Essex County Brief Labor Market Facts



Employment and Wages¹

Total Private Sector Employment (2021Average 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%



Labor Market Facts

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

³ U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey 2021 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 2021 1-Year Estimates, and U.S. Census Bureau Manufacturing and Consutruction Division

The New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development's Division of Workforce Research and Analytics Bureau of Labor Market Information has a staff of local Labor Market Field Analysts to assist with data needs that may be reached at:

Jason Timian, Chief

jason.timian@dol.nj.gov

Bureau of Labor Market Information

County Assignments

Atlantic, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Salem counties

Michael Dugan michael.dugan@dol.nj.gov

Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Passaic, Union counties

John Ehret john.ehret@dol.nj.gov

Burlington, Ocean counties

Brandon Schoonover brandon.schoonover@dol.nj.gov

<u>Hunterdon, Morris, Somerset, Sussex, Warren counties</u>

Michael Valeriano michael.valeriano@dol.nj.gov

Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth counties

Karen Cinkus karen.cinkus@dol.nj.gov

This workforce product was funded by a grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration. The product was created by the grantee and does not necessarily reflect the official position of the U.S. Department of Labor. The Department of Labor makes no guarantees, warranties, or assurances of any kind, express or implied, with respect to such information, including any information on linked sites and including, but not limited to, accuracy of the information or its completeness, timeliness, usefulness, adequacy, continued availability, or ownership. This product is copyrighted by the institution that created it. Internal use by an organization and/or personal use by an individual for non-commercial purposes is permissible. All other uses require the prior authorization of the copyright owner.