

## Current Report: Community Profile Report of County: Mercer



**Date:** December 1, 2011

**Proposed Location:**

This location, **Mercer** (County), is located in the state of **New Jersey**.

It is located within or touches the following census tract(s): **003800, 003901, 004308, 003001, 003302, 004405, 004304, 004306, 004301, 003705, 004203, 004204, 003301, 002500, 004201, 003202, 004307, 004406, 003003, 002904, 003201, 003002, 002702, 002903, 003706, 003500, 004407, 002902, 003006, 003009, 003004, 003008, 003703, 003704, 004404, 004403, 003100, 004100, 003903, 002701, 001300, 002800, 003400, 001200, 003007, 002602, 002601, 003902, 003602, 004000, 003601, 001100, 000100, 000900, 001800, 002200, 001000, 001401, 001700, 002100, 001900, 000300, 000600, 001500, 000800, 000400, 000200, 002000, 000500, 001402, 001600, 000700, 002400** .

Similarly, it is located within or touches the following zip code(s): **08540, 08691, 08525, 08512, 08534, 08520, 08550, 08648, 08560, 08619, 08620, 08628, 08690, 08618, 08638, 08611, 08609, 08629, 08608, 08542, 08650, 08561, 08544, 08625**.

Data presented in this report summarize the geographies specified in the citation information in each section.

### (-) This Area is Served by (or touches):

**School District(s):** Hopewell Valley Regional, Hamilton Township, W Windsor-Plainsboro Reg, Lawrence Township, Washington Township, Princeton Regional, East Windsor Regional, Ewing Township, Trenton City

**Congressional District(s):** New Jersey's 4th District (Christopher H. Smith - R), New Jersey's 12th District (Rush D. Holt - D)

**Senators:** Robert Menendez (D-NJ), Frank R. Lautenberg (D-NJ)

**State Senate District(s):** New Jersey State Senate District 012, New Jersey State Senate District 014, New Jersey State Senate District 015, New Jersey State Senate District 030

**State House District(s):** New Jersey General Assembly District 012, New Jersey General Assembly District 014, New Jersey General Assembly District 015, New Jersey General Assembly District 030

### (-) Population Trends:

As of 2009, this area was home to an estimated **363,778** people.

Population	2000	2005-2009	Change 2000 to 2005-2009 (%)
Area	350,761	363,778	3.71%
State (New Jersey)	8,414,350	8,650,548	2.81%

Source: [Census](#)

Aggregated by: County (Mercer)

Contains: 1 Counties

### (-) Racial Characteristics:

Of the people living in this area in between 2005-2009, **66.42%** are White, **19.73%** are African American, **12.84%** are Hispanic, **7.85%** are Asian, **0.02%** are either Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, **0.27%** are American Indian or

Alaskan Native, **4.06%** are of "some other race" and **1.66%** are of two or more races. In the table below, the percentage of the population that each segment represents in the report area is compared to the percent it represents in the state.

Between 2000 and 2005-2009, the White population changed by **0.75%**, the African American population by **4.63%**, and Asian population by **63.78%**. The number of Hispanics will change by **36.77%**.

Race	2000	2005-2009	Percent of Total Population in 2005-2009	Percent of State Population in 2005-2009 (New Jersey)
White	239,827	241,617	66.42%	70.21%
African American	68,582	71,757	19.73%	13.59%
Asian	17,429	28,546	7.85%	7.43%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	269	56	0.02%	0.03%
American Indian or Alaskan Native	786	989	0.27%	0.22%
Some Other Race	15,878	14,760	4.06%	6.76%
Two or More Races	7,990	6,053	1.66%	1.76%

Ethnicity	2000	2005-2009	Percent of Total Population in 2005-2009	Percent of State Population in 2005-2009 (New Jersey)
Hispanic	34,140	46,694	12.84%	15.9%

Source: [Census](#)  
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### (-) Age Distribution:

In the report area in 2005-2009, **12.27%** of the population is over the age of 65. **64.42%** are of working age (18-64). **23.31%** are under 18, and **6.35%** are under 5 years old.

Age	Number of People in Age Group	Percent of People in Age Group	Percent of People in Age Group (New Jersey)
Under 5	23,085	6.35%	6.49%
Under 18	84,811	23.31%	23.96%
Working Age (18-64)	234,331	64.42%	62.86%
Aging (65+)	44,636	12.27%	13.19%

Source: [Census](#)  
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### (-) Incomes:

The median household income for the study area was **\$71,767**, compared to a state median of **\$68,981**, as estimated for 2005-2009 by the Census' American Community Survey.

The number of households divided by income categories is shown in the Annual Income Category table. In 2009, **35.56%** of households in the study area had an annual income of less than \$50,000, compared to **36.53%** of people in the state.

2005-2009 Annual Income Category	Number of Households	Percent of Households
<b>County (Mercer)</b>		
Less than \$25,000	22,453	17.62%
\$25,000 - \$34,999	9,727	7.63%
\$35,000 - \$49,999	13,142	10.31%
\$50,000 - \$74,999	20,673	16.22%
\$75,000 - \$99,999	17,077	13.4%
\$100,000 - \$124,999	12,577	9.87%
\$125,000 - \$149,999	9,281	7.28%
\$150,000 or more	22,507	17.66%
<b>State (New Jersey)</b>		
Less than \$25,000	545,681	17.31%
\$25,000 - \$34,999	248,650	7.89%
\$35,000 - \$49,999	357,489	11.34%
\$50,000 - \$74,999	541,156	17.16%
\$75,000 - \$99,999	430,450	13.65%
\$100,000 - \$124,999	327,868	10.4%
\$125,000 - \$149,999	217,026	6.88%
\$150,000 or more	484,557	15.37%

According to the Census' American Community Survey estimates, the median income for a family in 2009 was **N/A**, compared to the state median family income of **\$83,957**.

Source: [Census](#)  
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### (-) Immigration:

Data from the U.S. Census Bureau for 2005-2009 indicate that **67,139** people or **18.46%** of the population living in this area were "foreign born". Census defines foreign born as anyone who is not a U.S. citizen at birth. This area is located in New Jersey, which, according to the Department of Homeland Security, was home to **58,879** people who were granted Legal Permanent Residence status in 2009. Those LPRs, or "green cards", represent **4.88%** of green cards issued in the nation that year.

Source: [Census](#), [Department of Homeland Security](#)  
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### (-) Families and Households:

The composition of the **86,378** families who reside in the study area is shown in the table below. Families are groups of related people who live together, whereas households refer to the person or group of people living in any one housing unit. Generally, households that do not contain a family are made up of unrelated people living together (eg, roommates) or people living alone. While it is possible for two families to share a household, the difference between the number of households and the number of families in an area shows, approximately, the number of non-family households in a place.

2005-2009 Family Composition	Number of Families	Percent of Families
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<b>County (Mercer)</b>		
Families	86,378	--
Married with Children	29,634	34.31%
Single with Children	11,999	13.89%
Single Female with Children	9,505	11%
Other Families	44,745	51.8%
<b>State (New Jersey)</b>		
Families	2,182,640	--
Married with Children	763,138	34.96%
Single with Children	277,046	12.69%
Single Female with Children	215,094	9.85%
Other Families	1,142,456	52.34%

Note: The category "Single with Children" includes all families that are "Single Female with Children", so all categories do not add up to 100 percent.

Source: [Census](#)  
 Aggregated by: County (Mercer)  
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<b>2005-2009 Household Counts</b>	<b>Number of Households</b>
<b>County (Mercer)</b>	
Households	127,437
<b>State (New Jersey)</b>	
Households	3,152,877

Source: [Census](#)  
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### (-) Housing Type:

The type of housing available in this area is described in the table below. Single family homes include all one-unit structures, both attached and detached. Townhouses or duplexes include one-unit attached homes, as well as housing units with two units. Units in small apartment building are buildings with 3 to 49 units; large apartment buildings include buildings with 50 units or more. Other types of housing include vans, boats, recreational vehicles, or other units.

<b>2005-2009 Housing Stock</b>	<b>Number of Units</b>	<b>Percent of Units</b>
<b>County (Mercer)</b>		
Single family detached homes	69,088	49.25%
Single family attached homes	29,264	20.86%
2-unit homes and duplexes	7,338	5.23%
Units in small apartment buildings	26,615	18.97%
Units in large apartment buildings	7,543	5.38%
Mobile homes or manufactured housing	367	0.26%
Other types	64	0.05%
<b>State (New Jersey)</b>		
Single family detached homes	1,882,552	53.91%

Single family attached homes	321,244	9.2%
2-unit homes and duplexes	331,689	9.5%
Units in small apartment buildings	712,808	20.41%
Units in large apartment buildings	207,291	5.94%
Mobile homes or manufactured housing	35,805	1.03%
Other types	771	0.02%

Source: [Census](#)  
 Aggregated by: County (Mercer)  
 Contains: 1 Counties

### (-) Tenure:

Across the area, an estimated **68.45%** or **87,225** households owned their home between 2005-2009. The average size of a household in this area was **2.75** between 2005-2009, as compared to the average household size for the county and the state, **2.75 (Mercer)** and **2.68 (New Jersey)** respectively.

Source: [Census](#)  
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### (-) Vacancy:

There were **140,279** housing units found in the study area in 2009, according to the Census' ACS estimates. For 2005-2009, the Census showed **9.15%** of housing units to be vacant, compared to **9.72%** in the state.

Source: [Census](#)  
 Aggregated by: County (Mercer)  
 Contains: 1 Counties

The US Postal Service tracks vacancy rates on a quarterly basis, showing vacancy trends over the short term. In the second quarter of 2010, the vacancy rate in this area **n/a**.

USPS Vacancy Rates	2008Q4	2009Q1	2009Q2	2009Q3	2009Q4	2010Q1	2010Q2	2010Q3
<b>County (Mercer)</b>								
Number Vacant	N/A							
Percent Vacant	N/A							
<b>County (Mercer)</b>								
Number Vacant	N/A							
Percent Vacant	N/A							

Source: [HUD USPS Address Vacancies](#)  
 Aggregated by: Census Tract  
 Contains: 73 Census Tracts

### (-) Employment:

The following table shows the number of people who were employed, unemployed, in the labor force, and the unemployment rate for the market in which the report area is located, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Unemployment rate	April 2011	May 2011	June 2011	July 2011	August 2011	September 2011
<b>City (Trenton)</b>						
Employed	33,990	33,793	33,619	33,880	34,204	34,019

Unemployed	4,764	4,843	5,043	5,283	5,021	4,869
In Labor Force	38,754	38,636	38,662	39,163	39,225	38,888
Unemployment Rate	12.3	12.5	13	13.5	12.8	12.5
<b>County (Mercer)</b>						
Employed	187,678	186,593	185,631	187,074	188,863	187,840
Unemployed	15,186	15,549	16,765	17,376	15,740	15,458
In Labor Force	202,864	202,142	202,396	204,450	204,603	203,298
Unemployment Rate	7.5	7.7	8.3	8.5	7.7	7.6
<b>State (New Jersey)</b>						
Employed	4,066,524	4,071,742	4,088,633	4,131,899	4,146,075	4,109,740
Unemployed	407,490	417,505	438,527	444,470	406,962	401,966
In Labor Force	4,474,014	4,489,247	4,527,160	4,576,369	4,553,037	4,511,706
Unemployment Rate	9.1	9.3	9.7	9.7	8.9	8.9

The following Cities that are within or contain the report area have no data available: **Ewing, Mercerville-Hamilton Square, Yardville-Groveville, White Horse, Princeton Junction, Princeton, Princeton North, Twin Rivers, Hightstown, Lawrenceville, Pennington, Hopewell**

Source: [BLS](#)

In this area in 2005-2009, the Census estimates that people were employed in the following industries:

<b>Employment by Industry</b>	<b>People Employed</b>	<b>Percent Employed in this Industry</b>	<b>Percent Employed in this Industry in New Jersey</b>
Accommodation and Food Services Industry Employment	9,347	5.27%	5.47%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management Services Industries Employment	7,313	4.12%	3.86%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting Industry Employment	518	0.29%	0.33%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation Industries Employment	2,928	1.65%	2.14%
Educational Service Industry Employment	22,995	12.96%	9.45%
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate and Rental and Leasing Industries Employment	15,001	8.45%	9.19%
Health Care and Social Assistance Industry Employment	19,962	11.25%	12.36%
Information Industry Employment	5,002	2.82%	3.27%
Manufacturing Industry Employment	16,514	9.3%	9.51%
Management of Companies and Enterprises Industry Employment	161	0.09%	0.13%
Other Services Industry Employment	7,436	4.19%	4.41%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services Industry Employment	15,941	8.98%	8.07%
Public Administration Employment	15,606	8.79%	4.64%
Retail Trade Industry Employment	17,270	9.73%	11.16%
Construction Industry Employment	9,436	5.32%	6.31%

Transportation and Warehousing, and Utilities Industries Employment	6,747	3.8%	5.75%
Wholesale Trade Industry Employment	5,151	2.9%	3.9%

Source: [Census](#)  
 Aggregated by: County (Mercer)  
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### (-) Crime:

The crime rates per 100,000 persons in the Census Place and county in which the study area is located, as reported by the FBI's Uniform Crime Reports, are as follows. Data was reported by the FBI for selected Census Places and counties, so data may be unavailable for your study area.

Crime Rates per 100,000 persons	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
<b>City (Trenton)</b>					
Aggravated Assault	769	700.09	634.34	490.63	725.1
Burglary or Larceny	3,391.53	2,381.26	2,704.93	2,724.62	2,813.25
Motor Vehicle Thefts	785.36	543.07	460.8	639.15	492.68
Murder	36.23	21.25	29.92	23.13	20.58
Rape	24.54	36.6	17.95	28	31.47
Robbery	940.79	746.14	712.14	665.94	619.79
<b>City (Princeton)</b>					
Aggravated Assault	73.42	74.05	88.09	74.32	74.78
Burglary or Larceny	3,002.94	3,080.34	2,429.71	2,392.98	2,520
Motor Vehicle Thefts	95.45	81.45	7.34	29.73	37.39
Murder	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rape	N/A	14.81	N/A	N/A	7.48
Robbery	73.42	81.45	22.02	29.73	59.82
<b>City (Hightstown)</b>					
Aggravated Assault	149.87	151.03	151.6	57.09	94.29
Burglary or Larceny	1,798.43	1,906.74	1,591.81	1,446.24	1,282.29
Motor Vehicle Thefts	37.47	113.27	94.75	38.06	18.86
Murder	N/A	N/A	N/A	19.03	N/A
Rape	N/A	56.64	N/A	N/A	37.71
Robbery	112.4	113.27	75.8	114.18	18.86
<b>City (Pennington)</b>					
Aggravated Assault	36.78	N/A	37.37	N/A	N/A
Burglary or Larceny	919.46	815.42	485.8	753.86	603.55
Motor Vehicle Thefts	N/A	N/A	N/A	113.08	37.72
Murder	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rape	N/A	37.06	N/A	N/A	N/A
Robbery	N/A	N/A	N/A	37.69	N/A
<b>City (Hopewell)</b>					
Aggravated Assault	N/A	N/A	99.35	N/A	N/A
Burglary or Larceny	1,216.55	588.81	1,291.6	704.23	1,008.57

Motor Vehicle Thefts	48.66	N/A	N/A	N/A	50.43
Murder	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rape	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Robbery	N/A	N/A	49.68	N/A	N/A
<b>County (Mercer)</b>					
Aggravated Assault	242.85	225.9	210.4	182.94	245.21
Burglary or Larceny	2,229.62	2,004.99	1,921.16	1,980.92	1,929.72
Motor Vehicle Thefts	294.21	225.08	197.55	235.72	173.12
Murder	9.29	5.73	7.1	6.56	4.64
Rape	15.3	18.28	11.75	15.04	17.2
Robbery	275.63	236.54	209.03	199.62	190.87

The following Cities that are within or contain the report area have no data available: **Ewing, Mercerville-Hamilton Square, Yardville-Groveville, White Horse, Princeton Junction, Princeton North, Twin Rivers, Lawrenceville**

Source: [FBI UCR and DOJ](#)

## (-) Endnotes:

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Depending on the type of size of the area selected for this report, the above values capture data for the block groups, tracts, counties, etc, in which at least 50% of their areas are contained. If this report is run for a zip code, some data will be unavailable, as zip code values for some topics are not available through the Census.

The source of crime data in the tables presented here is Federal Bureau of Investigation's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program, which compiles standardized incident reports from local law enforcement agencies in order to produce reliable, uniform, and national crime data. The UCR Program collects data on known offenses and persons arrested by law enforcement agencies. For details on this dataset, see the related entry for [FBI Uniform Crime Reports](#) in the Data Directory. Crime data in this report is not summed or aggregated, but rather listed for each of the complete areas within the study area for which crime is reported.

For the separate Employment and Crime Sections in this report, only locations for which data are available are included in the tables. If the section does not include information, no data was available for any of the locations or component parts of the area you requested for this report.

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