



Union County, New Jersey

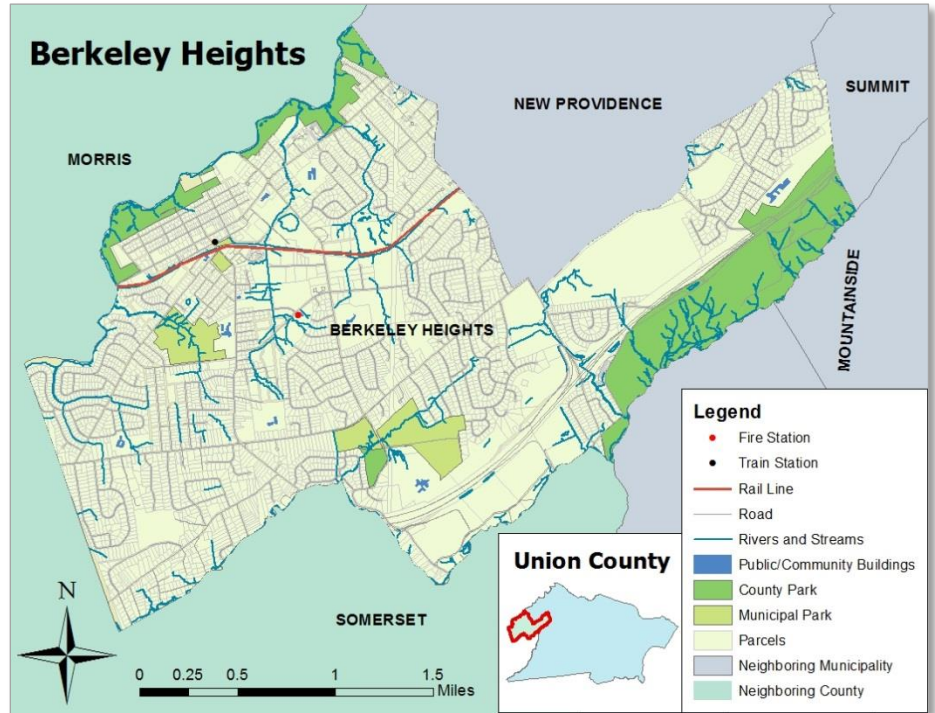


Township of Berkeley Heights
<http://www.berkeleyheightstwp.com>

Demographics

Population	13,183
Land Area (sq. miles)	6.2
Per capita income	\$59,524
Percent below poverty	1.70%
Median household income	\$138,477
Median age	43.5
Total housing units	4,596
Median housing value	\$601,400
Average household size	2.85
Mean travel time to work	34.2
Age 3+ enrolled in school	3,383
Persons per square mile	2,122.4
Unemployment rate	5.0%

Source: US Census Bureau, 2010 Census and 2008 - 2012 American Community Survey (5-Year Estimates).



History, Location and Highlights

Nestled in the Watchung Mountains, Berkeley Heights offers a desirable residential community that was ranked #6 in “Best Places to Live – America’s Top 50 Small Towns” in 2013 by CNN/Money. The township was incorporated on November 8, 1809 and was originally named New Providence Township. The name was changed by referendum to Berkeley Heights in 1951. Berkeley Heights Township is located in the westernmost part of Union County, bordered to the north by New Providence Borough, to the east by Scotch Plains and Mountainside, and to the south and west by Somerset and Morris Counties. Berkeley Heights has a 5 member township committee form of government, including a mayor who is appointed by the township committee. In April 2012, Berkeley Heights was awarded a Silver level Sustainable Jersey certification, one of only nine municipalities in the state that have been certified at this level. The township has excellent park and open space resources, including Columbia Park, Passaic River Park (shared with Chatham Township in Morris County to the north) and the Watchung Reservation (shared with Mountainside and Scotch Plains).

Transportation

Route 78, which runs along the southeastern border, is the only major arterial in Berkeley Heights and has many major corporations along it. County and local roads provide access throughout the municipality. Berkeley Heights is served by the Gladstone Branch of the Morris & Essex Rail Line via Berkeley Heights Station located on



Above: Downtown shopping center. Source:

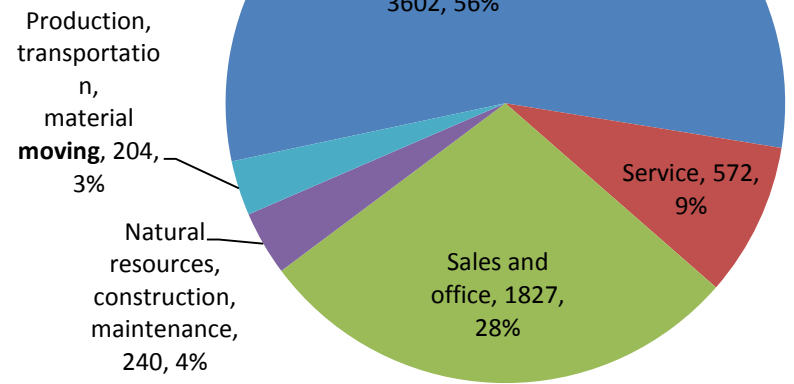
Sherman and Plainfield Avenue, which provides a one-seat ride to New York Penn Station for commuters. Berkeley Heights is also served by NJ Transit Bus #986. Approximately 82% of Berkeley Heights residents travel to work by private automobile, and 11% use public transportation. 44.5% travel outside of Union County for work, and nearly 20% work out of the State. The average commute time for a Berkeley Heights resident is 34.2 minutes.

Housing

Berkeley Heights has a stable housing stock with nearly all of its 4,516 housing units occupied and 91.3% occupied by owners. 44% of the township's housing stock was built prior to 1960, and median housing value is \$601,400. The median gross rent paid in Berkeley Heights is \$1,667. The housing development pattern in Berkeley Heights is mainly suburban, with

85.7% of its housing units classified as single-unit detached, and only 6.1% in three or more unit structures based on Census data.

Berkeley Heights Employment by Sector



Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2008-2012 5-year estimates.

Community Facilities & Services

Public Schools:

- Mary Kay McMillin Early Childhood Center (PreK – Grade 1)
- Mountain Park Elementary (2-5)
- Thomas P. Hughes Elementary (2-5)
- William Woodruff Elementary (2-5)
- Columbia Middle School (6-8)
- Governor Livingston High School (9-12)

Health Care:

- RUNNELLS Specialized Hospital of Union County, nursing care facility

Police Department:

- Operates 24/7 with 24 full-time officers, 4 full-time dispatchers and civilian support staff

Fire Department

- 411 Hamilton Avenue

Public Library:

- 290 Plainfield Avenue

First Aid:

- 100% volunteer-run rescue squad

Recreation:

- Municipal and community parks
- Olympic-sized community pool
- Berkeley Swim Club (private)

Web Links:

- Township of Berkeley Heights: <http://www.berkeleyheightstwp.com/>
- Union County: <http://ucnj.org/>
- Berkeley Heights Schools: <http://www.bhpsnj.org/bhpsnj>
- Chamber of Commerce: <http://www.suburbanchambers.org/>
- Public Library: <http://www.bhplnj.org/>



Memorial Park near the train station. Photo credit: wikipedia.org