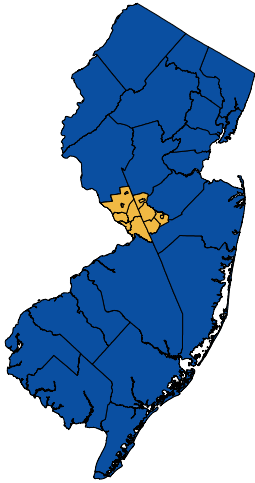


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Employment and Wages¹

Total Private Sector Employment (2024 Average Annual): 186,518

Percent of N.J. Total: 5.1%

2019-2024 Employment Change: -1,146 or -0.6%

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

Employment (2024 Average Annual): 28,739

Percent of Total County Employment: 15.4%

Private Sector Wage (2024 Average Annual): County: \$93,301 NJ: \$83,695

Demographics²

Population (July 1, 2024 estimate): 392,138 Percent of NJ Total: 4.1%

Persons Per Square Mile: 1,746.3

Most Populous Municipality (2024 estimate): Hamilton Population: 93,911

Total Households: 148,168

Average Household Size: County: 2.54 persons NJ: 2.63 persons

Population Characteristics³

Veterans: 9,431

High School Graduate or Higher, 25 Years and Over: County: 87.3% NJ: 90.4%

Bachelor's Degree or Higher, 25 Years and Over: County: 47.3% NJ: 44.5%

Persons Below Poverty Level, Under 18 Years: County: 13.9% NJ: 11.7%

Median Age: County: 39.7 Years NJ: 40.1 Years

Economic Characteristics⁴

Per Capita Personal Income (2023): County: \$84,392 NJ: \$82,103

Rank Among NJ Counties: 6

Unemployment Rate: (2024 Annual Average): County: 4.4% NJ: 4.5%

Total Residential Building Permits (2024): 2,256

Single-Family Residential Building Permits (2024): 927

Mean Travel Time to Work: County: 27.4 Minutes NJ: 31.9 Minutes

Percent of Households with a Broadband Internet Subscription: County: 93.0% NJ: 94.8%

Percent of Residents with Health Insurance Coverage: 92.1%

Percent with Private Health Insurance: 72.0%

Percent with Public Health Insurance: 31.2%



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Sources:

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

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

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

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