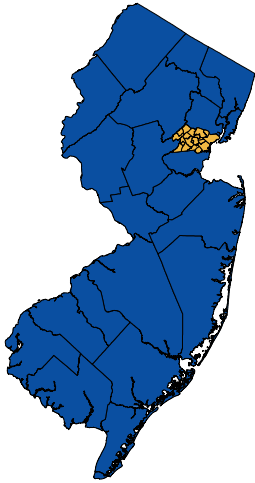


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Employment and Wages¹

Total Private Sector Employment (2020 Average Annual): 182,835

Percent of N.J. Total: 5.7%

2015-2020 Employment Change: -3,157 or -1.7%

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

Employment (2020 Average Annual): 30,251

Percent of Total County Employment: 16.5%

Private Sector Wage (2020 Average Annual): County: \$78,881 NJ: \$74,085

Rank Among NJ Counties: 5

2015-2020 Change: +\$11,170 or +16.5%

Demographics²

Population (April 1, 2020 Census): 575,345

Percent of N.J. Total: 6.2%

Persons Per Square Mile: 5,425.8

Most Populous Municipality (2020 Census): Elizabeth Population: 137,298

Total Households: 190,101

Average Household Size: County: 2.88 persons NJ: 2.69 persons

Population Characteristics³

Veterans: 14,080

High School Graduate or Higher, 25 Years and Over (%): County: 86.4% NJ: 89.8%

Bachelor's Degree or Higher, 25 Years and Over (%): County: 36.0% NJ: 39.7%

Persons Below Poverty Level, Under 18 Years (%): County: 13.2% NJ: 14.0%

Median Age: County: 38.7 Years NJ: 39.9 Years

Economic Characteristics⁴

Per Capita Personal Income (2019): County: \$70,865 NJ: \$70,471

Rank Among NJ Counties: 7

Unemployment Rate: (2020 Annual Average): County: 9.9% NJ: 9.8%

Total Residential Building Permits (2020): 2,650

Single-Family Residential Building Permits (2020): 232

Average Travel Time to Work: County: 31.7 Minutes NJ: 32.2 Minutes

Percent of Households with an Internet Subscription Service: County: 84.0% NJ: 86.1%

Percent of Residents with Health Insurance Coverage: 88.7%

Percent with Private Health Insurance: 67.2%

Percent with Public Health Insurance: 30.5%



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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

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