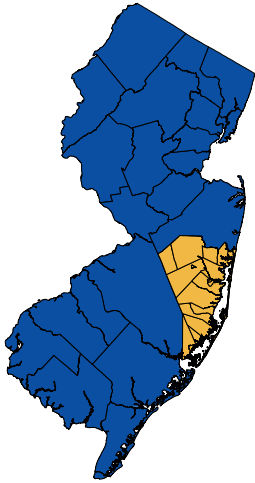


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Employment and Wages¹

Total Private Sector Employment (2024 Average Annual): 164,134

Percent of N.J. Total: 4.5%

2019-2024 Employment Change: +17,902 or +12.2%

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

Employment (2024 Average Annual): 43,513

Percent of Total County Employment: 26.5%

Private Sector Wage (2024 Average Annual): County: \$54,972 NJ: \$83,695

Demographics²

Population (July 1, 2024 estimate): 666,434 Percent of NJ Total: 7.0%

Persons Per Square Mile: 1,059.9

Most Populous Municipality (2024 estimate): Lakewood Population: 141,985

Total Households: 247,985

Average Household Size: County: 2.66 persons NJ: 2.63 persons

Population Characteristics³

Veterans: 25,513

High School Graduate or Higher, 25 Years and Over: County: 93.7% NJ: 90.4%

Bachelor's Degree or Higher, 25 Years and Over: County: 36.2% NJ: 44.5%

Persons Below Poverty Level, Under 18 Years: County: 11.6% NJ: 11.7%

Median Age: County: 40.8 Years NJ: 40.1 Years

Economic Characteristics⁴

Per Capita Personal Income (2023): County: \$62,195 NJ: \$82,103

Rank Among NJ Counties: 17

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

Total Residential Building Permits (2024): 4,434

Single-Family Residential Building Permits (2024): 2,797

Mean Travel Time to Work: County: 31.1 Minutes NJ: 31.9 Minutes

Percent of Households with a Broadband Internet Subscription: County: 91.0% NJ: 94.8%

Percent of Residents with Health Insurance Coverage: 95.9%

Percent with Private Health Insurance: 67.5%

Percent with Public Health Insurance: 44.5%



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Sources:

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

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

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

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

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

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