

Union County, New Jersey

Township of Springfield

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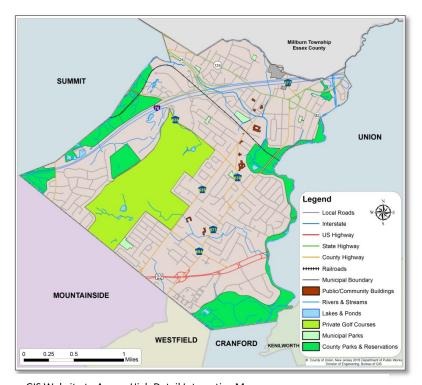


Demographics

Population	17,101
Land Area (sq. miles)	5.17
Per capita income	\$49,687
Percent below poverty	4.8%
Median household income	\$99,211
Median age	44.4
Total housing units	7,453
Median housing value	\$406,000
Average household size	2.42
Mean travel time to work	32.1 min
Age 3+ enrolled in school	3,799
Persons per square mile	3,308
Unemployment rate	3.8%*

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



History, Location & Highlights

The Township of Springfield is located in the north of Union County and is bordered by Essex County to the north, Union to the east, Cranford and Westfield to the south, and Mountainside and Summit to the west. The Township is nestled at the foot of the Watchung Mountains and offers many restaurants, retail and entertainment centers. The Township has wonderful recreation amenities including Lenape Park, the Houdaille Quarry, Meisel Avenue Park and the world famous Baltusrol Golf Club. Springfield was formed as a township in 1798, and was officially incorporated as one of the first 104 townships in New Jersey. It has a rich Revolutionary War history and was the site of the famous Battle of Springfield in 1780. Springfield has a township form of government, with a five-member Township Committee.

Transportation

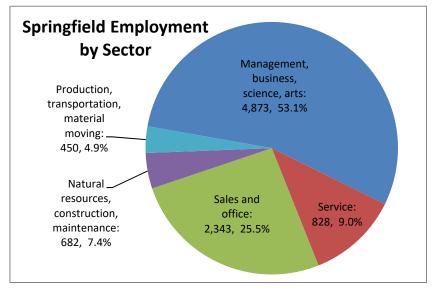
Interstate 78 runs through the northern part of Springfield and Route 22 runs through the southern part. Although the township does not have a train station, residents are currently served by stations in neighboring communities of Summit and Union. The township is also served by NJ Transit bus routes 52, 65, 66, 70, 95, 114 and 117. For workers in Springfield Township, 83.1% commute by private automobile, and 10.9% use public transportation. Nearly 50% worked outside of Union County and 14% worked outside of New Jersey. The average commute time for a worker from Springfield is 32.1 minutes.



Springfield Municipal Building. Courtesy of Ziad Shehady.

Housing

The Township of Springfield has 7,453 housing units, of which 95.0% are occupied. Approximately 64.8% (4,583) of these are owner-occupied and 35.2% (2,485) are renter occupied. Nearly 53% of Springfield's housing stock is single-unit, detached, 8.2% is single-unit attached, 4.1% is in two-unit structures, and 34.7% is in three or more unit structures. Over half of the housing stock in Springfield, or 3,776 units, were built prior to 1960. The median housing value in Scotch Plains is \$406,000 and the median gross rent is \$1,568 per month.



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Community Facilities, Services & Utilities

Public Schools:

- Jonathan Dayton High School (9-12)
- Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School (6-8)
- James Caldwell Elementary School (3-5)
- Thelma Sandmeier Elementary School (3-5)
- Edward V. Walton Early Childhood Center (PreK-2)

Private Schools:

St. James The Apostle School (PreK-8)

Public Library:

Located at 66 Mountain Ave.

Fire Department:

- Located at 200 Mountain Ave.
- Career/volunteer combination

Baltusrol Golf Course. Source: www.reesjonesinc.com

Police Department:

Located at 100 Mountain Ave.

Springfield Volunteer First Aid Squad:

Independent non-profit corporation

Parks & Recreation:

- Briant Park
- Henshaw Park
- Irwin Park
- Lenape Park
- Meisel Avenue Park
- Rahway River Parkway
- Raymond Chisholm Community Center located at 100 South Springfield Avenue
- Springfield Community Swimming Pool
- Union County Open Space & Recreation Park

Web Links:

- Township website: http://springfield-nj.us/
- Union County: http://ucnj.org/
- Public Schools: http://www.springfieldschools.com/
- Public Library:

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