



Union County, New Jersey

Township of Hillside

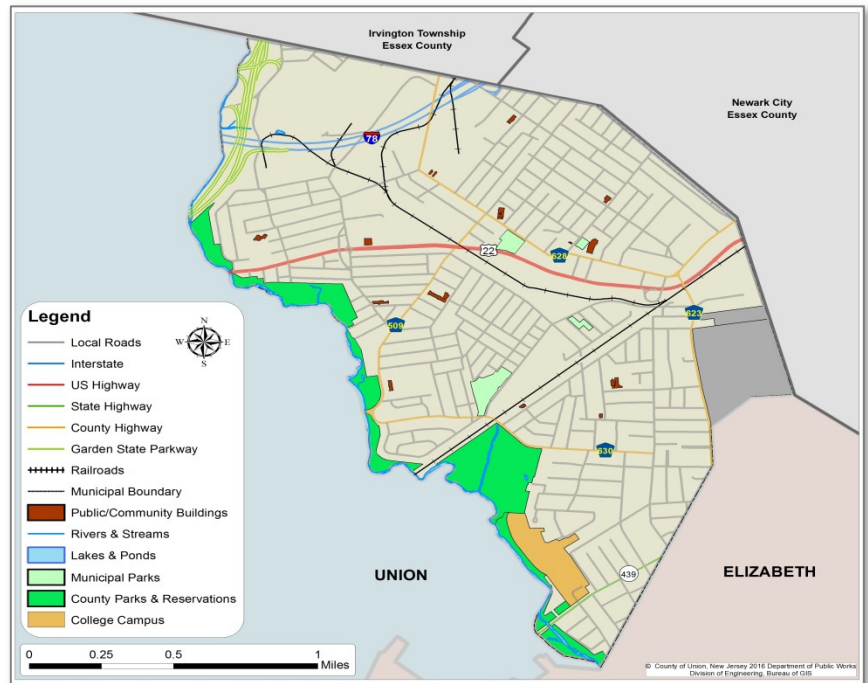
<http://townshipofhillside.org/>



Demographics

Population	21,800
Land Area	2.8
Per capita income	\$26,859
Percent below poverty	12%
Median household income	\$61,955
Median age	38.1
Total housing units	7,658
Median housing value	\$234,200
Average household size	3
Mean travel time to work	30.1
Age 3+ enrolled in school	5,540
Persons per square mile	7,879.3
Unemployment rate	14.8%

Source: US Census Bureau, 2012 - 2016 American Community Survey (5-Year Estimates)



GIS Website to Access High Detail Interactive Map :

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

History, Location and Highlights

Hillside Township is located in the northeastern portion of Union County, and is bordered by Essex County to the north and east, by Elizabeth to the southeast and Union Township to the southwest. Hillside is traversed by Route 22, a major travel and commercial arterial. Prior to Hillside's incorporation in 1913, it was part of Union and Elizabeth. The township is governed by the Mayor/Council form of local government. Hillside has a seven-member township council and the mayor is directly elected by the voters. Hillside is part of New Jersey's Urban Enterprise Zone (UEZ) program, which offers benefits to participating businesses such as 3.5% reduced sales tax, financial assistance, subsidized unemployment insurance and tax credit options. Approximately 70 businesses benefit from Hillside's UEZ program. Evergreen Cemetery was established in 1853 and is on the National and New Jersey Registers of Historic Places.

Transportation

Route 22 is the major arterial running through Hillside, providing access to the rest of Union County and the state. Interstate 78 and the Garden State Parkway also run through the northwest portion of the Township. Although the Township does not have a train station within its borders, it is close to the NJ Transit Raritan Valley Line station in Union and the Northeast Corridor Line stations in Elizabeth. Hillside is served by NJ Transit bus lines 26, 59, 65, 66, 99, 113 and 114. Hillside is also close to Newark Liberty International Airport and the seaports of Newark and Elizabeth. Approximately



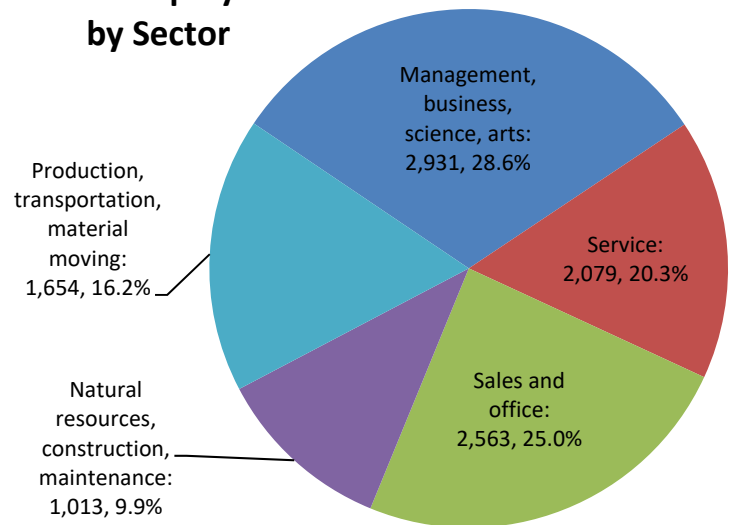
Hillside High School. Photo source: <http://photos.nj.com>

77.8% of working Hillside residents commute via private automobiles (71.2% drive alone and 6.7% carpool), 12.7% take public transportation, and 2.7% walk to work. Over half (56.7%) of working Hillside residents work outside of the county, and 8.6% work outside of the state. The average commute time is 30.1 minutes.

Housing

The Township of Hillside has approximately 7,658 housing units, of which 95% are occupied (66% by owner and 34% by renter). 60.9% of Hillside's housing units are single-unit, detached, 5.3% are single-unit attached, 19.4% are in two-unit structures, and 14.5% are in structures with three or more units. Over 75% of housing was built prior to 1960. The median housing value in Hillside is \$234,200 and the median gross rent is \$1,226 per month.

Hillside Employment by Sector



Source: US Census Bureau 2012 - 2016 American Community Survey (5-Year Estimates)

Community Facilities & Services

Public Schools:

- Abraham P. Morris Early Childhood Center(PreK-1st)
- Calvin Coolidge Elementary School
- George Washington Elementary School
- Hurden Looker Elementary School
- Walter O. Krumbiegel Middle School
- Hillside High School

Private Schools:

- Hillside Catholic Academy (PreK-8)
- Trinity Temple Academy (PreK-8)
- Theodore Brown Christian Academy (PreK-8)
- Torch light Educational Academy & Tutoring Center (PreK-8)

Hillside Public Library:

- 1409 Liberty Avenue

Fire Department:

- Staffs two fire stations with 48 firefighters and 2 administrative personnel
- All department members are state-certified EMTs

Police:

- Non-emergency contact: (973) 926-5800, info@hillsidepolice.org
- Headquarters: Municipal Building, 1409 Liberty Avenue

Parks & Recreation:

- Elizabeth River Park – Woodruff/Conant Street
- Sanford Park
- Hillside Community Pool



Historic Mayfair Theater. Source: www.picasa.com,

Web Links:

- Township of Hillside: <http://hillside.nj.us/>
- Union County: <http://ucnj.org>
- Hillside Public Schools: <http://district.hillsidek12.org/>
- Hillside Public Library <http://www.hillsidepubliclibrary.org/>