Accessing Economic Opportunity: Atlantic County, NJ

Opportunity Employment

Jobs that do **not require a four-year college degree** and pay above the national annual median wage, once adjusted for local differences in price levels. In 2015, these were jobs that **paid above $38,046**.
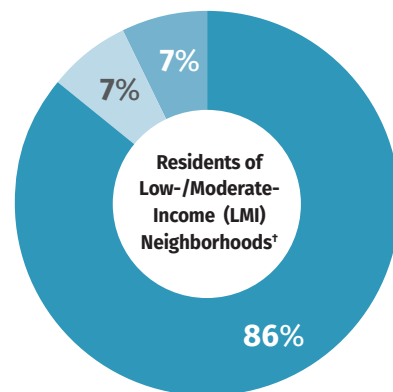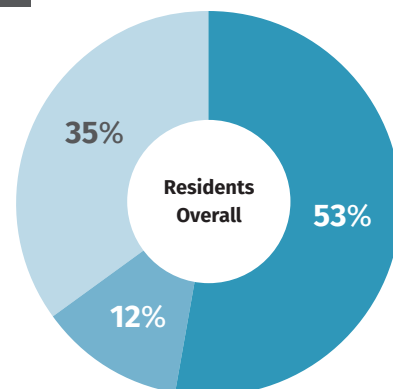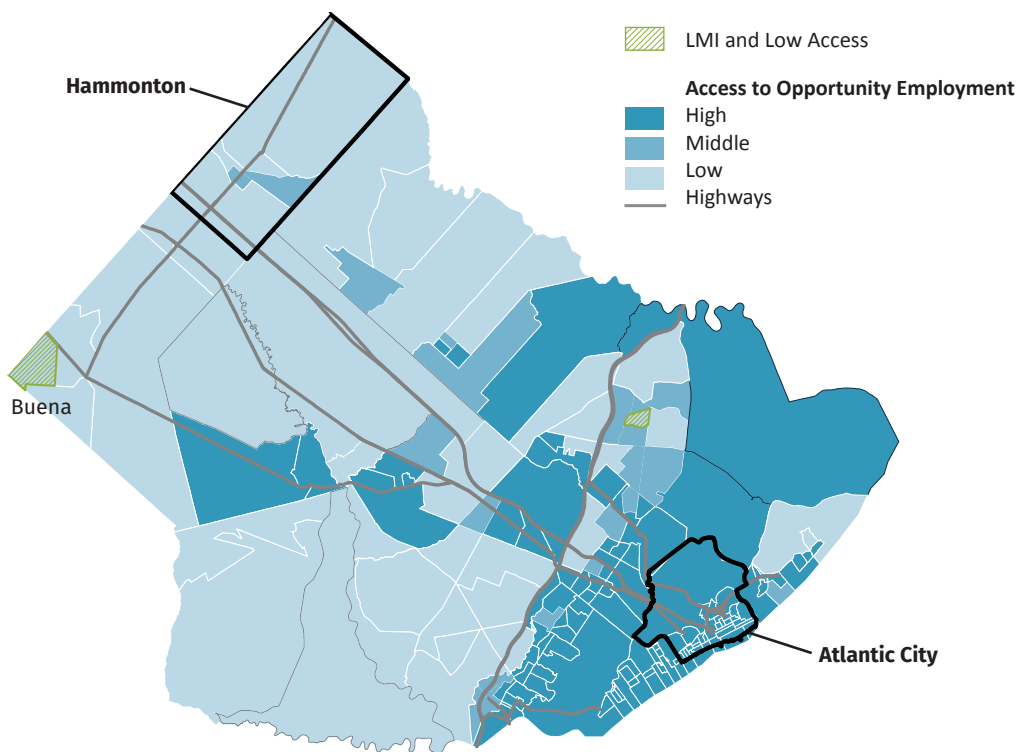
Access to Opportunity Employment

Neighborhoods were classified according to the percent of regional opportunity employment accessible by transit in 60 minutes.*

low access (<8%)	**middle access** (8.0–27.5%)	**high access** (>27.5%)

ACCESS TO JOBS IN ATLANTIC COUNTY

Hammonton

Buena

Atlantic City

Legend:
- LMI and Low Access
- **Access to Opportunity Employment**
  - High
  - Middle
  - Low
  - Highways

Residents Overall
- 35%
- 53%
- 12%

Residents of Low-/Moderate-Income (LMI) Neighborhoods†
- 7%
- 7%
- 86%

The average resident can access **30 percent** of opportunity employment within a 60-minute weekday morning commute.*

35 percent of residents overall have **low access to opportunity employment**, 12 percent have middle access, and 53 percent have high access.

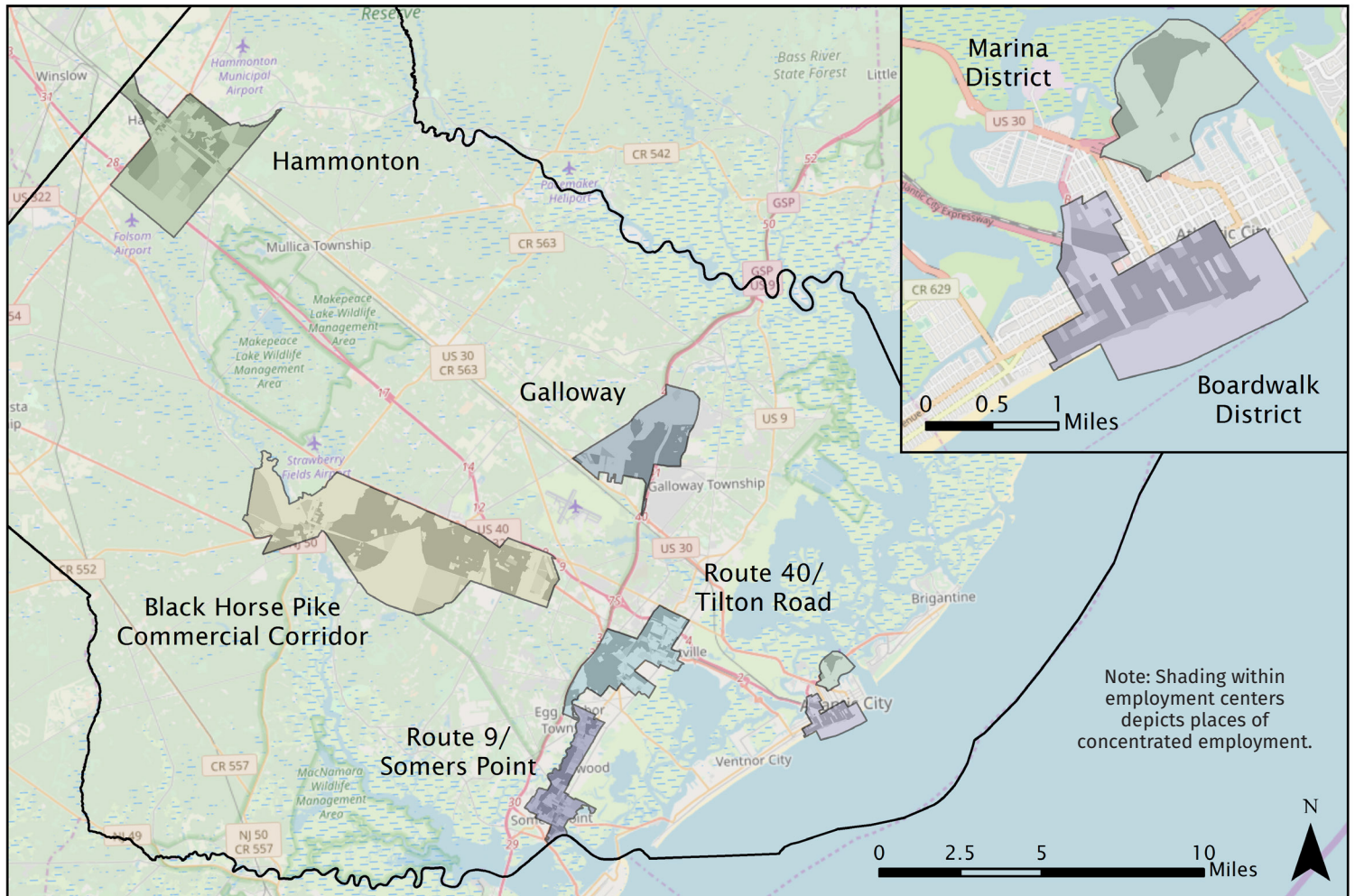**5 percent** of residents with low access **live in LMI neighborhoods**.

* The 60-minute commute time includes no more than a total of 20 minutes of walking. † LMI neighborhoods had a 2015 median household income less than $43,569.

ACCESS TO TALENT IN ATLANTIC COUNTY

Employment centers have greater than expected job density and **at least 3,200 jobs.**

60% of employment is located in **7 employment centers.**

The **5 largest employment centers** are accessible by **less than 60 percent of prime-age residents** (25–54 years old).

Note: Shading within employment centers depicts places of concentrated employment.

Employment Center	Employment	Percent of County Employment	Average Share of Prime-Age Residents with Access	Average Share of Residents of Low- and Moderate-Income Neighborhoods with Access
Boardwalk District	22,888	21%	57%	88%
Black Horse Pike Commercial Corridor	9,538	9%	18%	38%
Route 40/Tilton Road	8,857	8%	35%	63%
Marina District	7,014	7%	27%	65%
Route 9/Somers Point	6,539	6%	38%	70%
Galloway	5,313	5%	9%	16%
Hammonton	4,293	4%	6%	5%
Total Center Employment	**64,442**	**60%**		

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