



Union County, New Jersey



Borough of Mountainside

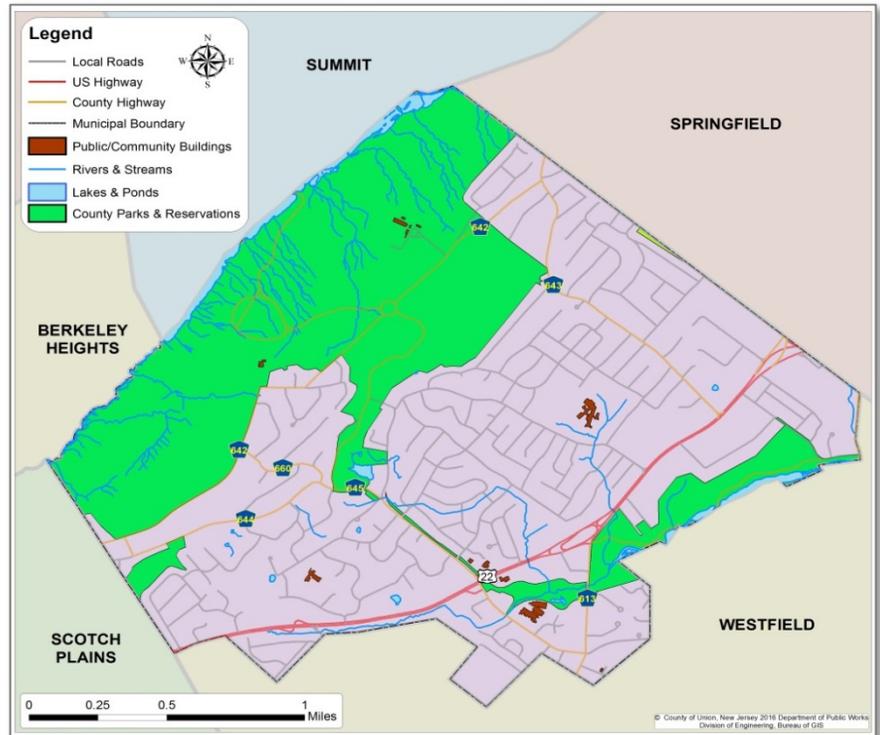
<http://www.mountainside-nj.com/>

Demographics

Population	6,832
Land Area (sq. miles)	4.01
Per capita income	\$65,583
Percent below poverty	4.6%
Median household income	\$133,571
Median age	47.2
Total housing units	2,472
Median housing value	\$627,200
Average household size	2.86
Mean travel time to work	30.9 min
Age 3+ enrolled in school	1,867
Persons per square mile	1,704
Unemployment rate	3.5%*

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

*NJ Dept. of Labor and Workforce Development, 2015 Annual Average Municipal Labor Force Estimates



GIS Website to Access High Detail Interactive Map :

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

History, Location & Highlights

Mountainside is a beautiful residential town located on the side of the Watchung Mountains. Nearly one-third of the Borough's approximately four square miles is designated parkland, mostly in the Watchung Reservation in the northwest part of the Borough. Mountainside is bordered to the northwest by Berkeley Heights and Summit, to the northeast by Springfield, Westfield to the south and Scotch Plains to the west. Mountainside was formed from portions of Westfield and was incorporated as a borough in 1895. In 2010, Mountainside was ranked by *New Jersey Monthly* magazine as the eighth best place to live in the state. The Borough of Mountainside is governed by the Mayor/Council form of local government. Mountainside has a six member borough council and the mayor is directly elected by the voters.

Transportation

Route 22 runs through the southeast portion of the Borough, connecting it to other locations in the County and beyond. Interstate 78 also runs just north of the Borough. Although Mountainside does not have a train station, it is somewhat close to the Westfield and Garwood stops on the Raritan Valley Line and the New Providence and Summit stations on the Gladstone Branch of the Morris & Essex lines of NJ Transit. The Borough is also served by NJ Transit



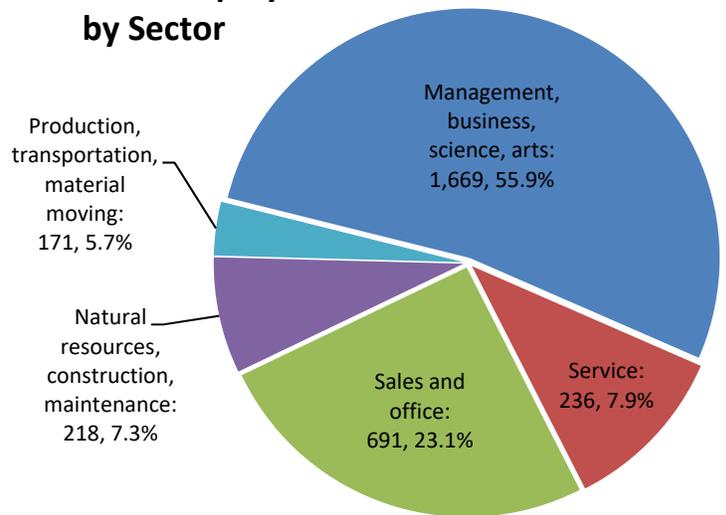
Echo Lake Park in Autumn; Photo Source: Tomwsulcer - wikimedia.org

bus lines 65, 66, 95, 114 and 117. For Mountainside commuters: 83.6% use private automobiles to get to work, 6.3% use public transportation, and 1.8% walk or ride a bicycle to work. 8.3% of working residents report working from home. The mean commute time to work is 30.9 minutes.

Housing

The Borough of Mountainside has a strong suburban residential character. Nearly 95% of its 2,472 housing units are single-unit, detached style. 0.6% are in two-unit structures and 4.7% are in structures with twenty or more units. 92% of Mountainside’s housing is owner-occupied and 8% is renter-occupied. 53% of the Borough’s housing stock was built prior to 1960. The median home value in Mountainside is \$627,200 and the median gross rent is \$2,213.

Mountainside Employment by Sector



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

Community Facilities & Services

Public Schools:

- Beechwood School (Pre-K through 2)
- Deerfield School (3-8)
- High school students attend Governor Livingston High School in Berkeley Heights, or Union County Vocational-Technical Schools

Private Schools:

- Mountainside Primrose Day School (Ages 6 weeks through Pre-K)
- Community Presbyterian Church (Pre-K)
- Holy Trinity School – Mountainside Campus (Pre-K through 3)
- Cornerstone Day School (private therapeutic school, grades 5-12)
- The Arc Kohler School (children aged 3-14 with developmental delays and disabilities)

Public Library:

- Located at 1 Constitution Plaza

Fire Department:

- Located at 210 New Providence Road
- Volunteer fire department, in service over 100 years

Police Department:

- Located at 1385 U.S. Highway 22

Mountainside Rescue Squad:

- Independent, non-profit, volunteer-run emergency medical squad

Parks & Recreation:

- Watchung Reservation
- Echo Lake Park
- Mountainside Community Pool
- TryCAN, recreation programs for youth with special needs



Echo Lake Park dam and waterwheel in winter; Photo Source: wikipedia.org

Web Links:

- Borough of Mountainside: <http://www.mountainside-nj.com/>
- Union County: <http://ucnj.org/>
- Public Schools: <http://www.mountainsideschools.org/>
- Public Library: <http://mountainsidelibrary.org/>