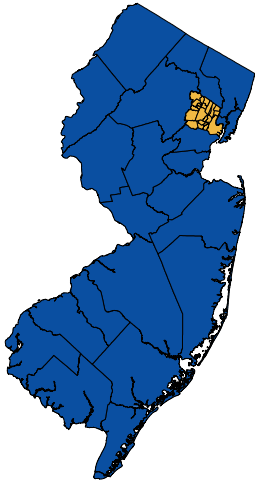


# Essex County Brief

## Labor Market Facts



### **Employment and Wages<sup>1</sup>**

Total Private Sector Employment (2020 Average Annual): 243,447

Percent of N.J. Total: 7.6%

2015-2020 Employment Change: -19,986 or -7.6%

Largest Industry (2020 Average Annual): Health Care and Social Assistance

Employment (2020 Average Annual): 46,249

Percent of Total County Employment: 19.0%

Private Sector Wage (2020 Average Annual): County: \$77,955 NJ: \$74,085

Rank Among NJ Counties: 6

2015-2020 Change: +\$14,758 or +23.4%

### **Demographics<sup>2</sup>**

Population (April 1, 2020 Census): 863,728

Percent of N.J. Total: 9.3%

Persons Per Square Mile: 6,850.4

Most Populous Municipality (2020 Census): Newark Population: 311,549

Total Households: 285,908

Average Household Size: County: 2.71 persons NJ: 2.69 persons

### **Population Characteristics<sup>3</sup>**

Veterans: 18,419

High School Graduate or Higher, 25 Years and Over (%): County: 86.1% NJ: 89.8%

Bachelor's Degree or Higher, 25 Years and Older (%): County: 35.5% NJ: 39.7%

Persons Below Poverty Level, Under 18 Years (%): County: 22.0% NJ: 14.0%

Median Age: County: 37.6 Years NJ: 39.9 Years

### **Economic Characteristics<sup>4</sup>**

Per Capita Personal Income (2019): County: \$67,657 NJ: \$70,471

Rank Among NJ Counties: 9

Unemployment Rate: (2020 Annual Average): County: 11.7% NJ: 9.8%

Total Residential Building Permits (2020): 2,705

Single-Family Residential Building Permits (2020): 421

Average Travel Time to Work: County: 34.9 Minutes NJ: 32.2 Minutes

Percent of Households with an Internet Subscription Service: County: 80.8% NJ: 86.1%

Percent of Residents with Health Insurance Coverage: 88.6%

Percent with Private Insurance: 61.4%

Percent with Public Insurance: 35.4%



Sources:

<sup>1</sup>New 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

<sup>2</sup>U.S. Census Bureau, *2020 decennial census and American Community Survey 2019 5-Year Estimates*

<sup>3</sup>U.S. Census Bureau *American Community Survey 2019 5-Year Estimates*

<sup>4</sup>U.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 2019 5-Year Estimates, and U.S. Census Bureau Manufacturing and Construction Division*

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