Union County, New Jersey

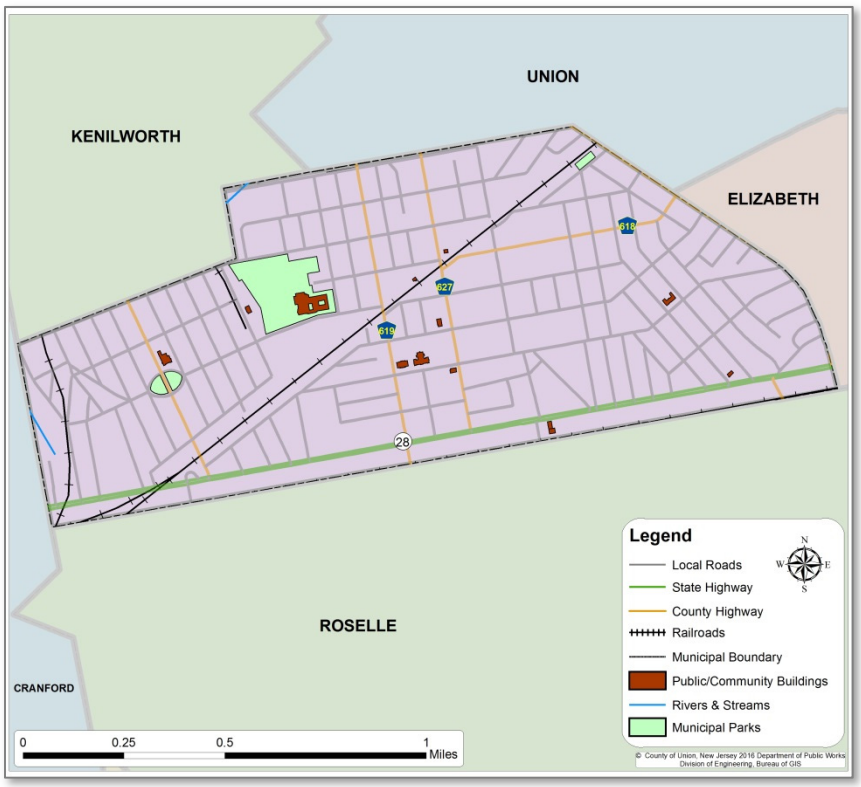
Borough of Roselle Park

http://www.rosellepark.net/

Demographics

Population	13,560
Land Area (sq. miles)	1.2
Per capita income	$31,790
Percent below poverty	7.3%
Median household income	$66,168
Median age	37.4
Total housing units	5,423
Median housing value	$269,300
Average household size	2.7
Mean travel time to work	30
Age 3+ enrolled in school	3,627
Persons per square mile	11,073.9
Unemployment rate	10%

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



GIS Website to Access High Detail Interactive Map :
http://ucgis.ucnj.org/UnionCountyGIS/WebPages/Map/FundyViewer.aspx

History, Location & Highlights

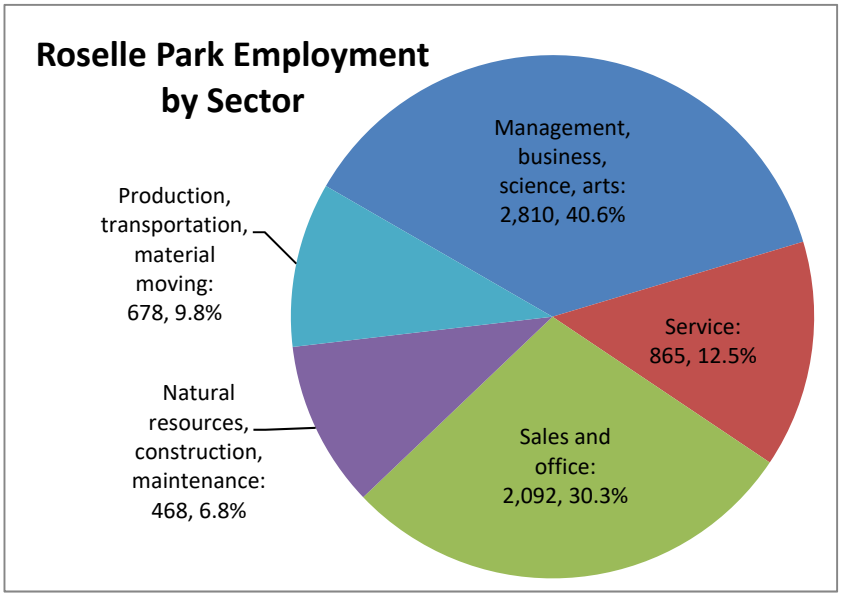
The Borough of Roselle Park is located in central Union County and is bordered by Kenilworth and Union to the north, Elizabeth to the east, Roselle to the south and Cranford to the west. Roselle Park was incorporated as a borough in 1901 after disputes over the lack of sufficient public services, including lack of a modern sewage system, neglected roads and poor schools. The first store in the world to be lit by electric light was Stone's Store on Westfield Avenue, lit by Thomas Edison's carbon filament prototype. Roselle Park was home to the factory and research facility of Marconi Wireless Telegraph, and in late 1921 became the site of WDY, the first radio broadcasting station licensed in the state of New Jersey and one of the first in the nation. Downtown development has established Roselle Park as a shopping destination, and the Borough seeks to attract more development along Westfield Avenue. The Borough has a mayor and a six-member borough council.

Roselle Park Museum and Historian. Photo Source: rosellepark.net

Transportation

The Northeast Corridor Rail Line runs through the Borough of Roselle Park, with a station downtown. In March 2014, NJ Transit began to offer one-seat ride service to Manhattan on the Raritan Valley Line on off-peak weekday trains, further improving access to New York City from Roselle Park. Route 28 (Westfield Avenue) traverses the southern

border of the Borough, and the Garden State Parkway passes just west of the Borough. Roselle Park is served by NJ Transit bus routes 58, 94 and 113. For workers in Roselle Park, 81.9% commute by private automobile, either alone (76.6%) or in a carpool (5.3%) and 10.2% use public transportation. The average commute time for a worker from Roselle Park is 30 minutes.



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Housing

The Borough of Roselle Park has 5,423 housing units, 91% of which are occupied. Approximately 60% of these are owner-occupied and 40% are renter occupied. 58.1% of Roselle Park's housing units are single-unit, detached, while 29% are in structures with three or more units and 9.9% are in structures with two units. Approximately 69% of Roselle Park's housing stock were built prior to 1960. The median housing value in Roselle Park is $269,300 and the median gross rent is $1,168 per month.

Community Facilities, Services & Utilities

Public Schools:

- Aldene Elementary (K-Grade 5)
- Robert Gordon Elementary (K-5)
- Sherman Elementary (K-5)
- Roselle Park Middle School (6-8)
- Roselle Park High School (9-12)

Private Schools:

- Community Nursery School (PreK)

Public Library:

- Located at 404 Chestnut Street

Fire Department:

- Located at 110 East Westfield Avenue
- 60 volunteer firefighters
- Operate 24/7 across three fire stations

Police Department:

- Located at 110 East Westfield Avenue
- 34 sworn members

Parks & Recreation:

- Lincoln Park
- Edgar "Hot Dog" Acker Park

Roselle Park's Veterans Memorial Library pictured with the children's lego club. Photo Source: photos.nj.com

Web Links:

- City website: http://www.rosellepark.net/
- Union County: http://ucnj.org/
- Public Schools: http://www.rpsd.org/
- Public Library: http://www.roselleparklibrary.org
- Chamber of Commerce: http://www.roselleparkbusinesschamber.org/