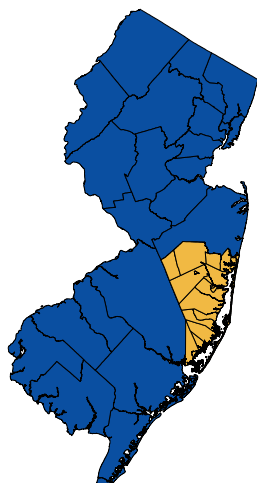


Ocean County Brief

Labor Market Facts



Employment and Wages¹

Total Private Sector Employment (2021 Average Annual): 143,342

Percent of N.J. Total: 4.2%

2016-2021 Employment Change: +6724 or +4.9%

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

Employment (2021 Average Annual): 34,994

Percent of Total County Employment: 24.4%

Private Sector Wage (2021 Average Annual): County: \$49,045 NJ: \$76,623

2016-2021 Change: +\$9,461 or +19.3%

Demographics²

Population (July 1, 2022 estimate): 655,735

Persons Per Square Mile: 1,032.2

Most Populous Municipality (2022 estimate): Lakewood Population: 139,506

Total Households: 237,729

Average Household Size: County: 2.62 persons NJ: 2.60 persons

Population Characteristics³

Veterans: 30,633

High School Graduate or Higher, 25 Years and Over: County: 93.2% NJ: 91.0%

Bachelor's Degree or Higher, 25 Years and Over: County: 32.4% NJ: 43.1%

Persons Below Poverty Level, Under 18 Years: County: 21.6% NJ: 14.2%

Median Age: County: 41.5 Years NJ: 40.3 Years

Economic Characteristics⁴

Per Capita Personal Income (2021): County: \$53,315 NJ: \$77,016

Rank Among NJ Counties: 17

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

Total Residential Building Permits (2022): 3,614

Single-Family Residential Building Permits (2022): 3,012

Average Travel Time to Work: County: 28.8 Minutes NJ: 28.6 Minutes

Percent of Households with a Broadband Internet Subscription: County: 87.7% NJ: 91.9%

Percent of Residents with Health Insurance Coverage: 95.6%

Percent with Private Health Insurance: 68.1%

Percent with Public Health Insurance: 44.9%



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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