



Union County, New Jersey



City of Linden

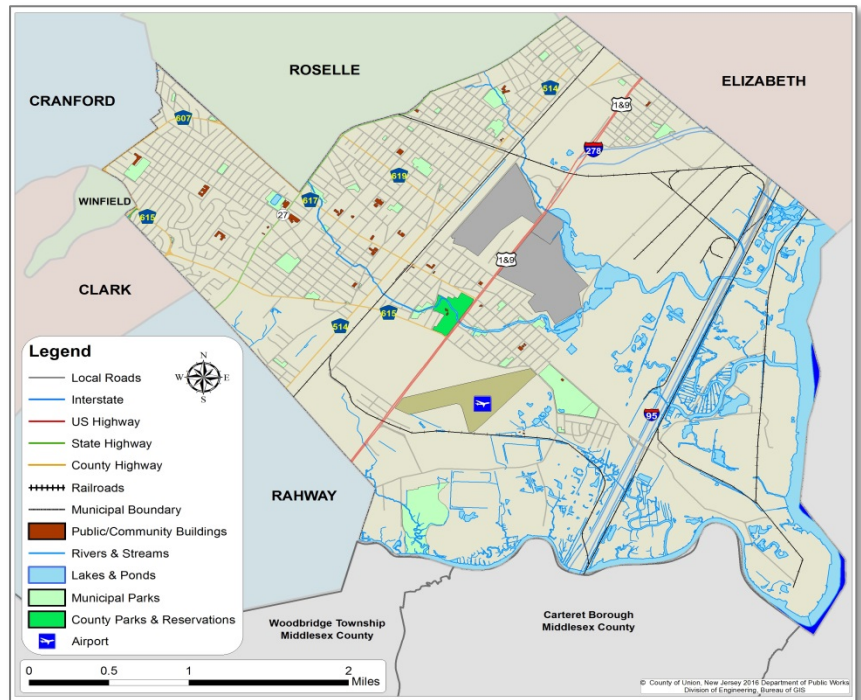
<http://www.linden-nj.org/>

Demographics

Population	42,230
Land Area	10.7
Per capita income	\$28,285
Percent below poverty	10.3%
Median household income	\$66,538
Median age	38.1
Total housing units	15,659
Median housing value	\$264,400
Average household size	2.9
Mean travel time to work	29 min
Age 3+ enrolled in school	10,608
Persons per square mile	3,956.0
Unemployment rate	9.3%*

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

*USDOL Bureau of Labor Statistics – December 2018



GIS Website to Access High Detail Interactive Map:

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

History, Location & Highlights

Linden is an industrial city located in southeastern Union County. It is bordered by Elizabeth and Roselle to the north, Cranford, Winfield, Clark and Rahway to the west, Middlesex County to the south, and the Arthur Kill to the east, which separates it from Staten Island in New York City. In terms of land area, it is the sixth largest city in New Jersey. The city was originally a borough and township, and was incorporated as a city with its present day boundaries in 1925. The city has a mayor/council form of government and is made up of 10 wards. The city is traversed by major roads and railways and is home to the Bayway Refinery (owned by Phillips 66), one of the largest petroleum refineries on the east coast. Linden has its own airport, a small general aviation facility located along Route 1&9.

Transportation

Linden is home to the small, regional Linden Airport and is near Newark Liberty International Airport. The city is traversed by the New Jersey Turnpike, as well as U.S. Route 1-9 and Route 27. The Garden State Parkway runs just west of the city. The Northeast Corridor Rail Line runs through Linden, with the Linden train station located downtown. The City is also served by NJ Transit bus lines 48, 56, 57, 94, 112, and 115. Linden was designated a Transit Village in 2010 by the NJ Department of Transportation and was awarded a large grant for transit-related development in 2013.



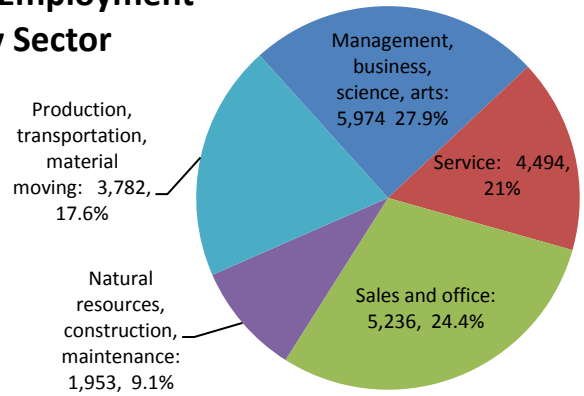
Downtown Linden and train station. Source: Susan Ferrara.

Approximately 83.4% of Linden residents commute to work by private automobile (71% drive alone and 12.4% carpool), while 10.6% use public transportation and 1.5% report using a taxicab, motorcycle, or other mode of transportation to get to work. About 40.3% of residents worked outside of the county and 9.6% worked outside of the state. The average commute time is 29 minutes.

Housing

Most of the land zoned for residential use in Linden is located in the northwestern part of the city, and most of the land in the southeast of the Northeast Corridor along Arthur Kill and bordering Middlesex County is designated for industrial use. Of Linden's 15,659 units of housing, 91.4% are occupied (58.5% owner-occupied, 41.5% renter-occupied). 45.5% of the housing stock is single-unit, detached, 27.8% is in two-unit structures, and 23% is in structures with three or more units. 59.4% of Linden's housing stock was built prior to 1960. The median housing value in Linden is \$264,400 and the median gross rent is \$1,230 per month.

Linden Employment by Sector



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

Community Facilities & Services

Public Schools:

- 8 elementary schools, 2 middle schools, 1 high school
- Linden High School offers comprehensive curriculum, an alternative school, and nationally-recognized vocational programs

Private School:

- Sinai Christian Academy (PreK-12)

Public Library:

- 31 East Henry Street

Fire Department:

- Operates 4 stations
- Supplements Linden EMS by operating ambulances 24 hours a day

Police Department:

- NON-EMERGENCY telephone (908) 474-8500

Office of Emergency Management:

- Coordinates disaster planning and preparation with Police, Fire and other municipal departments

Parks & Recreation:

- Al Kalla Park
- Hawk Rise Sanctuary (Nature Wildlife Trail)
- John Russell Wheeler Park
- Memorial Park
- St. Marks Park
- Tremley Park
- Veterans Memorial Park
- Woodrow Wilson Memorial Park
- Additional city and ward parks



Tremley Point, Arthur Kill and Rahway River. Source: www.flickr.com

Web Links:

- City website: <http://www.linden-nj.org/>
- Union County: <http://ucnj.org/>
- Public Schools: <http://www.linden.k12.nj.us/>
- Public Library: <http://www2.youseemore.com/lindenfreep/>
- Chamber of Commerce: <https://www.gatewaychamber.com/affiliated-groups/linden-chamber-of-commerce>