0	367	4.6%	523	133,571	521	3.5%	419	95.4%	460	1.96	472	258,057
Bernardsville borough	Somerset	5.67	11.7	518	350	3.1%	182	7.5%	418	2.1%	409	0.1	545	1.3%	475	114,444	534	3.4%	556	99.0%	486	1.82	500	296,448
Haddonfield borough	Camden	5.72	11.6	519	185	-1.7%	477	3.0%	517	0.6%	329	0.4	484	2.8%	508	128,440	521	3.5%	549	98.7%	163	2.92	427	198,538
Fanwood borough	Union	5.76	11.5	520	469	6.3%	406	3.9%	535	0.0%	341	0.4	556	0.8%	467	111,905	514	3.6%	553	98.8%	212	2.76	346	153,927
Bernards township	Somerset	5.78	11.4	521	426	5.0%	455	3.4%	466	1.5%	425	0.1	420	3.8%	511	129,690	521	3.5%	499	97.2%	475	1.90	478	264,591
Marlboro township	Monmouth	5.80	11.4	522	459	5.9%	408	3.9%	394	2.4%	426	0.1	544	1.5%	529	137,805	450	4.0%	457	96.2%	423	2.10	408	183,431
Interlaken borough	Monmouth	5.83	11.3	523	54	-6.7%	421	3.7%	503	0.9%	434	0.0	550	1.1%	525	135,938	352	4.6%	511	97.5%	525	1.39	503	302,751
Tenafly borough	Bergen	5.86	11.2	524	443	5.5%	462	3.3%	402	2.3%	428	0.1	286	6.1%	542	147,196	534	3.4%	489	97.0%	397	2.19	504	303,316
Berkeley Heights township	Union	5.87	11.2	525	322	2.7%	332	5.1%	529	0.3%	382	0.2	451	3.4%	530	139,152	496	3.7%	465	96.5%	404	2.16	464	246,729
Woolwich township	Gloucester	5.88	11.2	526	565	79.7%	180	7.5%	338	3.4%	353	0.3	367	4.6%	490	118,509	483	3.8%	375	94.5%	81	3.35	189	99,368
Shrewsbury borough	Monmouth	5.91	11.1	527	521	10.7%	282	6.0%	535	0.0%	434	0.0	531	1.9%	483	116,087	521	3.5%	508	97.4%	415	2.12	490	282,247
Livingston township	Essex	5.91	11.1	528	440	5.4%	428	3.7%	436	1.8%	345	0.4	484	2.8%	539	143,203	483	3.8%	473	96.6%	346	2.31	473	260,211
Warren township	Somerset	5.95	11.0	529	481	7.2%	523	2.2%	402	2.3%	434	0.0	477	2.9%	540	143,833	472	3.9%	431	95.6%	453	2.00	495	287,084
Sea Girt borough	Monmouth	5.98	10.9	530	36	-9.5%	411	3.8%	512	0.7%	434	0.0	477	2.9%	453	108,333	534	3.4%	558	99.2%	557	0.73	547	1,255,649
Wyckoff township	Bergen	6.00	10.8	531	399	4.2%	519	2.3%	512	0.7%	430	0.1	477	2.9%	519	131,714	496	3.7%	476	96.7%	493	1.77	479	266,784
Oradell borough	Bergen	6.03	10.8	532	341	3.0%	521	2.3%	356	3.1%	434	0.0	558	0.6%	537	141,550	521	3.5%	431	95.6%	295	2.52	445	210,044
Westfield town	Union	6.05	10.7	533	317	2.5%	349	4.9%	427	1.9%	400	0.2	455	3.3%	541	146,734	521	3.5%	480	96.8%	388	2.21	467	250,269
Mendham borough	Morris	6.16	10.4	534	194	-1.4%	508	2.5%	535	0.0%	434	0.0	465	3.1%	512	129,853	496	3.7%	553	98.8%	469	1.93	485	275,055
Kinnelon borough	Morris	6.19	10.3	535	370	3.4%	557	0.6%	535	0.0%	390	0.2	494	2.7%	533	140,265	450	4.0%	499	97.2%	326	2.41	434	204,847
Rumson borough	Monmouth	6.23	10.2	536	116	-3.8%	257	6.3%	529	0.3%	434	0.0	477	2.9%	527	136,538	483	3.8%	542	98.5%	521	1.44	531	495,044
Ridgewood village	Bergen	6.24	10.2	537	351	3.2%	490	2.8%	411	2.2%	403	0.2	441	3.5%	544	147,823	521	3.5%	513	97.6%	370	2.25	468	251,143
Colts Neck township	Monmouth	6.26	10.1	538	168	-2.2%	496	2.6%	535	0.0%	434	0.0	298	5.9%	552	160,000	417	4.2%	499	97.2%	501	1.69	502	300,346
Hopewell township	Mercer	6.28	10.1	539	514	9.9%	416	3.8%	446	1.7%	434	0.0	531	1.9%	536	141,003	561	2.9%	381	94.6%	281	2.57	450	224,044

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Saddle River borough	Bergen	6.28	10.0	540	354	3.2%	200	7.2%	498	1.0%	434	0.0	545	1.3%	494	121,026	543	3.3%	494	97.1%	548	0.90	541	767,374
Ramsey borough	Bergen	6.35	9.9	541	431	5.1%	549	1.3%	466	1.5%	429	0.1	523	2.1%	524	135,387	521	3.5%	533	98.0%	357	2.28	457	233,214
Chatham borough	Morris	6.37	9.8	542	325	2.7%	340	5.0%	436	1.8%	419	0.1	511	2.4%	538	142,765	543	3.3%	494	97.1%	500	1.69	483	272,336
Mantoloking borough	Ocean	6.38	9.8	543	2	-29.7%	10	16.4%	535	0.0%	434	0.0	504	2.5%	503	126,250	339	4.7%	508	97.4%	560	0.67	563	5,290,324
Little Silver borough	Monmouth	6.46	9.6	544	136	-3.2%	492	2.8%	535	0.0%	434	0.0	441	3.5%	528	136,818	496	3.7%	563	100%	478	1.89	493	285,024
Woodcliff Lake borough	Bergen	6.48	9.5	545	386	4.0%	553	1.1%	512	0.7%	351	0.3	536	1.7%	531	139,857	534	3.4%	461	96.4%	436	2.06	511	327,025
Montgomery township	Somerset	6.74	8.8	546	541	14.7%	494	2.7%	484	1.2%	433	0.0	420	3.8%	548	155,334	450	4.0%	538	98.1%	329	2.40	425	197,705
Chester township	Morris	6.76	8.7	547	412	4.4%	129	8.4%	535	0.0%	434	0.0	477	2.9%	546	154,094	496	3.7%	548	98.6%	385	2.22	460	237,457
Franklin Lakes borough	Bergen	6.80	8.6	548	392	4.1%	400	4.0%	529	0.3%	434	0.0	465	3.1%	550	156,146	472	3.9%	476	96.7%	519	1.51	524	402,750
Glen Rock borough	Bergen	6.89	8.4	549	391	4.1%	511	2.4%	484	1.2%	434	0.0	528	2.0%	547	155,221	521	3.5%	518	97.7%	282	2.57	444	209,308
Mendham township	Morris	6.93	8.2	550	313	2.5%	540	1.6%	529	0.3%	434	0.0	298	5.9%	560	170,160	543	3.3%	450	96.0%	458	1.96	514	333,167
Chatham township	Morris	6.95	8.2	551	299	2.0%	202	7.2%	533	0.2%	434	0.0	523	2.1%	545	151,216	534	3.4%	526	97.8%	509	1.60	512	327,387
Tewksbury township	Hunterdon	7.07	7.9	552	222	-0.4%	88	9.9%	535	0.0%	434	0.0	548	1.2%	558	165,552	437	4.1%	542	98.5%	454	1.98	488	279,722
Mountain Lakes borough	Morris	7.12	7.7	553	277	1.3%	559	0.0%	479	1.3%	325	0.5	461	3.2%	557	164,432	534	3.4%	538	98.1%	384	2.22	506	307,534
West Windsor township	Mercer	7.12	7.7	554	539	14.1%	424	3.7%	456	1.6%	427	0.1	441	3.5%	554	161,750	556	3.1%	485	96.9%	322	2.43	459	233,339
Demarest borough	Bergen	7.45	6.8	555	401	4.3%	357	4.7%	535	0.0%	434	0.0	528	2.0%	556	163,571	534	3.4%	518	97.7%	433	2.08	507	307,745
Ho-Ho-Kus borough	Bergen	7.46	6.8	556	326	2.7%	387	4.2%	517	0.6%	434	0.0	562	0.2%	555	162,386	521	3.5%	480	96.8%	487	1.82	510	315,331
Glen Ridge borough	Essex	7.52	6.6	557	369	3.4%	538	1.7%	525	0.4%	289	0.7	550	1.1%	561	170,433	553	3.2%	531	97.9%	124	3.11	446	214,412
Fair Haven borough	Monmouth	7.52	6.6	558	207	-0.9%	520	2.3%	535	0.0%	434	0.0	553	0.9%	551	157,344	534	3.4%	542	98.5%	466	1.93	481	269,412
Haworth borough	Bergen	7.53	6.6	559	344	3.0%	545	1.5%	521	0.5%	434	0.0	553	0.9%	553	160,526	543	3.3%	526	97.8%	333	2.38	477	263,463
Upper Saddle River borough	Bergen	7.57	6.5	560	438	5.3%	468	3.1%	420	2.0%	434	0.0	521	2.2%	559	169,301	543	3.3%	531	97.9%	490	1.79	515	333,239
Essex Fells borough	Essex	7.91	5.5	561	285	1.7%	410	3.8%	535	0.0%	434	0.0	539	1.6%	563	172,386	483	3.8%	561	99.6%	446	2.02	517	352,021
Harding township	Morris	8.12	4.9	562	501	8.1%	551	1.2%	535	0.0%	434	0.0	455	3.3%	562	171,331	496	3.7%	542	98.5%	545	0.97	534	562,920
Millburn township	Essex	8.15	4.9	563	303	2.1%	386	4.3%	498	1.0%	360	0.3	494	2.7%	564	184,783	553	3.2%	553	98.8%	483	1.86	529	477,565
North Caldwell borough	Essex	8.40	4.1	564	204	-1.1%	559	0.0%	506	0.8%	357	0.3	514	2.3%	565	200,152	556	3.1%	465	96.5%	424	2.10	476	263,018
Tavistock borough	Camden	9.89	0.0	565	3	-28.6%	559	0.0%	535	0.0%	434	0.0	563	0.0%	543	147.762	563	0.0%	563	100%	496	1.74	559	3,404,662

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Aberdeen township	Monmouth	1.82	22.5	326	311	2.3%	368	4.6%	364	2.9%	266	0.8	258	6.7%	322	84,720	289	5.0%	333	93.8%	293	2.53	245	112,133
Absecon city	Atlantic	-3.60	37.5	108	264	0.9%	230	6.6%	237	5.5%	39	6.0	351	4.9%	144	63,656	35	8.9%	120	87.5%	184	2.86	150	89,913
Alexandria township	Hunterdon	5.57	12.0	516	227	-0.2%	58	11.1%	535	0.0%	336	0.4	539	1.6%	516	130,262	437	4.1%	549	98.7%	348	2.31	361	160,912
Allamuchy township	Warren	4.29	15.6	456	492	7.7%	375	4.4%	525	0.4%	434	0.0	407	4.0%	359	88,802	472	3.9%	526	97.8%	257	2.62	303	132,653
Allendale borough	Bergen	5.56	12.0	515	395	4.1%	216	6.9%	517	0.6%	404	0.1	407	4.0%	534	140,331	398	4.3%	499	97.2%	380	2.23	470	255,207
Allenhurst borough	Monmouth	3.92	16.6	442	9	-18.6%	359	4.7%	394	2.4%	434	0.0	441	3.5%	314	83,155	450	4.0%	518	97.7%	556	0.76	545	1,149,015
Allentown borough	Monmouth	3.24	18.5	407	145	-3.0%	312	5.4%	535	0.0%	434	0.0	499	2.6%	403	97,434	321	4.8%	281	92.8%	182	2.86	251	113,857
Alloway township	Salem	0.78	25.4	260	488	7.5%	142	8.2%	190	6.7%	188	1.5	326	5.4%	238	73,586	202	5.6%	419	95.4%	261	2.61	139	86,157
Alpha borough	Warren	-1.92	32.9	158	44	-7.7%	194	7.3%	128	8.8%	206	1.3	153	9.6%	101	58,804	202	5.6%	193	90.4%	116	3.15	157	91,906
Alpine borough	Bergen	3.63	17.4	425	106	-4.0%	27	14.0%	456	1.6%	234	1.0	115	10.8%	465	111,146	543	3.3%	442	95.8%	562	0.63	548	1,271,273
Andover borough	Sussex	0.90	25.0	268	37	-8.8%	118	8.6%	436	1.8%	83	3.4	389	4.4%	261	76,875	472	3.9%	215	91.3%	222	2.73	250	113,444
Andover township	Sussex	2.72	20.0	375	86	-4.8%	320	5.3%	411	2.2%	434	0.0	415	3.9%	433	103,598	369	4.5%	221	91.4%	114	3.16	252	113,964
Asbury Park city	Monmouth	-11.98	60.8	20	82	-4.9%	38	12.5%	15	25.1%	55	4.9	9	31.9%	7	32,755	77	7.6%	47	82.0%	462	1.95	149	89,178
Atlantic City city	Atlantic	-23.33	92.4	3	103	-4.0%	24	14.4%	6	31.6%	4	19.7	3	36.9%	2	25,737	5	13.2%	9	69.6%	86	3.31	368	163,937
Atlantic Highlands borough	Monmouth	2.35	21.0	356	71	-5.8%	371	4.6%	456	1.6%	160	1.9	272	6.4%	349	88,024	339	4.7%	476	96.7%	412	2.13	409	185,182
Audubon borough	Camden	0.69	25.6	255	140	-3.1%	330	5.2%	231	5.6%	127	2.4	314	5.6%	279	79,000	352	4.6%	328	93.7%	73	3.40	124	81,159
Audubon Park borough	Camden	-5.02	41.5	76	83	-4.9%	528	2.0%	173	7.0%	241	1.0	184	8.6%	35	44,722	30	9.7%	65	84.2%	3	5.38	4	20,746
Avalon borough	Cape May	3.04	19.1	397	4	-25.1%	73	10.4%	535	0.0%	59	4.7	367	4.6%	317	83,523	99	7.1%	518	97.7%	565	0.51	565	6,335,760
Avon-by-the-Sea borough	Monmouth	3.53	17.7	420	20	-13.8%	310	5.5%	535	0.0%	314	0.6	455	3.3%	215	71,513	398	4.3%	542	98.5%	540	1.05	533	548,185
Barnegat Light borough	Ocean	3.36	18.2	413	17	-14.7%	503	2.5%	535	0.0%	434	0.0	407	4.0%	268	77,500	111	6.8%	558	99.2%	554	0.84	554	1,762,413
Barnegat township	Ocean	-1.37	31.3	175	551	18.9%	296	5.7%	166	7.2%	101	3.0	125	10.5%	163	65,405	141	6.3%	212	91.1%	273	2.58	203	101,919
Barrington borough	Camden	-1.47	31.6	172	123	-3.6%	334	5.1%	67	13.6%	235	1.0	272	6.4%	123	61,711	289	5.0%	227	91.5%	34	3.85	105	75,419
Bass River township	Burlington	-3.70	37.8	104	102	-4.0%	435	3.6%	143	8.2%	282	0.7	125	10.5%	133	62,727	26	9.8%	102	86.5%	468	1.93	268	120,759
Bay Head borough	Ocean	2.50	20.6	367	18	-14.7%	47	11.8%	512	0.7%	50	5.1	188	8.5%	454	108,542	321	4.8%	558	99.2%	555	0.82	551	1,550,731
Bayonne city	Hudson	-4.56	40.2	82	489	7.5%	293	5.8%	79	12.0%	57	4.9	62	14.8%	75	54,413	174	5.9%	116	87.3%	101	3.22	127	81,946
Beach Haven borough	Ocean	1.90	22.2	331	68	-6.0%	481	2.9%	446	1.7%	261	0.9	250	6.9%	221	71,964	88	7.4%	533	98.0%	539	1.05	553	1,741,442
Beachwood borough	Ocean	-0.55	29.0	209	316	2.5%	344	5.0%	115	9.3%	224	1.2	179	8.8%	216	71,540	174	5.9%	281	92.8%	413	2.13	110	77,549
Bedminster township	Somerset	4.47	15.1	470	224	-0.3%	228	6.7%	427	1.9%	413	0.1	407	4.0%	397	96,644	496	3.7%	538	98.1%	530	1.33	505	304,630
Belleville township	Essex	-3.07	36.1	120	275	1.2%	244	6.4%	115	9.3%	109	2.8	143	9.9%	162	65,234	141	6.3%	95	86.2%	60	3.54	101	74,390
Bellmawr borough	Camden	-4.54	40.2	83	198	-1.2%	178	7.5%	115	9.3%	64	4.4	66	14.3%	58	50,784	124	6.5%	154	89.0%	41	3.79	72	66,466
Belmar borough	Monmouth	-0.15	27.9	226	98	-4.2%	133	8.2%	274	4.6%	213	1.2	152	9.7%	129	62,083	267	5.1%	234	91.7%	532	1.30	484	273,923
Belvidere town	Warren	-2.33	34.0	144	52	-6.9%	122	8.6%	76	12.7%	227	1.2	194	8.4%	89	56,221	238	5.3%	214	91.2%	31	3.90	87	69,951

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Bergenfield borough	Bergen	0.70	25.6	256	418	4.6%	393	4.1%	202	6.2%	317	0.5	219	7.6%	279	79,000	417	4.2%	162	89.3%	127	3.10	190	99,505
Berkeley Heights township	Union	5.87	11.2	525	322	2.7%	332	5.1%	529	0.3%	382	0.2	451	3.4%	530	139,152	496	3.7%	465	96.5%	404	2.16	464	246,729
Berkeley township	Ocean	-2.50	34.5	138	248	0.6%	181	7.5%	222	5.8%	226	1.2	219	7.6%	32	43,942	77	7.6%	118	87.4%	452	2.00	286	126,774
Berlin borough	Camden	-0.58	29.1	206	508	9.2%	127	8.4%	253	5.0%	75	3.7	202	8.1%	307	82,429	256	5.2%	159	89.1%	140	3.04	175	96,959
Berlin township	Camden	-4.22	39.3	94	307	2.2%	245	6.4%	102	10.1%	103	2.9	136	10.1%	104	58,893	103	7.0%	56	83.3%	55	3.56	214	104,980
Bernards township	Somerset	5.78	11.4	521	426	5.0%	455	3.4%	466	1.5%	425	0.1	420	3.8%	511	129,690	521	3.5%	499	97.2%	475	1.90	478	264,591
Bernardsville borough	Somerset	5.67	11.7	518	350	3.1%	182	7.5%	418	2.1%	409	0.1	545	1.3%	475	114,444	534	3.4%	556	99.0%	486	1.82	500	296,448
Bethlehem township	Hunterdon	4.54	14.9	474	164	-2.4%	270	6.1%	277	4.5%	434	0.0	367	4.6%	517	130,565	472	3.9%	513	97.6%	228	2.71	328	142,325
Beverly city	Burlington	-8.07	50.0	40	51	-7.0%	70	10.4%	30	19.5%	30	7.8	71	14.0%	60	50,880	67	7.8%	170	89.5%	13	4.36	28	48,755
Blairstown township	Warren	2.42	20.8	362	124	-3.5%	326	5.2%	369	2.8%	434	0.0	468	3.0%	321	84,717	303	4.9%	281	92.8%	364	2.27	271	121,798
Bloomfield township	Essex	-0.81	29.8	196	293	1.9%	313	5.4%	204	6.1%	138	2.2	204	8.0%	232	72,840	202	5.6%	198	90.5%	52	3.61	151	89,978
Bloomingdale borough	Passaic	0.73	25.5	257	502	8.3%	541	1.6%	287	4.3%	93	3.2	465	3.1%	256	75,781	213	5.5%	264	92.4%	44	3.74	200	101,269
Bloomsbury borough	Hunterdon	0.25	26.8	240	77	-5.1%	285	5.9%	85	11.3%	434	0.0	332	5.3%	257	76,071	352	4.6%	227	91.5%	269	2.59	249	113,187
Bogota borough	Bergen	-1.17	30.8	182	323	2.7%	517	2.3%	122	9.2%	193	1.4	109	11.2%	260	76,649	289	5.0%	146	88.7%	84	3.34	138	86,077
Boonton town	Morris	1.44	23.5	300	219	-0.5%	283	6.0%	226	5.7%	348	0.4	314	5.6%	370	90,326	303	4.9%	234	91.7%	249	2.65	310	137,083
Boonton township	Morris	4.52	15.0	473	288	1.8%	427	3.7%	362	3.0%	283	0.7	531	1.9%	480	115,268	369	4.5%	489	97.0%	449	2.02	442	208,788
Bordentown city	Burlington	0.90	25.0	267	91	-4.5%	39	12.5%	301	4.0%	270	0.8	339	5.2%	196	68,266	267	5.1%	442	95.8%	120	3.14	148	89,170
Bordentown township	Burlington	2.96	19.3	394	549	16.8%	275	6.1%	356	3.1%	230	1.1	367	4.6%	333	86,104	417	4.2%	401	95.0%	244	2.66	244	112,084
Bound Brook borough	Somerset	-2.63	34.8	133	268	1.0%	7	18.2%	270	4.7%	84	3.4	134	10.2%	130	62,263	339	4.7%	71	84.8%	90	3.29	91	70,482
Bradley Beach borough	Monmouth	-1.33	31.2	178	59	-6.6%	535	1.8%	262	4.8%	100	3.0	153	9.6%	122	61,682	202	5.6%	131	88.0%	522	1.43	487	277,359
Branchburg township	Somerset	5.03	13.5	500	257	0.8%	505	2.5%	476	1.4%	405	0.1	420	3.8%	502	124,306	417	4.2%	476	96.7%	410	2.14	441	208,408
Branchville borough	Sussex	-0.46	28.8	215	58	-6.6%	36	12.7%	364	2.9%	434	0.0	258	6.7%	189	67,308	150	6.2%	133	88.1%	438	2.05	391	174,513
Brick township	Ocean	0.28	26.7	242	156	-2.7%	234	6.5%	262	4.8%	219	1.2	267	6.5%	210	70,647	183	5.8%	264	92.4%	442	2.04	330	142,470
Bridgeton city	Cumberland	-21.12	86.3	4	337	2.9%	30	13.5%	7	30.0%	7	17.6	8	32.0%	15	36,208	22	10.0%	2	61.5%	16	4.30	3	19,269
Bridgewater township	Somerset	4.33	15.5	458	343	3.0%	446	3.5%	345	3.3%	376	0.2	436	3.6%	476	114,510	437	4.1%	425	95.5%	459	1.96	439	207,432
Brielle borough	Monmouth	4.92	13.8	497	162	-2.4%	469	3.1%	456	1.6%	434	0.0	504	2.5%	497	122,416	321	4.8%	480	96.8%	497	1.73	508	308,425
Brigantine city	Atlantic	-3.98	38.6	97	11	-17.8%	354	4.8%	143	8.2%	78	3.6	94	11.9%	94	57,031	47	8.5%	202	90.7%	504	1.65	520	359,038
Brooklawn borough	Camden	-6.14	44.6	57	132	-3.4%	203	7.2%	58	14.6%	68	4.1	58	15.1%	112	60,208	74	7.7%	92	86.0%	54	3.57	51	59,195
Buena borough	Atlantic	-8.39	50.9	36	382	3.9%	192	7.3%	69	13.4%	44	5.7	113	10.9%	39	46,169	18	10.2%	28	77.8%	126	3.11	53	60,153
Buena Vista township	Atlantic	-6.78	46.4	48	170	-2.2%	87	9.9%	166	7.2%	69	4.1	40	17.5%	53	50,421	18	10.2%	82	85.6%	308	2.46	115	78,729
Burlington city	Burlington	-6.02	44.3	60	165	-2.3%	22	14.6%	72	13.2%	23	8.6	139	10.0%	82	55,072	97	7.2%	177	89.8%	91	3.28	70	65,979
Burlington township	Burlington	0.04	27.4	232	374	3.6%	376	4.4%	185	6.8%	89	3.3	237	7.2%	304	81,798	256	5.2%	277	92.6%	242	2.67	213	104,880
Butler borough	Morris	2.64	20.2	372	359	3.3%	174	7.5%	379	2.6%	434	0.0	396	4.3%	382	92,377	369	4.5%	264	92.4%	278	2.57	273	122,381
Byram township	Sussex	3.70	17.2	430	69	-5.9%	279	6.0%	466	1.5%	411	0.1	523	2.1%	439	104,281	267	5.1%	518	97.7%	103	3.21	267	120,231
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Caldwell borough	Essex	1.55	23.2	309	338	2.9%	240	6.5%	379	2.6%	294	0.6	357	4.8%	231	72,708	267	5.1%	277	92.6%	316	2.44	308	136,223
Califon borough	Hunterdon	4.57	14.8	475	201	-1.1%	547	1.4%	535	0.0%	434	0.0	461	3.2%	417	100,833	437	4.1%	538	98.1%	100	3.23	298	131,657
Camden city	Camden	-26.05	100.0	1	126	-3.5%	6	18.3%	1	43.2%	3	23.2	1	39.9%	1	25,042	12	11.1%	7	67.6%	203	2.78	5	22,145
Cape May city	Cape May	-4.51	40.1	86	47	-7.4%	45	11.9%	351	3.2%	173	1.7	78	12.9%	56	50,625	7	12.5%	215	91.3%	550	0.87	542	811,726
Cape May Point borough	Cape May	-0.34	28.5	222	462	6.0%	373	4.5%	277	4.5%	434	0.0	85	12.5%	67	53,125	26	9.8%	561	99.6%	564	0.56	552	1,619,205
Carlstadt borough	Bergen	0.68	25.6	253	414	4.5%	255	6.3%	379	2.6%	180	1.6	401	4.2%	204	70,056	202	5.6%	146	88.7%	450	2.01	521	365,064
Carneys Point township	Salem	-6.28	45.0	54	210	-0.8%	44	11.9%	78	12.1%	53	5.0	87	12.4%	68	53,474	83	7.5%	48	82.2%	162	2.92	96	72,641
Carteret borough	Middlesex	-3.80	38.1	101	518	10.1%	294	5.8%	89	11.1%	143	2.1	58	15.1%	183	67,068	124	6.5%	67	84.3%	209	2.77	201	101,731
Cedar Grove township	Essex	3.31	18.3	411	319	2.6%	526	2.1%	534	0.1%	339	0.4	349	5.0%	425	101,779	339	4.7%	247	92.0%	414	2.13	405	181,308
Chatham borough	Morris	6.37	9.8	542	325	2.7%	340	5.0%	436	1.8%	419	0.1	511	2.4%	538	142,765	543	3.3%	494	97.1%	500	1.69	483	272,336
Chatham township	Morris	6.95	8.2	551	299	2.0%	202	7.2%	533	0.2%	434	0.0	523	2.1%	545	151,216	534	3.4%	526	97.8%	509	1.60	512	327,387
Cherry Hill township	Camden	2.06	21.8	341	265	1.0%	350	4.9%	262	4.8%	216	1.2	339	5.2%	380	92,185	398	4.3%	363	94.3%	80	3.36	254	114,892
Chesilhurst borough	Camden	-6.64	46.0	49	364	3.4%	262	6.2%	83	11.4%	99	3.1	45	17.1%	69	53,516	51	8.3%	42	80.9%	89	3.29	35	52,072
Chester borough	Morris	3.54	17.7	422	273	1.1%	308	5.5%	329	3.6%	434	0.0	420	3.8%	401	97,250	496	3.7%	375	94.5%	299	2.49	461	238,198
Chester township	Morris	6.76	8.7	547	412	4.4%	129	8.4%	535	0.0%	434	0.0	477	2.9%	546	154,094	496	3.7%	548	98.6%	385	2.22	460	237,457
Chesterfield township	Burlington	4.59	14.8	479	509	9.4%	403	3.9%	535	0.0%	406	0.1	553	0.9%	493	120,515	339	4.7%	234	91.7%	268	2.59	195	100,306
Cinnaminson township	Burlington	2.54	20.4	369	487	7.5%	370	4.6%	301	4.0%	246	1.0	332	5.3%	369	90,286	383	4.4%	395	94.9%	194	2.82	226	108,105
City of Orange township	Essex	-11.75	60.2	22	173	-2.1%	25	14.2%	21	23.0%	48	5.3	17	25.5%	11	33,233	67	7.8%	36	79.6%	19	4.19	26	47,810
Clark township	Union	3.10	18.9	401	473	6.6%	525	2.1%	420	2.0%	370	0.3	429	3.7%	378	90,956	321	4.8%	307	93.3%	325	2.42	380	168,469
Clayton borough	Gloucester	-4.43	39.8	89	510	9.5%	196	7.3%	37	17.5%	170	1.8	172	9.1%	143	63,628	65	7.9%	109	86.9%	53	3.58	40	54,404
Clementon borough	Camden	-7.70	49.0	42	182	-1.7%	217	6.9%	87	11.2%	24	8.5	38	18.6%	66	52,661	37	8.8%	177	89.8%	24	4.05	32	51,342
Cliffside Park borough	Bergen	-0.95	30.2	190	480	7.1%	265	6.2%	161	7.4%	215	1.2	85	12.5%	117	60,979	450	4.0%	125	87.9%	411	2.14	274	123,086
Clifton city	Passaic	-2.17	33.6	148	460	5.9%	111	8.8%	115	9.3%	117	2.6	172	9.1%	194	67,992	183	5.8%	120	87.5%	171	2.89	240	111,102
Clinton town	Hunterdon	1.96	22.1	334	150	-2.9%	497	2.6%	182	6.9%	343	0.4	230	7.3%	419	101,422	496	3.7%	234	91.7%	170	2.89	334	146,047
Clinton township	Hunterdon	4.49	15.0	471	117	-3.7%	390	4.2%	466	1.5%	434	0.0	484	2.8%	499	123,147	398	4.3%	375	94.5%	319	2.43	390	174,322
Closter borough	Bergen	5.37	12.6	510	390	4.0%	471	3.1%	476	1.4%	416	0.1	504	2.5%	500	124,023	496	3.7%	431	95.6%	403	2.17	463	245,364
Collingswood borough	Camden	-0.54	29.0	210	199	-1.2%	29	13.6%	143	8.2%	168	1.8	304	5.8%	114	60,777	352	4.6%	307	93.3%	83	3.34	106	75,926
Colts Neck township	Monmouth	6.26	10.1	538	168	-2.2%	496	2.6%	535	0.0%	434	0.0	298	5.9%	552	160,000	417	4.2%	499	97.2%	501	1.69	502	300,346
Commercial township	Cumberland	-11.49	59.5	24	169	-2.2%	23	14.5%	19	23.5%	220	1.2	27	22.0%	40	46,195	8	11.8%	27	77.7%	271	2.59	18	45,679
Corbin City city	Atlantic	-1.79	32.5	162	249	0.6%	165	7.7%	110	9.6%	434	0.0	130	10.4%	93	56,875	83	7.5%	296	93.1%	494	1.75	225	107,907
Cranbury township	Middlesex	5.37	12.6	511	522	10.7%	126	8.5%	364	2.9%	273	0.8	552	1.0%	509	128,750	450	4.0%	461	96.4%	467	1.93	522	374,302
Cranford township	Union	5.20	13.1	505	491	7.7%	419	3.8%	479	1.3%	387	0.2	523	2.1%	479	115,201	483	3.8%	465	96.5%	311	2.45	394	175,377
Cresskill borough	Bergen	4.58	14.8	478	497	8.0%	348	4.9%	484	1.2%	434	0.0	441	3.5%	460	110,156	496	3.7%	336	93.9%	394	2.20	466	249,820
Deal borough	Monmouth	1.72	22.7	320	10	-18.1%	524	2.1%	338	3.4%	434	0.0	184	8.6%	294	80,714	369	4.5%	84	85.7%	558	0.69	558	2,978,945
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Deerfield township	Cumberland	-2.86	35.5	125	371	3.5%	175	7.5%	204	6.1%	244	1.0	184	8.6%	182	67,012	74	7.7%	53	82.6%	142	3.02	66	62,726
Delanco township	Burlington	0.93	24.9	271	547	16.5%	101	9.2%	351	3.2%	186	1.5	381	4.5%	186	67,153	124	6.5%	406	95.1%	221	2.73	155	91,467
Delaware township	Hunterdon	4.39	15.3	464	114	-3.8%	532	1.9%	309	3.9%	434	0.0	514	2.3%	441	104,643	543	3.3%	425	95.5%	393	2.20	423	196,165
Delran township	Burlington	1.61	23.1	312	262	0.9%	258	6.3%	301	4.0%	162	1.8	351	4.9%	373	90,512	437	4.1%	221	91.4%	119	3.14	145	87,694
Demarest borough	Bergen	7.45	6.8	555	401	4.3%	357	4.7%	535	0.0%	434	0.0	528	2.0%	556	163,571	534	3.4%	518	97.7%	433	2.08	507	307,745
Dennis township	Cape May	-2.12	33.4	153	161	-2.4%	291	5.8%	301	4.0%	293	0.6	81	12.8%	180	66,727	51	8.3%	154	89.0%	516	1.54	320	140,513
Denville township	Morris	4.63	14.7	482	324	2.7%	341	5.0%	394	2.4%	358	0.3	535	1.8%	442	104,815	437	4.1%	518	97.7%	405	2.16	421	194,992
Deptford township	Gloucester	-1.45	31.5	173	439	5.4%	339	5.0%	131	8.6%	190	1.5	143	9.9%	157	64,705	150	6.2%	210	91.0%	174	2.88	154	91,224
Dover town	Morris	-4.52	40.1	85	243	0.4%	273	6.1%	54	15.0%	156	1.9	219	7.6%	115	60,822	398	4.3%	12	71.2%	361	2.27	95	72,499
Downe township	Cumberland	-5.82	43.7	63	84	-4.9%	34	12.8%	149	7.9%	71	3.9	130	10.4%	36	45,333	59	8.1%	41	80.5%	377	2.24	185	98,704
Dumont borough	Bergen	2.35	21.0	357	363	3.3%	430	3.7%	237	5.5%	364	0.3	451	3.4%	385	93,074	369	4.5%	274	92.5%	135	3.07	235	109,450
Dunellen borough	Middlesex	-0.62	29.2	204	419	4.7%	287	5.9%	140	8.4%	189	1.5	204	8.0%	264	77,099	303	4.9%	138	88.3%	130	3.08	122	80,727
Eagleswood township	Ocean	1.76	22.6	323	387	4.0%	491	2.8%	287	4.3%	434	0.0	536	1.7%	329	85,000	111	6.8%	264	92.4%	360	2.27	332	144,219
East Amwell township	Hunterdon	3.37	18.1	416	49	-7.3%	272	6.1%	484	1.2%	434	0.0	342	5.1%	400	97,031	472	3.9%	363	94.3%	428	2.09	407	182,939
East Brunswick township	Middlesex	2.77	19.8	381	336	2.9%	366	4.6%	324	3.7%	363	0.3	272	6.4%	406	98,658	417	4.2%	345	94.0%	235	2.69	335	147,674
East Greenwich township	Gloucester	3.85	16.8	437	562	35.7%	358	4.7%	242	5.4%	311	0.6	240	7.1%	472	113,421	417	4.2%	415	95.3%	161	2.93	234	109,366
East Hanover township	Morris	2.26	21.2	351	212	-0.7%	454	3.4%	207	6.0%	396	0.2	272	6.4%	427	102,165	437	4.1%	179	89.9%	515	1.54	497	290,379
East Newark borough	Hudson	-5.71	43.4	65	532	12.0%	278	6.0%	91	11.0%	158	1.9	31	19.9%	47	49,375	150	6.2%	33	79.0%	204	2.78	20	46,986
East Orange city	Essex	-11.89	60.6	21	148	-2.9%	13	16.1%	20	23.1%	19	9.5	30	21.1%	17	36,921	43	8.6%	78	85.4%	12	4.42	14	41,716
East Rutherford borough	Bergen	0.52	26.1	245	402	4.3%	328	5.2%	158	7.5%	257	0.9	136	10.1%	274	78,680	303	4.9%	287	92.9%	491	1.78	454	230,213
East Windsor township	Mercer	1.00	24.7	275	427	5.0%	316	5.4%	270	4.7%	323	0.5	157	9.5%	311	82,700	483	3.8%	179	89.9%	110	3.16	199	100,584
Eastampton township	Burlington	1.40	23.6	296	85	-4.9%	483	2.9%	257	4.9%	262	0.8	494	2.7%	212	70,814	267	5.1%	318	93.6%	218	2.74	103	74,999
Eatontown borough	Monmouth	-0.98	30.2	189	43	-8.0%	315	5.4%	156	7.6%	177	1.6	169	9.2%	149	64,149	238	5.3%	221	91.4%	358	2.28	370	164,784
Edgewater borough	Bergen	3.27	18.4	409	558	24.6%	157	7.8%	226	5.7%	263	0.8	148	9.8%	424	101,767	553	3.2%	389	94.8%	518	1.52	494	285,262
Edgewater Park township	Burlington	-2.23	33.7	146	334	2.9%	78	10.3%	107	9.8%	146	2.0	188	8.5%	131	62,475	267	5.1%	84	85.7%	238	2.68	61	61,697
Edison township	Middlesex	2.41	20.8	361	349	3.1%	391	4.2%	329	3.6%	298	0.6	342	5.1%	374	90,515	417	4.2%	242	91.9%	345	2.32	349	154,193
Egg Harbor City city	Atlantic	-12.32	61.8	18	79	-5.0%	21	15.3%	54	15.0%	11	13.9	54	15.7%	28	43,235	23	9.9%	38	80.0%	18	4.25	42	55,141
Egg Harbor township	Atlantic	-3.09	36.1	119	542	15.0%	214	7.0%	107	9.8%	112	2.8	157	9.5%	247	74,409	42	8.7%	133	88.1%	188	2.84	167	93,538
Elizabeth city	Union	-9.76	54.7	28	449	5.7%	63	10.7%	34	18.2%	56	4.9	35	19.0%	30	43,568	97	7.2%	17	72.8%	64	3.52	39	54,226
Elk township	Gloucester	-2.13	33.5	150	441	5.4%	256	6.3%	60	14.4%	245	1.0	224	7.5%	190	67,321	116	6.6%	193	90.4%	113	3.16	147	89,114
Elmer borough	Salem	-0.91	30.1	191	128	-3.5%	543	1.5%	129	8.7%	274	0.7	97	11.7%	230	72,411	167	6.0%	307	93.3%	179	2.87	120	80,093
Elmwood Park borough	Bergen	-1.35	31.3	176	465	6.1%	463	3.3%	122	9.2%	247	0.9	157	9.5%	218	71,852	167	6.0%	123	87.7%	220	2.73	207	103,154
Elsinboro township	Salem	-2.05	33.2	156	46	-7.4%	197	7.2%	427	1.9%	434	0.0	118	10.7%	167	66,094	23	9.9%	264	92.4%	214	2.75	215	105,048
Emerson borough	Bergen	2.35	21.0	355	458	5.9%	362	4.6%	257	4.9%	408	0.1	211	7.8%	429	102,500	417	4.2%	240	91.8%	310	2.45	369	164,320

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Englewood city	Bergen	-1.10	30.6	185	483	7.3%	141	8.2%	154	7.7%	150	2.0	101	11.5%	251	75,074	267	5.1%	151	88.8%	342	2.33	379	168,452
Englewood Cliffs borough	Bergen	4.94	13.8	498	315	2.5%	102	9.2%	282	4.4%	344	0.4	441	3.5%	535	140,605	534	3.4%	253	92.1%	544	0.98	535	604,143
Englishtown borough	Monmouth	1.98	22.0	335	466	6.1%	247	6.4%	369	2.8%	434	0.0	362	4.7%	316	83,317	227	5.4%	253	92.1%	362	2.27	272	122,229
Essex Fells borough	Essex	7.91	5.5	561	285	1.7%	410	3.8%	535	0.0%	434	0.0	539	1.6%	563	172,386	483	3.8%	561	99.6%	446	2.02	517	352,021
Estell Manor city	Atlantic	-3.80	38.1	102	290	1.8%	189	7.4%	287	4.3%	13	12.1	342	5.1%	278	78,750	43	8.6%	242	91.9%	392	2.20	162	92,676
Evesham township	Burlington	2.83	19.6	388	269	1.1%	274	6.1%	376	2.7%	320	0.5	332	5.3%	375	90,797	417	4.2%	410	95.2%	251	2.63	255	115,057
Ewing township	Mercer	-0.53	29.0	211	278	1.3%	269	6.1%	207	6.0%	304	0.6	107	11.3%	267	77,464	256	5.2%	193	90.4%	57	3.54	114	78,607
Fair Haven borough	Monmouth	7.52	6.6	558	207	-0.9%	520	2.3%	535	0.0%	434	0.0	553	0.9%	551	157,344	534	3.4%	542	98.5%	466	1.93	481	269,412
Fair Lawn borough	Bergen	2.35	21.0	358	434	5.2%	515	2.3%	237	5.5%	328	0.4	342	5.1%	409	99,536	369	4.5%	247	92.0%	191	2.84	321	140,779
Fairfield township	Cumberland	-7.54	48.5	44	226	-0.3%	132	8.3%	57	14.8%	269	0.8	74	13.7%	50	50,154	15	10.6%	31	78.5%	309	2.46	19	45,876
Fairfield township	Essex	3.65	17.4	426	396	4.1%	226	6.8%	525	0.4%	218	1.2	561	0.3%	448	106,691	194	5.7%	318	93.6%	461	1.95	523	383,049
Fairview borough	Bergen	-5.06	41.6	75	476	7.0%	205	7.1%	81	11.7%	197	1.4	44	17.2%	71	53,846	339	4.7%	22	75.6%	226	2.71	153	91,087
Fanwood borough	Union	5.76	11.5	520	469	6.3%	406	3.9%	535	0.0%	341	0.4	556	0.8%	467	111,905	514	3.6%	553	98.8%	212	2.76	346	153,927
Far Hills borough	Somerset	4.62	14.7	481	356	3.2%	459	3.3%	521	0.5%	434	0.0	396	4.3%	432	103,333	450	4.0%	401	95.0%	531	1.30	530	489,399
Farmingdale borough	Monmouth	-2.10	33.4	155	33	-9.9%	335	5.1%	93	10.9%	272	0.8	64	14.7%	119	61,101	124	6.5%	442	95.8%	435	2.07	243	111,825
Fieldsboro borough	Burlington	-1.13	30.7	184	424	4.9%	248	6.4%	427	1.9%	157	1.9	290	6.0%	246	74,375	37	8.8%	170	89.5%	217	2.75	176	97,048
Flemington borough	Hunterdon	-6.41	45.4	52	375	3.6%	138	8.2%	47	15.6%	92	3.2	40	17.5%	52	50,333	437	4.1%	19	74.7%	165	2.90	179	97,503
Florence township	Burlington	-0.25	28.2	223	494	7.7%	179	7.5%	115	9.3%	87	3.4	362	4.7%	277	78,709	194	5.7%	287	92.9%	328	2.40	181	97,732
Florham Park borough	Morris	4.34	15.5	459	470	6.3%	461	3.3%	484	1.2%	398	0.2	304	5.8%	436	103,916	450	4.0%	450	96.0%	517	1.53	480	267,745
Folsom borough	Atlantic	-3.60	37.5	110	76	-5.2%	253	6.3%	75	12.9%	142	2.2	272	6.4%	168	66,250	43	8.6%	113	87.1%	471	1.91	166	93,346
Fort Lee borough	Bergen	1.31	23.9	289	389	4.0%	156	7.9%	282	4.4%	319	0.5	148	9.8%	207	70,415	521	3.5%	280	92.7%	441	2.05	398	175,948
Frankford township	Sussex	1.84	22.4	328	121	-3.6%	254	6.3%	356	3.1%	434	0.0	415	3.9%	366	89,891	174	5.9%	274	92.5%	365	2.26	336	148,231
Franklin borough	Sussex	-2.16	33.5	149	57	-6.7%	123	8.6%	173	7.0%	126	2.5	175	8.9%	97	57,599	141	6.3%	231	91.6%	78	3.37	137	85,871
Franklin Lakes borough	Bergen	6.80	8.6	548	392	4.1%	400	4.0%	529	0.3%	434	0.0	465	3.1%	550	156,146	472	3.9%	476	96.7%	519	1.51	524	402,750
Franklin township	Gloucester	-2.25	33.8	145	305	2.2%	94	9.6%	114	9.5%	183	1.6	211	7.8%	269	77,739	67	7.8%	154	89.0%	156	2.95	112	77,934
Franklin township	Somerset	2.46	20.7	366	545	15.8%	297	5.7%	351	3.2%	201	1.3	332	5.3%	377	90,949	303	4.9%	318	93.6%	366	2.26	315	139,592
Franklin township	Warren	2.76	19.8	380	272	1.1%	516	2.3%	402	2.3%	291	0.6	514	2.3%	362	89,420	267	5.1%	355	94.2%	125	3.11	300	131,954
Franklin township	Hunterdon	3.90	16.7	440	300	2.0%	144	8.1%	495	1.1%	249	0.9	468	3.0%	396	96,591	450	4.0%	489	97.0%	341	2.33	385	170,708
Fredon township	Sussex	3.55	17.7	423	236	0.2%	451	3.4%	427	1.9%	434	0.0	245	7.0%	414	100,368	437	4.1%	489	97.0%	200	2.79	299	131,710
Freehold borough	Monmouth	-5.10	41.7	73	289	1.8%	151	7.9%	50	15.5%	307	0.6	55	15.6%	80	54,595	383	4.4%	24	76.1%	225	2.72	140	86,303
Freehold township	Monmouth	3.73	17.2	432	400	4.2%	422	3.7%	479	1.3%	373	0.3	367	4.6%	416	100,759	383	4.4%	385	94.7%	407	2.15	402	180,312
Frelinghuysen township	Warren	2.78	19.8	383	163	-2.4%	550	1.3%	484	1.2%	434	0.0	441	3.5%	415	100,625	383	4.4%	125	87.9%	320	2.43	285	126,398
Frenchtown borough	Hunterdon	1.45	23.5	301	81	-4.9%	412	3.8%	109	9.7%	434	0.0	229	7.4%	265	77,396	543	3.3%	410	95.2%	185	2.85	263	119,230
Galloway township	Atlantic	-2.85	35.5	127	467	6.1%	302	5.6%	131	8.6%	136	2.3	197	8.2%	120	61,530	47	8.5%	170	89.5%	202	2.79	100	74,296

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Garfield city	Bergen	-6.40	45.3	53	457	5.9%	221	6.9%	51	15.3%	85	3.4	48	16.3%	38	45,469	88	7.4%	63	83.7%	279	2.57	89	70,128
Garwood borough	Union	1.54	23.2	307	409	4.4%	148	8.1%	495	1.1%	145	2.1	514	2.3%	243	73,924	213	5.5%	281	92.8%	241	2.67	343	153,091
Gibbsboro borough	Camden	0.55	26.0	247	100	-4.1%	485	2.9%	249	5.1%	140	2.2	367	4.6%	313	82,944	183	5.8%	314	93.5%	58	3.54	170	94,633
Glassboro borough	Gloucester	-4.31	39.5	92	286	1.7%	81	10.1%	115	9.3%	60	4.5	32	19.5%	150	64,246	141	6.3%	257	92.2%	68	3.45	56	60,811
Glen Gardner borough	Hunterdon	-0.56	29.1	208	35	-9.5%	107	9.0%	137	8.5%	128	2.4	245	7.0%	126	61,917	398	4.3%	333	93.8%	243	2.66	165	93,335
Glen Ridge borough	Essex	7.52	6.6	557	369	3.4%	538	1.7%	525	0.4%	289	0.7	550	1.1%	561	170,433	553	3.2%	531	97.9%	124	3.11	446	214,412
Glen Rock borough	Bergen	6.89	8.4	549	391	4.1%	511	2.4%	484	1.2%	434	0.0	528	2.0%	547	155,221	521	3.5%	518	97.7%	282	2.57	444	209,308
Gloucester City city	Camden	-6.42	45.4	51	190	-1.6%	61	10.9%	62	14.0%	45	5.6	153	9.6%	55	50,615	55	8.2%	74	85.1%	63	3.52	27	48,039
Gloucester township	Camden	-0.83	29.8	195	228	-0.2%	218	6.9%	194	6.6%	179	1.6	182	8.7%	220	71,963	194	5.7%	234	91.7%	51	3.61	74	66,845
Green Brook township	Somerset	3.37	18.2	414	527	11.4%	215	6.9%	345	3.3%	434	0.0	298	5.9%	513	130,053	369	4.5%	160	89.2%	330	2.40	422	196,018
Green township	Sussex	4.75	14.3	490	246	0.5%	347	4.9%	521	0.5%	434	0.0	528	2.0%	491	119,286	417	4.2%	419	95.4%	139	3.05	301	131,975
Greenwich township	Gloucester	-1.51	31.7	169	188	-1.6%	264	6.2%	200	6.3%	97	3.1	211	7.8%	156	64,652	150	6.2%	199	90.6%	199	2.79	365	161,347
Greenwich township	Cumberland	-1.51	31.7	170	108	-3.9%	338	5.0%	311	3.8%	52	5.1	224	7.5%	177	66,667	167	6.0%	221	91.4%	112	3.16	187	99,134
Greenwich township	Warren	4.04	16.3	449	468	6.2%	250	6.3%	345	3.3%	395	0.2	461	3.2%	464	111,094	369	4.5%	480	96.8%	210	2.76	270	121,774
Guttenberg town	Hudson	-5.12	41.8	70	493	7.7%	220	6.9%	47	15.6%	134	2.3	56	15.4%	92	56,837	321	4.8%	34	79.3%	106	3.20	126	81,467
Hackensack city	Bergen	-3.60	37.5	109	432	5.1%	190	7.4%	115	9.3%	121	2.5	52	15.8%	85	55,289	213	5.5%	106	86.6%	123	3.12	278	124,597
Hackettstown town	Warren	-1.80	32.5	161	220	-0.5%	431	3.7%	166	7.2%	210	1.3	113	10.9%	154	64,464	213	5.5%	102	86.5%	159	2.94	202	101,846
Haddon Heights borough	Camden	2.65	20.1	373	229	-0.2%	280	6.0%	277	4.5%	318	0.5	441	3.5%	352	88,162	450	4.0%	395	94.9%	132	3.07	229	108,424
Haddon township	Camden	2.25	21.3	350	197	-1.3%	143	8.2%	282	4.4%	335	0.4	381	4.5%	309	82,621	450	4.0%	415	95.3%	96	3.24	159	92,113
Haddonfield borough	Camden	5.72	11.6	519	185	-1.7%	477	3.0%	517	0.6%	329	0.4	484	2.8%	508	128,440	521	3.5%	549	98.7%	163	2.92	427	198,538
Hainesport township	Burlington	3.28	18.4	410	540	14.2%	405	3.9%	535	0.0%	176	1.7	326	5.4%	371	90,331	339	4.7%	425	95.5%	408	2.15	304	133,449
Haledon borough	Passaic	-6.60	45.9	50	348	3.1%	351	4.9%	33	18.3%	36	6.4	78	12.9%	148	64,024	116	6.6%	60	83.5%	21	4.12	68	63,691
Hamburg borough	Sussex	-0.58	29.1	205	134	-3.3%	225	6.8%	257	4.9%	80	3.5	261	6.6%	252	75,179	202	5.6%	259	92.3%	72	3.42	136	85,844
Hamilton township	Atlantic	-4.57	40.2	81	523	10.9%	171	7.6%	97	10.6%	54	5.0	96	11.8%	116	60,838	43	8.6%	160	89.2%	232	2.70	119	80,078
Hamilton township	Mercer	0.12	27.2	237	245	0.5%	263	6.2%	207	6.0%	248	0.9	245	7.0%	213	70,996	339	4.7%	168	89.4%	256	2.62	177	97,201
Hammonton town	Atlantic	-4.26	39.4	93	279	1.5%	161	7.8%	148	8.0%	73	3.9	125	10.5%	135	62,798	59	8.1%	70	84.7%	297	2.51	160	92,470
Hampton borough	Hunterdon	0.07	27.3	233	40	-8.3%	241	6.4%	122	9.2%	434	0.0	321	5.5%	222	72,045	213	5.5%	314	93.5%	151	2.97	146	87,717
Hampton township	Sussex	2.03	21.9	339	122	-3.6%	237	6.5%	456	1.6%	434	0.0	407	4.0%	258	76,127	238	5.3%	345	94.0%	283	2.56	290	127,960
Hanover township	Morris	4.37	15.4	462	477	7.0%	374	4.4%	338	3.4%	349	0.3	484	2.8%	473	113,816	450	4.0%	333	93.8%	511	1.57	496	288,172
Harding township	Morris	8.12	4.9	562	501	8.1%	551	1.2%	535	0.0%	434	0.0	455	3.3%	562	171,331	496	3.7%	542	98.5%	545	0.97	534	562,920
Hardwick township	Warren	2.75	19.9	377	296	1.9%	363	4.6%	446	1.7%	434	0.0	290	6.0%	444	105,556	267	5.1%	264	92.4%	270	2.59	238	110,919
Hardyston township	Sussex	3.73	17.1	433	503	8.3%	109	8.9%	402	2.3%	434	0.0	504	2.5%	390	94,665	267	5.1%	533	98.0%	303	2.48	325	141,640
Harmony township	Warren	1.65	22.9	315	48	-7.3%	418	3.8%	185	6.8%	434	0.0	357	4.8%	296	81,146	303	4.9%	370	94.4%	374	2.24	443	208,852
Harrington Park borough	Bergen	5.26	12.9	509	342	3.0%	559	0.0%	498	1.0%	334	0.4	351	4.9%	507	128,088	496	3.7%	465	96.5%	302	2.48	436	206,342

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Harrison town	Hudson	-4.49	40.0	87	533	12.2%	311	5.5%	70	13.3%	187	1.5	72	13.8%	91	56,713	238	5.3%	29	77.9%	146	3.01	130	83,235
Harrison township	Gloucester	4.69	14.5	485	554	20.4%	552	1.2%	446	1.7%	175	1.7	484	2.8%	506	127,975	321	4.8%	401	95.0%	227	2.71	257	115,663
Harvey Cedars borough	Ocean	1.75	22.7	322	118	-3.7%	539	1.7%	351	3.2%	434	0.0	282	6.3%	201	69,167	30	9.7%	526	97.8%	546	0.96	561	3,670,334
Hasbrouck Heights borough	Bergen	1.74	22.7	321	417	4.6%	537	1.7%	237	5.5%	288	0.7	290	6.0%	302	81,460	289	5.0%	370	94.4%	247	2.65	340	150,814
Haworth borough	Bergen	7.53	6.6	559	344	3.0%	545	1.5%	521	0.5%	434	0.0	553	0.9%	553	160,526	543	3.3%	526	97.8%	333	2.38	477	263,463
Hawthorne borough	Passaic	1.50	23.4	304	366	3.4%	356	4.8%	369	2.8%	232	1.0	332	5.3%	308	82,532	256	5.2%	257	92.2%	155	2.95	276	123,363
Hazlet township	Monmouth	0.98	24.8	272	96	-4.2%	394	4.1%	222	5.8%	327	0.4	310	5.7%	324	84,871	238	5.3%	221	91.4%	300	2.49	269	121,293
Helmetta borough	Middlesex	1.14	24.3	284	516	10.0%	135	8.2%	476	1.4%	115	2.7	351	4.9%	248	74,554	227	5.4%	287	92.9%	284	2.55	161	92,647
High Bridge borough	Hunterdon	0.89	25.0	266	67	-6.1%	529	2.0%	257	4.9%	88	3.4	494	2.7%	297	81,250	227	5.4%	395	94.9%	67	3.47	196	100,356
Highland Park borough	Middlesex	0.92	25.0	269	283	1.6%	379	4.4%	216	5.9%	271	0.8	110	11.1%	198	68,837	514	3.6%	431	95.6%	94	3.26	142	87,175
Highlands borough	Monmouth	-1.09	30.6	187	62	-6.5%	16	15.9%	291	4.2%	296	0.6	90	12.1%	134	62,770	183	5.8%	318	93.6%	265	2.60	284	126,017
Hightstown borough	Mercer	-0.63	29.3	201	267	1.0%	177	7.5%	216	5.9%	231	1.1	267	6.5%	214	71,174	483	3.8%	61	83.6%	39	3.81	99	74,051
Hillsborough township	Somerset	4.75	14.3	489	448	5.7%	346	4.9%	446	1.7%	380	0.2	436	3.6%	469	112,788	450	4.0%	499	97.2%	368	2.26	352	154,853
Hillsdale borough	Bergen	3.41	18.0	419	406	4.4%	533	1.9%	394	2.4%	421	0.1	197	8.2%	452	108,224	450	4.0%	355	94.2%	304	2.48	388	171,690
Hillside township	Union	-3.38	36.9	114	321	2.6%	367	4.6%	198	6.4%	185	1.5	101	11.5%	109	59,939	67	7.8%	95	86.2%	25	4.01	107	76,033
Hi-Nella borough	Camden	-4.54	40.1	84	171	-2.2%	106	9.0%	156	7.6%	133	2.3	72	13.8%	42	47,589	55	8.2%	202	90.7%	10	4.53	16	43,227
Hoboken city	Hudson	3.66	17.3	428	557	21.7%	211	7.0%	242	5.4%	243	1.0	115	10.8%	474	114,381	562	2.7%	345	94.0%	529	1.34	489	282,059
Ho-Ho-Kus borough	Bergen	7.46	6.8	556	326	2.7%	387	4.2%	517	0.6%	434	0.0	562	0.2%	555	162,386	521	3.5%	480	96.8%	487	1.82	510	315,331
Holland township	Hunterdon	3.27	18.4	408	133	-3.4%	153	7.9%	389	2.5%	434	0.0	484	2.8%	350	88,125	352	4.6%	494	97.1%	331	2.40	291	128,378
Holmdel township	Monmouth	5.17	13.1	502	282	1.6%	380	4.4%	484	1.2%	434	0.0	455	3.3%	526	136,525	398	4.3%	370	94.4%	455	1.97	469	253,925
Hopatcong borough	Sussex	1.00	24.7	276	39	-8.4%	134	8.2%	379	2.6%	365	0.3	261	6.6%	261	76,875	202	5.6%	350	94.1%	197	2.80	230	108,539
Hope township	Warren	1.68	22.8	318	112	-3.8%	443	3.5%	287	4.3%	233	1.0	367	4.6%	365	89,792	202	5.6%	381	94.6%	207	2.77	259	116,876
Hopewell borough	Mercer	4.45	15.1	467	135	-3.3%	555	0.8%	274	4.6%	434	0.0	536	1.7%	418	101,316	514	3.6%	533	98.0%	233	2.69	371	164,986
Hopewell township	Cumberland	-0.70	29.5	198	206	-1.0%	147	8.1%	207	6.0%	381	0.2	219	7.6%	171	66,326	141	6.3%	199	90.6%	176	2.87	97	72,792
Hopewell township	Mercer	6.28	10.1	539	514	9.9%	416	3.8%	446	1.7%	434	0.0	531	1.9%	536	141,003	561	2.9%	381	94.6%	281	2.57	450	224,044
Howell township	Monmouth	2.55	20.4	370	346	3.1%	509	2.5%	282	4.4%	386	0.2	396	4.3%	387	93,733	267	5.1%	318	93.6%	359	2.28	294	129,741
Independence township	Warren	2.24	21.3	349	80	-5.0%	448	3.4%	479	1.3%	347	0.4	415	3.9%	282	79,301	267	5.1%	355	94.2%	190	2.84	208	103,299
Interlaken borough	Monmouth	5.83	11.3	523	54	-6.7%	421	3.7%	503	0.9%	434	0.0	550	1.1%	525	135,938	352	4.6%	511	97.5%	525	1.39	503	302,751
Irvington township	Essex	-11.65	59.9	23	92	-4.4%	15	16.0%	35	17.6%	26	8.3	23	23.7%	16	36,782	47	8.5%	45	81.8%	9	4.56	11	37,551
Island Heights borough	Ocean	1.49	23.4	303	65	-6.3%	239	6.5%	249	5.1%	434	0.0	197	8.2%	271	78,147	227	5.4%	505	97.3%	488	1.81	424	196,827
Jackson township	Ocean	2.19	21.4	346	534	12.6%	365	4.6%	291	4.2%	316	0.5	389	4.4%	324	84,871	213	5.5%	328	93.7%	402	2.17	275	123,171
Jamesburg borough	Middlesex	-1.73	32.3	164	312	2.4%	342	5.0%	190	6.7%	125	2.5	110	11.1%	211	70,787	227	5.4%	122	87.6%	118	3.14	98	73,282
Jefferson township	Morris	2.23	21.3	348	378	3.7%	361	4.6%	379	2.6%	378	0.2	254	6.8%	389	94,662	227	5.4%	350	94.1%	274	2.58	277	124,387
Jersey City city	Hudson	-5.80	43.7	64	511	9.6%	64	10.5%	52	15.2%	40	5.9	33	19.3%	107	59,537	238	5.3%	80	85.5%	391	2.20	178	97,231

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Long Beach township	Ocean	3.05	19.0	398	56	-6.7%	475	3.0%	512	0.7%	434	0.0	188	8.5%	288	80,096	116	6.6%	505	97.3%	549	0.90	557	2,766,079
Long Branch city	Monmouth	-4.94	41.3	78	205	-1.0%	84	10.0%	82	11.6%	159	1.9	37	18.7%	44	48,327	194	5.7%	64	84.1%	457	1.97	344	153,710
Long Hill township	Morris	4.72	14.4	488	225	-0.3%	556	0.8%	394	2.4%	434	0.0	484	2.8%	466	111,500	472	3.9%	450	96.0%	395	2.20	426	198,436
Longport borough	Atlantic	4.21	15.8	452	29	-10.8%	464	3.2%	517	0.6%	434	0.0	451	3.4%	337	86,484	267	5.1%	450	96.0%	552	0.86	555	2,117,449
Lopatcong township	Warren	0.10	27.2	235	543	15.5%	131	8.3%	105	10.0%	346	0.4	194	8.4%	240	73,734	339	4.7%	215	91.3%	167	2.90	217	105,337
Lower Alloways Creek township	Salem	-0.46	28.8	214	78	-5.1%	83	10.0%	207	6.0%	434	0.0	165	9.3%	226	72,250	150	6.2%	187	90.1%	541	1.02	384	170,605
Lower township	Cape May	-5.09	41.7	74	146	-3.0%	301	5.7%	142	8.3%	94	3.2	125	10.5%	76	54,455	12	11.1%	125	87.9%	513	1.56	386	170,917
Lumberton township	Burlington	0.63	25.8	249	429	5.0%	321	5.3%	216	5.9%	132	2.3	230	7.3%	319	84,190	289	5.0%	253	92.1%	349	2.31	236	109,585
Lyndhurst township	Bergen	-0.62	29.2	203	531	11.9%	146	8.1%	190	6.7%	242	1.0	179	8.8%	205	70,344	183	5.8%	162	89.3%	229	2.70	324	141,516
Madison borough	Morris	4.26	15.7	454	304	2.2%	377	4.4%	456	1.6%	434	0.0	310	5.7%	459	110,040	450	4.0%	425	95.5%	502	1.67	465	249,095
Magnolia borough	Camden	-3.14	36.3	118	175	-2.0%	187	7.4%	94	10.8%	144	2.1	81	12.8%	99	57,883	116	6.6%	287	92.9%	26	3.99	59	61,033
Mahwah township	Bergen	4.72	14.4	487	475	6.8%	542	1.6%	446	1.7%	423	0.1	504	2.5%	449	107,336	383	4.4%	431	95.6%	505	1.64	452	226,109
Manalapan township	Monmouth	3.82	16.9	434	512	9.8%	318	5.4%	345	3.3%	424	0.1	420	3.8%	450	107,569	383	4.4%	336	93.9%	456	1.97	362	160,912
Manasquan borough	Monmouth	3.20	18.6	405	75	-5.2%	160	7.8%	338	3.4%	434	0.0	298	5.9%	386	93,200	352	4.6%	518	97.7%	528	1.35	518	352,904
Manchester township	Ocean	-2.81	35.3	128	385	3.9%	68	10.5%	194	6.6%	278	0.7	196	8.3%	22	40,154	74	7.7%	125	87.9%	389	2.21	141	87,114
Mannington township	Salem	-3.02	35.9	123	381	3.8%	11	16.4%	151	7.8%	312	0.6	90	12.1%	233	72,917	88	7.4%	88	85.8%	240	2.67	258	116,255
Mansfield township	Warren	0.50	26.1	244	45	-7.6%	286	5.9%	294	4.1%	434	0.0	261	6.6%	108	59,850	321	4.8%	274	92.5%	145	3.01	171	95,690
Mansfield township	Burlington	3.96	16.5	445	556	20.7%	479	3.0%	466	1.5%	324	0.5	539	1.6%	384	92,594	303	4.9%	375	94.5%	286	2.55	318	139,944
Mantoloking borough	Ocean	6.38	9.8	543	2	-29.7%	10	16.4%	535	0.0%	434	0.0	504	2.5%	503	126,250	339	4.7%	508	97.4%	560	0.67	563	5,290,324
Mantua township	Gloucester	1.31	23.9	288	276	1.2%	466	3.1%	231	5.6%	240	1.0	326	5.4%	310	82,673	238	5.3%	355	94.2%	138	3.05	158	91,997
Manville borough	Somerset	-2.63	34.8	131	241	0.3%	20	15.4%	137	8.5%	111	2.8	143	9.9%	155	64,514	183	5.8%	146	88.7%	153	2.96	134	85,654
Maple Shade township	Burlington	-1.16	30.8	183	143	-3.1%	113	8.8%	158	7.5%	167	1.8	175	8.9%	100	57,977	267	5.1%	253	92.1%	175	2.87	86	69,856
Maplewood township	Essex	3.33	18.3	412	379	3.7%	150	8.0%	402	2.3%	303	0.6	342	5.1%	489	118,242	352	4.6%	363	94.3%	99	3.24	342	152,248
Margate City city	Atlantic	-0.38	28.6	220	13	-15.7%	268	6.2%	262	4.8%	154	1.9	169	9.2%	185	67,138	124	6.5%	406	95.1%	526	1.36	536	635,425
Marlboro township	Monmouth	5.80	11.4	522	459	5.9%	408	3.9%	394	2.4%	426	0.1	544	1.5%	529	137,805	450	4.0%	457	96.2%	423	2.10	408	183,431
Matawan borough	Monmouth	0.85	25.2	264	256	0.8%	183	7.5%	247	5.2%	285	0.7	216	7.7%	301	81,420	227	5.4%	355	94.2%	169	2.89	260	116,923
Maurice River township	Cumberland	-5.89	43.9	62	166	-2.2%	65	10.5%	125	9.0%	290	0.6	321	5.5%	142	63,333	17	10.3%	14	72.1%	315	2.44	13	38,108
Maywood borough	Bergen	1.35	23.8	294	353	3.2%	304	5.6%	169	7.1%	300	0.6	310	5.7%	300	81,339	352	4.6%	303	93.2%	280	2.57	311	137,124
Medford Lakes borough	Burlington	3.57	17.6	424	104	-4.0%	531	1.9%	402	2.3%	104	2.9	558	0.6%	411	100,024	398	4.3%	533	98.0%	157	2.94	241	111,106
Medford township	Burlington	4.43	15.2	465	253	0.8%	458	3.3%	394	2.4%	434	0.0	468	3.0%	456	109,015	450	4.0%	485	96.9%	192	2.83	317	139,925
Mendham borough	Morris	6.16	10.4	534	194	-1.4%	508	2.5%	535	0.0%	434	0.0	465	3.1%	512	129,853	496	3.7%	553	98.8%	469	1.93	485	275,055
Mendham township	Morris	6.93	8.2	550	313	2.5%	540	1.6%	529	0.3%	434	0.0	298	5.9%	560	170,160	543	3.3%	450	96.0%	458	1.96	514	333,167
Merchantville borough	Camden	-2.71	35.1	129	196	-1.4%	42	12.0%	94	10.8%	181	1.6	342	5.1%	203	69,833	83	7.5%	137	88.2%	35	3.84	76	67,120
Metuchen borough	Middlesex	4.45	15.1	466	405	4.3%	502	2.5%	436	1.8%	258	0.9	484	2.8%	470	112,971	496	3.7%	401	95.0%	219	2.74	373	165,912

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Middle township	Cape May	-4.40	39.8	90	447	5.7%	176	7.5%	222	5.8%		3.8	197	8.2%	136	62,887		11.5%	118	87.4%	499	1.69	319	140,503
Middlesex borough	Middlesex	1.80	22.5	325	270	1.1%	385	4.3%	356	3.1%	277	0.7	504	2.5%	283	79,327	303	4.9%	206	90.8%	215	2.75	212	104,418
Middletown township Midland Park borough	Monmouth	3.22 2.81	18.6 19.7	406 385	176 416	-2.0% 4.5%	384 420	4.3% 3.7%	338	3.4%	389	0.2	381 321	4.5% 5.5%	428	102,474 89,130	321 352	4.8%	425 442	95.5% 95.8%	416 288	2.12	366 378	161,585 167,653
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Milford borough	Hunterdon	1.40	23.6	297	95	-4.2%	41	12.2%	335	3.5%	434	0.0	332	5.3%	275	78,681	256	5.2%	410	95.2%	104	3.21	173	96,732
Millburn township	Essex	8.15	4.9	563	303	2.1%	386	4.3%	498	1.0%	360	0.3	494	2.7%	564	184,783	553	3.2%	553	98.8%	483	1.86	529	477,565
Millstone borough	Somerset	2.00	22.0	338	297	1.9%	145	8.1%	311	3.8%	434	0.0	494	2.7%	430	103,000	106	6.9%	314	93.5%	263	2.61	279	124,612
Millstone township	Monmouth	4.79	14.2	491	454	5.8%	336	5.1%	521	0.5%	362	0.3	367	4.6%	515	130,109	417	4.2%	355	94.2%	372	2.24	396	175,699
Milltown borough	Middlesex	2.85	19.6	390	263	0.9%	369	4.6%	379	2.6%	313	0.6	165	9.3%	423	101,685	398	4.3%	473	96.6%	318	2.44	280	124,919
Millville city	Cumberland	-9.62	54.3	29	314	2.5%	98	9.4%	42	16.3%	14	11.8	40	17.5%	46	49,133	37	8.8%	107	86.7%	164	2.91	44	56,050
Mine Hill township	Morris	0.76	25.4	258	147	-2.9%	392	4.1%	376	2.7%	434	0.0	349	5.0%	393	95,000	161	6.1%	82	85.6%	266	2.59	266	119,852
Monmouth Beach borough	Monmouth	4.38	15.3	463	66	-6.1%	213	7.0%	427	1.9%	434	0.0	314	5.6%	431	103,287	450	4.0%	557	99.1%	534	1.25	526	428,226
Monroe township	Gloucester	-1.49	31.7	171	530	11.7%	235	6.5%	154	7.7%	105	2.9	240	7.1%	244	74,212	124	6.5%	152	88.9%	65	3.49	93	71,365
Monroe township	Middlesex	2.77	19.8	382	560	28.9%	486	2.8%	456	1.6%	374	0.2	381	4.5%	206	70,357	238	5.3%	303	93.2%	401	2.17	418	191,342
Montague township	Sussex	-2.57	34.7	135	260	0.9%	69	10.5%	94	10.8%	82	3.5	115	10.8%	95	57,150	183	5.8%	296	93.1%	252	2.63	183	98,188
Montclair township	Essex	2.45	20.7	364	239	0.3%	343	5.0%	277	4.5%	253	0.9	258	6.7%	407	99,105	398	4.3%	419	95.4%	144	3.02	411	185,332
Montgomery township	Somerset	6.74	8.8	546	541	14.7%	494	2.7%	484	1.2%	433	0.0	420	3.8%	548	155,334	450	4.0%	538	98.1%	329	2.40	425	197,705
Montvale borough	Bergen	3.99	16.4	446	538	13.6%	559	0.0%	277	4.5%	415	0.1	211	7.8%	461	110,635	472	3.9%	431	95.6%	447	2.02	482	271,085
Montville township	Morris	5.20	13.0	507	306	2.2%	456	3.4%	436	1.8%	432	0.0	436	3.6%	496	122,260	483	3.8%	485	96.9%	434	2.07	455	230,227
Moonachie borough	Bergen	-3.55	37.4	111	301	2.0%	114	8.7%	147	8.1%	166	1.8	143	9.9%	83	55,179	106	6.9%	44	81.4%	464	1.94	501	297,774
Moorestown township	Burlington	4.58	14.8	477	254	0.8%	260	6.2%	356	3.1%	284	0.7	420	3.8%	495	121,637	483	3.8%	485	96.9%	418	2.11	451	224,751
Morris Plains borough	Morris	4.57	14.8	476	234	0.2%	488	2.8%	436	1.8%	279	0.7	523	2.1%	462	110,817	417	4.2%	458	96.3%	451	2.00	474	260,756
Morris township	Morris	5.19	13.1	504	318	2.5%	489	2.8%	420	2.0%	434	0.0	326	5.4%	505	127,805	521	3.5%	450	96.0%	484	1.83	456	232,535
Morristown town	Morris	-0.43	28.7	216	242	0.4%	195	7.3%	202	6.2%	250	0.9	118	10.7%	266	77,407	483	3.8%	74	85.1%	396	2.19	351	154,823
Mount Arlington borough	Morris	3.12	18.8	402	496	7.9%	86	9.9%	484	1.2%	174	1.7	557	0.7%	327	84,912	289	5.0%	458	96.3%	344	2.32	331	144,176
Mount Ephraim borough	Camden	-3.36	36.9	116	251	0.7%	57	11.1%	102	10.1%	153	1.9	87	12.4%	124	61,715	141	6.3%	168	89.4%	17	4.26	60	61,336
Mount Holly township	Burlington	-6.07	44.4	59	42	-8.0%	53	11.4%	83	11.4%	18	10.1	121	10.6%	103	58,884	103	7.0%	162	89.3%	183	2.86	67	63,083
Mount Laurel township	Burlington	2.40	20.8	360	216	-0.7%	309	5.5%	338	3.4%	239	1.0	342	5.1%	347	87,724	383	4.4%	389	94.8%	336	2.37	338	149,582
Mount Olive township	Morris	2.46	20.7	365	513	9.9%	231	6.5%	196	6.5%	355	0.3	367	4.6%	355	88,333	383	4.4%	442	95.8%	136	3.06	223	106,922
Mountain Lakes borough	Morris	7.12	7.7	553	277	1.3%	559	0.0%	479	1.3%	325	0.5	461	3.2%	557	164,432	534	3.4%	538	98.1%	384	2.22	506	307,534
Mountainside borough	Union	5.58	12.0	517	404	4.3%	236	6.5%	535	0.0%	434	0.0	367	4.6%	523	133,571	521	3.5%	419	95.4%	460	1.96	472	258,057
Mullica township	Atlantic	-5.28	42.2	69	195	-1.4%	75	10.4%	129	8.7%	164	1.8	139	10.0%	187	67,269	9	11.7%	91	85.9%	291	2.53	116	78,948
National Park borough	Gloucester	-5.56	43.0	66	90	-4.6%	295	5.7%	68	13.5%	34	6.7	157	9.5%	96	57,356	61	8.0%	184	90.0%	22	4.09	34	52,040
Neptune City borough	Monmouth	-3.71	37.8	103	101	-4.1%	495	2.7%	61	14.2%	95	3.1	62	14.8%	88	55,728	124	6.5%	314	93.5%	254	2.62	253	114,336

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Neptune township	Monmouth	-2.33	34.0	143	180	-1.8%	154	7.9%	97	10.6%	135	2.3	121	10.6%	138	62,992	116	6.6%	247	92.0%	421	2.10	309	136,374
Netcong borough	Morris	-2.10	33.4	154	221	-0.4%	546	1.4%	169	7.1%	212	1.2	90	12.1%	81	54,659	150	6.2%	170	89.5%	129	3.09	125	81,199
New Brunswick city	Middlesex	-13.37	64.7	17	506	9.0%	117	8.6%	23	20.8%	41	5.8	4	34.7%	19	38,435	267	5.1%	3	61.6%	246	2.66	46	56,683
New Hanover township	Burlington	-1.56	31.9	167	24	-12.0%	76	10.3%	456	1.6%	412	0.1	314	5.6%	303	81,500	32	9.3%	88	85.8%	485	1.82	1	10,676
New Milford borough	Bergen	1.50	23.4	305	347	3.1%	441	3.6%	309	3.9%	414	0.1	245	7.0%	270	78,077	383	4.4%	215	91.3%	180	2.86	231	108,690
New Providence borough	Union	5.09	13.4	501	403	4.3%	388	4.2%	446	1.7%	402	0.2	381	4.5%	514	130,057	496	3.7%	438	95.7%	324	2.42	435	205,404
Newark city	Essex	-16.53	73.5	12	332	2.8%	17	15.8%	9	29.3%	15	11.7	12	29.7%	10	33,139	37	8.8%	16	72.3%	166	2.90	29	48,803
Newfield borough	Gloucester	-1.73	32.3	163	113	-3.8%	172	7.6%	110	9.6%	205	1.3	230	7.3%	208	70,556	88	7.4%	287	92.9%	82	3.35	104	75,036
Newton town	Sussex	-6.18	44.7	56	129	-3.4%	95	9.5%	45	15.8%	79	3.5	66	14.3%	45	48,409	124	6.5%	72	84.9%	29	3.91	111	77,915
North Arlington borough	Bergen	-0.11	27.8	227	411	4.4%	493	2.8%	226	5.7%	434	0.0	204	8.0%	172	66,484	183	5.8%	184	90.0%	152	2.96	182	98,131
North Bergen township	Hudson	-4.65	40.5	80	482	7.2%	246	6.4%	44	16.1%	434	0.0	52	15.8%	84	55,222	194	5.7%	43	81.2%	208	2.77	143	87,260
North Brunswick township	Middlesex	0.93	24.9	270	515	9.9%	476	3.0%	262	4.8%	217	1.2	237	7.2%	290	80,358	352	4.6%	152	88.9%	307	2.46	211	104,372
North Caldwell borough	Essex	8.40	4.1	564	204	-1.1%	559	0.0%	506	0.8%	357	0.3	514	2.3%	565	200,152	556	3.1%	465	96.5%	424	2.10	476	263,018
North Haledon borough	Passaic	3.66	17.3	429	495	7.9%	457	3.3%	535	0.0%	377	0.2	405	4.1%	394	96,161	352	4.6%	336	93.9%	294	2.52	345	153,857
North Hanover township	Burlington	0.77	25.4	259	504	8.7%	43	12.0%	311	3.8%	407	0.1	429	3.7%	74	54,280	150	6.2%	363	94.3%	427	2.09	43	55,273
North Plainfield borough	Somerset	-2.18	33.6	147	261	0.9%	353	4.8%	161	7.4%	199	1.4	121	10.6%	170	66,272	238	5.3%	68	84.4%	50	3.64	84	69,789
North Wildwood city	Cape May	-7.82	49.3	41	25	-12.0%	110	8.9%	216	5.9%	98	3.1	157	9.5%	31	43,941	2	16.9%	123	87.7%	538	1.19	537	658,747
Northfield city	Atlantic	-2.12	33.4	152	266	1.0%	439	3.6%	164	7.3%	221	1.2	87	12.4%	200	68,854	83	7.5%	212	91.1%	134	3.07	228	108,291
Northvale borough	Bergen	1.78	22.6	324	479	7.1%	417	3.8%	389	2.5%	434	0.0	174	9.0%	326	84,881	417	4.2%	179	89.9%	321	2.43	417	191,088
Norwood borough	Bergen	3.53	17.7	421	340	3.0%	536	1.7%	466	1.5%	434	0.0	362	4.7%	381	92,203	450	4.0%	311	93.4%	400	2.17	449	221,103
Nutley township	Essex	1.71	22.8	319	352	3.2%	325	5.2%	301	4.0%	326	0.5	304	5.8%	328	84,974	267	5.1%	318	93.6%	141	3.03	288	126,947
Oakland borough	Bergen	4.37	15.4	461	421	4.8%	453	3.4%	506	0.8%	434	0.0	504	2.5%	457	109,258	369	4.5%	375	94.5%	305	2.47	406	182,735
Oaklyn borough	Camden	-0.88	30.0	193	151	-2.9%	166	7.7%	216	5.9%	65	4.3	326	5.4%	193	67,969	213	5.5%	328	93.7%	37	3.82	79	67,831
Ocean City city	Cape May	-1.01	30.3	188	14	-15.2%	104	9.1%	173	7.0%	228	1.1	163	9.4%	98	57,813	99	7.1%	385	94.7%	551	0.87	543	1,053,928
Ocean Gate borough	Ocean	-5.35	42.4	67	155	-2.8%	277	6.1%	38	17.4%	25	8.5	78	12.9%	177	66,667	116	6.6%	277	92.6%	353	2.29	248	112,585
Ocean township	Ocean	0.21	26.9	238	550	16.8%	333	5.1%	173	7.0%	131	2.4	396	4.3%	195	67,997	111	6.8%	311	93.4%	492	1.77	355	155,900
Ocean township	Monmouth	0.88	25.1	265	208	-0.9%	425	3.7%	226	5.7%	392	0.2	169	9.2%	289	80,323	321	4.8%	231	91.6%	431	2.08	395	175,581
Oceanport borough	Monmouth	0.27	26.8	241	149	-2.9%	26	14.1%	151	7.8%	397	0.2	107	11.3%	368	90,238	238	5.3%	370	94.4%	480	1.87	440	207,474
Ogdensburg borough	Sussex	1.02	24.7	277	27	-10.9%	345	4.9%	207	6.0%	256	0.9	389	4.4%	281	79,271	289	5.0%	385	94.7%	70	3.44	123	81,001
Old Bridge township	Middlesex	2.32	21.1	354	450	5.7%	398	4.0%	301	4.0%	310	0.6	441	3.5%	318	83,750	352	4.6%	264	92.4%	327	2.41	242	111,455
Old Tappan borough	Bergen	4.91	13.9	495	486	7.4%	450	3.4%	479	1.3%	434	0.0	415	3.9%	484	116,285	514	3.6%	345	94.0%	470	1.92	499	292,845
Oldmans township	Salem	0.65	25.7	250	310	2.3%	139	8.2%	311	3.8%	434	0.0	230	7.3%	222	72,045	321	4.8%	154	89.0%	340	2.33	283	125,832
Oradell borough	Bergen	6.03	10.8	532	341	3.0%	521	2.3%	356	3.1%	434	0.0	558	0.6%	537	141,550	521	3.5%	431	95.6%	295	2.52	445	210,044
Oxford township	Warren	-0.78	29.7	197	192	-1.5%	414	3.8%	262	4.8%	108	2.8	407	4.0%	227	72,311	161	6.1%	133	88.1%	71	3.44	80	67,862

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Palisades Park borough	Bergen	0.60	25.9	248	536	13.1%	292	5.8%	294	4.1%	237	1.0	143	9.9%	159	64,726	556	3.1%	93	86.1%	498	1.71	307	134,758
Palmyra borough	Burlington	-1.19	30.8	181	181	-1.8%	85	10.0%	190	6.7%	107	2.9	202	8.1%	160	64,766	289	5.0%	215	91.3%	93	3.26	82	69,329
Paramus borough	Bergen	3.65	17.4	427	388	4.0%	389	4.2%	376	2.7%	391	0.2	468	3.0%	412	100,272	369	4.5%	296	93.1%	510	1.58	519	357,776
Park Ridge borough	Bergen	4.07	16.2	451	367	3.4%	530	2.0%	389	2.5%	418	0.1	461	3.2%	437	104,047	450	4.0%	355	94.2%	369	2.25	437	206,615
Parsippany-Troy Hills township	Morris	2.75	19.9	376	330	2.8%	300	5.7%	311	3.8%	399	0.2	351	4.9%	361	89,385	417	4.2%	336	93.9%	354	2.29	358	160,569
Passaic city	Passaic	-17.45	76.1	10	383	3.9%	115	8.7%	3	36.5%	22	8.8	10	31.6%	6	31,832	61	8.0%	4	65.7%	121	3.13	25	47,621
Paterson city	Passaic	-19.43	81.6	8	247	0.6%	48	11.8%	4	36.4%	9	15.2	13	29.1%	8	32,915	20	10.1%	13	71.4%	40	3.80	15	42,592
Paulsboro borough	Gloucester	-14.44	67.7	16	141	-3.1%	12	16.2%	8	29.9%	21	8.8	5	33.8%	24	40,925	26	9.8%	139	88.5%	74	3.40	64	62,442
Peapack and Gladstone borough	Somerset	4.95	13.8	499	309	2.3%	288	5.9%	466	1.5%	434	0.0	511	2.4%	520	132,250	417	4.2%	294	93.0%	482	1.87	491	283,903
Pemberton borough	Burlington	-9.30	53.4	30	361	3.3%	67	10.5%	43	16.2%	5	18.8	57	15.3%	184	67,098	96	7.3%	170	89.5%	507	1.62	118	80,045
Pemberton township	Burlington	-4.35	39.6	91	105	-4.0%	210	7.1%	100	10.2%	72	3.9	94	11.9%	118	61,039	83	7.5%	108	86.8%	387	2.21	36	52,135
Pennington borough	Mercer	4.36	15.4	460	189	-1.6%	554	0.9%	498	1.0%	225	1.2	290	6.0%	481	115,536	543	3.3%	448	95.9%	277	2.57	419	192,555
Penns Grove borough	Salem	-19.72	82.4	7	184	-1.7%	19	15.6%	5	36.1%	12	12.3	11	30.4%	5	31,406	26	9.8%	5	66.8%	14	4.35	7	27,080
Pennsauken township	Camden	-5.11	41.7	71	211	-0.8%	77	10.3%	64	13.9%	58	4.9	118	10.7%	141	63,279	135	6.4%	65	84.2%	87	3.30	85	69,789
Pennsville township	Salem	-2.36	34.1	142	110	-3.8%	89	9.9%	173	7.0%	222	1.2	101	11.5%	105	58,939	135	6.4%	190	90.3%	77	3.37	109	76,899
Pequannock township	Morris	3.39	18.1	417	422	4.8%	415	3.8%	402	2.3%	434	0.0	468	3.0%	346	87,464	369	4.5%	363	94.3%	448	2.02	383	169,973
Perth Amboy city	Middlesex	-11.25	58.8	25	471	6.4%	249	6.3%	40	17.3%	76	3.7	25	22.8%	33	44,024	32	9.3%	8	67.9%	158	2.94	57	60,886
Phillipsburg town	Warren	-10.04	55.4	27	64	-6.4%	33	13.2%	29	19.6%	27	8.2	36	18.9%	34	44,537	150	6.2%	30	78.2%	69	3.45	31	50,444
Pilesgrove township	Salem	1.42	23.6	299	280	1.5%	229	6.6%	495	1.1%	321	0.5	165	9.3%	338	86,523	256	5.2%	294	93.0%	173	2.88	221	106,691
Pine Beach borough	Ocean	2.94	19.4	393	368	3.4%	413	3.8%	436	1.8%	110	2.8	429	3.7%	363	89,750	383	4.4%	461	96.4%	463	1.94	287	126,858
Pine Hill borough	Camden	-6.21	44.8	55	233	0.1%	185	7.4%	47	15.6%	91	3.2	66	14.3%	51	50,184	55	8.2%	139	88.5%	11	4.43	17	45,018
Pine Valley borough	Camden	4.51	15.0	472	6	-20.0%	1	81.3%	535	0.0%	434	0.0	563	0.0%	345	87,359	563	0.0%	563	100%	503	1.67	560	3,660,007
Piscataway township	Middlesex	1.86	22.3	329	499	8.0%	397	4.1%	338	3.4%	292	0.6	250	6.9%	357	88,494	256	5.2%	287	92.9%	313	2.45	265	119,788
Pitman borough	Gloucester	0.36	26.5	243	120	-3.6%	159	7.8%	262	4.8%	165	1.8	367	4.6%	239	73,616	227	5.4%	328	93.7%	42	3.77	78	67,425
Pittsgrove township	Salem	-1.23	31.0	180	202	-1.1%	168	7.6%	231	5.6%	204	1.3	272	6.4%	197	68,785	161	6.1%	99	86.4%	172	2.89	92	70,558
Plainfield city	Union	-10.22	55.9	26	445	5.5%	97	9.4%	28	19.8%	67	4.2	24	23.0%	78	54,500	88	7.4%	14	72.1%	62	3.53	41	54,550
Plainsboro township	Middlesex	4.00	16.4	447	500	8.1%	91	9.7%	418	2.1%	385	0.2	407	4.0%	395	96,480	543	3.3%	425	95.5%	332	2.39	410	185,192
Pleasantville city	Atlantic	-16.37	73.1	13	360	3.3%	74	10.4%	14	25.4%	17	11.0	22	24.8%	27	41,633	10	11.6%	10	70.1%	23	4.07	12	37,801
Plumsted township	Ocean	0.98	24.8	273	464	6.1%	433	3.6%	161	7.4%	280	0.7	357	4.8%	340	86,694	174	5.9%	227	91.5%	429	2.09	194	100,200
Pohatcong township	Warren	-0.64	29.3	200	53	-6.8%	105	9.0%	231	5.6%	356	0.3	139	10.0%	173	66,556	383	4.4%	170	89.5%	61	3.53	233	109,291
Point Pleasant Beach borough	Ocean	1.54	23.2	308	31	-10.1%	116	8.7%	402	2.3%	287	0.7	188	8.5%	259	76,174	352	4.6%	370	94.4%	523	1.40	527	451,748
Point Pleasant borough	Ocean	2.04	21.8	340	130	-3.4%	224	6.8%	379	2.6%	330	0.4	250	6.9%	364	89,779	238	5.3%	389	94.8%	481	1.87	399	177,894
Pompton Lakes borough	Passaic	1.31	23.9	291	358	3.3%	381	4.3%	249	5.1%	251	0.9	209	7.9%	341	87,004	321	4.8%	381	94.6%	45	3.72	193	100,035
Port Republic city	Atlantic	-0.65	29.3	199	235	0.2%	559	0.0%	253	5.0%	113	2.7	367	4.6%	320	84,688	61	8.0%	162	89.3%	399	2.18	246	112,207

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Prospect Park borough	Passaic	-8.18	50.3	38	298	2.0%	93	9.6%	22	22.2%	37	6.4	43		72	53,889	135	6.4%	84	85.7%	8	4.63	24	47,347
Quinton township Rahway city	Salem	-3.23 -2.63	36.5 34.8	117	74 519	-5.6% 10.3%	103	9.1%	131	10.2%	184	3.0	188	7.1% 8.5%	158 113	64,722	67 116	7.8% 6.6%	74 184	85.1% 90.0%	272 59	2.58 3.54	94 135	72,330 85,721
Ramsey borough	Bergen	6.35	9.9	541	431	5.1%	549	1.3%	466	1.5%	429	0.1	523	2.1%	524	135,387	521	3.5%	533	98.0%	357	2.28	457	233,214
Randolph township	Morris	5.20	13.1	506	287	1.7%	499	2.6%	446	1.7%	434	0.0	499	2.6%	492	120,392	450	4.0%	505	97.3%	314	2.45	374	166,723
Raritan borough	Somerset	2.22	21.3	347	553	20.2%	96	9.5%	324	3.7%	178	1.6	310	5.7%	241	73,827	417	4.2%	410	95.2%	371	2.25	347	153,959
Raritan township	Hunterdon	3.94	16.6	444	308	2.2%	510	2.4%	301	4.0%	379	0.2	332	5.3%	477	114,569	472	3.9%	410	95.2%	334	2.38	416	187,556
Readington township	Hunterdon	4.46	15.1	468	158	-2.6%	434	3.6%	456	1.6%	410	0.1	381	4.5%	488	118,125	472	3.9%	431	95.6%	338	2.36	429	201,488
Red Bank borough	Monmouth	-2.96	35.8	124	258	0.8%	227	6.7%	131	8.6%	337	0.4	60	14.9%	128	62,028	398	4.3%	32	78.8%	417	2.11	389	174,239
Ridgefield borough	Bergen	1.10	24.5	281	410	4.4%	327	5.2%	311	3.8%	255	0.9	254	6.8%	199	68,843	398	4.3%	189	90.2%	472	1.91	360	160,872
Ridgefield Park village	Bergen	-0.51	28.9	212	331	2.8%	204	7.1%	137	8.5%	301	0.6	267	6.5%	146	63,841	238	5.3%	210	91.0%	88	3.30	192	99,864
Ridgewood village	Bergen	6.24	10.2	537	351	3.2%	490	2.8%	411	2.2%	403	0.2	441	3.5%	544	147,823	521	3.5%	513	97.6%	370	2.25	468	251,143
Ringwood borough	Passaic	3.03	19.1	396	292	1.8%	307	5.5%	411	2.2%	354	0.3	420	3.8%	455	108,638	339	4.7%	259	92.3%	117	3.15	296	131,344
River Edge borough	Bergen	4.05	16.2	450	430	5.0%	522	2.2%	484	1.2%	371	0.3	436	3.6%	434	103,607	514	3.6%	296	93.1%	198	2.80	333	145,721
River Vale township	Bergen	5.52	12.2	514	435	5.2%	501	2.5%	436	1.8%	434	0.0	477	2.9%	521	132,265	450	4.0%	465	96.5%	306	2.46	433	204,126
Riverdale borough	Morris	4.03	16.3	448	563	38.9%	289	5.9%	506	0.8%	281	0.7	396	4.3%	343	87,274	339	4.7%	350	94.1%	495	1.74	430	202,829
Riverside township	Burlington	-4.71	40.6	79	157	-2.6%	50	11.7%	77	12.5%	63	4.4	99	11.6%	77	54,492	213	5.5%	78	85.4%	75	3.39	38	53,693
Riverton borough	Burlington	2.27	21.2	352	138	-3.2%	470	3.1%	301	4.0%	191	1.5	351	4.9%	379	92,125	339	4.7%	455	96.1%	137	3.05	191	99,679
Robbinsville township	Mercer	5.49	12.3	512	548	16.7%	527	2.1%	364	2.9%	434	0.0	548	1.2%	486	116,686	496	3.7%	465	96.5%	181	2.86	400	178,741
Rochelle Park township	Bergen	1.04	24.6	278	362	3.3%	507	2.5%	291	4.2%	194	1.4	455	3.3%	237	73,512	227	5.4%	187	90.1%	350	2.30	376	166,797
Rockaway borough	Morris	2.53	20.5	368	232	0.1%	186	7.4%	456	1.6%	297	0.6	514	2.3%	273	78,604	417	4.2%	259	92.3%	287	2.55	314	138,242
Rockaway township	Morris	3.92	16.6	443	377	3.6%	352	4.8%	420	2.0%	401	0.2	484	2.8%	413	100,303	417	4.2%	438	95.7%	189	2.84	357	159,833
Rockleigh borough	Bergen	3.82	16.9	435	546	16.1%	513	2.4%	535	0.0%	434	0.0	298	5.9%	522	133,125	369	4.5%	59	83.4%	542	1.01	516	335,484
Rocky Hill borough	Somerset	4.60	14.7	480	302	2.1%	449	3.4%	535	0.0%	434	0.0	401	4.2%	438	104,219	483	3.8%	438	95.7%	444	2.04	413	186,001
Roosevelt borough	Monmouth	2.00	22.0	337	87	-4.7%	437	3.6%	311	3.8%	434	0.0	389	4.4%	228	72,321	227	5.4%	513	97.6%	149	2.98	186	98,771
Roseland borough	Essex	4.90	13.9	494	455	5.8%	518	2.3%	535	0.0%	434	0.0	511	2.4%	426	101,786	437	4.1%	448	95.9%	440	2.05	509	311,246
Roselle borough	Union	-5.10	41.7	72	345	3.1%	251	6.3%	89	11.1%	172	1.8	65	14.6%	29	43,397	88	7.4%	110	87.0%	7	4.66	65	62,649
Roselle Park borough	Union	-0.47	28.8	213	376	3.6%	99	9.3%	311	3.8%	308	0.6	182	8.7%	139	63,021	183	5.8%	231	91.6%	47	3.69	121	80,621
Roxbury township	Morris	3.06	19.0	399	240	0.3%	404	3.9%	351	3.2%	305	0.6	389	4.4%	443	105,105	352	4.6%	350	94.1%	248	2.65	313	137,751
Rumson borough	Monmouth	6.23	10.2	536	116	-3.8%	257	6.3%	529	0.3%	434	0.0	477	2.9%	527	136,538	483	3.8%	542	98.5%	521	1.44	531	495,044
Runnemede borough	Camden	-3.06	36.0	122	187	-1.6%	158	7.8%	91	11.0%	124	2.5	157	9.5%	125	61,885	150	6.2%	141	88.6%	46	3.70	54	60,306
Rutherford borough	Bergen	2.76	19.9	379	380	3.8%	473	3.1%	345	3.3%	268	0.8	367	4.6%	323	84,778	437	4.1%	381	94.6%	258	2.61	350	154,211
Saddle Brook township	Bergen	1.36	23.7	295	446	5.6%	487	2.8%	436	1.8%	384	0.2	224	7.5%	292	80,543	238	5.3%	176	89.6%	351	2.30	367	163,025

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Saddle River borough	Bergen	6.28	10.0	540	354	3.2%	200	7.2%	498	1.0%	434	0.0	545	1.3%	494	121,026	543	3.3%	494	97.1%	548	0.90	541	767,374
Salem city	Salem	-25.0	97.1	2	28	-10.9%	4	23.6%	2	39.6%	6	18.4	2	39.6%	3	26,320	4	14.1%	25	76.3%	5	4.82	9	30,568
Sandyston township	Sussex	1.57	23.1	311	107	-3.9%	80	10.2%	420	2.0%	434	0.0	240	7.1%	250	74,875	256	5.2%	415	95.3%	355	2.29	292	128,817
Sayreville borough	Middlesex	1.34	23.8	292	478	7.0%	284	5.9%	329	3.6%	342	0.4	261	6.6%	291	80,386	289	5.0%	206	90.8%	323	2.43	205	102,664
Scotch Plains township	Union	4.47	15.1	469	433	5.1%	447	3.5%	362	3.0%	388	0.2	514	2.3%	463	110,908	437	4.1%	455	96.1%	276	2.57	381	168,825
Sea Bright borough	Monmouth	0.99	24.8	274	12	-16.3%	14	16.1%	204	6.1%	275	0.7	104	11.4%	315	83,244	383	4.4%	549	98.7%	527	1.35	532	502,209
Sea Girt borough	Monmouth	5.98	10.9	530	36	-9.5%	411	3.8%	512	0.7%	434	0.0	477	2.9%	453	108,333	534	3.4%	558	99.2%	557	0.73	547	1,255,649
Sea Isle City city	Cape May	0.84	25.2	262	16	-14.8%	31	13.5%	411	2.2%	434	0.0	179	8.8%	179	66,683	77	7.6%	465	96.5%	561	0.66	556	2,221,124
Seaside Heights borough	Ocean	-19.76	82.5	6	70	-5.9%	3	25.3%	16	25.0%	1	31.1	18	25.3%	12	33,958	67	7.8%	34	79.3%	443	2.04	448	220,392
Seaside Park borough	Ocean	-0.24	28.2	224	7	-20.0%	155	7.9%	244	5.3%	120	2.6	254	6.8%	235	72,981	88	7.4%	518	97.7%	533	1.27	540	762,368
Secaucus town	Hudson	0.68	25.6	254	552	20.0%	208	7.1%	173	7.0%	209	1.3	224	7.5%	332	86,061	352	4.6%	113	87.1%	422	2.10	462	241,678
Shamong township	Burlington	2.18	21.5	344	111	-3.8%	512	2.4%	237	5.5%	295	0.6	362	4.7%	392	94,777	303	4.9%	363	94.3%	298	2.50	232	109,197
Shiloh borough	Cumberland	-1.52	31.8	168	142	-3.1%	28	13.8%	466	1.5%	70	4.0	286	6.1%	188	67,292	174	5.9%	113	87.1%	186	2.85	55	60,579
Ship Bottom borough	Ocean	1.27	24.0	287	23	-12.4%	465	3.2%	402	2.3%	116	2.6	420	3.8%	147	63,977	116	6.6%	480	96.8%	543	0.98	544	1,116,368
Shrewsbury borough	Monmouth	5.91	11.1	527	521	10.7%	282	6.0%	535	0.0%	434	0.0	531	1.9%	483	116,087	521	3.5%	508	97.4%	415	2.12	490	282,247
Shrewsbury township	Monmouth	-3.91	38.4	98	215	-0.7%	49	11.8%	52	15.2%	252	0.9	48	16.3%	61	50,909	238	5.3%	202	90.7%	133	3.07	23	47,192
Somerdale borough	Camden	-3.06	36.0	121	397	4.1%	242	6.4%	99	10.5%	81	3.5	133	10.3%	64	51,633	150	6.2%	240	91.8%	30	3.91	62	61,982
Somers Point city	Atlantic	-5.96	44.1	61	60	-6.5%	271	6.1%	85	11.3%	49	5.1	81	12.8%	54	50,450	34	9.0%	141	88.6%	196	2.81	216	105,209
Somerville borough	Somerset	-0.86	29.9	194	214	-0.7%	8	18.0%	182	6.9%	129	2.4	272	6.4%	209	70,643	303	4.9%	227	91.5%	105	3.21	197	100,365
South Amboy city	Middlesex	-1.40	31.4	174	453	5.8%	498	2.6%	185	6.8%	86	3.4	250	6.9%	152	64,293	167	6.0%	141	88.6%	223	2.73	180	97,577
South Bound Brook borough	Somerset	-0.42	28.7	218	281	1.5%	46	11.8%	270	4.7%	207	1.3	188	8.5%	225	72,180	124	6.5%	395	94.9%	79	3.37	90	70,166
South Brunswick township	Middlesex	4.29	15.6	455	526	11.2%	436	3.6%	369	2.8%	306	0.6	420	3.8%	458	109,551	450	4.0%	406	95.1%	425	2.09	415	186,950
South Hackensack township	Bergen	-2.38	34.2	141	474	6.6%	558	0.5%	127	8.9%	214	1.2	139	10.0%	145	63,693	161	6.1%	48	82.2%	264	2.60	492	284,617
South Harrison township	Gloucester	3.37	18.2	415	528	11.6%	426	3.7%	311	3.8%	139	2.2	545	1.3%	485	116,375	303	4.9%	303	93.2%	224	2.72	282	125,540
South Orange Village township	Essex	2.84	19.6	389	213	-0.7%	329	5.2%	411	2.2%	434	0.0	121	10.6%	487	116,727	398	4.3%	389	94.8%	92	3.26	372	165,111
South Plainfield borough	Middlesex	1.86	22.3	330	472	6.5%	484	2.9%	411	2.2%	375	0.2	357	4.8%	336	86,404	321	4.8%	116	87.3%	426	2.09	341	151,742
South River borough	Middlesex	-3.49	37.2	113	394	4.1%	100	9.3%	207	6.0%	202	1.3	104	11.4%	137	62,972	99	7.1%	39	80.2%	356	2.28	128	82,337
South Toms River borough	Ocean	-7.26	47.7	45	230	-0.1%	303	5.6%	35	17.6%	46	5.4	74	13.7%	168	66,250	55	8.2%	40	80.4%	250	2.63	52	59,407
Southampton township	Burlington	-0.58	29.1	207	131	-3.4%	252	6.3%	420	2.0%	223	1.2	314	5.6%	86	55,432	141	6.3%	146	88.7%	312	2.45	222	106,856
Sparta township	Sussex	4.89	13.9	492	203	-1.1%	281	6.0%	379	2.6%	420	0.1	484	2.8%	518	131,182	398	4.3%	511	97.5%	160	2.94	363	161,116
Spotswood borough	Middlesex	1.20	24.2	285	398	4.2%	452	3.4%	158	7.5%	434	0.0	304	5.8%	249	74,696	289	5.0%	336	93.9%	178	2.87	156	91,645
Spring Lake borough	Monmouth	4.63	14.6	483	32	-9.9%	72	10.4%	466	1.5%	434	0.0	401	4.2%	420	101,500	398	4.3%	549	98.7%	559	0.68	549	1,305,750
Spring Lake Heights borough	Monmouth	2.82	19.7	386	55	-6.7%	191	7.3%	466	1.5%	434	0.0	429	3.7%	229	72,353	303	4.9%	489	97.0%	524	1.40	471	256,905
Springfield township	Burlington	2.92	19.4	391	200	-1.1%	407	3.9%	525	0.4%	434	0.0	286	6.1%	445	105,852	267	5.1%	281	92.8%	216	2.75	281	125,061

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Springfield township	Union	3.40	18.1	418	544	15.5%	423	3.7%	294	4.1%	338	0.4	357	4.8%	408	99,211	483	3.8%	318	93.6%	148	2.99	322	141,441
Stafford township	Ocean	0.04	27.4	231	484	7.3%	162	7.8%	198	6.4%	276	0.7	219	7.6%	202	69,268	174	5.9%	247	92.0%	398	2.18	353	155,056
Stanhope borough	Sussex	-0.42	28.7	217	50	-7.1%	66	10.5%	185	6.8%	171	1.8	184	8.6%	299	81,311	213	5.5%	355	94.2%	66	3.47	168	93,542
Stillwater township	Sussex	1.62	23.0	314	41	-8.2%	119	8.6%	394	2.4%	372	0.3	282	6.3%	284	79,392	303	4.9%	389	94.8%	230	2.70	256	115,624
Stockton borough	Hunterdon	2.97	19.3	395	63	-6.4%	32	13.4%	294	4.1%	434	0.0	321	5.5%	376	90,938	514	3.6%	508	97.4%	432	2.08	403	180,543
Stone Harbor borough	Cape May	2.78	19.8	384	15	-15.2%	108	9.0%	503	0.9%	434	0.0	245	7.0%	295	81,111	35	8.9%	513	97.6%	563	0.57	562	5,144,383
Stow Creek township	Cumberland	-0.36	28.5	221	223	-0.4%	238	6.5%	294	4.1%	434	0.0	326	5.4%	224	72,159	111	6.8%	125	87.9%	195	2.82	102	74,842
Stratford borough	Camden	-1.31	31.2	179	167	-2.2%	140	8.2%	173	7.0%	259	0.9	204	8.0%	192	67,556	183	5.8%	162	89.3%	33	3.89	58	60,920
Summit city	Union	4.91	13.9	496	415	4.5%	382	4.3%	369	2.8%	393	0.2	401	4.2%	510	129,583	496	3.7%	363	94.3%	479	1.88	513	333,017
Surf City borough	Ocean	1.31	23.9	290	30	-10.3%	467	3.1%	411	2.2%	264	0.8	175	8.9%	175	66,597	167	6.0%	395	94.9%	547	0.91	550	1,431,662
Sussex borough	Sussex	-8.72	51.8	34	61	-6.5%	18	15.6%	64	13.9%	31	7.3	34	19.2%	18	37,241	106	6.9%	61	83.6%	131	3.07	63	62,186
Swedesboro borough	Gloucester	-2.66	34.9	130	520	10.5%	37	12.6%	87	11.2%	43	5.7	272	6.4%	254	75,595	321	4.8%	102	86.5%	36	3.83	73	66,779
Tabernacle township	Burlington	2.43	20.8	363	125	-3.5%	290	5.8%	379	2.6%	238	1.0	441	3.5%	404	98,375	238	5.3%	350	94.1%	285	2.55	204	102,582
Tavistock borough	Camden	9.89	0.0	565	3	-28.6%	559	0.0%	535	0.0%	434	0.0	563	0.0%	543	147,762	563	0.0%	563	100%	496	1.74	559	3,404,662
Teaneck township	Bergen	1.92	22.2	332	393	4.1%	323	5.3%	207	6.0%	196	1.4	298	5.9%	398	96,760	383	4.4%	336	93.9%	154	2.96	305	133,692
Tenafly borough	Bergen	5.86	11.2	524	443	5.5%	462	3.3%	402	2.3%	428	0.1	286	6.1%	542	147,196	534	3.4%	489	97.0%	397	2.19	504	303,316
Teterboro borough	Bergen	-3.37	36.9	115	564	56.8%	559	0.0%	32	18.6%	434	0.0	6	32.9%	9	33,068	267	5.1%	54	82.9%	537	1.21	564	5,920,543
Tewksbury township	Hunterdon	7.07	7.9	552	222	-0.4%	88	9.9%	535	0.0%	434	0.0	548	1.2%	558	165,552	437	4.1%	542	98.5%	454	1.98	488	279,722
Tinton Falls borough	Monmouth	1.67	22.9	317	408	4.4%	207	7.1%	329	3.6%	211	1.2	272	6.4%	242	73,891	303	4.9%	415	95.3%	473	1.91	392	174,905
Toms River township	Ocean	-0.04	27.6	228	193	-1.5%	261	6.2%	173	7.0%	182	1.6	282	6.3%	219	71,960	194	5.7%	242	91.9%	477	1.90	377	167,012
Totowa borough	Passaic	0.08	27.3	234	461	6.0%	233	6.5%	294	4.1%	366	0.3	216	7.7%	356	88,490	174	5.9%	77	85.2%	317	2.44	420	194,828
Trenton city	Mercer	-17.33	75.7	11	178	-1.9%	5	19.6%	11	26.9%	10	14.6	16	28.3%	13	34,257	61	8.0%	11	71.0%	6	4.77	8	28,013
Tuckerton borough	Ocean	-1.86	32.7	160	152	-2.8%	164	7.7%	164	7.3%	169	1.8	216	7.7%	151	64,273	167	6.0%	95	86.2%	347	2.31	264	119,328
Union Beach borough	Monmouth	-3.69	37.8	105	19	-13.8%	298	5.7%	56	14.9%	192	1.4	125	10.5%	176	66,662	141	6.3%	99	86.4%	275	2.57	174	96,796
Union City city	Hudson	-12.20	61.5	19	423	4.9%	90	9.8%	12	26.6%	66	4.2	20	24.9%	26	41,107	135	6.4%	6	67.4%	122	3.13	33	51,504
Union township	Union	0.00	27.5	229	442	5.5%	364	4.6%	257	4.9%	340	0.4	204	8.0%	255	75,742	202	5.6%	141	88.6%	128	3.09	224	107,299
Union township	Hunterdon	3.15	18.8	404	38	-8.4%	360	4.6%	503	0.9%	434	0.0	415	3.9%	498	122,527	369	4.5%	125	87.9%	363	2.27	329	142,351
Upper Deerfield township	Cumberland	-2.04	33.2	157	231	0.0%	324	5.3%	143	8.2%	286	0.7	209	7.9%	70	53,547	150	6.2%	102	86.5%	205	2.77	117	79,114
Upper Freehold township	Monmouth	5.50	12.2	513	555	20.7%	402	3.9%	420	2.0%	434	0.0	499	2.6%	504	127,753	321	4.8%	494	97.1%	352	2.29	404	180,582
Upper Pittsgrove township	Salem	0.53	26.0	246	183	-1.7%	409	3.9%	364	2.9%	309	0.6	240	7.1%	367	90,042	213	5.5%	99	86.4%	292	2.53	164	93,151
Upper Saddle River borough	Bergen	7.57	6.5	560	438	5.3%	468	3.1%	420	2.0%	434	0.0	521	2.2%	559	169,301	543	3.3%	531	97.9%	490	1.79	515	333,239
Upper township	Cape May	1.13	24.4	283	186	-1.6%	432	3.6%	294	4.1%	333	0.4	429	3.7%	263	77,012	77	7.6%	419	95.4%	508	1.61	356	158,374
Ventnor City city	Atlantic	-5.34	42.4	68	22	-12.6%	201	7.2%	41	16.6%	434	0.0	69	14.2%	62	50,978	47	8.5%	131	88.0%	379	2.23	438	207,281
Vernon township	Sussex	1.09	24.5	280	34	-9.5%	170	7.6%	311	3.8%	254	0.9	290	6.0%	348	87,779	213	5.5%	336	93.9%	193	2.83	210	104,314

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Verona township	Essex	3.92	16.6	441	274	1.1%	383	4.3%	427	1.9%	359	0.3	436	3.6%	421	101,528	417	4.2%	461	96.4%	234	2.69	393	174,906
Victory Gardens borough	Morris	-7.68	48.9	43	209	-0.8%	506	2.5%	25	20.2%	119	2.6	19	25.2%	21	39,811	238	5.3%	50	82.3%	301	2.49	21	47,101
Vineland city	Cumberland	-8.98	52.5	31	413	4.4%	152	7.9%	38	17.4%	42	5.8	46	16.9%	48	49,453	51	8.3%	26	76.4%	337	2.37	77	67,339
Voorhees township	Camden	1.21	24.2	286	294	1.9%	319	5.3%	249	5.1%	299	0.6	267	6.5%	272	78,568	383	4.4%	259	92.3%	95	3.25	262	118,531
Waldwick borough	Bergen	4.32	15.5	457	436	5.3%	460	3.3%	506	0.8%	434	0.0	261	6.6%	451	108,182	496	3.7%	458	96.3%	255	2.62	354	155,878
Wall township	Monmouth	2.93	19.4	392	250	0.6%	445	3.5%	394	2.4%	417	0.1	267	6.5%	383	92,539	303	4.9%	438	95.7%	476	1.90	453	227,368
Wallington borough	Bergen	-1.66	32.1	166	327	2.8%	149	8.0%	169	7.1%	260	0.9	112	11.0%	87	55,547	161	6.1%	206	90.8%	239	2.68	131	84,148
Walpack township	Sussex	1.57	23.2	310	1	-44.4%	2	64.7%	535	0.0%	434	0.0	563	0.0%	549	156,124	563	0.0%	21	75.0%	514	1.55	414	186,311
Wanaque borough	Passaic	1.42	23.6	298	525	11.0%	480	2.9%	324	3.7%	147	2.0	381	4.5%	350	88,125	289	5.0%	190	90.3%	107	3.19	220	106,102
Wantage township	Sussex	1.95	22.1	333	218	-0.6%	167	7.7%	369	2.8%	394	0.2	389	4.4%	344	87,300	267	5.1%	264	92.4%	259	2.61	218	105,404
Warren township	Somerset	5.95	11.0	529	481	7.2%	523	2.2%	402	2.3%	434	0.0	477	2.9%	540	143,833	472	3.9%	431	95.6%	453	2.00	495	287,084
Washington borough	Warren	-2.55	34.6	137	94	-4.3%	82	10.1%	196	6.5%	118	2.6	81	12.8%	121	61,625	194	5.7%	209	90.9%	32	3.89	88	70,007
Washington township	Burlington	-3.53	37.3	112	355	3.2%	317	5.4%	185	6.8%	61	4.5	224	7.5%	153	64,375	77	7.6%	46	81.9%	506	1.64	302	132,565
Washington township	Gloucester	1.52	23.3	306	174	-2.1%	472	3.1%	282	4.4%	152	1.9	429	3.7%	331	85,892	289	5.0%	318	93.6%	115	3.15	169	94,532
Washington township	Warren	3.13	18.8	403	154	-2.8%	429	3.7%	427	1.9%	434	0.0	539	1.6%	354	88,322	321	4.8%	395	94.9%	102	3.21	227	108,136
Washington township	Bergen	4.90	13.9	493	407	4.4%	438	3.6%	484	1.2%	383	0.2	531	1.9%	482	115,571	398	4.3%	442	95.8%	406	2.15	412	185,869
Washington township	Morris	5.18	13.1	503	335	2.9%	482	2.9%	484	1.2%	431	0.1	468	3.0%	501	124,177	398	4.3%	494	97.1%	335	2.37	348	154,020
Watchung borough	Somerset	5.24	12.9	508	490	7.5%	125	8.5%	506	0.8%	350	0.3	468	3.0%	532	140,163	417	4.2%	336	93.9%	430	2.08	498	291,347
Waterford township	Camden	-1.69	32.2	165	259	0.8%	223	6.8%	244	5.3%	123	2.5	230	7.3%	245	74,250	106	6.9%	133	88.1%	56	3.55	83	69,556
Wayne township	Passaic	3.08	19.0	400	284	1.6%	444	3.5%	329	3.6%	332	0.4	407	4.0%	447	106,357	369	4.5%	296	93.1%	177	2.87	401	179,805
Weehawken township	Hudson	-0.38	28.6	219	507	9.0%	79	10.2%	110	9.6%	200	1.4	130	10.4%	253	75,388	483	3.8%	154	89.0%	373	2.24	432	203,432
Wenonah borough	Gloucester	2.30	21.1	353	160	-2.5%	193	7.3%	379	2.6%	62	4.4	499	2.6%	440	104,375	352	4.6%	513	97.6%	43	3.75	188	99,291
West Amwell township	Hunterdon	3.88	16.7	439	21	-13.4%	478	3.0%	446	1.7%	434	0.0	514	2.3%	435	103,875	472	3.9%	345	94.0%	420	2.10	397	175,737
West Caldwell township	Essex	3.88	16.7	438	271	1.1%	442	3.5%	506	0.8%	422	0.1	477	2.9%	410	99,708	437	4.1%	296	93.1%	343	2.32	447	216,295
West Cape May borough	Cape May	-3.84	38.2	100	88	-4.7%	51	11.6%	110	9.6%	434	0.0	76	13.5%	49	49,839	23	9.9%	259	92.3%	536	1.22	528	464,293
West Deptford township	Gloucester	0.02	27.5	230	357	3.2%	198	7.2%	169	7.1%	434	0.0	304	5.8%	181	66,964	167	6.0%	247	92.0%	168	2.90	219	105,670
West Long Branch borough	Monmouth	2.09	21.7	342	172	-2.1%	548	1.3%	270	4.7%	434	0.0	429	3.7%	293	80,585	256	5.2%	307	93.3%	419	2.11	364	161,273
West Milford township	Passaic	1.99	22.0	336	365	3.4%	137	8.2%	311	3.8%	208	1.3	405	4.1%	405	98,556	267	5.1%	318	93.6%	76	3.38	247	112,408
West New York town	Hudson	-8.61	51.5	35	535	13.0%	266	6.2%	25	20.2%	77	3.6	26	22.1%	37	45,370	227	5.4%	18	73.0%	237	2.68	30	50,019
West Orange township	Essex	1.35	23.8	293	384	3.9%	396	4.1%	311	3.8%	236	1.0	314	5.6%	372	90,363	267	5.1%	215	91.3%	48	3.66	289	127,727
West Wildwood borough	Cape May	-3.88	38.3	99	451	5.7%	305	5.6%	216	5.9%	434	0.0	290	6.0%	59	50,795	6	12.7%	93	86.1%	520	1.50	525	407,477
West Windsor township	Mercer	7.12	7.7	554	539	14.1%	424	3.7%	456	1.6%	427	0.1	441	3.5%	554	161,750	556	3.1%	485	96.9%	322	2.43	459	233,339
Westampton township	Burlington	2.10	21.7	343	452	5.7%	395	4.1%	262	4.8%	35	6.4	455	3.3%	422	101,653	398	4.3%	526	97.8%	367	2.26	316	139,594
Westfield town	Union	6.05	10.7	533	317	2.5%	349	4.9%	427	1.9%	400	0.2	455	3.3%	541	146,734	521	3.5%	480	96.8%	388	2.21	467	250,269
Westville borough	Gloucester	-6.13	44.6	58	89	-4.6%	128	8.4%	59	14.5%	32	7.3	77	13.2%	102	58,824	67	7.8%	247	92.0%	27	3.95	48	58,889
Westwood borough	Bergen	2.18	21.5	345	333	2.8%	206	7.1%	274	4.6%	434	0.0	230	7.3%	330	85,849	398	4.3%	385	94.7%	339	2.35	387	171,033
Weymouth township	Atlantic	-2.41	34.2	140	498	8.0%	440	3.6%	207	6.0%	434	0.0	153	9.6%	90	56,681	37	8.8%	110	87.0%	390	2.21	71	66,462
Wharton borough	Morris	-2.59	34.7	134	329	2.8%	500	2.6%	70	13.3%	149	2.0	211	7.8%	174	66,579	289	5.0%	51	82.5%	211	2.76	198	100,481

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White township	Warren	-0.20	28.1	225	252	0.7%	169	7.6%	226	5.7%	434	0.0	362	4.7%	63	51,524	213	5.5%	162	89.3%	386	2.21	261	117,497
Wildwood city	Cape May	-20.6	84.8	5	109	-3.9%	55	11.2%	25	20.2%	8	15.9	13	29.1%	4	27,067	1	20.3%	37	79.7%	375	2.24	486	276,210
Wildwood Crest borough	Cape May	-4.01	38.7	96	26	-11.5%	504	2.5%	149	7.9%	122	2.5	389	4.4%	164	65,547	3	14.8%	401	95.0%	535	1.25	538	680,200
Willingboro township	Burlington	-4.44	39.9	88	73	-5.6%	212	7.0%	102	10.1%	38	6.3	136	10.1%	161	64,969	88	7.4%	193	90.4%	38	3.81	45	56,056
Winfield township	Union	-4.02	38.7	95	295	1.9%	544	1.5%	231	5.6%	434	0.0	148	9.8%	73	54,167	213	5.5%	264	92.4%	1	18.60	2	10,953
Winslow township Camden		-0.90	30.0	192	444	5.5%	124	8.5%	173	7.0%	434	0.0	165	9.3%	234	72,934	103	7.0%	242	91.9%	97	3.24	75	67,092
Woodbine borough	Cape May	-18.05	77.7	9	139	-3.2%	173	7.6%	10	27.1%	16	11.3	15	28.9%	14	34,906	14	10.9%	1	61.3%	512	1.56	69	63,856
Woodbridge township	Middlesex	0.84	25.2	263	339	3.0%	378	4.4%	244	5.3%	267	0.8	282	6.3%	287	79,720	303	4.9%	193	90.4%	206	2.77	206	103,127
Woodbury city	Gloucester	-8.74	51.8	33	159	-2.5%	56	11.2%	31	18.7%	33	7.2	27	22.0%	65	51,922	111	6.8%	110	87.0%	20	4.17	50	59,004
Woodbury Heights borough	Gloucester	0.22	26.9	239	179	-1.9%	314	5.4%	151	7.8%	148	2.0	499	2.6%	286	79,653	238	5.3%	234	91.7%	28	3.92	144	87,435
Woodcliff Lake borough	Bergen	6.48	9.5	545	386	4.0%	553	1.1%	512	0.7%	351	0.3	536	1.7%	531	139,857	534	3.4%	461	96.4%	436	2.06	511	327,025
Woodland Park borough	Passaic	-1.09	30.6	186	517	10.1%	209	7.1%	131	8.6%	114	2.7	304	5.8%	276	78,708	135	6.4%	146	88.7%	187	2.84	323	141,496
Woodland township	Burlington	0.67	25.7	252	537	13.6%	243	6.4%	253	5.0%	434	0.0	314	5.6%	358	88,636	174	5.9%	88	85.8%	378	2.24	132	84,440
Woodlynne borough	Camden	-14.69	68.4	15	291	1.8%	52	11.5%	13	26.0%	20	9.5	20	24.9%	23	40,913	51	8.3%	19	74.7%	2	7.56	6	23,363
Wood-Ridge borough	Bergen	2.75	19.9	378	505	8.9%	331	5.1%	345	3.3%	434	0.0	321	5.5%	399	96,988	321	4.8%	296	93.1%	290	2.53	326	142,132
Woodstown borough	Salem	-1.88	32.8	159	437	5.3%	130	8.4%	72	13.2%	137	2.3	104	11.4%	312	82,738	141	6.3%	336	93.9%	98	3.24	108	76,098
Woolwich township	Gloucester	5.88	11.2	526	565	79.7%	180	7.5%	338	3.4%	353	0.3	367	4.6%	490	118,509	483	3.8%	375	94.5%	81	3.35	189	99,368
Wrightstown borough	Burlington	-15.46	70.5	14	238	0.3%	222	6.8%	24	20.4%	2	26.4	29	21.4%	41	46,625	174	5.9%	23	75.7%	231	2.70	22	47,140
Wyckoff township	Bergen	6.00	10.8	531	399	4.2%	519	2.3%	512	0.7%	430	0.1	477	2.9%	519	131,714	496	3.7%	476	96.7%	493	1.77	479	266,784