



Union County, New Jersey



Borough of Fanwood
<http://www.fanwoodnj.org/>

Demographics

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| Population | 7,648 |
| Land Area | 1.34 |
| Per capita income | \$50,993 |
| Percent below poverty | 2% |
| Median household income | \$132,292 |
| Median age | 40.3 |
| Total housing units | 2,647 |
| Median housing value | \$433,100 |
| Average household size | 3 |
| Mean travel time to work | 41 |
| Age 3+ enrolled in school | 2,209 |
| Persons per square mile | 5,700.1 |
| Unemployment rate | 5.6% |

Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2013-2017 (5-Year Estimates)



GIS Website to Access High Detail Interactive Map :

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

History, Location & Highlights

Fanwood is located in the western portion of Union County and is surrounded by Scotch Plains on three sides and Plainfield to the southwest. Fanwood was incorporated in 1895 and has a mayor and council form of government. A small but well-developed suburban town, it grew up around the Central New Jersey Railroad and still has a downtown train station on NJ Transit's Raritan Valley Line. The Borough of Fanwood is governed by the Mayor/Council form of local government. Fanwood has a six member borough council and the mayor is directly elected by the voters. In 2013, Fanwood was awarded a Sustainable Jersey grant after achieving Bronze certification from Sustainable Jersey in 2012. In 2014, Fanwood received a New Jersey Future Smart Growth Award for its efforts in transit-oriented downtown development.

Transportation

Fanwood has a station located on the Raritan Valley Line that makes it easily accessible to New York City and other locations in New Jersey. In March 2014, NJ Transit introduced "one-seat ride" direct access to New York City on certain weekday off-peak trains. Fanwood is also served by NJ Transit bus #113. Approximately 80.6% of working Fanwood residents travel to work by private automobile (74.3% drive alone and 6.2% carpool) and approximately 11.4% use public transportation. The average commute time is 41 minutes.

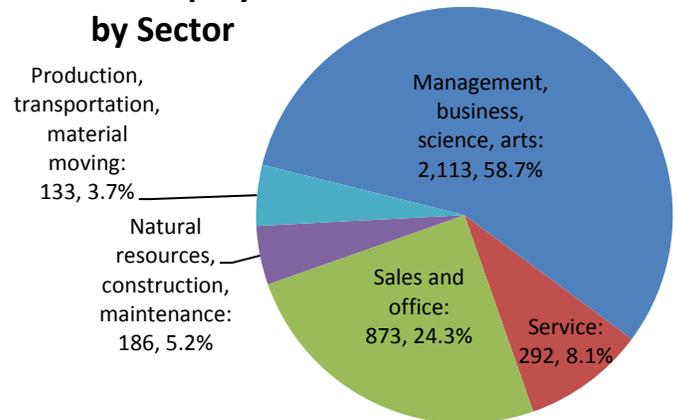


Fanwood train station. Source: www.flickr.com

Housing

The majority of Fanwood's land is zoned for residential use, and the borough contains 2,647 housing units. 95.6% of the housing units are occupied, and 88.4% of them are single-unit detached. 69.4% of the borough's housing stock was built prior to 1960, and 88% are occupied by owners. The median home value in Fanwood is \$433,100 and the median gross rent is \$2,708.

Fanwood Employment by Sector



Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2013-2017 (5-Year Estimates)

Community Facilities & Services

Public Schools:

- Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District operates one high school, two middle schools, and five elementary schools

Private Schools:

- Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA (Preschool – Pre-K)
- FlexSchool (5-12)
- First Children School provides preschool and primary education for children aged 3-11 with developmental delays
- Lightbridge Academy (Pre-K)
- The Goddard School for early childhood development (Preschool – K)
- Westminster Preschool (Pre-K)
- Wonder Years Academy (Preschool - K)

Fire Department:

- Volunteer fire department
- Located at 75 North Martine Avenue

Police Department:

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Fanwood Rescue Squad:

- Non-profit, volunteer rescue organization founded in 1948
- 30-40 volunteers and 2 ambulances

Fanwood Memorial Library:

- 14 Tillotson Road

Public Parks:

- Forest Road Park: playground, baseball fields, basketball and tennis courts, Skate Park, recreation building with kitchen
- La Grande Park: playground, baseball fields, basketball and tennis courts, skating rink
- Carriage House Park: benches, walking path



Fanwood clock. Source: artistblogon.blogspot.com

Web Links:

- Municipal website: <http://www.fanwoodnj.org/>
- Union County: <http://ucnj.org/>
- Public Schools: <http://spfk12.org>
- Chamber of Commerce – Greater Westfield Area (Fanwood, Garwood, Mountainside, Scotch Plains & Westfield): <http://www.gwaccnj.com/>