



# Union County, New Jersey



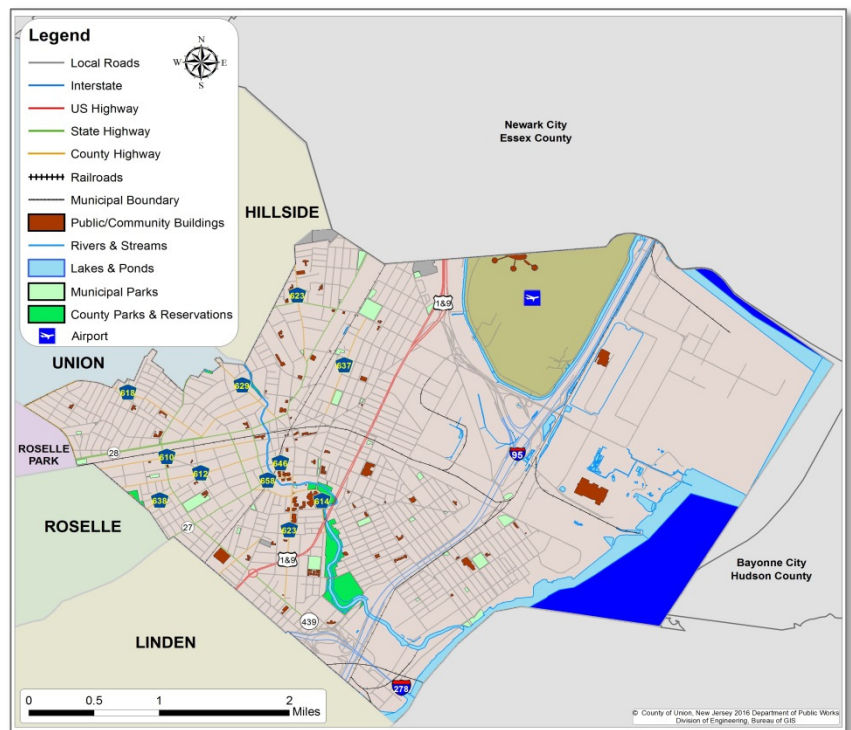
## City of Elizabeth

<http://elizabethnj.org>

### Demographics

Population	127,759
Land Area (sq. miles)	12.32
Per capita income	\$18,826
Percent below poverty	19.0%
Median household income	\$43,568
Median age	33.1
Total housing units	44,221
Median housing value	\$263,600
Average household size	3.18
Mean travel time to work	27.4 min
Age 3+ enrolled in school	33,101
Persons per square mile	10,144
Unemployment rate	6.1%*

Source: US Census Bureau, 2011 - 2015 American Community Survey (5-Year Estimates),  
\*USDOL Bureau of Labor Statistics – October 2016

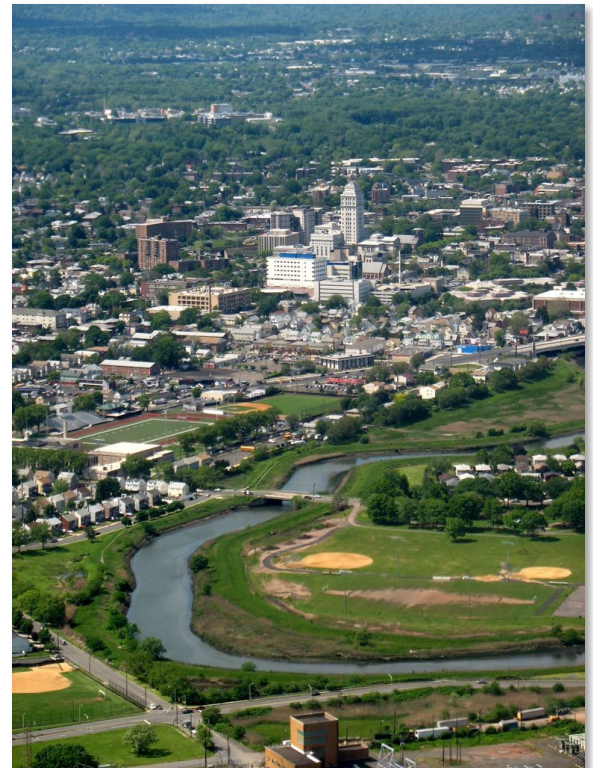


GIS Website to Access High Detail Interactive Map :

<http://ucgis.ucnj.org/UnionCountyGIS/WebPages/Map/FundyViewer.aspx>

### History, Location & Highlights

Elizabeth is an exciting booming center of commerce and transportation with the Port of Elizabeth, which is the largest deep-water shipping terminal on the East Coast and Newark Liberty International Airport, where Terminal A is located within the city. It has two train stations, which provide direct service to locations, including New York City, along the Northeast Corridor and North Jersey Coastline Rail Lines. In addition to being the State's fourth largest municipality and Union County Seat, it was also the first capital of New Jersey when it was founded in 1665. Featured along Broad Street within its Midtown district, are many beautiful, historic buildings from the pre-Revolution era and beyond. The city has many recreational sites and amenities including Mattano Park, the Elizabeth River Trail and Warinanco Park. Events are held throughout the community, including the annual Tour de Elizabeth, which features a 15-mile bike ride and attracts visitors from around the region. Elizabeth is home to The Mills at Jersey Gardens Mall, which welcomes more than 15 million visitors each year. The highly successful Urban Enterprise Zone (UEZ), which offers benefits to businesses including a 3.5% reduced sales tax, has been a catalyst for more than \$1.5 billion in new economic development.

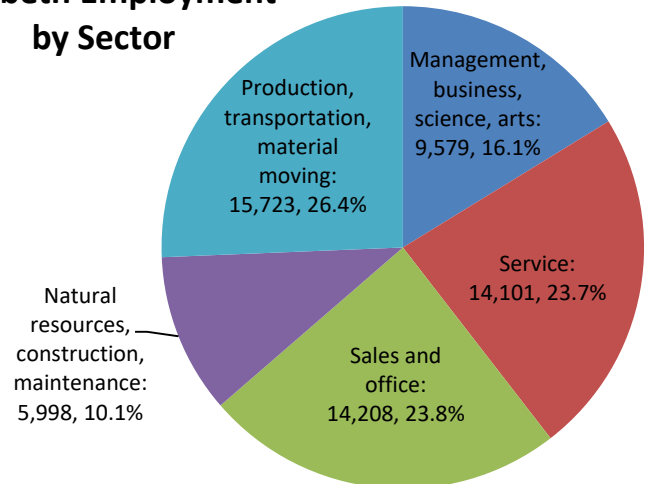


Aerial view of Elizabeth. Source: [www.panoramio.com](http://www.panoramio.com)

## Transportation

The City of Elizabeth is easily accessible by car, air, rail or sea. In addition to Terminal A of Newark Liberty International Airport as well as the Midtown and North Elizabeth Train Stations, major highways also connect to the municipality and include the New Jersey Turnpike, Route 1&9, Route 278 and Route 27. NJ Transit also operates several bus lines that run through the city, including bus #s 26, 40, 48, 52, 56, 57, 58, 58, 62, 111, 112, 113 and 115. More than 68% of Elizabeth's working residents commute by private automobile, and nearly 12% use public transportation. Approximately 6% walk or ride a bicycle to work along with over 11% of individuals who use a taxicab, motorcycle, or other mode of transportation. The mean travel time to work is 27.4 minutes.

## Elizabeth Employment by Sector



Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2011-2015 5-Year Estimates.

## Housing

Elizabeth has over 44,221 housing units, of which 89.2% are occupied. Renting is the more common form of housing tenure, with renter-occupied units making up 74.6% of all occupied units. Approximately 14% of Elizabeth's housing stock is single-unit detached, over 30% is in 2-unit structures, and over half is in structures with 3 or more units. Over 56% of Elizabeth's housing stock was built prior to 1960. The median gross rent in the city is \$1,062.

## Community Facilities & Services

### Public Schools:

- 35 public schools, elementary through high school including selective college preparatory high schools
- Ranked #1 urban school district in NJ, with 2 top-ranking high schools (Elizabeth High School and Hamilton) and 3 national blue ribbon schools (Schools #7, 21, 22)

### Private Schools:

- Eight private and/or religiously affiliated schools in Elizabeth

### Public Library:

- Four branch libraries, extensive collection and free internet access

### Higher Education:

- Union County College – Elizabeth Campus

### Health Care:

- Trinitas Regional Medical Center: full-service inpatient, outpatient and long-term care facility

### Fire Department:

- Operates 7 stations with 269 fulltime firefighters
- NON-EMERGENCY telephone (908) 820-2800

### Police Department:

- NON-EMERGENCY telephone (908) 558-2000

### Office of Youth Services:

- Youth-oriented programs such as S.O.A.R, Safe Haven, and Building Future Leaders Program



Broad Street Elizabeth Train Station. Source: wikipedia.org

### Web Links:

- City website: <http://www.elizabethnj.org/>
- Union County: <http://ucnj.org/>
- Public Schools: <http://www.elizabeth.k12.nj.us>
- Public Library: <http://www.elizpl.org/>
- Greater Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce: <http://elizabethchamber.com>
- Elizabeth Destination Marketing Organization: <http://www.goelizabethnj.com/>