



# Union County, New Jersey



## City of Rahway

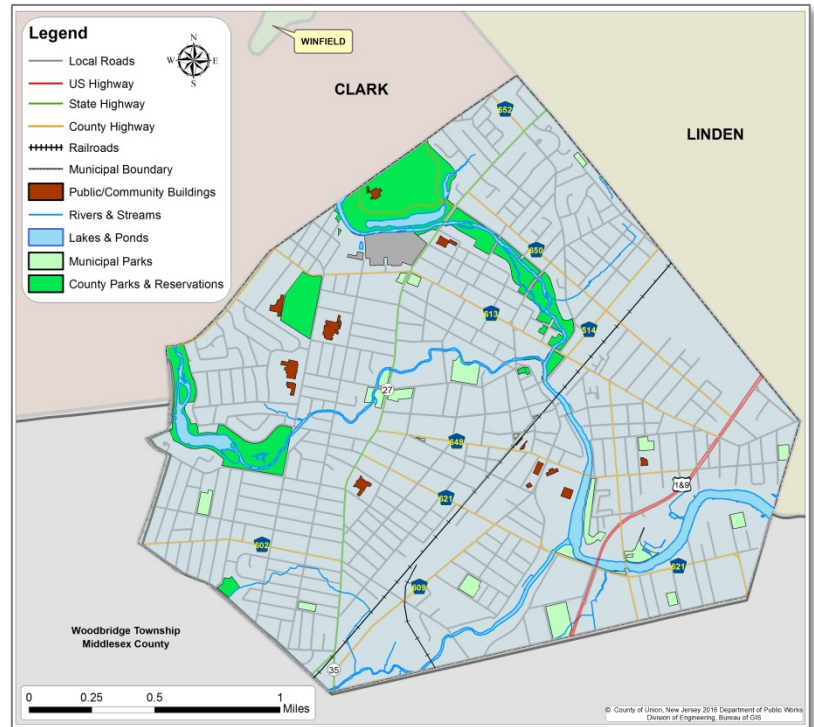
<http://cityofrahay.com/>

### Demographics

Population	29,443
Land Area (sq. miles)	3.9
Per capita income	\$33,796
Percent below poverty	7.9%
Median household income	\$69,813
Median age	37.7
Total housing units	11,782
Median housing value	\$263,200
Average household size	2.7
Mean travel time to work	32 min
Age 3+ enrolled in school	7,190
Persons per square mile	7,554.9
Unemployment rate	7.4%*

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

The City of Rahway is located in the southern portion of Union County, and is bordered by Middlesex County to the south, Clark to the west and Linden to the east. The community as we know it today was settled by Europeans in the 1660s and was incorporated as a city in 1858. Its early growth can be attributed to the navigable Rahway River and the City's location along the early stagecoach and later rail line. It became a major manufacturing center in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. Rahway experienced a marked decline in its industrial base in the latter 20<sup>th</sup> century, mirroring the nation. Since the late 1990s Rahway has planned for and realized redevelopment centered on the arts and transit oriented development. Since 1997 Rahway is a Tree City USA community and in 2016 Rahway achieved Sustainable Jersey Silver Level Certified Communities status. Rahway hosts an International Film Festival annually and has become a regional hub for arts and culture. The City is part of the New York metropolitan area, with direct access to NYC via the Northeast Corridor Rail Line.

### Transportation

Rahway was an early recipient of NJ Department of Transportation's Transit Village designation program in 2002. The City is traversed by the Northeast Corridor Rail Line, which provides direct access to New York City and Trenton, and the North Jersey Coast Rail Line, with a station in downtown Rahway.

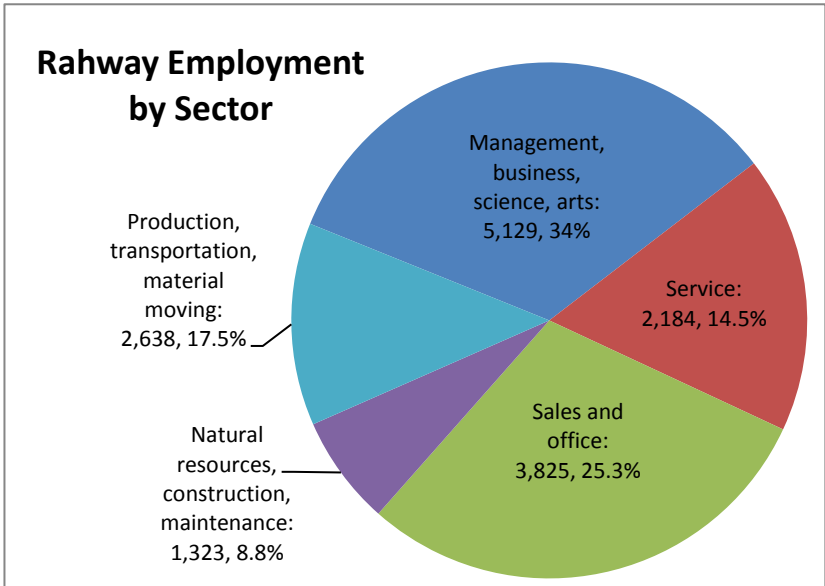


Rahway Train Station. Source: City-Data.com

It is also crossed by the major commercial corridors of Route 1 and Route 27. The City is also served by NJ Transit bus lines 48 and 115. For working Rahway residents, 79% use a private automobile to commute to work, either alone (67.9%) or in a carpool (11.1%). 12.9% use public transportation, 3.0% walk to work. The average commute time for a Rahway worker is 32 minutes.

### Housing

The City of Rahway has focused much of its recent redevelopment efforts on building high-density housing downtown. Of the City's 11,782 housing units, 26.3% are in structures with three or more units, 15.1% are in two-unit structures, and over 58.1% are in single-unit detached or attached structures. Over 91.9% of the units are occupied—58.5% by owners and 41.5% by renters. The median housing value in Rahway is \$263,200 and the median gross rent is \$1,402 per month.



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### Community Facilities & Services

#### Public Schools:

- Franklin Elementary School (PreK- 6)
- Grover Cleveland Elementary School (PreK-6)
- Madison Elementary School (PreK-6)
- Rahway 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Academy (7-8)
- Rahway High School (9-12)
- Roosevelt Elementary School (PreK-6)

#### Private Schools:

- Childtime of Rahway (Infant – PreK)
- St. Mary's Parish Religious Education (K-12)
- Stepping Stone Academy (PreK-6)

#### Health Care:

- Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital

#### The Rahway Public Library

- Located at 2 City Hall Plaza

#### Fire Department:

- Located at 1300 Main Street

#### Police Department:

- Located at 1 City Hall Plaza

#### Department of Public Works:

- Located at 999 Hart Street

#### Parks & Recreation:

- Berzinec Park Municipal Tennis Courts
- Madison Avenue Park
- Milton Lake Park
- Rahway Recreation Center
- Rahway River Park
- Veterans Memorial Field
- Additional parks, ball fields, and basketball courts throughout the City

#### Arts & Entertainment:

- Union County Performing Arts Center
- Hamilton Stage



Union County Performing Arts Center.

Source: <http://www.ucpac.org/>

#### Web Links:

- City website: <http://cityofrahway.com/>
- Union County: <http://ucnj.org/>
- Public Schools: <http://www.rahway.net/Page/1>
- Public Library: <http://www.rahwaylibrary.org>
- Chamber of Commerce: <http://www.rahwaychamberofcommerce.com/>
- Arts District: <http://www.rahwayishappening.com/>