

MERCER COUNTY

AT A GLANCE



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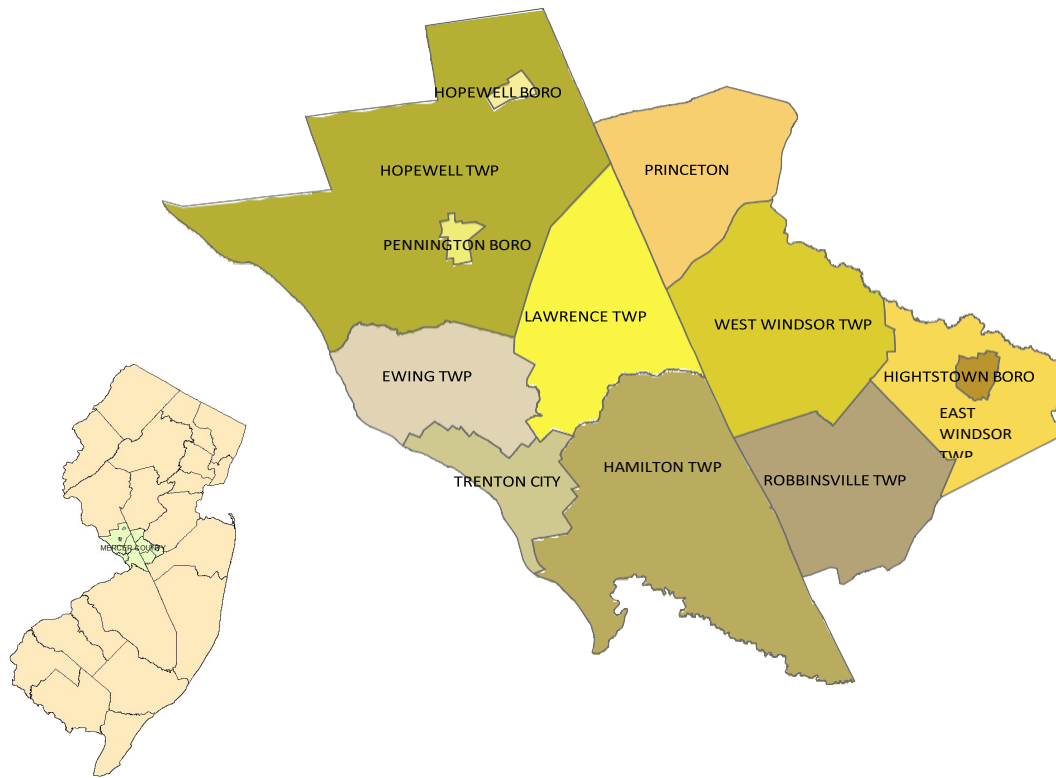
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MERCER COUNTY AT A GLANCE

GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY

Mercer County is 226 square miles and 12th in size of the 21 New Jersey counties. About 14.5 million people live within 50 miles of Mercer County and approximately 26 million people live within a 75-mile radius of the County. Mercer County was formed in 1838 from parts of Burlington, Middlesex, Somerset and Hunterdon counties. Mercer County consists of 12 municipalities, including Trenton, which serves as both State Capital and County Seat.



DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Population	
2010 (Census)	366,513
2020 (Census)	387,340
2050 Forecast (DVRPC)	396,462

Density (pop./sq.mile) 2021	1,726
Median Age, 2021	38.9

Source: ACS 5 year estimate, 2021

Total Households, 2021	137,114
Avg. Persons Per Household	2.68

Source: ACS 5 year estimate, 2021

Racial Composition, 2020 Census	
White	178,447
Black/African American	74,993
Asian	48,537
Other	49,778
Two or more Races	33,143

Persons of Hispanic/Latino origin	84,177
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Median Household Income, 2021	\$85,617
Per Capita Income	
2010	\$34,884
2020	\$45,879

Source: ACS 5 year estimate, 2021

HOUSING

Total Housing Units	
2010 (Census)	143,169
2020 (Census)	150,442

Total Housing Units 2021 (ACS)	149,573
Occupied	
Owner	86,404
Renter	50,710
Vacant	12,459

TAXES

Net Taxable Value	\$42,597,302,001
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Source: County Board of Taxation, 2021

EMPLOYMENT

Total Labor Force	
2010	224,945
2021	251,637

Source: NJ Department of Labor

MERCER COUNTY RECREATION

- [Abbott Marshlands](#)
- Belle Mountain/Valley Road Picnic Area
- Miry Run Ponds
- [Howell Farm](#)
- [John A. Roebling Park](#)
- [Mercer County Equestrian Center](#)
- [Mercer County Ice Skating Center](#)
- [Mercer County Indoor Tennis Center](#)
- [Mercer County Park](#)
- [Mercer Meadows](#)
- [Millyard Park](#)
- [South River Walk Park](#)
- The Ted Stiles Preserve at Baldpate Mountain

FORM OF GOVERNMENT

County Executive/Board of County Commissioners

SEWER & WATER

See Municipal Data

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

2021 – 2022 data includes public schools only. Though most Charter Schools are public by nature, they are not included. Private and parochial schools are not included.

Special Services Dist. Enrollment	556
Technical School Enrollment	655
Total Public School Enrollment	57,137

Source: NJ Department of Education; Fall Enrollment Report

PUBLIC & PRIVATE COLLEGES

- [The College of New Jersey](#)
- [Mercer County Community College](#)
- [Princeton Theological Seminary](#)
- [Princeton University](#)
- [Rider University](#)
- [Thomas Edison State University](#)
- [Westminster Choir College of Rider University](#)

TRANSPORTATION

- [Amtrak](#)
 - [NJ Transit Bus, Train & Light Rail](#)
 - [Route 130 Connection](#)
 - [SEPTA Rail Service](#)
 - [Suburban Transit Bus Corporation](#)
 - [Trenton-Mercer Airport \(TTN\)](#)
- Served by: [Frontier Airlines](#)

HOSPITALS

- [Capital Health Medical Center - Hopewell Township](#)
- [Capital Health Regional Medical Center - Trenton](#)
- [Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital - Hamilton](#)

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

- [Boheme Opera NJ](#)
- [Kelsey Theater](#)
- [Grounds for Sculpture](#)
- [McCarter Theater](#)
- [NJ State Museum & Planetarium](#)
- [CURE Insurance Arena](#)
- [Passage Theatre Company](#)

PROFESSIONAL SPORTS

- [Trenton Thunder](#) – MLB Draft League

PUBLICLY OWNED GOLF COURSES

- [Hopewell Valley Golf & Country Club](#)
- [Mercer Oaks](#)
- [Mountain View Golf Course](#)
- [Princeton Country Club](#)

PRIVATE GOLF COURSES

- [Cranbury Golf Club](#)
- [Cobblestone Creek Country Club](#)
- [Peddie Golf Club](#)
- [TPC Jasna Polana](#)
- [Trenton Country Club](#)

STATE PARKS

Assunpink Wildlife Management Area
Baldwin Lake Wildlife Management Area
[Delaware & Raritan Canal State Park](#)
[Princeton Battlefield State Park](#)
Van Ness Wildlife Management Area
[Washington Crossing State Park](#)

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

[Mercer County Library System](#)
See municipal data for branches

MAJOR PRIVATE EMPLOYERS

Aecom (Princeton)
Amazon (Robbinsville)
Aurobindo Pharma USA Inc. (East Windsor)
Bank of America (Merrill Lynch) (Hopewell Twp)
Bristol Myers Squibb (Lawrence, Princeton)
CA Technologies (Ewing)
Capital Health Medical Center (Hopewell Twp)
Capital Health Regional Medical Center (Trenton)
Church & Dwight (Ewing, Princeton)
Covance (Princeton)
The College of New Jersey (Ewing)
Educational Testing Service (ETS) (Ewing, Princeton)
Janssen Pharmaceuticals (Hopewell Twp)
Jingoli-DCO (Lawrenceville)
Mathematica Policy Research (Princeton)
McGraw-Hill (Hightstown)
New Jersey Manufacturers (NJM) (Ewing)
NRG Energy (West Windsor)
Princeton Theological Seminary (Princeton)
Princeton University (Princeton)
RCN Corporation (Princeton)
Rider University (Lawrence)
Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital (Hamilton)
Sparta Systems Inc. (Hamilton)
SRI International (West Windsor)
Syneos Health (Princeton)
Xerox (Princeton)

LOCAL MEDIA

[The Times of Trenton](#)
[The Trentonian](#)
[Packet Publications](#)
[Community News Services](#)

HISTORIC SITES

[Abbott House](#) (Hamilton)
[Bainbridge House](#) (Princeton)
[Benjamin Temple House](#) (Ewing)
[Brearley House](#) (Lawrence)
[Drumthwacket](#) (Princeton)
[Ellarslie Trenton City Museum](#) (Trenton)
Grover's Mill Pond (West Windsor)
[Howell Living History Farm](#) (Hopewell Twp)
[Isaac Watson House](#) (Hamilton)
[Kuser Farm](#) (Hamilton)
[Morven Museum & Garden](#) (Princeton)
[New Jersey State House](#) (Trenton)
Petty's Run (Trenton)
[The Old Barracks](#) (Trenton)
[The Trent House](#) (Trenton)
[Trenton Battle Monument](#) (Trenton)

<https://www.mercercounty.org/>

NUMBER OF BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS
BY INDUSTRY

Industry Description	Industry NAICS Code	2001	2009	2020
Forestry, Fishing, Hunting, Agriculture Support	11	8	4	6
Mining, Quarrying, Oil & Gas Extraction	21	2	4	n/a
Utilities	22	11	13	26
Construction	23	721	649	697
Manufacturing	31 - 33	329	267	220
Wholesale Trade	42	438	414	379
Retail Trade	44 - 45	1,391	1,392	1,197
Transportation & Warehousing	48 - 49	151	152	240
Information	51	215	177	187
Finance & Insurance	52	1,170	720	573
Real Estate, Rental & Leasing	53	296	330	359
Professional, Scientific & Technical Svs	54	1,562	1,634	1,554
Management of Companies & Enterprises Admin, Support, Waste Mgmt, Remediation Svs	55 56	88 576	63 561	55 656
Educational Services	61	177	217	258
Health Care & Social Services	62	1,039	1,159	1,216
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	71	128	155	166
Accommodation & Food Services	72	688	823	836
Other Services (Except Public Admin) Auxiliaries (Exec Corp, Subsidiary & Reg Mgmt)	81 95	988 20	1,075 n/a	1,062 n/a
Unclassified Establishments	99	90	9	17
County Total		10,088	9,818	9,706

Source: US Bureau of the Census, County Business Patterns, New Jersey

Note: Prior to 1998 County Business Patterns were tracked using SIC codes. Beginning in 2001 data was solely tracked using North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) codes, therefore previous data cannot be compared using a one-to-one comparison. For example, the agriculture category has been completely changed. NAICS is the product of a cooperative effort on the part of the statistical agencies of the United States, Canada and Mexico and provides a common and consistent classification system for the three countries. Due to major differences in NAICS and SIC structures however, data for 2001 and forward is not comparable to the SIC-based data for earlier years. For further information visit www.census.gov.

**Government Covered Jobs
4th Quarter 2022**

Federal	2,299
State	54,238
Local	17,306
Total	73,843

Public sector jobs are a significant factor in Mercer County's employment picture, particularly in the City of Trenton and Ewing Township. These jobs are held both by County and Non-County residents.

Source: NJDOL, NJ State Data Center. Employment and Wages Covered by Unemployment Insurance: Trends in Employment and Wages Covered by Unemployment Insurance.

EAST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP AT A GLANCE

GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY

East Windsor Township is 15.6 square miles of generally level terrain. On March 9, 1750 “Windsor Township” was designated by King George II and the settlement was pioneered by the John Ely family. In 1797, Windsor Township was divided by an act of the New Jersey State Legislature into East and West Windsor townships. Twin Rivers, New Jersey’s first Planned Unit Development of residential and light industrial uses, is located in East Windsor.



DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Population	
2010 (Census)	27,190
2020 (Census)	30,045
2050 Forecast (DVRPC)	28,577

Density (pop./sq.mile) 2021 1,916

Median Age, 2021 39.3
Source: ACS 5 year estimate, 2021

Total Households, 2021 10,661
 Avg. Persons Per Household 2.7
Source: ACS 5 year estimate, 2021

Racial Composition, 2020 Census	
White	12,811
Black/African American	2,759
Am. Indian/Alaska Native	178
Asian	6,800
Native Hawaiian & other Pacific Islander	26
Other	4,525
Two Races	2,790
Three Races	131
Four or More Races	25

Persons of Hispanic/Latino origin 7,750

Median Household Income, 2021	\$101,864
Per Capita Income	
2010	\$37,259
2020	\$45,351

Source: ACS 5 year estimate, 2021

HOUSING

Total Housing Units	
2010 (Census)	10,851
2020 (Census)	11,690
Total Housing Units 2021 (ACS)	11,512
Occupied	
Owner	6,770
Renter	3,891
Vacant	532

EMPLOYMENT

Average Labor Force	
2010	17,318
2021	17,022

Source: NJ Department of Labor

TAXES

Net Taxable Value	\$2,819,584,810
County Equalization Ratio	94.92%
General Tax Rate Per \$100	\$2.921

Source: County Board of Taxation, 2021

FORM OF GOVERNMENT

Council/Manager

SEWER & WATER

Water: East Windsor Twp. MUA, Private Wells
 Sewer: East Windsor Twp. MUA, Private Septic

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

[East Windsor Regional School District](#) **
 2021 – 2022 Enrollment 4,947

** students from East Windsor Township and Hightstown Borough

Source: NJ Department of Education; Fall Enrollment Report

LIBRARIES

[Mercer County Library System](#)
[Hickory Corner Branch](#)
[Twin Rivers Branch](#)

MUNICIPAL RECREATION

Airport Road Fields
 Anker Park
 Bear Brook Pathway
 Disbrow Hill Road Playing Fields
 Etra Lake Park & Pathway
 Rocky Brook Bikeway
 Turnpike Park & Pathway
 Veterans Park
 Westfield Road Park
 Wiltshire Park
 Woods Road Community Park

Building Permits Issued, 2021	
Residential (#)	2
Retail (sq. ft.)	6,779
Office (sq. ft.)	121,500

Source: NJ Department of Community Affairs, Construction Reporter

EWING TOWNSHIP AT A GLANCE

GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY

Ewing Township is 15.1 square miles and is partly bordered by the Delaware River. Largely settled by Scots and British from Long Island in 1700, Ewing Township was severed from the City of Trenton in 1834, taking its name from Chief Justice Charles Ewing. Many important state and county facilities are located in Ewing Township, including The College of New Jersey and Trenton–Mercer Airport.



DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Population	
2010 (Census)	35,790
2020 (Census)	37,264
2050 Forecast (DVRPC)	40,168

Density (pop./sq.mile) 2021 2,460

Median Age, 2021 36.9
Source: ACS 5 year estimate, 2021

Total Households, 2021 13,284
 Avg. Persons Per Household 2.46
Source: ACS 5 year estimate, 2021

Racial Composition, 2020 Census	
White	18,280
Black/African American	11,709
Am. Indian/Alaska Native	161
Asian	1,955
Native Hawaiian & other Pacific Islander	17
Other	2,550
Two Races	2,414
Three Races	147
Four or More Races	31

Persons of Hispanic/Latino origin 4,868

Median Household Income, 2021	\$78,232
Per Capita Income	
2010	\$30,489
2020	\$34,934

Source: ACS 5 year estimate, 2021

HOUSING

Total Housing Units	
2010 (Census)	13,926
2020 (Census)	15,637
Total Housing Units 2021 (ACS)	14,776
Occupied	
Owner	8,884
Renter	4,400
Vacant	1492

EMPLOYMENT

Average Labor Force	
2010	20,794
2021	20,840

Source: NJ Department of Labor

TAXES

Net Taxable Value	\$3,300,269,197
County Equalization Ratio	100.75%
General Tax Rate Per \$100	\$3.509

Source: County Board of Taxation, 2021

FORM OF GOVERNMENT

Mayor/Council

SEWER & WATER

Water: [Trenton City Water Department](#)
 Sewer: [Ewing – Lawrence Sewerage Authority](#)

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

[Ewing Township Board of Education](#)
 2021 – 2022 Enrollment 3,394

Source: NJ Department of Education; Fall Enrollment Report

LIBRARIES

[Mercer County Library System](#)
[Ewing Main Branch](#)
[Hollowbrook Branch](#)

MUNICIPAL RECREATION

Armstrong Park
 Banchoff Park
 Birmingham Park
 Drake Farm Park
 Ewing Senior & Community Center
 Fasilino Field
 Higgs Park
 John Watson Park
 Hollowbrook Community Center
 Moody Park
 Sherbrooke Park
 Stout Avenue Park
 Village of the Green Park

Building Permits Issued, 2021	
Residential (#)	138
Retail (sq. ft.)	5,348
Office (sq. ft.)	5,350

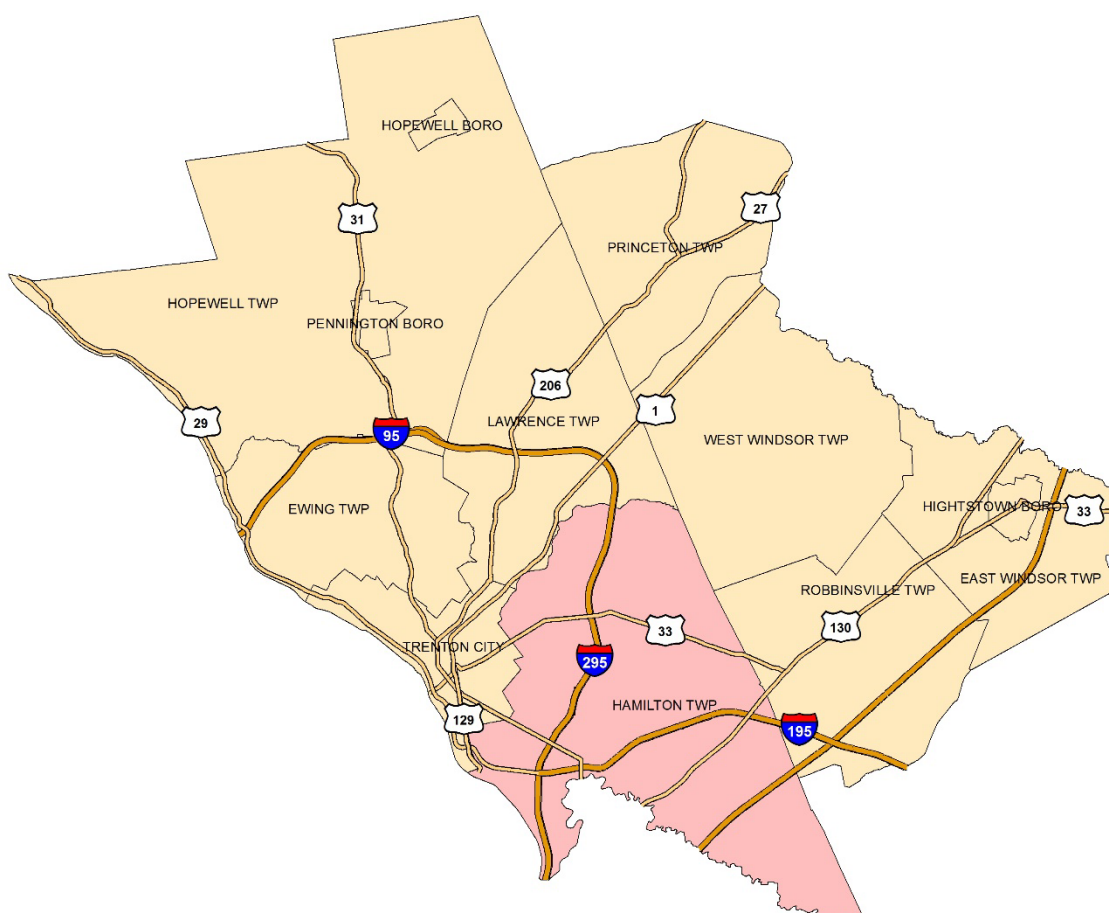
Source: NJ Department of Community Affairs, Construction Reporter

<https://www.ewingnj.org/>

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP AT A GLANCE

GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY

Hamilton Township is 39.4 square miles, one of Mercer County’s largest and most populated municipalities. Hamilton Township was originally The Town of Nottingham from 1686 to when it was incorporated in 1842. Hamilton Township experienced much industrial and residential development like its neighbor, Trenton, and has continued to grow residentially since World War II, though farming continues to thrive in the still rural area of the township. Hamilton has experienced a growth in large shopping destinations in recent years.



DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Population	
2010 (Census)	88,464
2020 (Census)	92,297
2050 Forecast (DVRPC)	88,912

Density (pop./sq.mile) 2021 2,323

Median Age, 2021 41.8

Source: ACS 5 year estimate, 2021

Total Households, 2021 34,682

Avg. Persons Per Household 2.62

Source: ACS 5 year estimate, 2021

Racial Composition, 2020 Census

White	57,798
Black/African American	12,203
Am. Indian/Alaska Native	427
Asian	4,171
Native Hawaiian & other Pacific Islander	26
Other	9,730
Two Races	7,446
Three Races	415
Four or More Races	81

Persons of Hispanic/Latino origin 18,279

Median Household Income, 2021 \$84,684

Per Capita Income

 2010 \$32,344

 2020 \$39,677

Source: ACS 5 year estimate, 2021

HOUSING

Total Housing Units	
2010 (Census)	36,170
2020 (Census)	37,716

Total Housing Units 2021 (ACS) 36,285

 Occupied

 Owner 25,040

 Renter 9,642

 Vacant 1,603

TAXES

Net Taxable Value \$8,684,990,309

County Equalization Ratio 93.75%

General Tax Rate Per \$100 \$3.263

Source: County Board of Taxation, 2021

FORM OF GOVERNMENT

Mayor/Council

SEWER & WATER

Water: [Trenton City Water Department](#), [Aqua](#)

[New Jersey](#), Private Wells

Sewer: [Hamilton Township Pollution Control](#)

[Board](#), Private Septic

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

[Hamilton Township School District](#)

2021 – 2022 Enrollment 11,522

Source: NJ Department of Education; Fall Enrollment Report

LIBRARIES

[Hamilton Free Public Library](#)

Municipal Recreation

Abbott Marshlands

Anchor Thread Park

Kuser Farm Park

Sayen Botanical Gardens

Shadybrook Park

Switlik Park

Tulpehaking Nature Center

Veterans Park

EMPLOYMENT

Average Labor Force

 2010 54,336

 2021 53,372

Source: NJ Department of Labor

<https://www.hamiltonnj.com/>

HIGHTSTOWN BOROUGH AT A GLANCE

GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY

Hightstown Borough is 1.2 square miles and is entirely surrounded by East Windsor Township. One of the earliest settled communities in New Jersey, Hightstown derived its name from the Haight family, but was confused as “Hidestown,” “Icetown,” or “Night Town” during the Revolutionary War. Hightstown was incorporated in 1853.



DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Population	
2010 (Census)	5,494
2020 (Census)	5,900
2050 Forecast (DVRPC)	6,373

Density (pop./sq.mile) 2021 4,760

Median Age, 2021 45.4
Source: ACS 5 year estimate, 2021

Total Households, 2021 2,135
 Avg. Persons Per Household 2.7
Source: ACS 5 year estimate, 2021

Racial Composition, 2020 Census	
White	2,928
Black/African American	424
Am. Indian/Alaska Native	57
Asian	338
Native Hawaiian & other Pacific Islander	4
Other	1,410
Two Races	695
Three Races	39
Four or More Races	5

Persons of Hispanic/Latino origin 2,166

Median Household Income, 2021	\$91,875
Per Capita Income	
2010	\$32,976
2020	\$48,577

Source: ACS 5 year estimate, 2021

HOUSING

Total Housing Units	
2010 (Census)	2,108
2020 (Census)	2,216
Total Housing Units 2021 (ACS)	2,288
Occupied	
Owner	1,536
Renter	599
Vacant	153

EMPLOYMENT

Average Labor Force	
2010	3,966
2021	3,643

Source: NJ Department of Labor

TAXES

Net Taxable Value	\$396,172,397
County Equalization Ratio	86.44%
General Tax Rate Per \$100	\$4.516

Source: County Board of Taxation, 2021

FORM OF GOVERNMENT

Mayor/Council

SEWER & WATER

Water: [Hightstown Borough Water & Sewer](#)
 Sewer: [Hightstown Borough Water & Sewer](#)

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

[East Windsor Regional School District](#) **
 2021 – 2022 Enrollment 4,947

** students from East Windsor Township and Hightstown Borough

Source: NJ Department of Education; Fall Enrollment Report

LIBRARIES

[Mercer County Library System](#)
[Hightstown Memorial Branch](#)

MUNICIPAL RECREATION

Bank Street Park
 Dawes Park
 Grant Street Park
 Peddie Lake

Building Permits Issued, 2021	
Residential (#)	1
Retail (sq. ft.)	0
Office (sq. ft.)	0

Source: NJ Department of Community Affairs, Construction Reporter

HOPEWELL BOROUGH AT A GLANCE

GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY

Hopewell Borough is 0.8 square miles surrounded by Hopewell Township. The village of Hopewell was the birthplace of John Hart, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. Hopewell Borough became incorporated in 1891 and retains its Colonial village character within its Victorian-era neighborhoods at the foot of the Sourland Mountains.



DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Population	
2010 (Census)	1,922
2020 (Census)	1,918
2050 Forecast (DVRPC)	1,923

Density (pop./sq.mile) 2021 2,620

Median Age, 2021 44.6
Source: ACS 5 year estimate, 2021

Total Households, 2021 76

Avg. Persons Per Household 2.54

Racial Composition, 2020 Census	
White	1,705
Black/African American	32
Am. Indian/Alaska Native	7
Asian	27
Native Hawaiian & other Pacific Islander	1
Other	17
Two Races	115
Three Races	10
Four or More Races	4

Persons of Hispanic/Latino origin 84

Median Household Income, 2021	\$125,400
Per Capita Income	
2010	\$50,910
2020	\$65,409

Source: ACS 5 year estimate, 2021

HOUSING

Total Housing Units	
2010 (Census)	817
2020 (Census)	828
Total Housing Units 2021 (ACS)	779
Occupied	
Owner	559
Renter	167
Vacant	53

EMPLOYMENT

Average Labor Force	
2010	1,535
2021	1,256

Source: NJ Department of Labor

<https://www.hopewellboro-nj.us/>

TAXES

Net Taxable Value	\$317,351,900
County Equalization Ratio	92.37%
General Tax Rate Per \$100	\$3.071

Source: County Board of Taxation, 2021

FORM OF GOVERNMENT

Borough Council

SEWER & WATER

Water: Hopewell Borough Water Department
 Sewer: [Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority](#)

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

[Hopewell Valley Regional School District](#) **
 2021 – 2022 Enrollment 3,403

** students from Hopewell Borough, Hopewell Township and Pennington Borough

Source: NJ Department of Education; Fall Enrollment Report

LIBRARIES

[Mercer County Library System](#)
[Hopewell Branch](#)

MUNICIPAL RECREATION

Hopewell Borough Park
 Train Station Mini-Park

Building Permits Issued, 2021

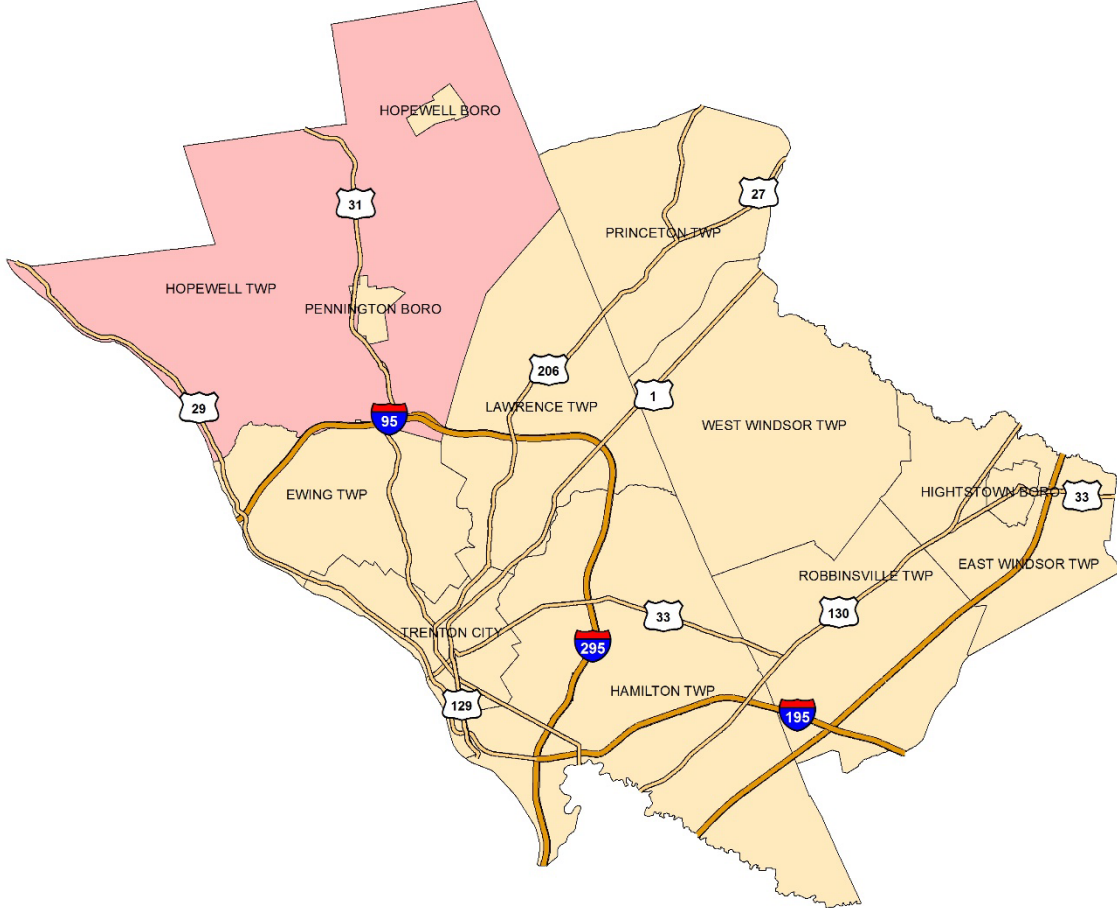
Residential (#)	1
Retail (sq. ft.)	0
Office (sq. ft.)	0

Source: NJ Department of Community Affairs, Construction Reporter

HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP AT A GLANCE

GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY

Hopewell Township is 58 square miles of rolling hills and valleys and is Mercer County’s largest municipality by land area. In 1777, General George Washington crossed the Delaware River from Pennsylvania and landed in Hopewell Township before leading the surprise attack on Trenton. Incorporated in 1798, Hopewell Township is still a mostly rural community with some office campus developments.



DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Population	
2010 (Census)	18,302
2020 (Census)	17,491
2050 Forecast (DVRPC)	23,028

Density (pop./sq.mile) 2021 299

Median Age, 2021 43.6
Source: ACS 5 year estimate, 2021

Total Households, 2021 5,887

Avg. Persons Per Household 2.90

Racial Composition, 2020 Census

White	13,357
Black/African American	617
Am. Indian/Alaska Native	15
Asian	2,040
Native Hawaiian & other Pacific Islander	7
Other	291
Two Races	1,112
Three Races	47
Four or More Races	5

Persons of Hispanic/Latino origin 1,039

Median Household Income, 2021	\$153,281
Per Capita Income	
2010	\$55,219
2020	\$68,002

Source: ACS 5 year estimate, 2021

HOUSING

Total Housing Units	
2010 (Census)	6,551
2020 (Census)	6,748
Total Housing Units 2021 (ACS)	6,367
Occupied	
Owner	5,131
Renter	756
Vacant	480

EMPLOYMENT

Average Labor Force	
2010	9,915
2021	10,549

Source: NJ Department of Labor

<https://www.hopewelltp.org/>

TAXES

Net Taxable Value	\$3,816,199,773
County Equalization Ratio	94.19%
General Tax Rate Per \$100	\$2.950

Source: County Board of Taxation, 2021

FORM OF GOVERNMENT

Township Committee

SEWER & WATER

Water: [Trenton Water Works, Hopewell Township Municipal Utilities Department](#), private well
 Sewer: [Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority, Ewing-Lawrence Sewerage Authority](#), private septic

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

[Hopewell Valley Regional School District](#) **
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LIBRARIES

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MUNICIPAL RECREATION

Woolsey Park
 Hopewell Township Municipal Athletic Complex
 Independence Park
 Twin Pines

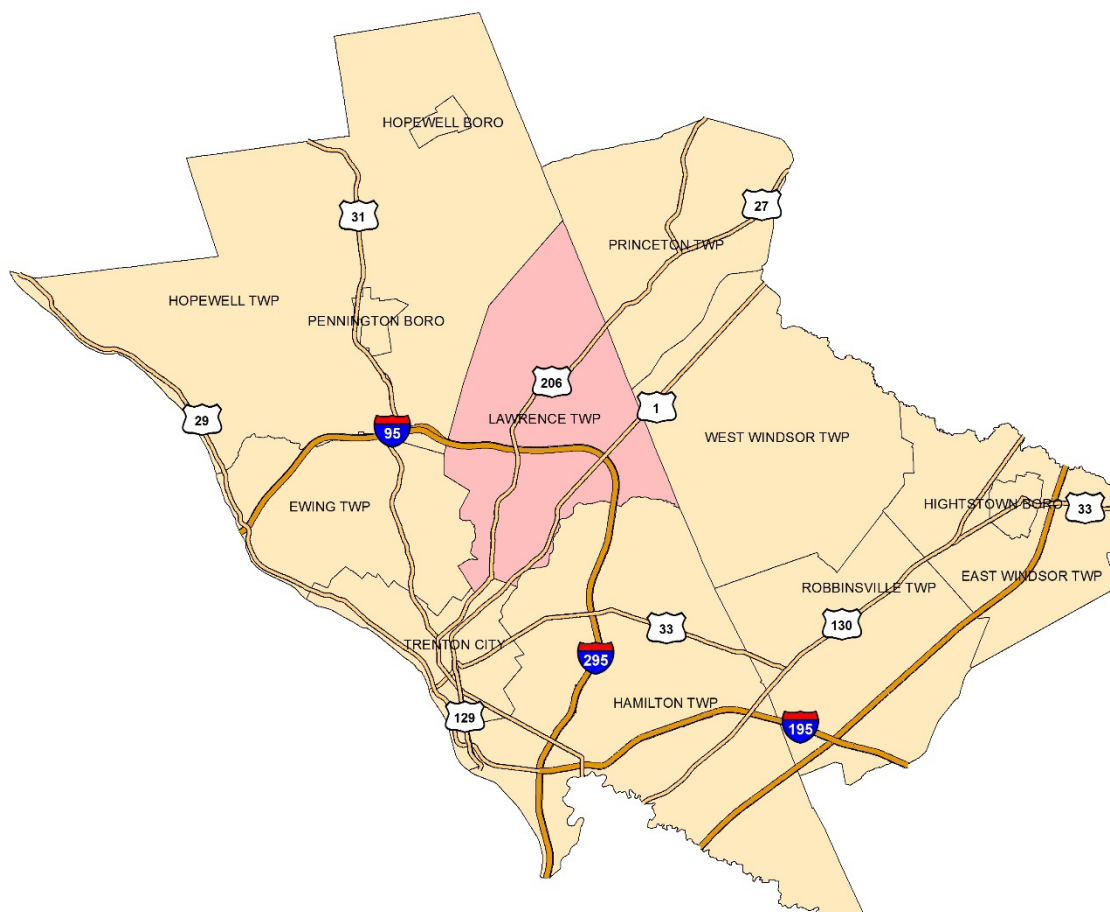
Building Permits Issued, 2021	
Residential (#)	10
Retail (sq. ft.)	0
Office (sq. ft.)	0

Source: NJ Department of Community Affairs, Construction Reporter

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP AT A GLANCE

GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY

Lawrence Township is 21.9 square miles and is located in the heart of Mercer County. Originally called Maidenhead in the 1600s, Lawrence Township was noted for its rich, fertile soil. Renamed after Captain John Lawrence, a naval hero of 1812, Lawrence has experienced much commercial and residential development yet still has many rural areas.



DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Population	
2010 (Census)	33,472
2020 (Census)	33,077
2050 Forecast (DVRPC)	34,475

Density (pop./sq.mile) 2021 1,520

Median Age, 2021 39.8
Source: ACS 5 year estimate, 2021

Total Households, 2021 11,849
 Avg. Persons Per Household 2.61
Source: ACS 5 year estimate, 2021

Racial Composition, 2020 Census	
White	18,891
Black/African American	3,897
Am. Indian/Alaska Native	80
Asian	5,892
Native Hawaiian & other Pacific Islander	9
Other	1,858
Two Races	2,305
Three Races	122
Four or More Races	23

Persons of Hispanic/Latino origin 3,687

Median Household Income, 2021 \$114,043
 Per Capita Income

2010	\$43,136
2020	\$50,949

Source: ACS 5 year estimate, 2021

HOUSING

Total Housing Units	
2010 (Census)	13,239
2020 (Census)	13,268

Total Housing Units 2021 (ACS)	12,720
Occupied	
Owner	8,268
Renter	3,581
Vacant	871

EMPLOYMENT

Average Labor Force	
2010	18,572
2021	20,216

Source: NJ Department of Labor

<https://www.lawrencetwp.com/>

TAXES

Net Taxable Value	\$4,649,784,780
County Equalization Ratio	91.58%
General Tax Rate Per \$100	\$2.943

Source: County Board of Taxation, 2021

FORM OF GOVERNMENT

Manager/Council

SEWER & WATER

Water: [Trenton City Water Department](#), [Aqua America NJ](#), [NJ American Water](#)
 Sewer: [Ewing – Lawrence Sewerage Authority](#), Private Septic

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

[Lawrence Township Public Schools](#)
 2021 – 2022 Enrollment 3,597
Source: NJ Department of Education; Fall Enrollment Report

LIBRARIES

[Mercer County Library System](#)
[Lawrence Headquarters Branch](#)

MUNICIPAL RECREATION

Carson Road Woods
 Central Park
 Colonial Lake Park
 Drexel Woods
 Eldridge Park
 Village Park

Building Permits Issued, 2021	
Residential (#)	11
Retail (sq. ft.)	0
Office (sq. ft.)	9,500

Source: NJ Department of Community Affairs, Construction Reporter

PENNINGTON BOROUGH AT A GLANCE

GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY

Pennington Borough is 1.0 square mile. Like Hopewell Borough, Pennington is surrounded by Hopewell Township. Originally known as Queenstown, there was much trade with the local Native Americans during the 1700s until Pennington was occupied by raucous British and Hessian troops during the American Revolution. Today, Pennington’s quaint main street can be found amidst preserved 18th and 19th century buildings.



DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Population	
2010 (Census)	2,585
2020 (Census)	2,802
2050 Forecast (DVRPC)	2,605

Density (pop./sq.mile) 2021	2,907
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Median Age, 2021	47.8
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Source: ACS 5 year estimate, 2021

Total Households, 2021	1,134
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Avg. Persons Per Household	2.38
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Racial Composition, 2020 Census	
White	2,498
Black/African American	49
Am. Indian/Alaska Native	8
Asian	83
Native Hawaiian & other Pacific Islander	0
Other	17
Two Races	140
Three Races	7
Four or More Races	0

Persons of Hispanic/Latino origin	88
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Median Household Income, 2021	\$166,473
Per Capita Income	
2010	\$56,962
2020	\$72,510

Source: ACS 5 year estimate, 2021

HOUSING

Total Housing Units	
2010 (Census)	1,083
2020 (Census)	1,088

Total Housing Units 2021 (ACS)	1,247
Occupied	
Owner	865
Renter	269
Vacant	113

EMPLOYMENT

Average Labor Force	
2010	1,750
2021	1,501

Source: NJ Department of Labor

TAXES

Net Taxable Value	\$516,339,691
County Equalization Ratio	98.58%
General Tax Rate Per \$100	\$2.762

Source: County Board of Taxation, 2021

FORM OF GOVERNMENT

Mayor/Council

SEWER & WATER

Water: Pennington Water & Sewer Utility
 Sewer: Pennington Water & Sewer Utility

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

[Hopewell Valley Regional School District](#) **
 2021 – 2022 Enrollment 3,403

** students from Pennington Borough, Hopewell Township and Hopewell Borough

Source: NJ Department of Education; Fall Enrollment Report

LIBRARIES

[Mercer County Library System](#)
[Hopewell Branch](#)
[Pennington Public Library](#)

MUNICIPAL RECREATION

Kunkel Park
 Sked Street Park

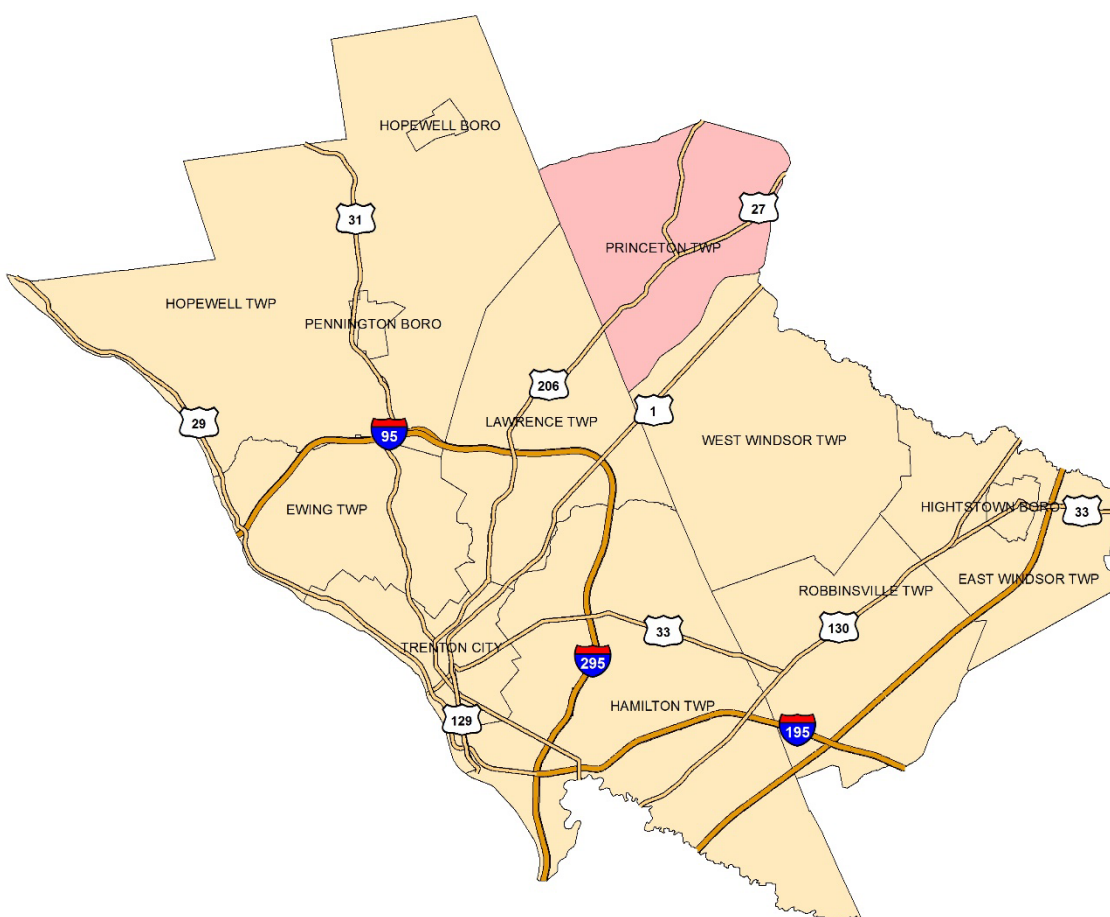
Building Permits Issued, 2021	
Residential (#)	1
Retail (sq. ft.)	0
Office (sq. ft.)	0

Source: NJ Department of Community Affairs, Construction Reporter

PRINCETON AT A GLANCE

GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY

Princeton is 18.1 square miles and comprises the former Princeton Borough and Princeton Township, which consolidated on January 1, 2013. In 1697, early settlers Richard and Susannah Stockton acquired 5,500 acres from William Penn. Nassau Street, Princeton’s main street, was once a Native American trail which later became the King’s Highway in Colonial days. After the American Revolution, Nassau Hall was temporarily used as the U.S. Capitol. Today, downtown Princeton boasts numerous retail shops surrounded by historic residential neighborhoods and is one of the most affluent communities in New Jersey. Note: 2010 data is an aggregate of Princeton Borough and Princeton Township.



DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Population	
2010 (Census)	28,572
2020 (Census)	30,681
2050 Forecast (DVRPC)	32,374

Density (pop./sq.mile) 2021 1,720

Median Age, 2021 28.9

Source: ACS 5 year estimate, 2021

Total Households, 2021 9,120

Avg. Persons Per Household 2.69

Source: ACS 5 year estimate, 2021

Racial Composition, 2020 Census	
White	18,156
Black/African American	1,841
Am. Indian/Alaska Native	97
Asian	6,762
Native Hawaiian & other	12
Pacific Islander	
Other	1,209
Two Races	2,419
Three Races	151
Four or More Races	34

Persons of Hispanic/Latino origin 3,014

Median Household Income, 2021 \$165,149

 Per Capita Income

 2010 N/A

 2020 \$79,217

Source: ACS 5 year estimate, 2021

HOUSING

Total Housing Units	
2010 (Census)	10,302
2020 (Census)	10,380

Total Housing Units 2021 (ACS) 10,236

 Occupied

 Owner 5,373

 Renter 3,747

 Vacant 1,116

EMPLOYMENT

Average Labor Force

 2010 24,724

 2021 17,574

Source: NJ Department of Labor

TAXES

Net Taxable Value \$7,210,186,149

County Equalization Ratio 82.33%

General Tax Rate Per \$100 \$2.439

Source: County Board of Taxation, 2021

FORM OF GOVERNMENT

Mayor/Council

SEWER & WATER

Water: [New Jersey American Water](#), Private

Wells

Sewer: [Stony Brook Regional Sewerage](#),

Private Septic

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

[Princeton Public Schools](#) **

2021 – 2022 Enrollment 3,703

** students from Princeton and Cranbury Township (Middlesex County)

Source: NJ Department of Education; Fall Enrollment Report

LIBRARIES

[Princeton Public Library](#)

MUNICIPAL RECREATION

Autumn Hill Reservation

Barbara Smoyer Park

Community Park

Grover Park

Hilltop Park

Marquand Park

Quarry Park & Playground

Sigmund Park

Turning Basing Park

Van Dyke-Wight Woods

Building Permits Issued, 2021

 Residential (#) 25

 Retail (sq. ft.) 0

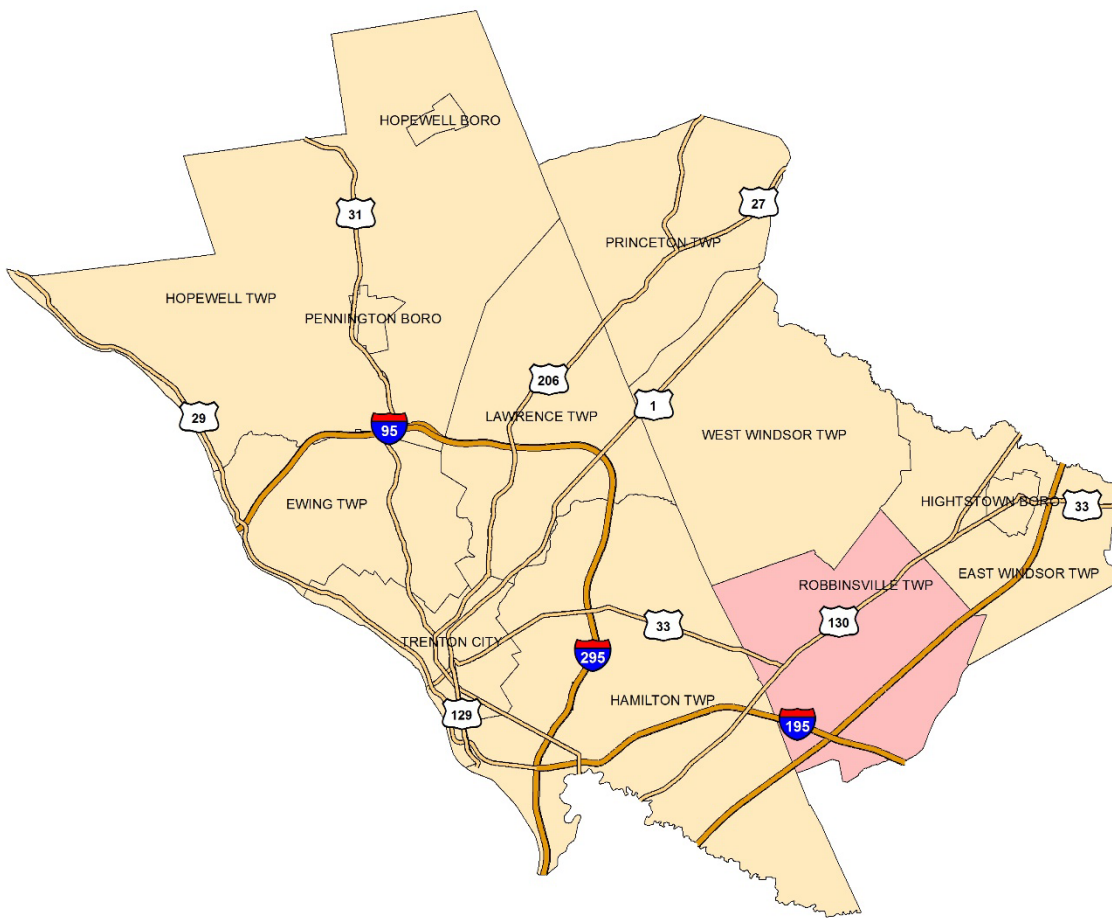
 Office (sq. ft.) 0

Source: NJ Department of Community Affairs, Construction Reporter

ROBBINSVILLE TOWNSHIP AT A GLANCE

GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY

Robbinsville Township, which changed its name from Washington Township in 2007, is 20.7 square miles with a level, rural landscape. In 1677, land was purchased in this area by Quakers from the Lenni-Lenape. In 1859, Robbinsville Township separated from West Windsor Township. Land use types vary from agricultural to warehouse. Robbinsville Township is at the forefront of planning with its award winning Town Center Development.



DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Population	
2010 (Census)	13,642
2020 (Census)	15,476
2050 Forecast (DVRPC)	14,951

Density (pop./sq.mile) 2021	750
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Median Age, 2021	41.0
<i>Source: ACS 5 year estimate, 2021</i>	

Total Households, 2021	5,593
Avg. Persons Per Household	2.73
<i>Source: ACS 5 year estimate, 2021</i>	

Racial Composition, 2020 Census	
White	9,528
Black/African American	483
Am. Indian/Alaska Native	23
Asian	4,312
Native Hawaiian & other Pacific Islander	0
Other	259
Two Races	822
Three Races	46
Four or More Races	3

Persons of Hispanic/Latino origin	790
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Median Household Income, 2021	\$155,680
Per Capita Income	
2010	\$44,149
2020	\$61,971
<i>Source: ACS 5 year estimate, 2021</i>	

HOUSING

Total Housing Units	
2010 (Census)	5,277
2020 (Census)	5,687

Total Housing Units 2021 (ACS)	5,777
Occupied	
Owner	4,804
Renter	789
Vacant	184

EMPLOYMENT

Average Labor Force	
2010	7,180
2021	8,842

Source: NJ Department of Labor

TAXES

Net Taxable Value	\$2,642,545,926
County Equalization Ratio	93.34%
General Tax Rate Per \$100	\$2.955
<i>Source: County Board of Taxation, 2021</i>	

FORM OF GOVERNMENT

Township Committee

SEWER & WATER

Water: [Aqua New Jersey](#), Private Wells
 Sewer: [Hamilton Township Pollution Control Board](#), Private Septic

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Robbinsville Public Schools	
2021 – 2022 Enrollment	3,096

Source: NJ Department of Education; Fall Enrollment Report

LIBRARIES

[Mercer County Library System](#)
[Robbinsville Branch](#)

Municipal Recreation

Blakely Park
 Community Park
 Municipal Complex
 William Tantum Park

Building Permits Issued, 2021	
Residential (#)	39
Retail (sq. ft.)	0
Office (sq. ft.)	0

Source: NJ Department of Community Affairs, Construction Reporter

WEST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP AT A GLANCE

GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY

West Windsor is 26.8 square miles of generally level land bordered by the Millstone River. Formed on March 9, 1750, “Windsor Township” was ruled by King Charles II, and named after the Royal House of Windsor in England until it became West Windsor in 1797. The Township grew into a prosperous farming community and has experienced much commercial development along U.S. Route 1 as well as significant suburban development.



DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Population	
2010 (Census)	27,165
2020 (Census)	29,518
2050 Forecast (DVRPC)	37,215

Density (pop./sq.mile) 2021 1,153

Median Age, 2021 40.9
Source: ACS 5 year estimate, 2021

Total Households, 2021 10,582
 Avg. Persons Per Household 2.76
Source: ACS 5 year estimate, 2021

Racial Composition, 2020 Census	
White	10,491
Black/African American	1,276
Am. Indian/Alaska Native	59
Asian	15,527
Native Hawaiian & other Pacific Islander	12
Other	478
Two Races	1,513
Three Races	143
Four or More Races	19

Persons of Hispanic/Latino origin 1,507

Median Household Income, 2021	\$175,107
Per Capita Income	
2010	\$57,686
2020	\$77,541

Source: ACS 5 year estimate, 2021

HOUSING

Total Housing Units	
2010 (Census)	9,810
2020 (Census)	10,862

Total Housing Units 2021 (ACS)	11,126
Occupied	
Owner	7,095
Renter	3,487
Vacant	544

EMPLOYMENT

Average Labor Force	
2010	14,904
2021	15,988

Source: NJ Department of Labor

TAXES

Net Taxable Value	\$5,995,672,508
County Equalization Ratio	87.89%
General Tax Rate Per \$100	\$2.856

Source: County Board of Taxation, 2021

FORM OF GOVERNMENT

Township Committee

SEWER & WATER

Water: [New Jersey American Water](#) , Private Wells
 Sewer: [Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority](#), [Hamilton Twp Pollution Control Board](#), Private Septic

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

[West Windsor - Plainsboro Regional School District](#) **
 2021 – 2022 Enrollment 9,005
 ** students from West Windsor Township and Plainsboro Township (Middlesex County)

Source: NJ Department of Education; Fall Enrollment Report

LIBRARIES

[Mercer County Library System](#)
[West Windsor Branch](#)

MUNICIPAL RECREATION

Grover Road Athletic Complex
 Hendrickson Drive Tennis Complex
 Lewis Chamberlin Park
 Millstone River Preserve
 Ron Rogers Arboretum/Preserve
 Van Nest Park
 West Windsor Community Park
 Zaitz Park

Building Permits Issued, 2021	
Residential (#)	4
Retail (sq. ft.)	0
Office (sq. ft.)	1,984

Source: NJ Department of Community Affairs, Construction Reporter

SELECTED DEFINITIONS

<u>American Community Survey (ACS) -</u>	The American Community Survey is a large, continuous demographic survey conducted by the Census Bureau that will eventually provide accurate and up-to-date profiles of America's communities every year. Questionnaires are mailed to a sample of addresses to obtain information about households -- that is, about each person and the housing unit itself. The survey produces annual and multi-year estimates of population and housing characteristics and produces data for small areas, including tracts and population subgroups. Questions asked are similar to those on the decennial census long form.
<u>Average Labor Force -</u>	Labor Force is the sum of employment and unemployment. Average Labor Force represents the average number of people in a municipality who work or who are seeking work.
<u>Average Persons Per Household -</u>	This number is obtained by dividing the number of persons in households by the number of households (or householders).
<u>Charter Schools -</u>	Charter schools are independent public schools that provide another education option to parents and students. Because a charter school is not managed by the local school district, it is free to design the environment it believes will best serve students' needs. For this reason it is not counted as part of the Public School Enrollment Data.
<u>School Enrollment-</u>	School Enrollment data includes Public School District Data only in this report. It excludes Charter, Private and Parochial Schools.
<u>Hispanic or Latino Origin -</u>	People who identify with the terms "Hispanic" or "Latino" are those who classify themselves in one of the specific Hispanic or Latino categories listed on the Census or ACS questionnaire - "Mexican," "Puerto Rican," or "Cuban" - as well as those who indicate that they are "other Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino." Origin can be viewed as the heritage, nationality group, lineage, or country of birth of the person or the person's parents or ancestors before their arrival in the United States. People who identify their origin as Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino may be of any race.
<u>Housing Unit -</u>	A house, an apartment, a mobile home or trailer, a group of rooms, or a single room occupied as separate living quarters, or if vacant, intended for occupancy as separate living quarters. Separate living quarters are those in which the occupants live separately from any other individuals in the building and which have direct access from outside the building or through a common hall. For vacant units, the criteria of separateness and direct access are applied to the intended occupants whenever possible.
<u>Median Income -</u>	The median income divides the income distribution into two equal groups, one having incomes above the median, and other having incomes below the median.
<u>Per Capita Income -</u>	Average Per Capita Income is obtained by dividing aggregate income by total population of an area.

Population Density -

Total population within a geographic entity divided by the land area of that entity measured in square miles. Density is expressed as "people per square mile" of land area.

Private Sector Employment (Private Sector Covered Jobs) -

Covered employment is a monthly count of full and part-time employees, who earned wages during the pay period including the 12th of the month, as reported quarterly by employers covered by the New Jersey Unemployment Compensation Law. Basically, any employer paying at least \$1,000 in wages in the current or preceding calendar year is covered. Jobs not covered by the law fall mainly into the categories of self-employed and unpaid family workers or certain agricultural and in-home domestic workers. Private Sector employment represents the number of jobs (private sector covered) in a municipality. Townships with greater than 60% of it's employment in the Private Sector category may be suppressed per the Census Bureau for privacy reasons. Suppressed numbers are chosen randomly by NJDOL.

Race -

The federal government considers race and Hispanic origin to be two separate and distinct concepts. Starting with Census 2000, the questions on race and Hispanic origin were asked of every individual living in the United States. The question on race for Census 2000 was different from the one for the 1990 census in several ways. Most significantly, respondents were given the option of selecting one or more race categories to indicate their racial identities.

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