[Coordinates](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Geographic_coordinate_system): [40°N 74.5°W](https://tools.wmflabs.org/geohack/geohack.php?pagename=New_Jersey&amp;params=40_N_74.5_W_region%3AUS-NJ_type%3Aadm1st_scale%3A3000000)

**New Jersey**

[**New Jersey** is a state in the Mid-Atlantic region of the Northeastern](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Northeastern_United_States) [United States. It is bordered on the north and east by the state of New York; on the east, southeast, and south by the Atlantic Ocean; on the](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_(state)) west by the [Delaware River](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Delaware_River) and [Pennsylvania](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pennsylvania); and on the southwest by [Delaware Bay](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Delaware_Bay) and the [State of Delaware](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/State_of_Delaware). New Jersey is the [fourth-smallest state](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_U.S._states_and_territories_by_area) by area but the [11th-most populous](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_U.S._states_and_territories_by_population), with 8,882,190 residents as of 2019 and an area of 8,722.58 square miles, making it the [most densely populated](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_U.S._states_and_territories_by_population_density) of the [50 U.S. states](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_U.S._states), with its biggest city being [Newark](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Newark%2C_New_Jersey). New Jersey lies completely within the [combined statistical areas](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Combined_statistical_area) of New York City and [Philadelphia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Philadelphia). New [Jersey was the second-wealthiest U.S. state by median household income as of 2017.[20]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Household_income_in_the_United_States)

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| **New Jersey** | |
| [**State**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/U.S._state) | |
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| [Flag](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Flag_of_New_Jersey) | [Seal](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Seal_of_New_Jersey) |
| [Nickname(s):](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_U.S._state_nicknames) The Garden State[1] | |
| [Motto(s):](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_U.S._state_and_territory_mottos) Liberty and prosperity | |
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| **Before statehood**  [**Admitted to the Union**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_U.S._states_by_date_of_admission_to_the_Union#List_of_U.S._states) | [Province of New Jersey](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Province_of_New_Jersey)  December 18, 1787 (3rd) |
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| [**Largest city**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_U.S._states%27_largest_cities_by_population)  [**Largest metro**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Metropolitan_Statistical_Areas) | [Newark](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Newark%2C_New_Jersey)  [Greater New York](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_metropolitan_area) |
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| **Area** | |
| * **Total** | 8,722.58 sq mi |
|  | (22,591.38 km2) |
| * **Land** | 7,354.22[2] sq mi |
|  | (19,047.34 km2) |
| * **Water** | 1,368.36 sq mi |
|  | (3,544.04 km2) 15.7% |
| **Area rank** | [47th](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_U.S._states_and_territories_by_area) |
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New Jersey was inhabited by Native Americans for more than 2,800 years, with historical tribes such as the [Lenape](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lenape) along the coast. In the early 17th century, the [Dutch](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Netherlands) and the [Swedes](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sweden) founded the first European settlements in the state.[21] The [English](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kingdom_of_England) later seized control of the region,[22] naming it the [Province of New Jersey](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Province_of_New_Jersey) after the largest of the [Channel Islands](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Channel_Islands), [Jersey](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jersey),[23] and granting it as a colony [to Sir George Carteret and John Berkeley, 1st Baron Berkeley of Stratton. New Jersey was the site of several important battles during](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Berkeley%2C_1st_Baron_Berkeley_of_Stratton) the [American Revolutionary War](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/American_Revolutionary_War) in the 18th century.

In the 19th century, factories in the cities [Camden](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Camden%2C_New_Jersey), [Paterson](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paterson%2C_New_Jersey), Newark, [Trenton](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trenton%2C_New_Jersey), [Jersey City](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jersey_City%2C_New_Jersey), and [Elizabeth](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elizabeth%2C_New_Jersey) (known as the "Big Six"[24]), helped drive the [Industrial Revolution](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Industrial_Revolution). New Jersey's geographic location at the center of the [Northeast megalopolis](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Northeast_megalopolis), between [Boston](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boston) and New York City to the northeast, and Philadelphia, [Baltimore](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Baltimore), and Washington, D.C., to the southwest, fueled its rapid growth through the process of suburbanization in the second half of the 20th century. At the turn of the 21st century, this suburbanization began reverting with the consolidation of New Jersey's [culturally diverse](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ethnic_enclave) populace toward more urban settings within the state,[25][26] with towns home to [commuter rail stations](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Commuter_rail_in_North_America) outpacing the population growth of more [automobile](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Automobile)-oriented suburbs since 2008.[27]

As of 2018, New Jersey was home to the highest number of [millionaires per capita of all U.S. states.[28] New Jersey's public school system consistently ranks at or among the top of all fifty U.S.](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/State_school) states.[29][30][31]

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| * **Length** * **Width** | 170 mi (273 km)  70 mi (112 km) |
| **Elevation** | 250 ft (80 m) |
| **Highest elevation** | 1,803 ft (549.6 m) |
| ([High Point](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/High_Point_(New_Jersey))[3][4]) |  |
| **Lowest elevation** | 0 ft (0 m) |
| (Atlantic Ocean[3]) |  |
| **Population** (2019[5]) | |
| * **Total** | 8,882,190 |
| * **Rank** | [11th](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_states_and_territories_of_the_United_States_by_population) |
| * **Density** | 1,210.10/sq mi (467/km2) |
| * **Density rank** * [**Median household income**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Household_income_in_the_United_States#Income_by_state) | [1st](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_states_and_territories_of_the_United_States_by_population_density)  $79,363[5] |
| * **Income rank** | 3rd |
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| [**Trad. abbreviation**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_U.S._state_abbreviations#Current_use_of_traditional_abbreviations) | N.J. |
| **Latitude** | 38°56′ N to 41°21′ N |
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# History

Around 180 million years ago, during the [Jurassic](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jurassic) Period, New Jersey bordered North Africa. The pressure of the collision between North America and Africa gave rise to the [Appalachian Mountains](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Appalachian_Mountains). Around 18,000 years ago, the [Ice Age](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wisconsin_glaciation) resulted in [glaciers](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Glacier) that reached New Jersey. As the glaciers retreated, they left behind [Lake Passaic](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lake_Passaic), as well as many rivers, swamps, and gorges.[32]

[New Jersey was originally settled by Native Americans, with the Lenni- Lenape being dominant at the time of contact. *Scheyichbi* is the](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lenape) [Lenape](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lenape_language) [name](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lenape) for the land that is now New Jersey.[33] The Lenape were several [autonomous](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Autonomy) groups that practiced maize agriculture in order to supplement their hunting

and gathering in the region surrounding the [Delaware River](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Delaware_River), the lower [Hudson River](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hudson_River), and western [Long Island Sound](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Long_Island_Sound). The Lenape society was divided into [matrilinear](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Matrilineality) clans that were based upon common female ancestors. These clans were organized into three distinct [phratries](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Phratry) identified by their animal sign: Turtle, [Turkey](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Turkey_(bird)), and [Wolf](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wolf). They first encountered the [Dutch](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dutch_colonization_of_the_Americas) in the early 17th century, and their primary relationship with the Europeans was through [fur trade](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fur_trade).

## Colonial era

The Dutch became the first Europeans to lay claim to lands in New Jersey. The Dutch colony of [New Netherland](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Netherland) consisted of parts of modern [Middle Atlantic](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Middle_Atlantic) states. Although the European principle of [land ownership](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Land_ownership) was not recognized by the [Lenape](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lenape), [Dutch West India Company](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dutch_West_India_Company) policy required its colonists to purchase the land that they settled.

The first to do so was [Michiel Pauw](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Michael_Reyniersz_Pauw) who established a patronship called [Pavonia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pavonia%2C_New_Netherland) in 1630 along the [North River](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/North_River_(Hudson_River)) which eventually became the [Bergen](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bergen%2C_New_Netherland). [Peter Minuit](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peter_Minuit)'s purchase of lands along the [Delaware River](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Delaware_River) established the colony of [New Sweden](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Sweden). The entire region became a territory of [England](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kingdom_of_England) on June 24, 1664, after an English fleet under the [command of Colonel Richard Nicolls sailed into what is now New York Harbor and took control of](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_Harbor) [Fort Amsterdam](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fort_Amsterdam)[, annexing the entire](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_Harbor) province.

During the [English Civil War](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/English_Civil_War), the [Channel Island](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Channel_Islands) of [Jersey](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jersey) remained loyal to the British Crown and gave sanctuary to the [King](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/King_of_England). It was from the Royal Square in [Saint Helier](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint_Helier) that [Charles II of England](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charles_II_of_England) was [proclaimed King in 1649, following the execution of his father, Charles](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charles_I_of_England)

[I. The North American lands were divided by](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charles_I_of_England) [Charles II](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charles_II_of_England)[, who gave his](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charles_I_of_England) [brother, the Duke of York (later King James II), the region between New](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_England)



[The New Jersey Botanical Garden at Skylands](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Skylands_(estate)) in [Ringwood State Park](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ringwood_State_Park), [Passaic](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Passaic_County%2C_New_Jersey) and [Bergen](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bergen_County%2C_New_Jersey) counties

[England and](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_England) [Maryland](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maryland) [as a](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_England) [proprietary colony](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Proprietary_colony) [(as opposed to a](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_England) [royal colony](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Royal_colony)). James then granted the land between the [Hudson River](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hudson_River) and the [Delaware River](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Delaware_River) (the land that would [become New Jersey) to two friends who had remained loyal through the English Civil War:](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/English_Civil_War) [Sir George Carteret](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George_Carteret) [and](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/English_Civil_War) [Lord Berkeley of Stratton](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Berkeley%2C_1st_Baron_Berkeley_of_Stratton)[.[34] The area was named the](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/English_Civil_War)

[Province of New Jersey](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Province_of_New_Jersey).

[Since the state's inception, New Jersey has been characterized by ethnic and religious diversity. New England](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Multiculturalism) [Congregationalists](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Congregationalists) [settled alongside](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Multiculturalism) [Scots Presbyterians](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scots%27_Church%2C_Melbourne) [and](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Multiculturalism) [Dutch Reformed](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dutch_Reformed) migrants. While the majority of residents lived in towns with individual landholdings of 100 acres (40 ha), a few rich proprietors owned vast estates. English [Quakers](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Quakers) and [Anglicans](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anglicans) owned large landholdings. Unlike [Plymouth Colony](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Plymouth_Colony), [Jamestown](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jamestown%2C_Virginia) and other colonies, New Jersey was populated by a secondary wave of immigrants who came from other colonies instead of those who migrated directly from Europe. New Jersey remained agrarian and rural throughout the colonial era, and [commercial farming](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Commercial_agriculture) developed sporadically. Some townships, such as [Burlington](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Burlington%2C_New_Jersey) on the Delaware River and [Perth Amboy](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Perth_Amboy), emerged as important ports for shipping to New York City and Philadelphia. The colony's fertile lands and tolerant religious policy drew more settlers, and New Jersey's population had increased to 120,000 by 1775.



The relative location of the New Netherland and New Sweden settlements in eastern North America

Settlement for the first 10 years of English rule took place along [Hackensack River](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hackensack_River) and [Arthur Kill](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arthur_Kill)—settlers came primarily from New York and New England. On March 18, 1673, Berkeley sold his half of the colony to [Quakers](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Religious_Society_of_Friends) in England, who settled the Delaware Valley region as a Quaker colony. ([William Penn](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_Penn) acted as trustee for the lands for a time.) New Jersey was governed very briefly as two distinct provinces, [East](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/East_Jersey) and [West Jersey](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/West_Jersey), for 28 years between 1674 and 1702, at times part of the [Province of New York](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Province_of_New_York) or [Dominion of New England](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dominion_of_New_England).

In 1702, the two provinces were reunited under a [royal governor](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Royal_Governor_of_New_Jersey), rather than a [proprietary one](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Proprietary_governor). [Edward Hyde](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Edward_Hyde%2C_3rd_Earl_of_Clarendon), Lord Cornbury, became the first governor of the colony as a royal colony. Britain believed that he was an ineffective and corrupt ruler, taking bribes and speculating on land. In 1708 he was recalled to England. New Jersey was then ruled by the governors of New York, but this infuriated the settlers of New Jersey, who accused those governors of favoritism to New York. [Judge Lewis Morris](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lewis_Morris_(governor)) led the case for a separate governor, and was appointed governor by [King George II](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George_II_of_Great_Britain) in 1738.[35]

## Revolutionary War era

[New Jersey was one of the Thirteen Colonies that revolted against British rule in the American Revolution. The New Jersey Constitution of 1776 was passed July 2, 1776, just two days before the](https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/New_Jersey_Constitution_of_1776) [Second Continental Congress](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Second_Continental_Congress) [declared](https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/New_Jersey_Constitution_of_1776) [American Independence from Great Britain. It was an act of the Provincial Congress, which made itself into the State Legislature. To reassure neutrals, it provided that it would become void if New Jersey reached reconciliation with Great](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Jersey_Legislature) [Britain. New Jersey representatives Richard Stockton, John Witherspoon, Francis Hopkinson, John Hart, and Abraham Clark were among those who signed the](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Abraham_Clark) [United States Declaration of Independence](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_Declaration_of_Independence) [on July 4, 1776.](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Abraham_Clark)

During the [American Revolutionary War](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/American_Revolutionary_War), British and American armies crossed New Jersey numerous times, and several pivotal battles took place in the state. Because of this, New Jersey today is often referred to as "The Crossroads of the American Revolution".[36] The winter quarters of the [Continental Army](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Continental_Army) were established there twice by General [George Washington](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George_Washington) in [Morristown](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Morristown%2C_New_Jersey), which has been called "The Military Capital of the American Revolution".[37]

[On the night of December 25–26, 1776, the Continental Army under George Washington crossed the Delaware River. After the crossing, he surprised and](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Washington%27s_crossing_of_the_Delaware_River) defeated the [Hessian troops](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hessian_(soldiers)) in the [Battle of Trenton](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Trenton). Slightly more than a week after victory at [Trenton](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trenton%2C_New_Jersey), American forces gained an important victory by stopping [General Cornwallis's](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charles_Cornwallis%2C_1st_Marquess_Cornwallis) charges at the [Second Battle of Trenton](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Second_Battle_of_Trenton). By evading Cornwallis's army, Washington made a surprise attack on [Princeton](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Princeton%2C_New_Jersey) and [successfully defeated the British forces there on January 3, 1777. Emanuel Leutze's painting of](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Emanuel_Leutze) [*Washington Crossing the Delaware*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Washington_Crossing_the_Delaware_(1851_painting))[became an icon of the](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Emanuel_Leutze) Revolution.

American forces under Washington met the forces under General [Henry Clinton](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Henry_Clinton_(American_War_of_Independence)) at the [Battle of Monmouth](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Monmouth) in an indecisive engagement in June 1778. Washington attempted to take the British column by surprise; when the British army attempted to flank the Americans, the Americans retreated in disorder. The ranks were later reorganized and withstood the British charges.

[In the summer of 1783, the Continental Congress met in Nassau Hall at Princeton University, making Princeton the nation's capital for four months. It was there](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Princeton_University)



[*Washington Crossing the Delaware*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Washington_Crossing_the_Delaware_(1851_painting))[in the winter of 1777, during the New York and New Jersey campaign](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_and_New_Jersey_campaign) (painting by [Emanuel Leutze](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Emanuel_Leutze), 1851)



[George Washington](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George_Washington) rallying his troops at the [Battle of Princeton](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Princeton)

that the Continental Congress learned of the signing of the [Treaty of Paris (1783)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Treaty_of_Paris_(1783)), which ended the war.

On December 18, 1787, New Jersey became the third state to ratify the [United States Constitution](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_Constitution), which was overwhelmingly popular in New Jersey, as it prevented New York and Pennsylvania from charging [tariffs](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tariff) on goods [imported from Europe. On November 20, 1789, the state became the first in the newly formed Union to ratify the Bill of Rights.](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_Bill_of_Rights)

The 1776 [New Jersey State Constitution](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Jersey_State_Constitution) gave the vote to "all inhabitants" who had a certain level of wealth. This included women and blacks, but not married women, because they could not own property separately from their husbands. Both sides, in several elections, claimed that the other side had had unqualified women vote and mocked them for use of "petticoat electors", whether entitled to vote or not; on the other hand, both parties passed Voting Rights Acts. In 1807, the legislature passed a bill interpreting the constitution to mean universal *white male* [suffrage](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Suffrage), excluding paupers; the constitution was itself an act of the legislature and not enshrined as the modern constitution.[38]

## 19th century

On February 15, 1804, New Jersey became the last northern state to [abolish](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Abolitionism_in_the_United_States) new [slavery](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Slavery) and enacted legislation that slowly phased out existing slavery. This led to a gradual decrease of the slave population. By the close of the [Civil War](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/American_Civil_War), about a dozen African Americans in New Jersey were still held in bondage.[39] New Jersey voters initially refused to ratify the constitutional amendments banning slavery and granting rights to the United States' black population.

Industrialization accelerated in the northern part of the state following completion of the [Morris Canal](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Morris_Canal) in 1831. The canal allowed for coal to be brought from eastern [Pennsylvania](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pennsylvania)'s [Lehigh Valley](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lehigh_Valley) to northern New Jersey's growing industries in [Paterson](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paterson%2C_New_Jersey), [Newark](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Newark%2C_New_Jersey), and [Jersey City](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jersey_City%2C_New_Jersey).

In 1844, the second [state constitution](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Jersey_State_Constitution) was ratified and brought into effect. Counties thereby became districts for the State Senate, and [some realignment of boundaries (including the creation of Mercer County) immediately followed. This provision was retained in the](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mercer_County%2C_New_Jersey) [1947 Constitution, but was overturned by the Supreme Court of the](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Supreme_Court_of_the_United_States)

A map of the 107-mile long [Morris Canal](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Morris_Canal) across northern New Jersey

[United States in 1962 by the decision](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Supreme_Court_of_the_United_States) [*Baker v. Carr*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Baker_v._Carr)[. While the](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Supreme_Court_of_the_United_States) Governorship was stronger than under the 1776 constitution, the constitution of 1844 created many offices that were not responsible to him, or to the people, and it gave him a three-year term, but he could not succeed himself.

New Jersey was one of the few Union states (the others being [Delaware](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Delaware) and [Kentucky](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kentucky)) to select a candidate other than [Abraham Lincoln](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Abraham_Lincoln) twice in national elections, and sided with [Stephen Douglas](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stephen_Douglas) (1860) and [George B. McClellan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George_B._McClellan) (1864) during their campaigns. McClellan, a native Philadelphian, had New Jersey ties and formally resided in New Jersey at the time; he later became Governor of New Jersey (1878–81). (In New Jersey, the factions of the Democratic party managed [an effective coalition in 1860.) During the American Civil War, the state was led first by Republican Governor Charles Smith Olden, then by Democrat](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charles_Smith_Olden) [Joel Parker](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joel_Parker_(politician))[. During the course of the war, over 80,000 from the state enlisted in the](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charles_Smith_Olden) Northern army; unlike many states, including some Northern ones, no battle was fought there.



View of New Jersey's largest city, Newark, 1874

In the [Industrial Revolution](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Industrial_Revolution), cities like [Paterson](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paterson%2C_New_Jersey) grew and prospered. Previously, the economy had been largely agrarian, which was problematically subject to crop failures and poor soil. This caused a shift to a more industrialized economy, one [based on manufactured commodities such as textiles and silk. Inventor Thomas Edison also became an important figure of the Industrial Revolution, having been](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thomas_Edison) [granted 1,093 patents](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Edison_patents), many of which for inventions he developed while working in New Jersey. Edison's facilities, first at [Menlo Park](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Menlo_Park%2C_New_Jersey) and then in [West Orange](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/West_Orange%2C_New_Jersey), are considered perhaps the first [research centers](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Research_center) in the United States. Christie Street in Menlo Park was the first thoroughfare in the world to have electric lighting. Transportation was greatly improved as [locomotion](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Locomotive) and [steamboats](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Steamboat) were introduced to New Jersey.

[Iron](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iron_ore) mining was also a leading industry during the middle to late 19th century. [Bog iron](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bog_iron) pits in the southern New Jersey Pinelands were among the first sources of iron for the new nation.[40] Mines such as Mt. Hope, Mine Hill and the Rockaway Valley Mines created a thriving industry. Mining generated the impetus for new towns and was one of the driving forces behind the need for the [Morris Canal](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Morris_Canal). [Zinc](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zinc) mines were also a major industry, especially the [Sterling Hill Mine](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sterling_Hill_Mine).

## 20th century

[New Jersey prospered through the Roaring Twenties. The first Miss America](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Miss_America_Pageant) [Pageant was held in 1921 in Atlantic City, the Holland Tunnel connecting Jersey City to](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jersey_City%2C_New_Jersey) [Manhattan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Manhattan) [opened in 1927, and the first](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jersey_City%2C_New_Jersey) [drive-in movie](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Drive-in_movie) [was shown in](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jersey_City%2C_New_Jersey) 1933 in Camden. During the [Great Depression](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Great_Depression) of the 1930s, the state offered begging licenses to unemployed residents,[41] the zeppelin airship [Hindenburg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hindenburg_disaster) crashed in flames over [Lakehurst](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lakehurst%2C_New_Jersey), and the [SS *Morro Castle*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SS_Morro_Castle_(1930)) beached itself near Asbury Park after going up in flames while at sea.

Through both [World Wars](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_War), New Jersey was a center for war production, especially naval construction. The [Federal Shipbuilding and Drydock Company](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Federal_Shipbuilding_and_Drydock_Company) yards in Kearny and Newark and the [New York Shipbuilding Corporation](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_Shipbuilding_Corporation) yard in Camden produced aircraft carriers, battleships, cruisers, and destroyers.[42] New Jersey manufactured 6.8 percent of total United States military armaments

[Thomas Edison](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thomas_Edison) in his laboratory, West Orange, New Jersey, 1901

produced during [World War II](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_War_II), ranking fifth among the 48 states.[43] In addition, [Fort Dix](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fort_Dix%2C_New_Jersey) (1917) (originally called "Camp Dix"),[44] [Camp Merritt](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Camp_Merritt_(New_Jersey)) (1917)[45] and [Camp Kilmer](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Camp_Kilmer) (1941)[46] were all constructed to house and train American soldiers through both World Wars. New Jersey also became a principal location for defense in the [Cold War](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cold_War). Fourteen [Nike missile](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Project_Nike) stations were constructed for the defense of the New York City and [Philadelphia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Philadelphia) areas. [*PT-109*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Motor_Torpedo_Boat_PT-109), a motor torpedo boat commanded by Lt. (j.g.) [John F. Kennedy](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_F._Kennedy) in World War II, was built at the Elco Boatworks in Bayonne. The aircraft carrier [USS *Enterprise* (CV-6)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Enterprise_(CV-6)) was briefly docked at the Military Ocean Terminal in Bayonne in the 1950s before she was sent to Kearney to be scrapped.[47] In 1962, the world's first nuclear-powered cargo ship, the [NS Savannah](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/NS_Savannah), was launched at Camden.

[In 1951, the New Jersey Turnpike opened, permitting fast travel by car and truck between North Jersey (and metropolitan New York) and South Jersey (and](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_metropolitan_area) [metropolitan Philadelphia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Delaware_Valley)[).](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_metropolitan_area)



Marchers in [Camden, New Jersey](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Camden%2C_New_Jersey) [demanding jobs during the Great Depression, c.1935](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Great_Depression_in_the_United_States)

[In 1959, Air Defense Command deployed the CIM-10 Bomarc surface-to-air missile to](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Surface-to-air_missile) [McGuire Air Force Base](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/McGuire_Air_Force_Base)[. On June 7, 1960 an](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Surface-to-air_missile) [explosion](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BOMARC_Missile_Accident_Site) [in a CIM-10](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Surface-to-air_missile) Bomarc missile fuel tank caused the accident and subsequent plutonium contamination.[48]

In the 1960s, [race riots](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Race_riot) erupted in many of the industrial cities of North Jersey. The first race riots in New Jersey occurred in Jersey City on August 2, 1964. Several others ensued in 1967, in [Newark](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1967_Newark_riots) and [Plainfield](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1967_Plainfield_riots). Other riots followed the assassination of [Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dr._Martin_Luther_King%2C_Jr) in April 1968, just as in the rest of the country. A riot occurred in [Camden](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Camden%2C_New_Jersey) in 1971.

As a result of an order from the [New Jersey Supreme Court](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Jersey_Supreme_Court) to fund schools equitably, the New Jersey legislature passed an income tax bill in 1976. Prior to this bill, the state had no income tax.[49]

## 21st century

In the early part of the 2000s, two [light rail](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Light_rail) systems were opened: the [Hudson–Bergen Light Rail](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hudson%E2%80%93Bergen_Light_Rail) in Hudson County and the [River Line](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/River_Line_(New_Jersey_Transit)) between Camden and Trenton. The intent of these projects was to encourage [transit-oriented development](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Transit-oriented_development) in North Jersey and South Jersey, respectively. The HBLR in particular was credited with a revitalization of Hudson County and [Jersey City](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jersey_City%2C_New_Jersey) in particular.[50][51][52][53] Urban revitalization has continued in North Jersey in the 21st century. As of 2014, Jersey City's Census-estimated population was 262,146,[54] with the largest population increase of any municipality in New Jersey since 2010,[55] representing an increase of 5.9% from the [2010 United States Census](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2010_United_States_Census), when the city's

Interactive map of New Jersey

population was enumerated at 247,597.[56][57] Between [2000](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2000_United_States_Census) and [2010](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2010_United_States_Census), Newark experienced its first population increase since the 1950s.

# Geography

New Jersey is bordered on the north and northeast by [New York](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_(state)) (parts of which [are across the Hudson River, Upper New York Bay, the Kill Van Kull, Newark Bay, and the](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Newark_Bay) [Arthur Kill](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arthur_Kill)[); on the east by the Atlantic Ocean; on the southwest by](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Newark_Bay) [Delaware](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Delaware) across [Delaware Bay](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Delaware_Bay); and on the west by [Pennsylvania](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pennsylvania) across the [Delaware River](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Delaware_River).

New Jersey is often broadly divided into three geographic regions: [North Jersey](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/North_Jersey), [Central Jersey](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Central_Jersey), and [South Jersey](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/South_Jersey). Some New Jersey residents do not consider Central Jersey a region in its own right, but others believe it is a separate geographic and cultural area from the North and South.

Within those regions are five distinct areas, based upon natural geography and population concentration. Northeastern New Jersey lies closest to [Manhattan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Manhattan) in New York City, and up to a million residents commute daily into the city for work, often via public transportation.[60] Northwestern New Jersey is more wooded, rural, and mountainous. The [Jersey shore](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jersey_shore), along the Atlantic Coast in Central and South Jersey, has its own unique natural, residential, and cultural characteristics owing to its location by the ocean. The [Delaware Valley](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Delaware_Valley) includes [the southwestern counties of the state, which reside within the Philadelphia Metropolitan Area. The](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Philadelphia_Metropolitan_Area) [Pine Barrens](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pine_Barrens_(New_Jersey)) [region is in the southern interior of New](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Philadelphia_Metropolitan_Area)

[Sunrise on the Jersey Shore at Spring Lake,](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spring_Lake%2C_New_Jersey) [Monmouth County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Monmouth_County%2C_New_Jersey) [(above), and](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spring_Lake%2C_New_Jersey) sunset on the Shore at [Sunset Beach](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sunset_Beach_(New_Jersey)), [Cape May County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cape_May_County%2C_New_Jersey) (below)

Jersey. Covered rather extensively by mixed [pine](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pine) and [oak](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oak) forest, it has a much lower population density than much of the rest of the state.

The federal [Office of Management and Budget](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Office_of_Management_and_Budget) divides New Jersey's counties into seven [Metropolitan Statistical Areas](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Metropolitan_Statistical_Area), with 16 counties included in either the New York City or Philadelphia metro areas. Four counties have independent metro areas, and Warren County is part of the Pennsylvania-based [Lehigh Valley](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lehigh_Valley) metro area. New Jersey is also at the center of the [Northeast megalopolis](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Northeast_megalopolis).

[High Point](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/High_Point_(New_Jersey)), in [Montague Township](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Montague_Township%2C_New_Jersey), [Sussex County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sussex_County%2C_New_Jersey), is the state's highest elevation, at 1,803 feet (550 m) above sea level. The state's highest [prominence](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prominence_(mountains)) is [Kitty Ann Mountain](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kitty_Ann_Mountain) in [Morris County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Morris_County%2C_New_Jersey), rising 892 feet. The [Palisades](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Palisades_(Hudson_River)) are a line of steep cliffs on the west side of the [Hudson River](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hudson_River), in [Bergen](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bergen_County%2C_New_Jersey) and [Hudson Counties](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hudson_County%2C_New_Jersey). Major [New Jersey rivers](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_New_Jersey_rivers) include the [Hudson](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hudson_River), [Delaware](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Delaware_River), [Raritan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Raritan_River), [Passaic](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Passaic_River), [Hackensack](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hackensack_River), [Rahway](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rahway_River), [Musconetcong](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Musconetcong_River), [Mullica](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mullica_River), [Rancocas](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rancocas_River), [Manasquan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Manasquan_River), [Maurice](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maurice_River), and [Toms](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Toms_River) rivers. Due to New Jersey's [peninsular](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peninsula) geography, both sunrise and sunset are visible over water from different points on the Jersey Shore.

## Prominent geographic features

[Delaware Water Gap](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Delaware_Water_Gap) [Great Bay](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Great_Bay_(New_Jersey))

[Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Great_Swamp_National_Wildlife_Refuge) [Highlands](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York%E2%80%93New_Jersey_Highlands)

[Hudson Palisades](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hudson_Palisades) [Jersey Shore](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jersey_Shore) [Meadowlands](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Jersey_Meadowlands) [Pine Barrens](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pine_Barrens_(New_Jersey)) [Ramapo Mountain](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ramapo_Mountain_State_Forest)



[High Point Monument](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/High_Point_Monument) as seen from Lake Marcia at High Point, [Sussex County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sussex_County%2C_New_Jersey), the [highest elevation](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_U.S._states_by_elevation) in New Jersey, at 1803 feet above

sea level.[58]

[South Mountain](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/South_Mountain_Reservation)

## Climate

There are two climatic conditions in the state. The south, central, and northeast parts of the state have a [humid subtropical](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Humid_subtropical) climate, while the northwest has a [humid continental climate](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Humid_continental_climate) ([microthermal](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Microthermal)), with much cooler temperatures due to higher elevation. New Jersey receives between 2,400 and 2,800 hours of [sunshine](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sunshine) annually.[61]

[Climate change](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Climate_change) is affecting New Jersey faster than much of the rest of the United States. As of 2019, New Jersey was one of the fastest-warming states in the nation. Since 1895, average temperatures have climbed by almost 3.6 degrees Fahrenheit, double the average for the other [Lower 48](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Contiguous_United_States) states.[62]

Summers are typically hot and humid, with statewide average high temperatures of 82–87 °F (28–31 °C) and lows of 60–69 °F (16–21 °C); however, temperatures exceed 90 °F (32 °C) on average 25 days each summer, exceeding 100 °F (38 °C) in some years. Winters are usually cold, with average high temperatures of 34–

[New Jersey, seen here in Warrren](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Warren_County%2C_New_Jersey) [County, shares the Delaware Water Gap with neighboring](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Delaware_Water_Gap) [Pennsylvania](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pennsylvania).



[Kitty Ann Mountain](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kitty_Ann_Mountain) rises above [Kinnelon](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kinnelon%2C_New_Jersey), [Morris County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Morris_County%2C_New_Jersey), at an [altitude](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Altitude_(triangle)) of 1159 feet above sea level, with the highest [prominence](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prominence_(mountains)) in New Jersey, at 892 feet.

43 °F (1–6 °C) and lows of 16 to 28 °F (−9 to −2 °C) for most of the state, but temperatures can, for brief periods, fall below 10 °F (−12 °C) and sometimes rise above 50 °F (10 °C). Northwestern parts of the state have significantly colder winters with sub-0 °F (−18 °C) being an almost annual occurrence. Spring and autumn may feature wide temperature variations, with lower humidity than summer. The [USDA Plant Hardiness Zone](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hardiness_zone) classification ranges from 6 in the

northwest of the state, to 7B near Cape May.[63] All-time temperature extremes recorded in New Jersey include 110 °F

(43 °C) on July 10, 1936 in [Runyon](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Runyon%2C_New_Jersey), Middlesex County and −34 °F (−37 °C) on January 5, 1904 in [River Vale](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/River_Vale%2C_New_Jersey), Bergen County.[64]

Average annual precipitation ranges from 43 to 51 inches (1,100 to 1,300 mm), uniformly spread through the year. Average snowfall per winter season ranges from 10–15 inches (25–38 cm) in the south and near the seacoast, 15–30 inches (38–76 cm) in the northeast and central part of the state, to about 40–50 inches (1.0–1.3 m) in the northwestern highlands, but this often varies considerably from year to year. Precipitation falls on an average of 120 days a year, with 25 to 30 thunderstorms, most of which occur during the summer.

During winter and early spring, New Jersey can experience "[nor'easters](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nor%27easter)", which are capable of causing [blizzards](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blizzards) or flooding throughout the northeastern United States. [Hurricanes](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hurricane) and [tropical storms](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tropical_storm) (such as Tropical Storm [Floyd](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hurricane_Floyd) in [1999](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1999_Atlantic_hurricane_season)[65]), [tornadoes](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tornado), and earthquakes are rare, although New Jersey was impacted by a hurricane in [1903](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1903_New_Jersey_hurricane), and [Hurricane Sandy](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hurricane_Sandy) on October 29, [2012](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_Atlantic_hurricane_season) with the storm making landfall in the state with top winds of 90 mph (145 km/h).



[Part of the Palisades Interstate Park, the c](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Palisades_Interstate_Park)liffs of the [New Jersey Palisades](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Jersey_Palisades) in [Bergen](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bergen_County%2C_New_Jersey) (seen here) and [Hudson](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hudson_County%2C_New_Jersey) counties overlook the [Hudson River](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hudson_River).



The [Great Falls](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Great_Falls_(Passaic_River)) of the [Passaic River](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Passaic_River) in [Paterson](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paterson%2C_New_Jersey), [Passaic County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Passaic_County%2C_New_Jersey), dedicated as a [U.S. National Park](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_national_parks_of_the_United_States) in November 2011, incorporates one of the largest [waterfalls](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Waterfall) in the eastern

United States.[59]

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| Average high and low temperatures in various cities of New Jersey **°C** (°F)[[1](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Jersey#cite_note-NOAA_PHL-60)] [[2](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Jersey#cite_note-NOAA_NYC-61)] [[3]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Jersey#cite_note-62) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **City** | **Jan** | **Feb** | **Mar** | **Apr** | **May** | **Jun** | **Jul** | **Aug** | **Sep** | **Oct** | **Nov** | **Dec** |  |
| [**Sussex**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sussex%2C_New_Jersey) | **1**/**−9**  (34/16) | **3**/**−8**  (38/18) | **8**/**−4**  (47/26) | **15**/**2**  (59/36) | **21**/**7**  (70/45) | **25**/**12**  (78/55) | **28**/**16**  (82/60) | **27**/**14**  (81/58) | **23**/**10**  (73/50) | **17**/**4**  (62/38) | **11**/**−1**  (51/31) | **4**/**−6**  (39/22) |  |
| [**Newark**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Newark%2C_New_Jersey) | **4**/**−4**  (39/24) | **6**/**−3**  (42/27) | **10**/**1**  (51/34) | **17**/**7**  (62/44) | **22**/**12**  (72/53) | **28**/**17**  (82/63) | **30**/**20**  (86/69) | **29**/**20**  (84/68) | **25**/**15**  (77/60) | **18**/**9**  (65/48) | **13**/**4**  (55/39) | **6**/**−1**  (44/30) |  |
| [**Atlantic City**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Atlantic_City%2C_New_Jersey) | **5**/**−2**  (42/29) | **6**/**−1**  (44/31) | **10**/**3**  (50/37) | **14**/**8**  (58/46) | **19**/**13**  (67/55) | **24**/**18**  (76/64) | **27**/**21**  (81/70) | **27**/**21**  (80/70) | **24**/**18**  (75/64) | **18**/**11**  (65/53) | **13**/**6**  (56/43) | **8**/**1**  (46/34) |  |
| [**Cape May**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cape_May%2C_New_Jersey) | **6**/**−2**  (42/28) | **7**/**−2**  (44/29) | **11**/**2**  (51/35) | **16**/**7**  (61/44) | **21**/**12**  (70/53) | **26**/**17**  (79/63) | **29**/**20**  (85/68) | **29**/**19**  (83/67) | **25**/**16**  (78/61) | **19**/**9**  (67/50) | **14**/**4**  (57/41) | **8**/**0**  (47/32) |  |

# Demographics

## State population

**Historical population**

### Census Pop. %±

68.6% [White American](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/White_American)

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| The [United States Census Bureau](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_Census_Bureau) estimates that the population of New Jersey was | [**1790**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1790_United_States_Census) | 184,139 | — |
| 8,882,190 on July 1, 2019, a 1.03% increase since the [2010 United States Census](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2010_United_States_Census).[5] | [**1800**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1800_United_States_Census) | 211,149 | 14.7% |
| Residents of New Jersey are most commonly referred to as "New Jerseyans" or, less | [**1810**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1810_United_States_Census) | 245,562 | 16.3% |
| commonly, as "New Jerseyites". As of the 2010 census, there were 8,791,894 people | [**1820**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1820_United_States_Census) | 277,575 | 13.0% |
| living in the state. The racial makeup of the state was: | [**1830**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1830_United_States_Census) | 320,823 | 15.6% |
| [**1840**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1840_United_States_Census) | | 373,306 | 16.4% |

13.7% African American

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| [**1850**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1850_United_States_Census) | 489,555 | 31.1% |
| [**1860**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1860_United_States_Census) | 672,035 | 37.3% |
| [**1870**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1870_United_States_Census) | 906,096 | 34.8% |
| [**1880**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1880_United_States_Census) | 1,131,116 | 24.8% |
| [**1890**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1890_United_States_Census) | 1,444,933 | 27.7% |
| [**1900**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1900_United_States_Census) | 1,883,669 | 30.4% |
| [**1910**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1910_United_States_Census) | 2,537,167 | 34.7% |
| [**1920**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1920_United_States_Census) | 3,155,900 | 24.4% |
| [**1930**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1930_United_States_Census) | 4,041,334 | 28.1% |
| [**1940**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1940_United_States_Census) | 4,160,165 | 2.9% |
| [**1950**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1950_United_States_Census) | 4,835,329 | 16.2% |
| [**1960**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1960_United_States_Census) | 6,066,782 | 25.5% |
| [**1970**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1970_United_States_Census) | 7,168,164 | 18.2% |
| [**1980**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1980_United_States_Census) | 7,364,823 | 2.7% |
| [**1990**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1990_United_States_Census) | 7,730,188 | 5.0% |
| [**2000**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2000_United_States_Census) | 8,414,350 | 8.9% |
| [**2010**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2010_United_States_Census) | 8,791,894 | 4.5% |
| **Est. 2019** | 8,882,190 | 1.0% |
|  | Source:  [66] |  |

8.3% Asian American

0.3% Native American

2.7% [Multiracial American](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Multiracial_American)

6.4% [other races](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Race_(U.S._Census))

17.7% of the population were [Hispanic](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hispanic_(U.S._Census)) or [Latino](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Latino_(U.S._Census)) (of any race).

New Jersey racial breakdown of population

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| **Racial composition** | **1970**[67] | **1990**[67] | **2000**[68] | **2010**[69] |
| [White](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/White_American) | 88.6% | 79.3% | 72.5% | 68.6% |
| [Black](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/African_American) | 10.7% | 13.4% | 13.6% | 13.7% |
| [Asian](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Asian_American) | 0.3% | 3.5% | 5.7% | 8.3% |
| [Native](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Native_Americans_in_the_United_States) | 0.1% | 0.2% | 0.2% | 0.3% |
| [Native Hawaiian](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Native_Hawaiian) and [other Pacific Islander](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pacific_Islander) | – | – | – | – |
| [Other race](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Race_and_ethnicity_in_the_United_States_Census) | 0.3% | 3.6% | 5.4% | 6.4% |
| [Two or more races](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Multiracial_American) | – | – | 2.5% | 2.7% |

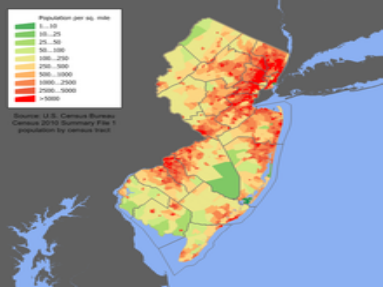
[Non-Hispanic Whites](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Non-Hispanic_Whites) were 58.9% of the population in 2011,[2] down from 85% in 1970.[70]

In 2010, unauthorized immigrants constituted an estimated 6.2% of the population. This was the fourth-highest percentage of any state in the country.[71] There were an estimated 550,000 illegal immigrants in the state in 2010.[72] Among the municipalities which are considered [sanctuary cities](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sanctuary_city) are Camden, Jersey City and Newark.[73]

The [United States Census Bureau](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_Census_Bureau), as of July 1, 2019, estimated New Jersey's population at 8,882,190. Which represents an increase of 213,750, or 2.4%, since the last census in 2010. As of 2010, New Jersey was the eleventh-most populous state in the United States, and the most densely populated, at 1,185 residents per square mile (458 per km2), with most of the population residing in the counties surrounding New York City, Philadelphia, and along the eastern [Jersey Shore](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jersey_Shore),

1910–2010

2019 Estimate[5]



New Jersey population distribution

while the extreme southern and northwestern counties are relatively less dense overall. It is also the second wealthiest state according to the U.S. Census Bureau.[20]

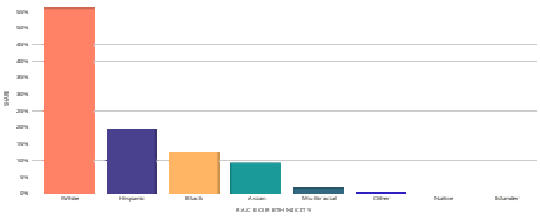
[The center of population for New Jersey is located in Middlesex County, in the town of Milltown, just east of the New Jersey Turnpike.[74]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Jersey_Turnpike)

New Jersey is home to more [scientists](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scientist) and [engineers](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Engineer) *per square mile* than anywhere else in the world.[75][76][77] On October 21, 2013, [same-sex marriages](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Recognition_of_same-sex_unions_in_New_Jersey) commenced in New Jersey.[78]

New Jersey is one of the most ethnically and religiously [diverse](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Polyethnicity) states in the United States. As of 2011, 56.4% of New Jersey's children under the age of one belonged to racial or ethnic minority groups, meaning that they had at least one parent who was not non-Hispanic white.[79] The state has the second largest [Jewish](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jewish_American) population by percentage (after New York);[80] the second largest [Muslim](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Islam_in_the_United_States) population by percentage (after [Michigan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Michigan)); the largest population of [Peruvians](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peruvian_American) in the United States; the largest population of [Cubans](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cuban_Americans) outside of Florida; the third highest [Asian](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Asia) population by percentage; [and the second highest Italian population,[81] according to the 2000 Census. African Americans, Hispanics (Puerto Ricans and](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Puerto_Rican_American) [Dominicans](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dominican_American)[),](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Puerto_Rican_American) [West Indians](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/West_Indian_Americans)[,](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Puerto_Rican_American) [Arabs](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arab_American)[, and](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Puerto_Rican_American) [Brazilian](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brazilian_people) [and](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Puerto_Rican_American) [Portuguese Americans](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Portuguese_Americans) [are also high in number. New](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Puerto_Rican_American) Jersey has the third highest [Asian Indian](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indian_American#List_of_U.S._States_by_population_of_Asian_Indians) population of any state by absolute numbers and the highest by percentage,[82][83][84][85] with [Bergen County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bergen_County) home to America's largest [Malayali](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Malayali) community.[86] Overall, New Jersey has the third largest [Korean](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Korean_American) population, with Bergen County home to the highest Korean concentration per capita of any

U.S. county[87] (6.9% in 2011). New Jersey also has the fourth largest [Filipino](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Filipino_American) population, and fourth largest [Chinese](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chinese_American) population, per the 2010 U.S. Census. The five largest ethnic groups in 2000 were: [Italian](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Italian-American) (17.9%), [Irish](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Irish_American) (15.9%), [African](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/African_American) (13.6%), [German](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/German_American) (12.6%), [Polish](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Polish_American) (6.9%).

[India Square](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/India_Square), in [Bombay](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bombay%2C_Jersey_City), [Jersey City](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jersey_City%2C_New_Jersey), [Hudson County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hudson_County%2C_New_Jersey),[88] is home [to the highest concentration of Asian Indians in the Western Hemisphere.[89] Meanwhile,](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Western_Hemisphere) [Central New Jersey](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Central_New_Jersey)[, particularly](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Western_Hemisphere) [Edison](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Edison_Township%2C_New_Jersey) and surrounding [Middlesex County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Middlesex_County%2C_New_Jersey), is prominently known for its significant concentration of [Asian Indians](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indians_in_the_New_York_City_metropolitan_region). The world's largest [Hindu temple](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hindu_temple) was inaugurated in [Robbinsville](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robbinsville%2C_New_Jersey) in 2014, a



Race and ethnicity

[BAPS temple.[90] The growing Little India is a South Asian-focused commercial strip in Middlesex County, the U.S. county with the highest concentration of Asian Indians.[91][92][93] The Oak Tree Road strip runs for about one-and-a-half](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/U.S._county) miles through Edison and neighboring [Iselin](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iselin%2C_New_Jersey) in [Woodbridge Township](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Woodbridge_Township%2C_New_Jersey), near the area's sprawling [Chinatown](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chinese_in_New_York_City) and [Koreatown](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Korean_Americans_in_New_York_City), running along [New Jersey Route 27](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Jersey_Route_27).[94] It is the largest and most diverse [South Asian](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/South_Asian) cultural hub in the United States.[95][96] [Carteret](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carteret%2C_New_Jersey)'s [Punjabi](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Punjabi_people) [Sikh](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sikh) community, variously estimated at upwards of 3,000, is the largest concentration of Sikhs in the state.[97] [Monroe Township](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Monroe_Township%2C_Middlesex_County%2C_New_Jersey) in Middlesex County has experienced a particularly rapid growth rate in its [Indian American](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indians_in_the_New_York_City_metropolitan_region) population, with an estimated 5,943 (13.6%) as of 2017,[98] which was 23 times the 256 (0.9%) counted as of the 2000 Census; and [Diwali](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Diwali) is celebrated by the township as a [Hindu](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hinduism) holiday. In Middlesex County, election [ballots](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ballot) are printed in English, [Spanish](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spanish_language), [Gujarati](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gujarati_language), [Hindi](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hindi), and [Punjabi](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Punjabi_language).[99]

Newark was the fourth poorest of U.S. cities with over 250,000 residents in 2008,[100] but New Jersey as a whole had the second-highest [median household income](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Median_household_income) as of 2014.[20] This is largely because so much of New Jersey consists of suburbs, most of them affluent, of New York City and [Philadelphia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Philadelphia). New Jersey is also the most densely populated state, [and the only state that has had every one of its counties deemed "urban" as defined by the Census Bureau's Combined Statistical Area.[101]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Combined_Statistical_Area)

In 2010, 6.2% of its population was reported as under age 5, 23.5% under 18, and 13.5% were 65 or older; and females made up approximately 51.3% of the population.[107]

A study by the [Pew Research Center](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pew_Research_Center) found that in 2013, New Jersey was the only

U.S. state in which immigrants born in [India](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/India) constituted the largest [foreign-born](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Foreign_born) nationality, representing roughly 10% of all foreign-born residents in the state.[104]

For further information on various ethnoracial groups and neighborhoods prominently featured within New Jersey, see the following articles:

[Hispanics and Latinos in New Jersey](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hispanics_and_Latinos_in_New_Jersey)

[Indians in the New York City metropolitan region](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indians_in_the_New_York_City_metropolitan_region) [Chinese in the New York City metropolitan region](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chinese_in_the_New_York_City_metropolitan_region)

[List of U.S. cities with significant Korean American populations](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_U.S._cities_with_significant_Korean_American_populations#Top_ten_municipalities_as_ranked_by_Korean-American_percentage_of_overall_population_in_2010) [Filipinos in the New York City metropolitan region](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Filipinos_in_the_New_York_City_metropolitan_region)

[Filipinos in New Jersey](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Filipinos_in_New_Jersey)

[Russians in the New York City metropolitan region](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Russians_in_the_New_York_City_metropolitan_region) [Bergen County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bergen_County#Community_diversity)

[Jersey City](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jersey_City#Community_diversity)

[Bergen County is home to all of the nation's top ten municipalities by percentage of Korean population, l](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_U.S._cities_with_significant_Korean-American_populations#Top_ten_municipalities_as_ranked_by_Korean-American_percentage_of_overall_population_in_2010)ed by [Palisades Park](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Koreatown%2C_Palisades_Park) (above), a [borough](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Borough_(New_Jersey)) where [Koreans](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Koreans) comprise the majority (52%) of the population and [retail](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Retail) signs in [Hangul (한글)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hangul) are

ubiquitous.[102][103]

[India Square in Jersey City, home to the highest concentration of Asian Indians in the Western Hemisphere](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Western_Hemisphere)

[Ironbound](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ironbound), a [Portuguese](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Portuguese_people) and [Brazilian](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brazilian_people) enclave in [Newark](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Newark%2C_New_Jersey) [Five Corners](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Five_Corners%2C_Jersey_City), a [Filipino](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Filipinos_in_the_New_York_City_metropolitan_region) enclave in Jersey City

[Havana on the Hudson](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Havana_on_the_Hudson), a [Cuban](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cuban_people) enclave in [Hudson County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hudson_County%2C_New_Jersey) [Koreatown, Fort Lee](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Koreatown%2C_Fort_Lee), a [Korean](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Korean_diaspora) enclave in southeast Bergen County

[Koreatown, Palisades Park](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Koreatown%2C_Palisades_Park), also a Korean enclave in southeast Bergen County

[Little Bangladesh](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bangladeshi_American#Demographics), a [Bangladeshi](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bangladeshi_American) enclave in [Paterson](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paterson%2C_New_Jersey)

[Little India (Edison/Iselin)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Little_India_(Middlesex_County%2C_New_Jersey)), the largest and most diverse [South Asian](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/South_Asia) hub in the United States

[Little Istanbul](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Little_Istanbul), also known as [Little Ramallah](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ramallah), a Middle Eastern enclave in Paterson

[Little Lima](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Little_Lima), a [Peruvian](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peruvian_American) enclave in Paterson

## Birth data

As of 2011, 56.4% of New Jersey's population younger than age 1 were minorities (meaning that they had at least one parent who was not non-Hispanic white).[108]

*Note: Births in table do not add up, because Hispanics are counted both by their ethnicity and by their race, giving a higher overall number.*

Live Births by Single Race/Ethnicity of Mother

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| [**Race**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Race_and_ethnicity_in_the_United_States_Census) | **2014**[109] | **2015**[110] | **2016**[111] | **2017**[112] | **2018**[113] |
| [White](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/White_Americans): | 71,033  (68.8%) | 72,400  (70.2%) | ... | ... | ... |
| [> Non-Hispanic White](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Non-Hispanic_whites) | 48,196  (46.6%) | 47,425  (46.0%) | 46,076  (44.9%) | 45,825  (45.3%) | 45,500  (44.9%) |
| [Black](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/African_Americans) | 20,102  (19.4%) | 18,363  (17.8%) | 13,870  (13.5%) | 13,684  (13.5%) | 13,886  (13.7%) |
| [Asian](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Asian_Americans) | 11,977  (11.6%) | 12,192  (11.8%) | 12,053  (11.7%) | 11,691  (11.5%) | 11,452  (11.3%) |
| [American Indian](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Native_Americans_in_the_United_States) | 193 (0.2%) | 172 (0.2%) | 62 (0.0%) | 72 (0.1%) | 67 (0.1%) |
| [*Hispanic*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hispanic_and_Latino_Americans) (of any race) | *27,267*  (26.4%) | *27,919*  (27.1%) | *28,083*  (27.3%) | *27,354*  (27.0%) | *27,597*  (27.3%) |
| **Total New Jersey** | **103,305**  (100%) | **103,127**  (100%) | **102,647**  (100%) | **101,250**  (100%) | **101,223**  (100%) |



[India Square, in Bombay, Jersey City,[88] home to the highest](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jersey_City%2C_New_Jersey) concentration of [Asian Indians](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indians_in_the_New_York_City_metropolitan_region) in the [Western Hemisphere](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Western_Hemisphere).[89] Immigrants from [India](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/India) constituted the largest [foreign-born](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Foreign_born) nationality in New Jersey in 2013.[104]



[Beth Medrash Govoha](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Beth_Medrash_Govoha) ([Hebrew](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hebrew):בית גבוה מדרש), in [Lakewood Township](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lakewood_Township%2C_New_Jersey), [Ocean County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ocean_County%2C_New_Jersey), is the world's largest [yeshiva](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yeshiva) outside the [State of Israel](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/State_of_Israel). [Orthodox Jews](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Orthodox_Judaism) represent one of the fastest-growing segments of New

Jersey's population.[105][106]

Since 2016, data for births of [White Hispanic](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/White_Hispanic_and_Latino_Americans) origin are not collected, but included in one *Hispanic* group; persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

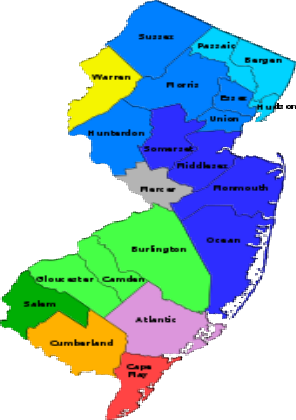
## Languages

**Top 10 Non-English Languages Spoken in New Jersey**

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| **Language** | **Percentage of population**  **(as of 2010)**[114] |
| [Spanish](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spanish_language) | 14.59% |
| Chinese (including [Cantonese](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cantonese_language) and [Mandarin](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Standard_Chinese)) | 1.23% |
| [Italian](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Italian_language) | 1.06% |
| [Portuguese](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Portuguese_language) | 1.06% |
| [Filipino](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Filipino_language) | 0.96% |
| [Korean](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Korean_language) | 0.89% |
| [Gujarati](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gujarati_language) | 0.83% |
| [Polish](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Polish_language) | 0.79% |
| [Hindi](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hindi_language) | 0.71% |
| [Arabic](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arabic_language) | 0.62% |
| [Russian](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Russian_language) | 0.56% |

As of 2010, 71.31% (5,830,812) of New Jersey residents age 5 and older spoke English at home as a [primary language](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Primary_language), while 14.59% (1,193,261) spoke Spanish, 1.23% (100,217) Chinese (which includes [Cantonese](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cantonese) and [Mandarin](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Standard_Chinese)), 1.06% (86,849) Italian, 1.06% [(86,486) Portuguese, 0.96% (78,627) Tagalog, and Korean was spoken as a main language by 0.89% (73,057) of the population over the age of five. In total, 28.69%](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Main_language) (2,345,644) of New Jersey's population age 5 and older spoke a [mother language](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mother_language) other than English.[114]

A diverse collection of languages has since evolved amongst the state's population, given that New Jersey has become [cosmopolitan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Multiculturalism) and is home to [ethnic enclaves](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ethnic_enclave) of non-English- speaking communities:[115][116][117][118]



[Metropolitan statistical areas and divisions of New Jersey.](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Metropolitan_statistical_areas_and_divisions_of_New_Jersey) [The New York City Metropolitan Area](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_City_Metropolitan_Area) includes the counties shaded in blue hues, as well as [Mercer](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mercer_County%2C_New_Jersey) and [Warren](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Warren_County%2C_New_Jersey) counties, the latter representing part of the [Lehigh Valley](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lehigh_Valley). Counties shaded in green hues, as well as [Atlantic](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Atlantic_County%2C_New_Jersey), [Cape May](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cape_May_County%2C_New_Jersey), and [Cumberland](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cumberland_County%2C_New_Jersey) counties, [belong to the Philadelphia Metropolitan Area.](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Philadelphia_Metropolitan_Area)

[Albania](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Albanian_language)n [Paterson](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paterson%2C_New_Jersey), [Garfield](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Garfield%2C_New_Jersey) [Arabic](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arabic_language) Paterson, [Jersey City](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jersey_City%2C_New_Jersey) [Armenian](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Armenian_language) [Bergen County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bergen_County%2C_New_Jersey)

[Bahasa Indonesi](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indonesian_language)a [Gloucester City](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gloucester_City%2C_New_Jersey), [Middlesex](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Middlesex_County%2C_New_Jersey), [Somerset](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Somerset_County%2C_New_Jersey), and [Union](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Union_County%2C_New_Jersey) counties [Bengali](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bengali_language) Paterson

[Cantonese](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cantonese) [Farsi](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Persian_language) [Greek](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Greek_language) [Gujarati](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gujarati_language) [Hebrew](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hebrew_language)

[Hindi](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hindi) Jersey City, Edison, Iselin, Mount Laurel, Cherry Hill, Princeton, Robbinsville

Italian widespread across the state especially in [Camden County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Camden_County%2C_New_Jersey), Essex, and Bergen counties Japanese [Edgewater](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Edgewater%2C_New_Jersey) and [Fort Lee](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fort_Lee%2C_New_Jersey) [boroughs](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Borough_(New_Jersey)) in Bergen County

[Kannada](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kannada_language)

[Korean](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Korean_language) [Bergen County (numerous municipalities)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bergen_County%2C_New_Jersey#Korean_American); [Cherry Hill](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cherry_Hill%2C_New_Jersey) [Macedonian](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Macedonian_language) Bergen County

[Malayalam](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Malayalam) Bergen County [Mandarin Chinese](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Standard_Chinese)

[Marathi](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marathi_language)

[Polish](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Polish_language) Bergen County ([Garfield](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Garfield%2C_New_Jersey), [Wallington](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wallington%2C_New_Jersey)); Mercer County ([Top Road](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Top_Road%2C_Trenton%2C_New_Jersey), [Lawrence Township](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lawrence_Township%2C_Mercer_County%2C_New_Jersey), [Hopewell](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hopewell%2C_New_Jersey)); [Linden](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Linden%2C_New_Jersey)

[Portuguese](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Portuguese_language) [Ironbound](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ironbound) section of [Newark](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Newark%2C_New_Jersey); [Elizabeth](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elizabeth%2C_New_Jersey) [Punjabi](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Punjabi_language)

Russian [Fair Lawn](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fair_Lawn%2C_New_Jersey) borough of Bergen County, Princeton area and Mercer County

Spanish widespread across the state [Tagalog](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tagalog_language)

[Tamil](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tamil_language) [Telugu](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Telugu_language)

[Turkish](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Turkish_language) [Little Istanbul](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Little_Istanbul) section of Paterson, [Mount Ephraim](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mount_Ephraim%2C_New_Jersey) (which has a large, vibrant and growing Turkish Community), Delran, Cherry Hill

[Ukrainian](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ukrainian_language)

[Urdu](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Urdu) Mount Ephraim has a significant number of residents of Pakistani origin. [Vietnames](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vietnamese_language)e [Atlantic City](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Atlantic_City%2C_New_Jersey), [Camden/Cherry Hill](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Little_Saigon%2C_Philadelphia), [Edison Township](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Edison_Township%2C_New_Jersey), [Jersey City](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jersey_City) [Yiddis](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yiddish_language)h [Lakewood Township](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lakewood_Township%2C_New_Jersey), [Ocean County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ocean_County%2C_New_Jersey)

High-rise residential complexes in the borough of [Fort Lee](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fort_Lee%2C_New_Jersey)

[Paterson](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paterson%2C_New_Jersey), known as the "Silk City",[119] has become a prime destination for an internationally diverse pool of immigrants,[120][121] with at least 52 distinct ethnic groups.[122]

Skyscrapers in [Jersey City](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jersey_City%2C_New_Jersey), one of the most [ethnically diverse](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ethnic_diversity) cities in the world[123][124]

Federal Courthouse in [Camden](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Camden%2C_New_Jersey), which is connected to [Philadelphia via the Benjamin Franklin Bridge in the](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Benjamin_Franklin_Bridge) background

## Religion

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| **Religion in New Jersey (2014)**[125] | | |
| Religion |  | Percent |
| [Catholic](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Catholic) |  | 34% |
| [Protestant](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Protestant) |  | 31% |
| [No religion](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Irreligion) |  | 18% |
| [Jewish](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jewish) |  | 6% |
| [Hindu](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hindu) |  | 3% |
| [Muslim](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Muslim) |  | 3% |
| [Mormon](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mormon) |  | 1% |
| [Eastern Orthodox](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eastern_Orthodox) |  | 1% |
| [Jehovah's Witness](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jehovah%27s_Witness) |  | 1% |

Other faith Don't know

2%

1%

[By number of adherents, the largest denominations in New Jersey, according to the Association of Religion Data](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Association_of_Religion_Data_Archives) [Archives in 2010, were the Roman Catholic Church with 3,235,290; Islam with 160,666; and the United Methodist](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Methodist_Church) [Church with 138,052.[126] The world's largest Hindu temple was inaugurated in Robbinsville, Mercer County, in central New Jersey during 2014, a](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Central_New_Jersey) [BAPS](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BAPS) [temple.[127] In January 2018,](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Central_New_Jersey) [Gurbir Grewal](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gurbir_Grewal) [became the first](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Central_New_Jersey) [Sikh American](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sikh_American) [state](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Central_New_Jersey) [attorney general](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Attorney_general) in the United States.[128] In January 2019, [Sadaf Jaffer](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sadaf_Jaffer) became the first female [Muslim American](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Muslim_American) mayor, first female [South Asian](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/South_Asian) mayor, and first female [Pakistani-American](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pakistani-American) mayor in the United States, of [Montgomery](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Montgomery%2C_New_Jersey) in [Somerset County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Somerset_County%2C_New_Jersey).[129]





[Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cathedral_Basilica_of_the_Sacred_Heart_(Newark)) in [Newark](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Newark%2C_New_Jersey),

the fifth- largest cathedral in North America, is the seat of the city's [Roman Catholic Archdiocese](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roman_Catholic_Archdiocese_of_Newark).

Temple Sharey Tefilo-Israel, [in South Orange, Essex County. New Jersey is home](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Essex_County%2C_New_Jersey) [to the second-highest Jewish American (](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/American_Jews#Demographics)[Hebrew](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hebrew)[)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/American_Jews#Demographics) population per capita, after [New York](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_(state)).

[Swaminarayan Akshardham](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Akshardham_(New_Jersey)) ([Devnagari](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Devnagari)) in [Robbinsville](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robbinsville%2C_New_Jersey), [Mercer County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mercer_County%2C_New_Jersey), inaugurated in 2014 as the world's largest [Hindu temple](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hindu_temple)[130]

[*Little Ramallah*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Little_Ramallah) in [Paterson](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paterson%2C_New_Jersey) is an increasingly popular destination for [Muslim](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Muslim) immigrants.

## Settlements

* 1. [Bergen County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bergen_County%2C_New_Jersey): 936,692
  2. [Middlesex County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Middlesex_County%2C_New_Jersey): 829,685
  3. [Essex County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Essex_County%2C_New_Jersey): 799,767
  4. [Hudson County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hudson_County%2C_New_Jersey): 676,061
  5. [Monmouth County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Monmouth_County%2C_New_Jersey): 621,354
  6. [Ocean County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ocean_County%2C_New_Jersey): 601,651
  7. [Union County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Union_County%2C_New_Jersey): 558,067
  8. [Camden County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Camden_County%2C_New_Jersey): 507,078
  9. [Passaic County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Passaic_County%2C_New_Jersey): 503,310
  10. [Morris County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Morris_County%2C_New_Jersey): 494,228
  11. [Burlington County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Burlington_County%2C_New_Jersey): 445,384
  12. [Mercer County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mercer_County%2C_New_Jersey): 369,811
  13. [Somerset County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Somerset_County%2C_New_Jersey): 331,164
  14. [Gloucester County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gloucester_County%2C_New_Jersey): 291,408
  15. [Atlantic County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Atlantic_County%2C_New_Jersey): 265,429
  16. [Cumberland County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cumberland_County%2C_New_Jersey): 150,972
  17. [Sussex County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sussex_County%2C_New_Jersey): 140,799
  18. [Hunterdon County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hunterdon_County%2C_New_Jersey): 124,714
  19. [Warren County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Warren_County%2C_New_Jersey): 105,779
  20. [Cape May County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cape_May_County%2C_New_Jersey): 92,560
  21. [Salem County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Salem_County%2C_New_Jersey): 62,607

For its overall population and nation-leading population density, New Jersey has a relative paucity of classic large cities. This paradox is most pronounced in [Bergen County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bergen_County%2C_New_Jersey), New Jersey's most populous county, whose more than 930,000 residents in 2019 inhabited 70 municipalities, the most populous being [Hackensack](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hackensack%2C_New_Jersey), with 44,522 residents estimated in 2018. Many urban areas extend far beyond the limits of a single large city, as New Jersey cities (and indeed municipalities in general) tend to be geographically small; three of the four largest cities in New Jersey by population have under 20 square miles of land area, and eight of the top ten, including all of the top five have land area under 30 square miles. As of the [2010 United States Census](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2010_United_States_Census), only four municipalities had populations in excess of 100,000, although Edison and Woodbridge came very close.

Largest municipalities in New Jersey in terms of area

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Rank** | **Name** | **Area (sq.mi.)** | **Area (km2)** | **County** |
| 1 | [Galloway Township](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Galloway_Township%2C_New_Jersey) | 115.2 | 298 | [Atlantic County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Atlantic_County%2C_New_Jersey) |
| 2 | [Hamilton Township](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hamilton_Township%2C_Atlantic_County%2C_New_Jersey) | 113.0 | 293 | [Atlantic County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Atlantic_County%2C_New_Jersey) |
| 3 | [Washington Township](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Washington_Township%2C_Burlington_County%2C_New_Jersey) | 102.9 | 267 | [Burlington County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Burlington_County%2C_New_Jersey) |
| 4 | [Jackson Township](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jackson_Township%2C_New_Jersey) | 100.1 | 259 | [Ocean County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ocean_County%2C_New_Jersey) |
| 5 | [Lacey Township](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lacey_Township%2C_New_Jersey) | 98.5 | 255 | [Ocean County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ocean_County%2C_New_Jersey) |
| 6 | [Woodland Township](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Woodland_Township%2C_New_Jersey) | 96.4 | 250 | [Burlington County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Burlington_County%2C_New_Jersey) |
| 7 | [Maurice River Township](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maurice_River_Township%2C_New_Jersey) | 95.7 | 248 | [Cumberland County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cumberland_County%2C_New_Jersey) |
| 8 | [Middle Township](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Middle_Township%2C_New_Jersey) | 83.1 | 215 | [Cape May County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cape_May_County%2C_New_Jersey) |
| 9 | [Manchester Township](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Manchester_Township%2C_New_Jersey) | 82.9 | 215 | [Ocean County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ocean_County%2C_New_Jersey) |
| 10 | [West Milford](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/West_Milford%2C_New_Jersey) | 80.4 | 208 | [Passaic County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Passaic_County%2C_New_Jersey) |
| 11 | [Bass River Township](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bass_River_Township%2C_New_Jersey) | 78.2 | 203 | [Burlington County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Burlington_County%2C_New_Jersey) |
| 12 | [Egg Harbor Township](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Egg_Harbor_Township%2C_New_Jersey) | 75.0 | 194 | [Atlantic County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Atlantic_County%2C_New_Jersey) |
| 13 | [Little Egg Harbor Township](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Little_Egg_Harbor_Township%2C_New_Jersey) | 73.2 | 190 | [Ocean County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ocean_County%2C_New_Jersey) |
| 14 | [Lower Alloways Creek Township](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lower_Alloways_Creek_Township%2C_New_Jersey) | 72.6 | 188 | [Salem County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Salem_County%2C_New_Jersey) |
| 15 | [Vernon Township](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vernon_Township%2C_New_Jersey) | 70.5 | 183 | [Sussex County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sussex_County%2C_New_Jersey) |
| 16 | [Upper Township](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Upper_Township%2C_New_Jersey) | 68.5 | 177 | [Cape May County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cape_May_County%2C_New_Jersey) |
| 17 | [Wantage Township](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wantage_Township%2C_New_Jersey) | 67.5 | 175 | [Sussex County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sussex_County%2C_New_Jersey) |
| 18 | [Dennis Township](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dennis_Township%2C_New_Jersey) | 64.3 | 167 | [Cape May County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cape_May_County%2C_New_Jersey) |
| 19 | [Pemberton Township](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pemberton_Township%2C_New_Jersey) | 62.5 | 162 | [Burlington County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Burlington_County%2C_New_Jersey) |
| 20 | [Howell Township](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Howell_Township%2C_New_Jersey) | 61.0 | 158 | [Monmouth County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Monmouth_County%2C_New_Jersey) |
| 21 | [Middletown Township](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Middletown_Township%2C_New_Jersey) | 59.3 | 154 | [Monmouth County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Monmouth_County%2C_New_Jersey) |
| 22 | [Hopewell Township](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hopewell_Township%2C_Mercer_County%2C_New_Jersey) | 58.7 | 152 | [Mercer County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mercer_County%2C_New_Jersey) |
| 23 | [Winslow Township](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Winslow_Township%2C_Camden_County%2C_New_Jersey) | 58.1 | 150 | [Camden County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Camden_County%2C_New_Jersey) |
| 24 | [Mullica Township](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mullica_Township%2C_New_Jersey) | 56.9 | 147 | [Atlantic County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Atlantic_County%2C_New_Jersey) |
| 25 | [Berkeley Township](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Berkeley_Township%2C_New_Jersey) | 55.8 | 145 | [Ocean County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ocean_County%2C_New_Jersey) |
| 26 | [Hillsborough Township](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hillsborough_Township%2C_New_Jersey) | 54.8 | 142 | [Somerset County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Somerset_County%2C_New_Jersey) |
| 26 | [Stafford Township](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stafford_Township%2C_New_Jersey) | 54.8 | 142 | [Ocean County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ocean_County%2C_New_Jersey) |

## Wealth

**Economy**

The U.S. [Bureau of Economic Analysis](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bureau_of_Economic_Analysis) estimates that New Jersey's gross state product in the fourth quarter of 2018 was

$639.8 billion.[132] New Jersey's estimated taxpayer burden in

2015 was $59,400 per taxpayer.[133] New Jersey is nearly $239 billion in debt.[134]

## Affluence

New Jersey's [per capita gross state product](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_U.S._states_by_GDP_per_capita_(nominal)) in 2008 was $54,699, second in the U.S. and above the national per capita gross domestic product of $46,588.[135] Its per capita income was the third highest in the nation with $51,358.[135] In 2018, New



Employment by industries

Jersey had the highest number of [millionaires](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Millionaire) per capita in the United States (approximately 9% of households), according to a study by Phoenix Marketing International.[28] The state is ranked second in the nation by the number of places with per capita incomes above national average with 76.4%. Nine of New Jersey's counties are among the 100 wealthiest U.S. counties.

## Fiscal policy

New Jersey has seven [tax brackets](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tax_bracket) that determine [state income tax](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/State_income_tax) rates, which range from 1.4% (for income below $20,000) to 8.97% (for income above $500,000).[136]



The New Jersey State Quarter

A heat map showing median income distribution by county in New Jersey

The standard [sales tax](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sales_tax) rate as of January 1, 2018, is 6.625%, applicable to all retail sales unless specifically exempt by law. This rate, which is comparably lower than that of New York City, often attracts numerous shoppers from New York City, often to suburban [Paramus](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paramus), New Jersey, which has five malls, one of which (the [Garden State Plaza](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Garden_State_Plaza)) has over two million square feet of retail space. [Tax exemptions](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tax_exemption) include most food items for at-home preparation, medications, most clothing, footwear and [disposable paper products for use in the home.[137] There are 27 Urban Enterprise Zone statewide, including sections of](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Urban_Enterprise_Zone) [Paterson](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paterson%2C_New_Jersey)[,](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Urban_Enterprise_Zone) [Elizabeth](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elizabeth%2C_New_Jersey)[, and](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Urban_Enterprise_Zone) [Jersey City](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jersey_City%2C_New_Jersey). In addition to other benefits to encourage employment within the zone, shoppers can take advantage of a reduced 3.3125% [sales tax](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sales_tax) rate

(half the rate rate charged statewide) at eligible merchants.[138][139][140]

New Jersey has the highest cumulative tax rate of all 50 states with residents paying a total of $68 billion in state and local taxes annually with a per capita burden of $7,816 at a rate of 12.9% of income.[141] All [real property](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Real_property) located in the state is subject to [property tax](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Property_tax) unless specifically exempted by statute. New Jersey does not assess an intangible personal property tax, but it does impose an [inheritance tax](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Inheritance_tax).

## Federal taxation disparity

New Jersey consistently ranks as having one of the highest proportional levels of disparity of any state in the United States, based upon what it receives from the federal government relative to what it gives. In 2015, WalletHub ranked New Jersey the state least dependent upon federal government aid overall and having the fourth lowest return on taxpayer investment from the federal government, at 48 cents per dollar.[142]

New Jersey has one of the highest tax burdens in the nation.[143] Factors for this include the large federal tax liability which is not adjusted for New Jersey's higher cost of living and Medicaid funding formulas.

## Industries

[New Jersey's economy is multifaceted, but is centered on the pharmaceutical industry,](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pharmaceutical_industry) [biotechnology](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Biotechnology)[,](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pharmaceutical_industry) [information technology](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Information_technology)[, the](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pharmaceutical_industry) [financial industry](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Financial_industry)[, chemical](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pharmaceutical_industry) development, telecommunications, food processing, electric equipment, printing, publishing, and tourism. New Jersey's agricultural outputs are nursery stock, horses, vegetables, fruits and nuts, seafood, and dairy products.[144] New Jersey ranks second among states in [blueberry](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blueberry) production, third in [cranberries](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cranberry) and [spinach](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spinach), and fourth in [bell peppers](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bell_peppers), [peaches](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peach), and [head lettuce](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lettuce).[145] The state harvests the fourth-largest number of acres planted with asparagus.[146]

Although New Jersey is home to many energy-intensive industries, its energy consumption is only 2.7% of the U.S. total, and its [carbon dioxide emissions](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carbon_dioxide_emissions) are



[Cranberry](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cranberry) harvest

[0.8% of the U.S. total. Its comparatively low greenhouse gas emissions can be attributed to the state's use of nuclear power. According to the](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nuclear_power) [Energy Information Administration](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Energy_Information_Administration)[, nuclear power dominates New Jersey's electricity market,](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nuclear_power) typically supplying more than one-half of state generation. New Jersey has three nuclear power plants, including the [Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oyster_Creek_Nuclear_Generating_Station), which came online in 1969 and is the oldest operating nuclear plant in the

country.[147]

New Jersey has a strong scientific economy and is home to major pharmaceutical and telecommunications firms, drawing on the state's large and well-educated labor pool. There is also a strong service economy in retail sales, education, and real estate, serving residents who work in New York City or Philadelphia.

[Shipping is a key industry in New Jersey because of the state's strategic geographic location, the Port of New York and New Jersey being the busiest port on the](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Port_of_New_York_and_New_Jersey) [East Coast](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/East_Coast_of_the_United_States)[. The](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Port_of_New_York_and_New_Jersey) [Port Newark-Elizabeth Marine Terminal](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Port_Newark-Elizabeth_Marine_Terminal) [was the world's first](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Port_of_New_York_and_New_Jersey) [container port](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Container_port) and today is one of the world's largest.

[New Jersey hosts several business headquarters, including twenty-four Fortune 500 companies.[148] Paramus in Bergen County has become the top retail](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bergen_County%2C_New_Jersey) [ZIP code](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ZIP_code) [(07652) in the United States, with the municipality generating over US$6](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bergen_County%2C_New_Jersey) billion in annual retail sales.[149] Several New Jersey counties, including [Somerset](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Somerset_County%2C_New_Jersey) (7), [Morris](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Morris_County%2C_New_Jersey) (10), [Hunterdon](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hunterdon_County%2C_New_Jersey) (13), Bergen (21), and [Monmouth](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Monmouth_County%2C_New_Jersey) (42), have been ranked among the [highest-income counties in the United States](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Highest-income_counties_in_the_United_States).

### Tourism

New Jersey's location at the center of the [Northeast megalopolis](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Northeast_megalopolis) and its extensive transportation system have put over one-third of all United States residents and many Canadian residents within overnight distance by land. This accessibility to consumer revenue has enabled [seaside resorts](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Seaside_resort) such as [Atlantic City](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Atlantic_City%2C_New_Jersey) and the remainder of the [Jersey Shore](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jersey_Shore), as well as the state's other natural and cultural attractions, to contribute significantly to the record 111 million tourist visits to New Jersey in 2018, providing US$44.7 billion in tourism revenue, directly supporting 333,860 jobs, sustaining more than 531,000 jobs overall including peripheral impacts, and generating US$5 billion in state and local tax revenue.[150]

### Gambling



[Atlantic City](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Atlantic_City) is an [oceanfront resort](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Seaside_resort) and the nexus of New Jersey's [gambling industry](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Casino).

In 1976, a referendum of New Jersey voters approved [casino](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Casino) gambling in Atlantic City, where the first legalized casino opened in 1978.[151] At that time, [Las Vegas](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Las_Vegas_Valley) was the only other casino resort in the country.[152] Today, several casinos lie along the Atlantic City [Boardwalk](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Atlantic_City#Boardwalk),[153] the first and longest boardwalk in the world.[154] Atlantic City experienced a dramatic contraction in its stature as a gambling destination after 2010, including the closure of multiple casinos since 2014, spurred by competition from the advent of legalized gambling in other northeastern U.S. states.[155][156] On February 26, 2013, Governor Chris Christie signed [online gambling](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Online_gambling) into law.[157] [Sports betting](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sports_betting) has become a growing source of gambling revenue in New Jersey since being legalized across the nation by the [U.S. Supreme Court](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/U.S._Supreme_Court) on May 14, 2018.[158]

## Natural resources

Forests cover 45%, or approximately 2.1 million acres, of New Jersey's land area.[159] The chief tree of the northern forests is the [oak](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oak). The [Pine Barrens](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pine_Barrens_(New_Jersey)), consisting of [pine](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pine) forests, is in the southern part of the state.

Some mining activity of [zinc](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zinc), iron, and [manganese](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Manganese) still takes place in the area in and around the [Franklin Furnace](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Franklin_Furnace).

[New Jersey is second in the nation in solar power installations,[160] enabled by one of the country's most favorable net metering policies, and the renewable energy certificates program. The state has more than 10,000 solar installations.[161]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Net_metering)

# Education

In 2010, there were 605 [school districts in the state](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_school_districts_in_New_Jersey).[163]

Secretary of Education Rick Rosenberg, appointed by Governor [Jon Corzine](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jon_Corzine), created the Education Advancement Initiative (EAI) to increase college admission rates by 10% for New Jersey's high school students, decrease dropout rates by 15%, and increase the amount of money devoted to schools by 10%. Rosenberg retracted this plan when criticized for taking the money out of healthcare to fund this initiative.

In 2010, the state government paid all of the teachers' premiums for health insurance,[163] but currently all NJ public teachers pay a portion of their own health insurance premiums.

In 2015, New Jersey spent more per each public school student than any other

U.S. state except [New York](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_(state)), [Alaska](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alaska), and [Connecticut](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Connecticut), amounting to $18,235 spent per pupil. Over 50% of the expenditure was allocated to student instruction.[164]

[According to 2011 *Newsweek* statistics, students of High Technology High School in](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/High_Technology_High_School) [Lincroft](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lincroft%2C_New_Jersey)[,](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/High_Technology_High_School) [Monmouth County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Monmouth_County%2C_New_Jersey) [and](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/High_Technology_High_School) [Bergen County Academies](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bergen_County_Academies) [in](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/High_Technology_High_School) [Hackensack](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hackensack%2C_New_Jersey), [Bergen County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bergen_County%2C_New_Jersey) registered average [SAT](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SAT) scores of 2145 and 2100, respectively,[165] representing the second- and third-highest scores, respectively, of all listed U.S. high schools.[165]

[Princeton University](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Princeton_University) in [Princeton](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Princeton%2C_New_Jersey), [Mercer County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mercer_County%2C_New_Jersey), one of the world's most prominent research universities, is often featured at or near the top of various

[Bishop House](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bishop_House_(New_Brunswick%2C_New_Jersey)) at [Rutgers University](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rutgers_University), the flagship of public higher education in New Jersey



[Cleveland Tower at Princeton University, one of the world's](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Princeton_University) most prominent research universities[162]

[national and global university rankings, topping the 2020 list of *U.S. News & World Report*.[166] In 2013, Rutgers](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rutgers_University)

[University, headquartered in](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rutgers_University) [New Brunswick](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Brunswick%2C_New_Jersey)[,](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rutgers_University) [Middlesex County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Middlesex_County%2C_New_Jersey) [as the flagship institution of higher education in New](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rutgers_University) Jersey, gained [medical](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Medical_school) and [dental schools](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dental_school), augmenting its profile as a national research university as well.[167]

In 2014, New Jersey's school systems were ranked at the top of all fifty U.S. states by financial website Wallethub.com.[168] In 2018, New Jersey's overall educational system was ranked second among all states to [Massachusetts](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Massachusetts) by *U.S. News & World Report*.[31] In 2019, *Education Week* also ranked New Jersey public schools the best of all U.S. states.[29]

Nine New Jersey [high schools](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Secondary_school) were ranked among the top 25 in the U.S. on the *Newsweek* "America's Top High Schools [2016" list, more than from any other state.[169] A 2017 UCLA Civil Rights project found that New Jersey has the sixth- most segregated classrooms in the United States.[170]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Education_segregation_in_New_Jersey)

# Culture

## General

New Jersey has continued to play a prominent role as a U.S. cultural nexus. Like every state, New Jersey has its own [cuisine](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cuisine_of_New_Jersey), [religious communities](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Religion_in_New_Jersey), [museums](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_museums_in_New_Jersey), and halls of fame.

New Jersey is the birthplace of modern inventions such as: [FM radio](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/FM_radio), the motion picture camera, the [lithium battery](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lithium_battery), the [light bulb](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Light_bulb), [transistors](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Transistor), and the electric train. Other New Jersey creations include: the drive-in movie, the cultivated [blueberry](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blueberry), [cranberry sauce](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cranberry_sauce), the postcard, the [boardwalk](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boardwalk), the [zipper](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zipper), the [phonograph](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Phonograph), [saltwater taffy](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saltwater_taffy), the [dirigible](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dirigible), the [seedless watermelon,[171] the first use of a submarine in warfare, and the ice cream cone.[172]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ice_cream_cone)

[Diners](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Diner) are iconic to New Jersey. The state is home to many diner manufacturers and has over 600 diners, more than any other place in the world.[173]

New Jersey is the only state without a state song. *I'm From New Jersey* is incorrectly listed on many websites as being the New Jersey state song, but it was not even a contender when in 1996 the New Jersey Arts Council submitted their suggestions to the [New Jersey Legislature](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Jersey_Legislature).[174]

New Jersey is frequently the target of jokes in American culture,[175] especially from [New York City-based television shows, such as *Saturday Night Live*. Academic Michael Aaron Rockland attributes this to New Yorkers' view that New Jersey is the beginning of](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Michael_Aaron_Rockland) [Middle America](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Middle_America_(United_States)). The [New Jersey Turnpike](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Jersey_Turnpike), which runs between two major East Coast cities, New York City and Philadelphia, is also cited as a reason, as people who traverse through the state may only see its industrial zones.[176] Reality television shows

like [*Jersey Shore*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jersey_Shore_(TV_series))and [*The Real Housewives of New Jersey*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Real_Housewives_of_New_Jersey)have reinforced stereotypical views of New Jersey culture,[177] but Rockland cited [*The Sopranos*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Sopranos)and the music of Bruce Springsteen as exporting a more positive image.[176]



[Downtown New Brunswick](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Brunswick%2C_New_Jersey), an educational and cultural district undergoing [gentrification](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gentrification)

## Cuisine

New Jersey is known for several foods developed within the region, including [Taylor Ham](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Taylor_Pork_Roll) (also known as [pork roll](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pork_roll)), [cheesesteaks](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cheesesteak), and [scrapple](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scrapple).

Several states with substantial Italian American populations take credit for the development of [submarine sandwiches](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Submarine_sandwich), including New Jersey.[178]

[A 1950s-style diner in Orange, Essex County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Essex_County%2C_New_Jersey)

## Music

New Jersey has long been an important origin for both [rock](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rock_and_roll) and [rap](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hip_hop_music) music. Prominent musicians from or with significant connections to New Jersey include:

Singer [Frank Sinatra](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Frank_Sinatra) was born in [Hoboken](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hoboken%2C_New_Jersey). He sang with a neighborhood vocal group, the Hoboken Four, and appeared in neighborhood theater amateur shows before he became an [Academy Award](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Academy_Awards)-winning actor.

[Bruce Springsteen](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bruce_Springsteen), who has sung of New Jersey life on most of his albums, is from [Freehold](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Freehold_Borough%2C_New_Jersey). Some of his [songs that represent New Jersey life are "Born to Run", "Spirit in the Night", "Rosalita (Come Out Tonight)", "](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rosalita_(Come_Out_Tonight))[Thunder Road](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thunder_Road_(song))[", "](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rosalita_(Come_Out_Tonight))[Atlantic City](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Atlantic_City_(song))[", and "](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rosalita_(Come_Out_Tonight))[Jungleland](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jungleland)[".](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rosalita_(Come_Out_Tonight))

The [Jonas Brothers](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jonas_Brothers) all reside in Wyckoff, New Jersey, where the eldest and youngest brothers of the group, Kevin and Frankie Jonas, were born.

[Irvington](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Irvington%2C_New_Jersey)'s [Queen Latifah](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Queen_Latifah) was one of the first female rappers to succeed in music, film, and television.[179]

[Lauryn Hill is from South Orange, New Jersey. Her 1998 debut solo album, *The Miseducation of Lauryn*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Miseducation_of_Lauryn_Hill)[*Hill*, sold 10 million copies internationally.](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Score_(Fugees_album))[[180]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Miseducation_of_Lauryn_Hill) [She also sold millions with The Fugees second album *The Score*.[181]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Score_(Fugees_album))

[Southside Johnny, eponymous leader of Southside Johnny and the Asbury Jukes was raised in Ocean](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ocean_Grove%2C_NJ) [Grove. He is considered the "Grandfather of the New Jersey Sound"](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jon_Bon_Jovi)[[182]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ocean_Grove%2C_NJ) [and is cited by Jersey-born Jon Bon Jovi as his reason for singing.[183]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jon_Bon_Jovi)

[Redman](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Redman_(rapper)) (Reggie Noble) was born, raised, and resides in [Newark](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Newark%2C_New_Jersey). All members of [The Sugarhill Gang](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Sugarhill_Gang) were born in [Englewood](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Englewood%2C_New_Jersey).[184]

[Roc-A-Fella Records](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roc-A-Fella_Records) rap producer [Just Blaze](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Just_Blaze) is from [Paterson, New Jersey](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paterson%2C_New_Jersey).[185]

[Jon Bon Jovi](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jon_Bon_Jovi), from [Sayreville](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sayreville%2C_New_Jersey), reached fame in the 1980s with hard rock outfit [Bon Jovi](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bon_Jovi). The band has also [written many songs about life in New Jersey, including "Livin' On A Prayer",](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Jersey_(album))[186] [and named one of their albums after the state.](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Jersey_(album))

Singer [Dionne Warwick](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dionne_Warwick) was born in [East Orange](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/East_Orange%2C_New_Jersey).[187]

Singer [Whitney Houston](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Whitney_Houston) (who is Dionne Warwick's cousin) was born in [Newark](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Newark%2C_New_Jersey), and grew up in neighboring [East Orange](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/East_Orange%2C_New_Jersey).[185]

[Jazz](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jazz) pianist and bandleader [Count Basie](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Count_Basie) was born in [Red Bank](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Red_Bank%2C_New_Jersey) in 1904.[188] In the 1960s, he collaborated on several albums with fellow New Jersey native [Frank Sinatra](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Frank_Sinatra).[189] The [Count Basie Theatre](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Count_Basie_Theatre) in Red Bank is named in his honor.

[Parliament-Funkadelic](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Parliament-Funkadelic), the funk music collective, was formed in [Plainfield](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Plainfield%2C_New_Jersey) by [George Clinton](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George_Clinton_(funk_musician)).[190]

[Asbury Park](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Asbury_Park%2C_New_Jersey) is home of [The Stone Pony](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Stone_Pony), which [Bruce Springsteen](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bruce_Springsteen) and [Bon Jovi](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bon_Jovi) frequented early in their careers[191]

[Hip-hop](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hip-hop) pioneers [Naughty By Nature](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Naughty_By_Nature) are from [East Orange](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/East_Orange%2C_New_Jersey).[192]

In 1964, [the Isley Brothers](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Isley_Brothers) founded the record label [T-Neck Records](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/T-Neck_Records), named after [Teaneck](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Teaneck%2C_New_Jersey), their home at the time.[193]

The Broadway musical [*Jersey Boys*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jersey_Boys) is based on the lives of the members of the [Four Seasons](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Four_Seasons_(group)), three of whose members were born in New Jersey ([Tommy DeVito](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tommy_DeVito_(musician)), [Frankie Valli](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Frankie_Valli), and [Nick Massi](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nick_Massi)) while a fourth [Bob Gaudio](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bob_Gaudio) was born out of state but raised in Bergenfield, NJ.

[Jazz pianist](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jazz_pianist) [Bill Evans](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bill_Evans) was born in [Plainfield](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Plainfield%2C_New_Jersey) in 1929.[194]

[Post-hardcore](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Post-hardcore) band [Thursday](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thursday_(band)) was formed in [New Brunswick, New Jersey](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Brunswick%2C_New_Jersey).[195] Numerous songs reference the city.

Horror punk band [The Misfits](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Misfits_(band)) hail from [Lodi](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lodi%2C_New_Jersey), as well as their founder [Glenn Danzig](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Glenn_Danzig).[196] Punk rock poet [Patti Smith](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patti_Smith) is from [Mantua](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mantua%2C_New_Jersey).[197]

Indie rock veterans [Yo La Tengo](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yo_La_Tengo) are based in [Hoboken](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hoboken%2C_New_Jersey).[198] They also have a song called "Night Falls on Hoboken".

New Jersey was the East Coast hub for [ska music](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ska_music) in the 1990s. Some of the most popular ska bands, such as [Catch 22](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Catch_22_(band)) and [Streetlight Manifesto](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Streetlight_Manifesto), come from [East Brunswick](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/East_Brunswick%2C_New_Jersey).

Black Label Society's and Ozzy Osbourne's famed guitarist [Zakk Wylde](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zakk_Wylde) was born in [Bayonne](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bayonne%2C_New_Jersey)[199] and raised in [Jackson](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jackson%2C_New_Jersey)[200]

The original four members of [The Bouncing Souls](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Bouncing_Souls) grew up in [Basking Ridge](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Basking_Ridge%2C_New_Jersey), and the band was formed in [New Brunswick](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Brunswick%2C_New_Jersey) in the late 1980s.[201]

[As a child, singer Akon grew up in Union City, New Jersey, Newark, New Jersey, and Jersey City, New Jersey.](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jersey_City%2C_New_Jersey)

[My Chemical Romance](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/My_Chemical_Romance)'s [Frank Iero](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Frank_Iero), [Gerard Way](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gerard_Way), [Mikey Way](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mikey_Way), and [Ray Toro](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ray_Toro) all are from New Jersey.[202] [Cobra Starship](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cobra_Starship) frontman Gabe Saporta grew up in New Jersey.[203]

Punk band [The Gaslight Anthem](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Gaslight_Anthem) hails from New Brunswick, New Jersey.[204] Experimental metal band [The Dillinger Escape Plan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Dillinger_Escape_Plan) are from [Morris Plains, NJ](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Morris_Plains%2C_NJ).[205]

[Debbie Harry](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Debbie_Harry), born in Miami, Florida, in 1945 but raised by her adoptive parents in [Hawthorne](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hawthorne%2C_New_Jersey).

## In comics and video games

The fictional [Gotham City](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gotham_City), home to [Batman](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Batman), is depicted in [DC Comics](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/DC_Comics) and the [DC Extended Universe](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/DC_Extended_Universe) as being located in New Jersey.[206][207][208][209][210][211][212][213]

[*The Lost and Damned*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Lost_and_Damned) (2009), [*The Ballad of Gay Tony*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Ballad_of_Gay_Tony) and [*Max Payne 3*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Max_Payne_3) (2012) take place in New Jersey.

The [*Grand Theft Auto*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grand_Theft_Auto) series has parodied the state multiple times, with "New [Guernsey](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guernsey)" and "[Alderney](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alderney) City" appearing as locations in games in the series.

# Sports

[New Jersey currently has four teams from major professional sports leagues playing in the state, although the Major](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Major_League_Soccer) [League Soccer team and two National Football League teams identify themselves as being from the New York metropolitan area.](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_metropolitan_area)

## Professional sports

The [National Hockey League](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Hockey_League)'s [New Jersey Devils](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Jersey_Devils), based in [Newark](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Newark%2C_New_Jersey) at the [Prudential Center](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prudential_Center), is the only major league [sports franchise](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sports_franchise) to bear the state's name. Founded in 1974 in [Kansas City, Missouri](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kansas_City%2C_Missouri), as the [Kansas City Scouts](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kansas_City_Scouts), the team played in [Denver, Colorado](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Denver%2C_Colorado), as the [Colorado Rockies](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Colorado_Rockies_(NHL)) from 1976 until the [spring of 1982 when naval architect, businessman, and Jersey City native John J. McMullen purchased, renamed, and moved the franchise to](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_J._McMullen) [Brendan Byrne Arena](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brendan_Byrne_Arena) in [East Rutherford's](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/East_Rutherford%2C_New_Jersey) [Meadowlands Sports Complex](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Meadowlands_Sports_Complex). While the team had mostly losing records in Kansas City, Denver, and its first years in New Jersey, the Devils began to improve in the late 1980s and early 1990s under Hall of Fame president and general manager [Lou Lamoriello](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lou_Lamoriello). The team made the playoffs for the Stanley Cup in 2001 and 2012, and won it in 1995, 2000, and 2003. The organization is the youngest of the nine major league teams in the New York metropolitan area. The Devils have established a following throughout the northern and central portions of the state, carving a place in a media market once dominated by the [New York Rangers](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_Rangers) and [Islanders](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_Islanders).

In 2018, the [Philadelphia Flyers](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Philadelphia_Flyers) renovated and expanded their training facility, the Virtua Center Flyers Skate Zone, in [Voorhees Township](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Voorhees_Township%2C_New_Jersey) in the southern portion of the state.[215]

[The New York Metropolitan Area's two National Football League teams, the New York Giants and the](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_Giants) [New York Jets](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_Jets)[, play at](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_Giants) [MetLife Stadium](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MetLife_Stadium) [in](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_Giants) [East Rutherford's](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/East_Rutherford%2C_New_Jersey) [Meadowlands Sports Complex](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Meadowlands_Sports_Complex).[216] Built for about $1.6 billion,[217] the venue is the most expensive stadium ever built.[214] On February 2, 2014, MetLife Stadium hosted [Super Bowl XLVIII](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Super_Bowl_XLVIII).

The [New York Red Bulls](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_Red_Bulls) of [Major League Soccer](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Major_League_Soccer) play in [Red Bull Arena](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Red_Bull_Arena_(New_Jersey)), a soccer-specific stadium in [Harrison](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Harrison%2C_New_Jersey) across the [Passaic River](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Passaic_River) from downtown [Newark. On July 27, 2011, Red Bull Arena hosted the 2011 MLS All-Star Game.[218]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2011_MLS_All-Star_Game)

From 1977 to 2012, New Jersey had a [National Basketball Association](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Basketball_Association) team, the [New Jersey Nets](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Jersey_Nets). [WNBA](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/WNBA)'s [New York Liberty](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_Liberty) played in New Jersey from 2011 to 2013 while their primary home arena, [Madison Square Garden](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Madison_Square_Garden) was undergoing renovations.[219] In 2016, the [Philadelphia 76ers](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Philadelphia_76ers) of the NBA opened their new headquarters and training facility, the Philadelphia 76ers Training Complex, in [Camden](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Camden%2C_New_Jersey).[220]



[MetLife Stadium](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MetLife_Stadium) in [East Rutherford](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/East_Rutherford%2C_New_Jersey) is home to the NFL's New York Giants and New York Jets, and the most expensive stadium ever built.[214]



The [Prudential Center](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prudential_Center) in Newark, home of the NHL's New Jersey Devils



[Red Bull Arena](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Red_Bull_Arena_(New_Jersey)) in [Harrison](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Harrison%2C_New_Jersey), home of the MLS's New York Red Bulls

The Meadowlands Sports Complex is home to the [Meadowlands Racetrack](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Meadowlands_Racetrack), one of three major [harness racing](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Harness_racing) tracks in the state. The Meadowlands Racetrack and [Freehold Raceway](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Freehold_Raceway) in Freehold are two of the major harness racing tracks in North America. [Monmouth Park Racetrack](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Monmouth_Park_Racetrack) in Oceanport is a popular spot for [thoroughbred racing](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thoroughbred_racing) in New Jersey and the northeast. It hosted the [Breeders' Cup](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Breeders%27_Cup) in 2007, and its turf course was renovated in preparation.

## Major league sports

### New Jersey teams

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Club** | **Sport** | **League** | **Stadium (capacity)** | **Established** | **Titles** |
| [**New Jersey Devils**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Jersey_Devils) | Ice hockey | [NHL](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Hockey_League) | [Prudential Center](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prudential_Center) (16,514) | 1974 | 3 |
| [**Metropolitan Riveters**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Metropolitan_Riveters) | [NWHL](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Women%27s_Hockey_League_(2015%E2%80%93)) | Barnabas Health Hockey House at the [Prudential Center](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prudential_Center) (5,000) | 2015 | 1 |
| [**Sky Blue FC**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sky_Blue_FC) | Soccer | [NWSL](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Women%27s_Soccer_League) | [Red Bull Arena](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Red_Bull_Arena_(New_Jersey)) (25,000) | 2007 | 1 |

**New York teams that play in New Jersey**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Club** | **Sport** | **League** | **Stadium (capacity)** | **Established** | **Titles** |
| [**New York Giants**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_Giants) | Football | [NFL](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Football_League) | [MetLife Stadium](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MetLife_Stadium) (82,500) | 1925 | 8 |
| [**New York Jets**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_Jets) | 1959 | 1 |
| [**New York Red Bulls**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_Red_Bulls) | Soccer | [MLS](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Major_League_Soccer) | [Red Bull Arena](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Red_Bull_Arena_(New_Jersey)) (25,000) | 1994 | 0 |

**Semi-pro and minor league sports**

**New Jersey teams**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Club** | **Sport** | **League** | **Stadium (capacity)** | **Established** | **Titles** |
| [**Trenton Thunder**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trenton_Thunder) | Baseball | [MiLB](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Minor_League_Baseball) ([AA](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Double-A_(baseball))-[EL](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eastern_League_(baseball))) | [Arm & Hammer Park](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arm_%26_Hammer_Park) (6,150) | 1980 | 3 |
| [**Lakewood BlueClaws**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lakewood_BlueClaws) | [MiLB](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Minor_League_Baseball) ([A](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Single-A_(baseball))-[SAL](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/South_Atlantic_League)) | [FirstEnergy Park](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/FirstEnergy_Park) (8,000) | 1987 | 3 |
| [**Somerset Patriots**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Somerset_Patriots) | [ALPB](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Atlantic_League_of_Professional_Baseball) | [TD Bank Ballpark](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/TD_Bank_Ballpark) (6,100) | 1997 | 6 |
| [**New Jersey Jackals**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Jersey_Jackals) | [Frontier League](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Frontier_League) | [Yogi Berra Stadium](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yogi_Berra_Stadium) (5,000) | 1998 | 5 |
| [**Sussex County Miners**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sussex_County_Miners) | [Skylands Stadium](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Skylands_Stadium) (4,200) | 2015 | 1 |
| [**Jersey Express**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jersey_Express) | Basketball | [ABA](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/American_Basketball_Association_(2000%E2%80%93present)) | Wayne YMCA | 2005 | 0 |

**New York minor league teams that play in New Jersey**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Club** | **Sport** | **League** | **Stadium (capacity)** | **Established** | **Titles** |
| [**New York Red Bulls II**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_Red_Bulls_II) | Soccer | [USL](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USL_Championship) | [MSU Soccer Park at Pittser Field](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MSU_Soccer_Park_at_Pittser_Field) (5,000) | 2015 | 1 |

**College Sports Major schools**

New Jerseyans' collegiate allegiances are predominantly split among the three major [NCAA Division I](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/NCAA_Division_I) programs in the [state: the Rutgers University (New Jersey's flagship state university) Scarlet Knights, members of the Big Ten](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Big_Ten_Conference) [Conference; the Seton Hall University (the state's largest Catholic university) Pirates, members of the Big East Conference; and the](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Big_East_Conference) [Princeton University](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Princeton_University) [(the state's](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Big_East_Conference) [Ivy League](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ivy_League) [university)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Big_East_Conference) [Tigers](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Princeton_Tigers)[.](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Big_East_Conference)

The intense rivalry between Rutgers and Princeton athletics began with the [first intercollegiate football game](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1869_college_football_season) in 1869. The schools have not met on the football field since 1980, but they continue to play each other annually in all other sports offered by the two universities.

Rutgers, which fields 24 teams in various sports, is nationally known for its excellent football program, with a 6-4 all- time [bowl](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bowl_game) record; and its excellent women's basketball programs, which appeared in a [National Final](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2007_NCAA_Division_I_Women%27s_Basketball_Tournament) in 2007. In 2008 and 2009, Rutgers expanded their football home [HighPoint.com Stadium](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HighPoint.com_Stadium) on the [Busch Campus](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Busch_Campus_of_Rutgers_University). The basketball teams play at [Louis Brown Athletic Center](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Louis_Brown_Athletic_Center) on [Livingston Campus](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Livingston_Campus_(Rutgers_University)). Both venues and campuses are in [Piscataway](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Piscataway_Township%2C_New_Jersey), across the [Raritan River](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Raritan_River) from [New Brunswick](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Brunswick%2C_New_Jersey). The university also fields men's basketball and baseball programs. Rutgers' fans live mostly in the western parts of the state and [Middlesex County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Middlesex_County%2C_New_Jersey); its alumni base is the largest in the state.

[Rutgers' satellite campuses in Camden and Newark each field their own athletic programs—the Rutgers–Camden Scarlet Raptors and the](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rutgers%E2%80%93Camden_Scarlet_Raptors) [Rutgers–Newar](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rutgers%E2%80%93Newark)[k](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rutgers%E2%80%93Camden_Scarlet_Raptors) [Scarlet Raiders](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rutgers%E2%80%93Newark_Scarlet_Raiders)[—which both compete in NCAA](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rutgers%E2%80%93Camden_Scarlet_Raptors) [Division III](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Division_III_(NCAA))[.](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rutgers%E2%80%93Camden_Scarlet_Raptors)

Seton Hall fields no football team, but its men's basketball team is one of the [Big East](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Big_East_Conference)'s storied programs. No New Jersey team has won more games in the [NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Tournament](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/NCAA_Division_I_Men%27s_Basketball_Tournament), and it is the state's only men's basketball program to reach a modern [National Final](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1989_NCAA_Division_I_Men%27s_Basketball_Tournament). The Pirates play their home games at [Prudential Center](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prudential_Center) in downtown [Newark](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Newark%2C_New_Jersey), about four miles from the university's [South Orange](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/South_Orange%2C_New_Jersey) campus. Their fans hail largely from in the

predominantly Roman Catholic areas of the northern part of the state and the [Jersey Shore](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jersey_Shore). The annual inter-conference rivalry game between Seton Hall and Rutgers, whose venue alternates between Newark and Piscataway, the Garden State Hardwood Classic, is planned through 2026.[221]

## Other schools

[The state's other Division I schools include the Monmouth University Hawks (West Long Branch), the New Jersey](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/NJIT_Mens_Soccer) [Institute of Technology (NJIT) Highlanders (Newark), the Rider University Broncs (Lawrenceville), and the Saint Peter's University Peacocks and Peahens (Jersey City).](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint_Peter%27s_College%2C_New_Jersey#Athletics)

[Fairleigh Dickinson University](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fairleigh_Dickinson_Knights) competes in both Division I and Division III. It has two campuses, each with its own [sports teams. The teams at the Metropolitan Campus are known as the FDU Knights, and compete in the Northeast Conference and NCAA Division I. The College at Florham (FDU-Florham) teams are known as the FDU-Florham Devils](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Northeast_Conference) and compete in the [Middle Atlantic Conferences' Freedom Conference](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Middle_Atlantic_Conferences#Freedom_Conference) and NCAA Division III.

Among the various Division III schools in the state, the [Stevens Institute of Technology](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stevens_Tech_Ducks_football) Ducks have fielded the longest continuously running collegiate men's lacrosse program in the country. 2009 marked the 125th season.

# Stadiums and arenas

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Venue** | **City** | **Capacity** | **Type** | **Tenants** | **Opened** |
| [HighPoint.com Stadium](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HighPoint.com_Stadium) | [Piscataway](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Piscataway%2C_New_Jersey) | 52,454 | [Stadium](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stadium) | [Rutgers Scarlet Knights](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rutgers_Scarlet_Knights) | 1994 |
| [Jadwin Gymnasium](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jadwin_Gymnasium) | [Princeton](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Princeton%2C_New_Jersey) | 6,854 | [Arena](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arena) | [Princeton Tigers](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Princeton_Tigers) | 1969 |
| [Louis Brown Athletic Center](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Louis_Brown_Athletic_Center) | Piscataway | 8,000 | Arena | Rutgers Scarlet Knights | 1977 |
| [MetLife Stadium](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MetLife_Stadium) | [East Rutherford](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/East_Rutherford%2C_New_Jersey) | 82,500 | Stadium | [New York Giants](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_Giants), [New York Jets](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_Jets) | 2010 |
| [Princeton University Stadium](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Princeton_University_Stadium) | Princeton | 27,800 | Stadium | Princeton Tigers | 1998 |
| [Prudential Center](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prudential_Center) | [Newark](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Newark%2C_New_Jersey) | 18,711 | Arena | [New Jersey Devils](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Jersey_Devils), [Seton Hall Pirates](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Seton_Hall_Pirates) | 2007 |
| [Red Bull Arena](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Red_Bull_Arena_(New_Jersey)) | [Harrison](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Harrison%2C_New_Jersey) | 25,189 | Stadium | [New York Red Bulls](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_Red_Bulls) | 2010 |

## Other notable sports venues

[Old Bridge Township Raceway Park](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Old_Bridge_Township_Raceway_Park) [Trenton Speedway](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trenton_Speedway)

[Atlantic City Race Course](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Atlantic_City_Race_Course) [Freehold Raceway](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Freehold_Raceway)

[Garden State Park Racetrack](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Garden_State_Park_Racetrack) [Monmouth Park Racetrack](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Monmouth_Park_Racetrack) [Meadowlands Sports Complex](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Meadowlands_Sports_Complex)

[Meadowlands Arena](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Meadowlands_Arena) [Meadowlands Racetrack](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Meadowlands_Racetrack) [Meadowlands Grand Prix](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Meadowlands_Grand_Prix)

# Media

## Newspapers

[*Asbury Park Press*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Asbury_Park_Press)[*Burlington County Times*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Burlington_County_Times)[*Courier News*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Courier_News_(New_Jersey))

[*Courier-Post*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Courier-Post) *Cranford Chronicle*

[*Daily Record*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Daily_Record_(Morristown)) (Morristown)[222] [*The Express-Times*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Express-Times)[*Gloucester County Times*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gloucester_County_Times)[*Herald News*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Herald_News)

[*Home News Tribune*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Home_News_Tribune)[*Hunterdon County Democrat*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hunterdon_County_Democrat) *Independent Press*

[*Jersey Journal*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jersey_Journal)

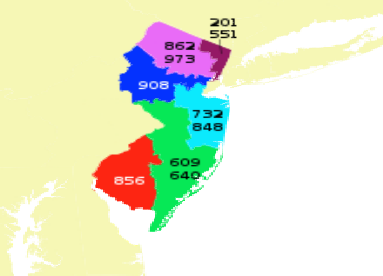
[*The New Jersey Herald*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_New_Jersey_Herald)[223]

[*The News of Cumberland County*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_News_of_Cumberland_County)[*The Press of Atlantic City*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Press_of_Atlantic_City)

[*The Record*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Record_(Bergen_County))[224]

*The Record-Press and Suburban News The Reporter* (Somerset)

[*The Star-Ledger*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Star-Ledger) [*The Times* (Trenton)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Times_(Trenton)) [*Today's Sunbeam*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Today%27s_Sunbeam)[*Trentonian*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trentonian) (Mercer) *The Warren Reporter*



New Jersey's area codes

## Radio stations

**Television and film**

Motion picture technology was developed by [Thomas Edison](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thomas_Edison), with much of his early work done at his [West Orange](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/West_Orange%2C_New_Jersey) laboratory. [Edison's Black Maria](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Edison%27s_Black_Maria) was the first motion picture studio. [America's first motion picture industry](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/America%27s_first_motion_picture_industry) started in 1907 in [Fort Lee](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fort_Lee%2C_New_Jersey) and the first studio was constructed there in 1909.[225] [DuMont Laboratories](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/DuMont_Laboratories) in [Passaic](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Passaic%2C_New_Jersey) developed early sets and made the first broadcast to the private home.

A number of television shows and films have been filmed in New Jersey. Since 1978, the state has maintained a Motion Picture and Television Commission to encourage filming in-state.[226] New Jersey has long offered tax credits to television producers. Governor Chris Christie suspended the credits in 2010, but the [New Jersey State Legislature](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Jersey_State_Legislature) in 2011 approved the restoration and expansion of the tax credit program. Under bills passed by both the state Senate and Assembly, the program offers 20 percent tax credits (22% in [urban enterprise zones](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Urban_enterprise_zone)) to television and film productions that shoot in the state and meet set standards for hiring and local spending.[227]

# Transportation

## Roadways

The [New Jersey Turnpike](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Jersey_Turnpike) is one of the most prominent and heavily trafficked roadways in the United States. This [toll road](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Toll_road), which overlaps with [Interstate 95](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Interstate_95_in_New_Jersey) for much of its length, carries traffic between [Delaware](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Delaware) and New York, and up and down the [East Coast](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/East_Coast_of_the_United_States) in general. Commonly referred to as simply "the Turnpike", it is known for its numerous [rest areas](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rest_area) named after prominent New Jerseyans.

The [Garden State Parkway](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Garden_State_Parkway), or simply "the Parkway", carries relatively more in- state traffic than interstate traffic and runs from New Jersey's northern border to [its southernmost tip at Cape May. It is the main route that connects the New York metropolitan area to the](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_metropolitan_area) [Jersey Shore](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jersey_Shore) [and is consistently one of the safest roads in](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_metropolitan_area)

Map of New Jersey showing major transportation networks and cities

the nation. With a total of fifteen travel and six shoulder lanes, the [Driscoll Bridge](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Driscoll_Bridge) on the Parkway, spanning the [Raritan River](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Raritan_River) in [Middlesex County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Middlesex_County%2C_New_Jersey), is the widest motor vehicle bridge in the world by number of lanes as well as one of the busiest.[230]

New Jersey is connected to New York City via various key bridges and tunnels. The double-decked [George Washington Bridge](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George_Washington_Bridge) carries the heaviest load of motor vehicle traffic of any bridge in the world, at 102 million vehicles per year, across [fourteen lanes.[228][229] It connects Fort Lee, New Jersey to the Washington](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Washington_Heights%2C_Manhattan) [Heights neighborhood of Upper Manhattan, and carries Interstate 95 and U.S.](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/U.S._Route_1/9) [Route 1/9 across the Hudson River. The Lincoln Tunnel connects to Midtown Manhattan carrying](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Midtown_Manhattan) [New Jersey Route 495](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Jersey_Route_495)[, and the](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Midtown_Manhattan) [Holland Tunnel](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Holland_Tunnel) [connects to](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Midtown_Manhattan) [Lower Manhattan carrying Interstate 78. New Jersey is also connected to Staten](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Staten_Island) [Island by three bridges—from north to south, the Bayonne Bridge, the Goethals Bridge, and the](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Goethals_Bridge) [Outerbridge Crossing](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Outerbridge_Crossing)[.](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Goethals_Bridge)

New Jersey has [interstate compacts](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Interstate_compact) with all three of its neighboring states. The [Port Authority of New York and New Jersey](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Port_Authority_of_New_York_and_New_Jersey), the [Delaware River Port Authority](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Delaware_River_Port_Authority)



The [George Washington Bridge](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George_Washington_Bridge), connecting [Fort Lee](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fort_Lee%2C_New_Jersey) (foreground) in [Bergen County across the Hudson River to New York City, is the worl](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hudson_River)d's

busiest motor vehicle bridge.[228][229]

[(with Pennsylvania), the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission (with Pennsylvania), and the Delaware River and Bay Authority (with](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Delaware_River_and_Bay_Authority) [Delaware](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Delaware)[) operate most of the major transportation routes in and out of the state. Bridge tolls are](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Delaware_River_and_Bay_Authority) collected only from traffic exiting the state, with the exception of the private [Dingman's Ferry Bridge](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dingman%27s_Ferry_Bridge) over the Delaware River, which charges a toll in both directions.

It is unlawful for a customer to serve themselves gasoline in New Jersey. It became the last remaining U.S. state where all [gas stations](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Filling_station) are required to sell full-service gasoline to customers at all times in 2016, after [Oregon](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oregon)'s introduction of restricted self-service gasoline availability took effect.[231]

## Airports

[Newark Liberty International Airport (EWR) is one of the busiest airports in the United States. Operated by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, it is one of the three main airports serving the](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Port_Authority_of_New_York_and_New_Jersey) [New York metropolitan area](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_metropolitan_area)[.](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Port_Authority_of_New_York_and_New_Jersey) [United Airlines](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Airlines) is the airport's largest tenant, operating an entire terminal there, which it uses as one of its primary [hubs](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Airline_hub). [FedEx Express](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/FedEx_Express) operates a large [cargo terminal](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cargo_terminal) at EWR as well. The adjacent [Newark Airport railroad station](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Newark_Liberty_International_Airport_(NJT_station)) provides access to [Amtrak](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Amtrak) and [NJ Transit](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/NJ_Transit) trains along the [Northeast Corridor Line](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Northeast_Corridor_Line).

Two smaller commercial airports, [Atlantic City International Airport](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Atlantic_City_International_Airport) and rapidly growing [Trenton-Mercer Airport](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trenton-Mercer_Airport), also [operate in other parts of the state. Teterboro Airport in Bergen County, and Millville Municipal Airport in Cumberland County, are](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cumberland_County%2C_New_Jersey) [general aviation](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/General_aviation) [airports popular with](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cumberland_County%2C_New_Jersey) [private](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Private_aviation) [and](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cumberland_County%2C_New_Jersey) [corporate aircraft](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Corporate_aviation) [due to their proximity to New York City](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cumberland_County%2C_New_Jersey) and the [Jersey Shore](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jersey_Shore), respectively.

## Rail and bus

[NJ Transit](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/NJ_Transit) operates extensive rail and bus service throughout the state. A state- run corporation, it began with the consolidation of several private bus companies in [North Jersey](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/North_Jersey) in 1979. In the early 1980s, it acquired [Conrail](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Conrail)'s commuter train operations that connected suburban towns to New York City. Today, NJ Transit has eleven [commuter rail](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Commuter_rail) lines that run through different parts of the state. Most of the lines end at either [Penn Station](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pennsylvania_Station_(New_York_City)) in New York City or [Hoboken Terminal](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hoboken_Terminal) in [Hoboken](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hoboken%2C_New_Jersey). One line provides service between [Atlantic City](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Atlantic_City%2C_New_Jersey) and [Philadelphia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Philadelphia), Pennsylvania.

[NJ Transit also operates three light rail systems in the state. The Hudson-Bergen Light Rail connects](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hudson-Bergen_Light_Rail) [Bayonne](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bayonne%2C_New_Jersey) [to](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hudson-Bergen_Light_Rail) [North Bergen](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/North_Bergen%2C_New_Jersey)[, through](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hudson-Bergen_Light_Rail) [Hoboken](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hoboken%2C_New_Jersey) [and](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hudson-Bergen_Light_Rail) [Jersey City](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jersey_City%2C_New_Jersey)[.](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hudson-Bergen_Light_Rail)



A [NJ Transit](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/NJ_Transit) train heads down the [Northeast Corridor through Rahway, New Jersey](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rahway%2C_New_Jersey)

The [Newark Light Rail](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Newark_Light_Rail) is partially underground, and connects downtown [Newark](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Newark%2C_New_Jersey) with other parts of the city and its suburbs, [Belleville](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Belleville%2C_New_Jersey) and [Bloomfield](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bloomfield%2C_New_Jersey). The [River Line](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/River_Line_(New_Jersey_Transit)) connects [Trenton](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trenton%2C_New_Jersey) and [Camden](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Camden%2C_New_Jersey).

[The PATH is a rapid transit system consisting of four lines operated by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. It links](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Port_Authority_of_New_York_and_New_Jersey) [Hoboken](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hoboken%2C_New_Jersey)[,](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Port_Authority_of_New_York_and_New_Jersey) [Jersey City](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jersey_City%2C_New_Jersey)[,](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Port_Authority_of_New_York_and_New_Jersey) [Harrison](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Harrison%2C_New_Jersey) and [Newark](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Newark%2C_New_Jersey) with New York City. The [PATCO Speedline](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/PATCO_Speedline) is a rapid transit system that links [Camden County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Camden_County%2C_New_Jersey) to Philadelphia. Both the PATCO and the PATH are two of only six rapid transit systems in the United States to operate 24 hours a day.

[Amtrak](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Amtrak) operates numerous long-distance passenger trains in New Jersey, both to and from neighboring states and around the country. In addition to the Newark [Airport connection, other major Amtrak railway stations include Trenton Transit Center,](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trenton_(Amtrak_station)) [Metropark](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Metropark_(NJT_station))[, and the historic](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trenton_(Amtrak_station)) [Newark Penn Station](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pennsylvania_Station_(Newark))[.](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trenton_(Amtrak_station))



Two [Hudson-Bergen Light Rail](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hudson-Bergen_Light_Rail) trains in [Jersey City](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jersey_City)

The [Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SEPTA), or SEPTA, has two

[commuter rail lines that operate into New Jersey. The Trenton Line terminates at the Trenton Transit Center, and the West Trenton Line terminates at the](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/West_Trenton_Line_(SEPTA)) [West Trenton Rail Station](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/West_Trenton_Rail_Station) [in](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/West_Trenton_Line_(SEPTA)) [Ewing](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ewing%2C_New_Jersey)[.](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/West_Trenton_Line_(SEPTA))

[AirTrain Newark](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/AirTrain_Newark) is a [monorail](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Monorail) connecting the Amtrak/NJ Transit station on the Northeast Corridor to the airport's terminals and parking lots.

Some private bus carriers still remain in New Jersey. Most of these carriers operate with state funding to offset losses and state owned buses are provided to these carriers, of which [Coach USA](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Coach_USA) companies make up the bulk. Other carriers include private charter and tour bus operators that take gamblers from other parts of New Jersey, New York City, Philadelphia, and [Delaware](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Delaware) to the casino resorts of Atlantic City.

## Ferries

[New York Waterway](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/NY_Waterway) has ferry terminals at [Belford](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Belford%2C_New_Jersey), [Jersey City](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jersey_City), Hoboken, [Weehawken, and Edgewater, with service to different parts of Manhattan. Liberty Water Taxi in](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Liberty_Water_Taxi) [Jersey City](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jersey_City) [has ferries from](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Liberty_Water_Taxi) [Paulus Hook](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paulus_Hook) [and](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Liberty_Water_Taxi) [Liberty State Park](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Liberty_State_Park) [to](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Liberty_Water_Taxi) [Battery Park City](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battery_Park_City) in Manhattan. [Statue Cruises](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Statue_Cruises) offers service from Liberty State Park to the [Statue of Liberty National Monument](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Statue_of_Liberty_National_Monument), including [Ellis Island](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ellis_Island). [SeaStreak offers services from the Raritan Bayshore to Manhattan, Martha's Vineyard, and](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Martha%27s_Vineyard) [Nantucket](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nantucket)[.](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Martha%27s_Vineyard)

The [Delaware River and Bay Authority](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Delaware_River_and_Bay_Authority) operates the [Cape May–Lewes Ferry](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cape_May%E2%80%93Lewes_Ferry) on [Delaware Bay](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Delaware_Bay), carrying both passengers and vehicles between New Jersey and Delaware. The agency also operates the [Forts Ferry Crossing](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Forts_Ferry_Crossing) for passengers



The [Cape May–Lewes Ferry](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cape_May%E2%80%93Lewes_Ferry) connects New Jersey and [Delaware](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Delaware) across [Delaware Bay](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Delaware_Bay).

across the [Delaware River](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Delaware_River). The [Delaware River Port Authority](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Delaware_River_Port_Authority) operates the [RiverLink Ferry](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/RiverLink_Ferry) between the [Camden](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Camden%2C_New_Jersey) waterfront and [Penn's Landing](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Penn%27s_Landing) in Philadelphia.

# Government and politics

## Executive

The position of Governor of New Jersey has been considered one of the most powerful in the nation. Until 2010, the governor was the only statewide elected executive official in the state and appointed numerous government officials. [Formerly, an acting governor was even more powerful as he simultaneously served as President of the New Jersey State Senate, thus directing half of the legislative and all of the executive process. In 2002 and 2007, President of the State](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Jersey_State_Senate) Senate [Richard Codey](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Richard_Codey) held the position of acting governor for a short time, and from 2004 to 2006 Codey became a long- term acting governor due to [Jim McGreevey](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jim_McGreevey)'s resignation. A 2005 amendment to the state Constitution prevents the Senate President from becoming acting governor in the event of a permanent gubernatorial vacancy without giving up her or his seat in the state Senate. [Phil Murphy](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Phil_Murphy) ([D](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Democratic_Party_(United_States))) is the [Governor](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Governor_of_New_Jersey). The governor's mansion is [Drumthwacket](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Drumthwacket), located in [Princeton](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Princeton%2C_New_Jersey).

Before 2010, New Jersey was one of the few states without a [lieutenant governor](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lieutenant_governor_(United_States)). [Republican](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Republican_Party_(United_States)) [Kim Guadagno](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kim_Guadagno) was elected the first [Lieutenant Governor of New Jersey](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lieutenant_Governor_of_New_Jersey) and took office on January 19, 2010. She was elected on the Republican ticket with Governor-Elect [Chris Christie](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chris_Christie) in the November 2009 NJ gubernatorial election. The position was created as the result of a [Constitutional amendment](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Constitutional_amendment) to the [New Jersey State Constitution](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Jersey_State_Constitution) passed by the voters on November 8, 2005 and effective as of January 17, 2006.

## Legislative

The current version of the [New Jersey State Constitution](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Jersey_State_Constitution) was adopted in 1947. It provides for a [bicameral](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bicameral) [New Jersey Legislature](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Jersey_Legislature), consisting of an [upper house](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Upper_house) [Senate](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Jersey_Senate) of 40 members and a [lower house](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lower_house) [General Assembly](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Jersey_General_Assembly) of 80 members. Each of the 40 legislative districts elects one State Senator and two Assembly members. Assembly members are elected for a two-year term in all odd-numbered years; State Senators are elected in the years ending in 1, 3,

and 7 and thus serve either four- or two-year terms.

New Jersey is one of only five states that elects its state officials in odd-numbered years. (The others are [Kentucky](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kentucky), [Louisiana](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Louisiana), [Mississippi](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mississippi), and [Virginia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Virginia).) New Jersey holds elections for these offices every four years, in the year following each federal Presidential election year. Thus, the last year when New Jersey elected a Governor was 2017; the next gubernatorial election will occur in 2021.



[Phil Murphy](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Phil_Murphy) [(D)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Democratic_Party_(United_States))

[56th](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Governors_of_New_Jersey) [Governor](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Governor_of_New_Jersey) since January 16, 2018

## Judicial

The [New Jersey Supreme Court](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Jersey_Supreme_Court)[232] consists of a Chief Justice and six [Associate Justices. All are appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of a majority of the membership of the State Senate. Justices serve](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Advice_and_consent) an initial seven-year term, after which they can be reappointed to serve until age 70.

The [New Jersey State House](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Jersey_State_House) in [Trenton](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trenton%2C_New_Jersey)

Most of the day-to-day work in the New Jersey courts is carried out in the Municipal Court, where simple traffic tickets, minor criminal offenses, and small civil matters are heard.

More serious criminal and civil cases are handled by the [Superior Court](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Jersey_Superior_Court) for each county. All Superior Court judges are appointed by the Governor with the [advice and consent](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Advice_and_consent) of a majority of the membership of the State Senate. Each judge serves an initial seven-year term, after which he or she

[Robert Menendez](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bob_Menendez) [(D)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Democratic_Party_(United_States))



Senior [U.S. Senator](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/U.S._Senator)

[Cory Booker](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cory_Booker) (D)

Junior [U.S. Senator](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/U.S._Senator)

can be reappointed to serve until age 70. New Jersey's judiciary is unusual in that it still has separate courts of law and [equity](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Equity_(law)), like its neighbor [Delaware](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Delaware) but unlike most other U.S. states. The [New Jersey Superior Court](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Jersey_Superior_Court) is divided into Law and Chancery Divisions at the trial level; the Law Division hears both criminal cases and civil lawsuits where the plaintiff's primary remedy is [damages](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Damages), while the Chancery Division hears family cases, civil suits where the plaintiff's primary remedy is equitable relief, and probate trials.

The Superior Court also has an [Appellate Division](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Jersey_Superior_Court%2C_Appellate_Division), which functions as the state's intermediate [appellate court](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Appellate_court). Superior Court judges are assigned to the Appellate Division by the Chief Justice.

There is also a Tax Court, which is a court of limited jurisdiction. Tax Court judges hear appeals of tax decisions made by County Boards of Taxation. They also hear appeals on decisions made by the Director of the Division of Taxation on such matters as state income, sales and business taxes, and homestead rebates. Appeals from Tax Court decisions are heard in the Appellate Division of Superior Court. Tax Court judges are appointed by the Governor for initial terms of seven years, and upon reappointment are granted tenure until they reach the mandatory retirement age of 70. There are 12 Tax Court judgeships.

## Counties

New Jersey is divided into 21 counties; 13 date from the colonial era. New Jersey was completely divided into counties by 1692; the present counties were created by dividing the existing ones; most recently [Union County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Union_County%2C_New_Jersey) in 1857.[233] New Jersey is the only state in the nation where elected county officials are called "Freeholders", governing each county as part of its own [Board of Chosen Freeholders](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Board_of_Chosen_Freeholders). The number of freeholders in each county is determined by referendum, and must consist of three, five, seven or nine members.

Depending on the county, the executive and [legislative](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Legislative) functions may be performed by the Board of Chosen Freeholders or split into separate branches of government. In 16 counties, members of the Board of Chosen Freeholders perform both legislative and executive functions on a commission basis, with each Freeholder assigned responsibility for a department or group of departments. In the other five counties ([Atlantic](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Atlantic_County%2C_New_Jersey), [Bergen](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bergen_County%2C_New_Jersey), [Essex](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Essex_County%2C_New_Jersey), [Hudson](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hudson_County%2C_New_Jersey) and [Mercer](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mercer_County%2C_New_Jersey)), there is a directly elected [County Executive](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/County_Executive) who performs the executive functions while the Board of Chosen Freeholders retains a legislative and oversight role. In counties without an Executive, a County Administrator (or County Manager) may be hired to perform day-to-day administration of county functions.

## Municipalities

New Jersey currently has 565 municipalities; the number was 566 before [Princeton Township](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Princeton_Township%2C_New_Jersey) and [Princeton Borough](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Princeton_Borough%2C_New_Jersey) merged to form the municipality of [Princeton](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Princeton%2C_New_Jersey) on January 1, 2013. Unlike other states, all New Jersey land is part of a municipality. In 2008, Governor [Jon Corzine](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jon_Corzine) proposed cutting state aid to all towns under 10,000 people, to encourage mergers to reduce administrative costs.[234] In May 2009, the Local Unit Alignment Reorganization and Consolidation Commission began a study of about 40 small communities in South Jersey to decide which ones might be good candidates for consolidation.[235]

### Forms of municipal government

Starting in the 20th century, largely driven by reform-minded goals, a  series of six modern forms of government was implemented. This began

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| [**New Jersey municipal government**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Local_government_in_New_Jersey) |
| **Traditional types** |
| [Borough](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Borough_(New_Jersey)) [Township](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Township_(New_Jersey))  [City](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/City_(New_Jersey)) [Town](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Town_(New_Jersey)) [Village](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Village_(New_Jersey)) |
| **Modern forms** |
| [Walsh Act commission](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Walsh_Act)  [1923 municipal manager](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1923_Municipal_Manager_Law) |
| [**Faulkner Act**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Faulkner_Act) **forms** |
| [Mayor–council](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Faulkner_Act_(mayor%E2%80%93council)) [Council–manager](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Faulkner_Act_(council%E2%80%93manager)) [Small municipality](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Faulkner_Act_(small_municipality))  [Mayor–council–administrator](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Faulkner_Act_(mayor%E2%80%93council%E2%80%93administrator)) |
| **Nonstandard forms** |
| [Special charter](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Special_charter_(New_Jersey)) |
| **Changing form of municipal government** |
| [Charter Study Commission](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charter_Study_Commission) |

with the [Walsh Act](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Walsh_Act_(New_Jersey)), enacted in 1911 by the [New Jersey Legislature](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Jersey_Legislature), which provided for a three- or five-member commission elected on a non- partisan basis. This was followed by the [1923 Municipal Manager Law](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1923_Municipal_Manager_Law), which offered a non-partisan council, provided for a weak mayor elected [by and from the members of the council, and introduced a Council- manager government structure with an appointed manager responsible for](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Council-manager_government) day-to-day administration of municipal affairs.

The [Faulkner Act](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Faulkner_Act_(New_Jersey)), originally enacted in 1950 and substantially amended [in 1981, offers four basic plans: Mayor-Council, Council-Manager, Small Municipality, and](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Faulkner_Act_(Small_Municipality)) [Mayor-Council-Administrator](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Faulkner_Act_(Mayor-Council-Administrator))[. The act provides many](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Faulkner_Act_(Small_Municipality)) choices for communities with a preference for a strong executive and professional management of municipal affairs and offers great flexibility in allowing municipalities to select the characteristics of its government:

the number of seats on the Council; seats selected at-large, by wards, or through a combination of both; staggered or concurrent terms of office; and a mayor chosen by the Council or elected directly by voters. Most large municipalities and a majority of New Jersey's residents are governed

by municipalities with Faulkner Act charters. Municipalities can also formulate their own unique form of government and operate under a [Special Charter](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Special_Charter_(New_Jersey)) with the approval of the [New Jersey Legislature](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Jersey_Legislature).

While municipalities retain their names derived from types of government, they may have changed to one of the modern forms of government, or further in the past to one of the other traditional forms, leading to municipalities with formal names quite baffling to the general public. For example, though there are four municipalities that are officially of the village type, [Loch Arbour](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Loch_Arbour%2C_New_Jersey) is the only one remaining with the village form of government. The other three villages— [Ridgefield Park](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ridgefield_Park%2C_New_Jersey) (now with a Walsh Act form), [Ridgewood](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ridgewood%2C_New_Jersey) (now with a Faulkner Act Council-Manager charter) and [South Orange](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/South_Orange%2C_New_Jersey) (now operates under a [Special Charter](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Special_Charter_(New_Jersey)))—have all migrated to other non-village forms.

## Politics

### Social attitudes and issues

Socially, New Jersey is considered one of the more liberal states in the nation. Polls indicate that 60% of the population are self-described as [pro-choice](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pro-choice), although a majority are opposed to late trimester and [intact dilation and extraction](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Intact_dilation_and_extraction) and [public funding of abortion.[236][237] In a 2009 Quinnipiac University Polling Institute poll, a plurality supported same-sex marriage 49% to 43% opposed,[238] On October 18, 2013, the](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Same-sex_marriage_in_New_Jersey) [New Jersey Supreme Court](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Jersey_Supreme_Court) [rendered a provisional,](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Same-sex_marriage_in_New_Jersey) unanimous (7–0) order authorizing same-sex marriage in the state, pending a legal appeal by Governor Chris Christie,[239] who then withdrew this appeal hours after the inaugural same-sex marriages took place on October 21, 2013.[78]

New Jersey also has some of the most stringent [gun control](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gun_control) laws in the U.S. These include bans on assault firearms, hollow-nose bullets and slingshots. No gun offense in New Jersey is graded less than a felony. [BB guns](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BB_guns) and black- powder guns are all treated as modern firearms. New Jersey does not recognize out-of-state gun licenses and aggressively enforces its own gun laws.[240]

### Elections

In past elections, New Jersey was a [Republican](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Republican_Party_(United_States)) bastion, but recently has become a [Democratic](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Democratic_Party_(United_States)) stronghold. Currently, [New Jersey Democrats](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Jersey_Democratic_State_Committee) have majority control of both houses of the [New Jersey Legislature](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Jersey_Legislature) (Senate, 26–14, and Assembly, 54–26), a 10–2 split of the state's twelve seats in the [U.S. House of Representatives](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_House_of_Representatives), and both [U.S. Senate](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_Senate) seats. Although the Democratic Party is very successful statewide, the state has had Republican governors; from 1994 to [2002, Christine Todd Whitman won twice with 47% and 49% of the votes, respectively, and in the 2009 gubernatorial](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2009_New_Jersey_gubernatorial_election) [election, Republican Chris Christie defeated incumbent Democrat Jon Corzine with 48% of the vote. In the 2013 gubernatorial election, Christie won reelection with over 60% of the votes. Because each candidate for lieutenant](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2013_New_Jersey_Gubernatorial_election) governor runs on the same ticket as the party's candidate for governor, the current Governor and Lieutenant Governor are members of the Democratic Party. The governor's appointments to cabinet and non-cabinet positions may be from either party; for instance, the Attorney General is a Democrat.

In federal elections, the state leans heavily towards the [Democratic Party](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Democratic_Party_(United_States)). For many years in the past, however, it was a Republican stronghold, having given comfortable margins of victory to the Republican candidate in the close elections of [1948](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1948_United_States_presidential_election), [1968](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1968_United_States_presidential_election), and [1976](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1976_United_States_presidential_election). New Jersey was a crucial [swing state](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Swing_state) in the elections of [1960](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1960_United_States_presidential_election), [1968](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1968_United_States_presidential_election), and [1992](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1992_United_States_presidential_election). The last elected Republican to hold a Senate seat from New Jersey was [Clifford P. Case](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Clifford_P._Case) in 1979. Newark Mayor [Cory Booker](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cory_Booker) was elected in October 2013 to join [Robert Menendez](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bob_Menendez) to make New Jersey the first state with concurrent serving black and Latino

U.S. senators.[241]

The state's Democratic strongholds include [Camden County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Camden_County%2C_New_Jersey), [Essex County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Essex_County%2C_New_Jersey) (typically the state's most Democratic county

[—it includes Newark, the state's largest city), Hudson County (the second-strongest Democratic county, including Jersey City, the state's second-largest city);](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jersey_City%2C_New_Jersey) [Mercer County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mercer_County%2C_New_Jersey) [(especially around](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jersey_City%2C_New_Jersey) [Trenton](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trenton%2C_New_Jersey) [and](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jersey_City%2C_New_Jersey) [Princeton](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Princeton%2C_New_Jersey)[),](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jersey_City%2C_New_Jersey) [Middlesex County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Middlesex_County%2C_New_Jersey)[, and](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jersey_City%2C_New_Jersey) [Union County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Union_County%2C_New_Jersey) (including [Elizabeth](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elizabeth%2C_New_Jersey), the state's fourth-largest city).[242]

The suburban northwestern and southeastern counties of the state are reliably Republican: Republicans have support [along the coast in Ocean County and in the mountainous northwestern part of the state, especially Morris County, Sussex County, and](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sussex_County%2C_New_Jersey) [Warren County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Warren_County%2C_New_Jersey)[. Other suburban counties, especially](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sussex_County%2C_New_Jersey) [Bergen County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bergen_County%2C_New_Jersey) [and](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sussex_County%2C_New_Jersey) [Burlington County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Burlington_County%2C_New_Jersey) [had the majority](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sussex_County%2C_New_Jersey) of votes go to the [Democratic Party](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Democratic_Party_(United_States)). In the 2008 election, President [Barack Obama](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Barack_Obama) won New Jersey with approximately fifty-seven percent of the vote, compared to [McCain's](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_McCain) forty-one percent. Independent candidate [Ralph Nader](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ralph_Nader) garnered less than one percent of the vote.

About one-third of the state's counties are considered "swing" counties, but some go more one way than others. For example, [Salem County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Salem_County%2C_New_Jersey), the same is true with [Passaic County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Passaic_County%2C_New_Jersey), with a highly populated Hispanic Democratic south (including [Paterson](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paterson%2C_New_Jersey), the state's third-largest city) and a rural, Republican north; with the "swing" township of [Wayne](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wayne%2C_New_Jersey) in the middle. Other "swing" counties like [Monmouth County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Monmouth_County%2C_New_Jersey), [Somerset County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Somerset_County%2C_New_Jersey), and [Cape May County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cape_May_County%2C_New_Jersey) tend to go Republican, as they also have population in conservative areas, although Somerset has recently trended Democratic.

To be eligible to vote in a U.S. election, all New Jerseyans are required to start their residency in the state 30 days prior to an election and register 21 days prior to election day.[243]

### Capital punishment

On December 17, 2007, Governor Jon Corzine signed into law a bill that would eliminate the death penalty in New Jersey. New Jersey is the first state to pass such legislation since [Iowa](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iowa) and [West Virginia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/West_Virginia) eliminated executions in 1965.[244] Corzine also signed a bill that would downgrade the Death Row prisoners' sentences from "Death" to "Life in Prison with No Parole".[245]

# Points of interest

## Museums

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Museum** | **Location** | **Year opened** | **Type** |
| [New Jersey State Museum](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Jersey_State_Museum) | [Trenton](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trenton%2C_New_Jersey) | 1895 | General education |
| [Franklin Mineral Museum](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Franklin_Mineral_Museum) | [Franklin](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Franklin%2C_New_Jersey), [Sussex County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sussex_County%2C_New_Jersey) | 1964 | Mineral museum |
| [Liberty Science Center](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Liberty_Science_Center) | [Liberty State Park](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Liberty_State_Park), [Jersey City](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jersey_City) | 1993 | [Science museum](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Science_museum) |
| [Maywood Station Museum](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maywood_Station_Museum) | [Maywood](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maywood%2C_New_Jersey) | 2004 | Railroad museum |
| [Montclair Art Museum](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Montclair_Art_Museum) | [Montclair](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Montclair%2C_New_Jersey) | 1914 | [Art museum](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Art_museum) |
| [Newark Museum](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Newark_Museum) | [Newark](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Newark%2C_New_Jersey) | 1909 | Natural science and art museum |
| [Princeton University Art Museum](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Princeton_University_Art_Museum) | [Princeton](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Princeton%2C_New_Jersey) | 1884 | Art museum |
| Thomas Edison Museum | [Menlo Park](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Menlo_Park%2C_New_Jersey) | 1938 | [Thomas Edison](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thomas_Edison) museum |

There is also a mineral museum [Ogdensburg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ogdensburg%2C_New_Jersey) in Sussex County.

## National Parks, Monuments, Reserves, and Trails

[Appalachian National Scenic Trail](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Appalachian_Trail) [Crossroads of the American Revolution](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Crossroads_of_the_American_Revolution_National_Heritage_Area)

[Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Delaware_Water_Gap_National_Recreation_Area) [Ellis Island National Monument](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ellis_Island)

[Gateway National Recreation Area](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gateway_National_Recreation_Area)

[Great Egg Harbor National Scenic and Recreational River](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Great_Egg_Harbor_National_Scenic_and_Recreational_River&amp;action=edit&amp;redlink=1) [Lower Delaware Scenic River](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Lower_Delaware_Scenic_River&amp;action=edit&amp;redlink=1)

[Morristown National Historical Park](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Morristown_National_Historical_Park) [New Jersey Pinelands National Reserve](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pinelands_National_Reserve)

[Patterson Great Falls National Historical Park](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Great_Falls_(Passaic_River)) [Statue of Liberty National Monument](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Statue_of_Liberty_National_Monument) [Thomas Edison National Historical Park](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thomas_Edison_National_Historical_Park)

[Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Washington%E2%80%93Rochambeau_Revolutionary_Route)[246]



[View of Wildwood in Cape May County, from the Mariner's Lan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cape_May_County%2C_New_Jersey)ding [Ferris wheel](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ferris_wheel) at night

## Entertainment and concert venues

Visitors and residents take advantage of and contribute to performances at the numerous music, theater, and dance companies and venues located throughout the state, including:

## Boardwalks

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Venue** | **Type** | **Location** | **Year opened** |
| [Prudential Center](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prudential_Center) | [Arena](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arena) | [Newark](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Newark%2C_New_Jersey) | 2007 |
| [Meadowlands Arena](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Meadowlands_Arena) | [Arena](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arena) | [Meadowlands Sports Complex](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Meadowlands_Sports_Complex) | 1981 |
| [PNC Bank Arts Center](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/PNC_Bank_Arts_Center) | [Amphitheater](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Amphitheater) | [Holmdel](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Holmdel_Township%2C_New_Jersey) | 1977 |
| [NJPAC](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Jersey_Performing_Arts_Center) | [Concert Hall](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_concert_halls) | [Newark](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Newark%2C_New_Jersey) | 1997 |
| [Paper Mill Playhouse](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paper_Mill_Playhouse) | Regional Theater | [Millburn](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Millburn%2C_New_Jersey) | 1968 |
| State Theater | Regional Theater | [New Brunswick](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Brunswick%2C_New_Jersey) | 1921 |
| [Boardwalk Hall](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boardwalk_Hall) | [Arena](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arena) | [Atlantic City](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Atlantic_City%2C_New_Jersey) | 1926 |
| [Susquehanna Bank Center](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Susquehanna_Bank_Center) | [Amphitheater](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Amphitheater) | [Camden](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Camden%2C_New_Jersey) | 1995 |
| [Sun National Bank Center](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sun_National_Bank_Center) | [Arena](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arena) | [Trenton](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trenton%2C_New_Jersey) | 1999 |

New Jersey is the location of most of the boardwalks in the U.S., with nearly every town and city along the [Jersey Shore](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jersey_Shore) area each having a boardwalk with various attractions, entertainment, shopping, dining, miniature golf, arcades, water parks with various water rides, including water slides, lazy rivers, wave [pools, etc., and amusement parks hosting rides and attractions including roller coasters,](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roller_coaster) [carousels](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carousel)[,](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roller_coaster) [Ferris wheels](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ferris_wheel)[,](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roller_coaster) [bumper cars](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bumper_cars)[, teacups, etc.](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roller_coaster)

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Venue** | **Amusement Park** | **Location** | **Year opened** |
| Asbury Park Boardwalk | Asbury Splash Park | [Asbury Park](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Asbury_Park%2C_New_Jersey) | 1871 |
| [Atlantic City Boardwalk](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Atlantic_City_Boardwalk) | [Steel Pier](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Steel_Pier) | [Atlantic City](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Atlantic_City%2C_New_Jersey) | 1870 |
| Jenkinson's Boardwalk | None | [Point Pleasant Beach](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Point_Pleasant_Beach%2C_New_Jersey) | 1928 |
| [Ocean City Boardwalk](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ocean_City_Boardwalk_(New_Jersey)) | [Gillian's Wonderland Pier](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gillians_Wonderland_Pier) | [Ocean City](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ocean_City%2C_New_Jersey) | 1929 |
| [Pier Village](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pier_Village) | None | [Long Branch](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Long_Branch%2C_New_Jersey) | 2005 |
| Seaside Heights Boardwalk | [Casino Pier](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Casino_Pier) | [Seaside Heights](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Seaside_Heights%2C_New_Jersey) | 1932 |
| Wildwood Boardwalk | [Morey's Piers](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Morey%27s_Piers) | [The Wildwoods](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Wildwoods) | 1969 |

## Theme parks



[Atlantic City Boardwalk](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Atlantic_City_Boardwalk) view from [Ceasers Atlantic City](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Caesars_Atlantic_City). Opened in 1870, it was the first [boardwalk](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boardwalk) built in the United States. At 5.5 miles long, it is also the longest in the world.



Skyline of [Six Flags Great Adventure](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Six_Flags_Great_Adventure) in [Jackson Township](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jackson_Township%2C_New_Jersey), [Ocean County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ocean_County%2C_New_Jersey), the world's largest [theme park](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Theme_park) as of 2013[247] To the far left is [Kingda Ka](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kingda_Ka), the world's tallest [roller coaster](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roller_coaster).[248]

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Main park** | **Other parks** | **Location** | **Year opened** |
| [Clementon Amusement Park](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Clementon_Amusement_Park) | Splash World | [Clementon](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Clementon%2C_New_Jersey) | 1907 |
| [Diggerland](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Diggerland) | Four in [England](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/England) | [West Berlin](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/West_Berlin%2C_New_Jersey) | 2014 |
| Fantasy Island | Thundering Surf Water Park | [Beach Haven](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Beach_Haven%2C_New_Jersey) | 1985 |
| The Funplex (Mount Laurel) | The Funplex ([East Hanover](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/East_Hanover_Township%2C_New_Jersey)) | [Mount Laurel](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mount_Laurel%2C_New_Jersey) |  |
| [iPlay America](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/IPlay_America) | None | [Freehold](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Freehold_Township%2C_New_Jersey) | 2011 |
| Keansburg Amusement Park | Runaway Rapids | [Keansburg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Keansburg%2C_New_Jersey) | 1904 |
| [Land of Make Believe](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Land_of_Make_Believe_(amusement_park)) | Pirate's Cove | [Hope](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hope_Township%2C_New_Jersey) | 1954 |
| [Mountain Creek Waterpark](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mountain_Creek_Waterpark) | None | [Vernon](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vernon_Township%2C_New_Jersey) | 1998 |
| [Six Flags Great Adventure](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Six_Flags_Great_Adventure) | [Six Flags Hurricane Harbor](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Six_Flags_Hurricane_Harbor) | [Jackson](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jackson%2C_New_Jersey) | 1974 |
| [Storybook Land](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Storybook_Land) | None | [Egg Harbor Township](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Egg_Harbor_Township%2C_New_Jersey) | 1955 |
| [Wild West City](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wild_West_City) | None | [Stanhope](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stanhope%2C_New_Jersey) | 1957 |

# Sports

## Professional sports

New Jersey currently has four [major league](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Major_professional_sports_leagues_in_the_United_States_and_Canada) teams based in the state, although only one, the [National Hockey League](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Hockey_League)'s [New Jersey Devils](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Jersey_Devils), bears the state's name. Since 2007, they have played their home games at the [Prudential Center](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prudential_Center) in [Newark](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Newark%2C_New_Jersey).

[The New York metropolitan area's two National Football League teams, the New](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_Giants) [York Giants and the New York Jets, both play in East Rutherford, at MetLife Stadium in the](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MetLife_Stadium) [Meadowlands Sports Complex](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Meadowlands_Sports_Complex)[.[216] Completed at a cost of](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MetLife_Stadium) approximately $1.6 billion, it is one of the most expensive stadiums ever built.[214][217] On February 2, 2014, MetLife Stadium hosted [Super Bowl XLVIII](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Super_Bowl_XLVIII), the first Super Bowl played outside in a cold-weather city.

[MetLife Stadium](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MetLife_Stadium) in [East Rutherford](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/East_Rutherford%2C_New_Jersey), home to the NFL's New York Giants and New York Jets[214]

The [New York Red Bulls](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_Red_Bulls) of [Major League Soccer](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Major_League_Soccer) play in [Red Bull Arena](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Red_Bull_Arena_(New_Jersey)), a soccer-specific stadium located in [Harrison](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Harrison%2C_New_Jersey), just outside of downtown Newark.

The Meadowlands Sports Complex is also home to the [Meadowlands Racetrack](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Meadowlands_Racetrack), one of three major [harness racing](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Harness_racing) tracks in the state. That track, along with [Freehold Raceway](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Freehold_Raceway) in [Freehold](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Freehold_Borough%2C_New_Jersey), are two of the major harness racing tracks in North [America. Monmouth Park Racetrack in Oceanport is a popular spot for thoroughbred horse racing. It hosted the Breeders' Cup in 2007, and its turf course was renovated in preparation.](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Breeders%27_Cup)

[Additionally, New Jersey is home to two MLB-affiliated Minor League Baseball teams: the Trenton Thunder (New York](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_Yankees) [Yankees affiliate) and the Lakewood BlueClaws (Philadelphia Phillies affiliate). The state is also home to the Can-Am League baseball team, the](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Can-Am_League) [New Jersey Jackals](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Jersey_Jackals)[, who play at](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Can-Am_League) [Yogi Berra Stadium](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yogi_Berra_Stadium)[, which is located on the campus of](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Can-Am_League) [Montclair State University](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Montclair_State_University).

The following table shows the major league sports teams in the state:

New Jersey major league professional sports teams

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Club** | **Sport** | **League** | **Stadium (capacity)** | **Established** | **Championship Titles** |
| [**New Jersey Devils**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Jersey_Devils) | Ice hockey | [NHL](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Hockey_League) | [Prudential Center](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prudential_Center) (16,514) | 1974 | 3 (1995, 2000, 2003) |
| [**New York Giants**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_Giants) | Football | [NFL](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Football_League) | [MetLife Stadium](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MetLife_Stadium) (82,500) | 1925 | 8 (1927, 1934, 1938, 1956, 1986, 1990,  2007, 2011) |
| [**New York Jets**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_Jets) | Football | [NFL](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Football_League) | [MetLife Stadium](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MetLife_Stadium) (82,500) | 1959 | 1 (1968) |
| [**New York Red Bulls**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_Red_Bulls) | Soccer | [MLS](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Major_League_Soccer) | [Red Bull Arena](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Red_Bull_Arena_(New_Jersey)) (25,000) | 1994 | 0 |

## College sports

New Jerseyans' collegiate allegiances are predominantly split among the four major [NCAA Division I](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Division_I_(NCAA)) programs in the [state—the Seton Hall University Pirates, the Rutgers University Scarlet Knights, the NJIT Highlanders, and the Princeton University](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Princeton_University#Athletics) [Tigers](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Princeton_Tigers)[. Rutgers joined the](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Princeton_University#Athletics) [Big Ten Conference](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Big_Ten_Conference) [in 2014.](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Princeton_University#Athletics)

Seton Hall's basketball team has been one of the most storied programs in the Big East Conference, and it plays its home games at the [Prudential Center](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prudential_Center) in [Newark](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Newark%2C_New_Jersey). The Hall have three Big East Tournament Championships with wins in 1991, 1993 and most recently in 2016. Seton Hall was the national runner-up in the 1989 NCAA Tournament when they lost to the Michigan Wolverines in overtime. The Pirates made a huge comeback as a program in 2014 with a top-five recruiting class nationally. The Pirates have support in the predominantly Roman Catholic areas of the northern part of the state and the [Jersey Shore](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jersey_Shore).

Rutgers and Princeton have an intense rivalry—stemming from the [first intercollegiate football game](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1869_college_football_season) in 1869—though the two schools have not met on the football field since 1980. They continue to play each other annually in other sports.

Rutgers, which fields 24 teams in various sports, is nationally known for its excellent football and women's basketball programs. The university is planning an expansion to [Rutgers Stadium](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rutgers_Stadium), and the teams play in [Piscataway](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Piscataway_Township%2C_New_Jersey), which is adjacent to the New Brunswick campus. The university also fields rising basketball and baseball programs. Rutgers' fan base is mostly derived from the western parts of the state and [Middlesex County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Middlesex_County%2C_New_Jersey), and its alumni base is the largest in the state.

## High-school sports

New Jersey high schools are divided into divisions under the [New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Jersey_State_Interscholastic_Athletic_Association). (NJSIAA)[249]'[250] Founded in 1918, the NJSIAA currently represents 22,000 schools, 330,000 coaches, and almost

* 1. million athletes.

# State symbols

[**State animal**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_U.S._state_animals)Horse

(*Equus caballus*)

[14]

[**State bird**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_U.S._state_birds)[Eastern goldfinch](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/American_goldfinch) (*Carduelis tristis*)

[10]

[**State freshwater fish**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_U.S._state_fish)[Brook trout](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brook_trout)

(*Salvelinus fontinalis*)

[**State folk dance**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_U.S._state_folk_dances)[Square dance](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Square_dance)[16]

[**State insect**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_U.S._state_insects)[European honey bee](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Western_honey_bee) (*Apis mellifera*)

[13]

[11]

[**State flower**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_U.S._state_flowers)[Common meadow violet](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Viola_sororia) (*Viola sororia*)

[12]

[**State motto**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_U.S._state_mottos)"[Liberty](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Liberty) and [Prosperity](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prosperity)"

[**State song**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_U.S._state_songs)None[251]

[**State tree**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_U.S._state_trees)[Northern red oak](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Northern_red_oak)

(*Quercus borealis maxima*) (syn. *Quercus rubra*)[15]

[**State dinosaur**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_U.S._state_fossils)[*Hadrosaurus foulkii*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hadrosaurus)[18]

[**State soil**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_U.S._state_soils)[Downer](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Downer_(soil))

[**State color**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_U.S._state_colors)Buff and Jersey Blue[252]

[**State ship**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_U.S._state_ships)[A. J. Meerwald](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/A._J._Meerwald)[253]

[**State fruit**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_U.S._state_foods)[Northern highbush blueberry](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Northern_highbush_blueberry) (*Vaccinium corymbosum*)

[17]

[**State vegetable**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_U.S._state_foods)[Jersey tomato](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tomato) (*Lycopersicon esculentum*)

[**State shell**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_U.S._state_shells)[Knobbed whelk](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Knobbed_whelk)

[254]

(*Busycon carica gmelin*)

**State memorial tree** [Dogwood](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dogwood)

[15]

(*Cornus florida*)

**State slogan** Come See For Yourself

# Notable people

**See also**

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