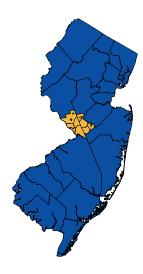
# Mercer County Brief

**Labor Market Facts** 



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

Total Private Sector Employment (2021 Average Annual): 180,169

Percent of N.J. Total: 5.3%

2016-2021 Employment Change: +4,466 or +2.5%

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

Employment (2021 Average Annual): 26,225 Percent of Total County Employment: 14.6%

Private Sector Wage (2021 Average Annual): County: \$86,459 NJ: \$76,623

2016-2021 Change: +\$16,297 or +18.8%

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

Population (July 1, 2022 estimate): 380,688

Persons Per Square Mile: 1,696.2

Most Populous Municipality (2022 estimate): Hamilton Population: 91,543

Total Households: 137,114

Average Household Size: County: 2.68 persons NJ: 2.60 persons

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

Veterans: 10,209

High School Graduate or Higher, 25 Years and Over: County: 91.2% NJ: 91.0% Bachelor's Degree or Higher, 25 Years and Over: County: 43.1% NJ: 45.9% Persons Below Poverty Level, Under 18 Years: County: 9.5% NJ: 14.2%

Median Age: County: 39.8 Years NJ: 40.3 Years

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

Per Capita Personal Income (2021): County: \$68,721 NJ: \$77,016

Rank Among NJ Counties: 6

Unemployment Rate: (2022 Annual Average): County: 3.2% NJ: 3.7%

Total Residential Building Permits (2022): 646

Single-Family Residential Building Permits (2022): 168

Average Travel Time to Work: County: 23.9 Minutes NJ: 28.6 Minutes

Percent of Households with a Broadband Internet Subscription: County: 90.8% NJ: 91.9%

Percent of Residents with Health Insurance Coverage: 94.6%

Percent with Private Health Insurance: 75.3% Percent with Public Health Insurance: 31.5%



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#### 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 American Community Survey 2021 1-Year Estimates

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

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