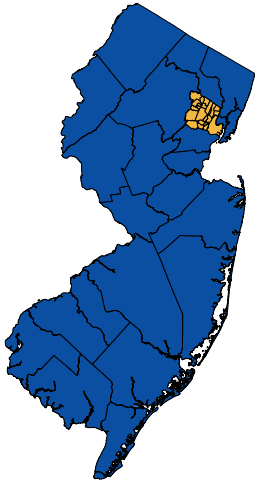


Essex County Brief

Labor Market Facts



Employment and Wages¹

Total Private Sector Employment (2021 Average Annual): 249,544

Percent of N.J. Total: 7.4%

2016-2021 Employment Change: -17,446 or -6.5%

Largest Industry (2021 Average Annual): Health Care and Social Assistance

Employment (2021 Average Annual): 46,756

Percent of Total County Employment: 18.7%

Private Sector Wage (2021 Average Annual): County: \$79,140 NJ: \$76,623

2016-2021 Change: +\$14,174 or +17.9%

Demographics²

Population (July 1, 2022 estimate): 849,477

Persons Per Square Mile: 6,737.4

Most Populous Municipality (2022 estimate): Newark Population: 305,344

Total Households: 307,613

Average Household Size: County: 2.70 persons NJ: 2.60 persons

Population Characteristics³

Veterans: 17,392

High School Graduate or Higher, 25 Years and Over: County: 87.8% NJ: 91.0%

Bachelor's Degree or Higher, 25 Years and Older: County: 38.5% NJ: 43.1%

Persons Below Poverty Level, Under 18 Years: County: 20.1% NJ: 14.2%

Median Age: County: 38.1 Years NJ: 40.3 Years

Economic Characteristics⁴

Per Capita Personal Income (2021): County: \$63,975 NJ: \$77,016

Rank Among NJ Counties: 8

Unemployment Rate: (2022 Annual Average): County: 4.5% NJ: 3.7%

Total Residential Building Permits (2022): 3,473

Single-Family Residential Building Permits (2022): 365

Average Travel Time to Work: County: 31.0 Minutes NJ: 28.6 Minutes

Percent of Households with a Broadband Internet Subscription: County: 87.6% NJ: 91.9%

Percent of Residents with Health Insurance Coverage: 88.7%

Percent with Private Insurance: 61.3%

Percent with Public Insurance: 36.3%



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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 *American Community Survey 2021 1-Year Estimates*

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⁴U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development Division of Economic and Demographic Research, U.S. Census Bureau *American Community Survey 2021 1-Year Estimates*, and U.S. Census Bureau *Manufacturing and Construction Division*

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