



Union County, New Jersey

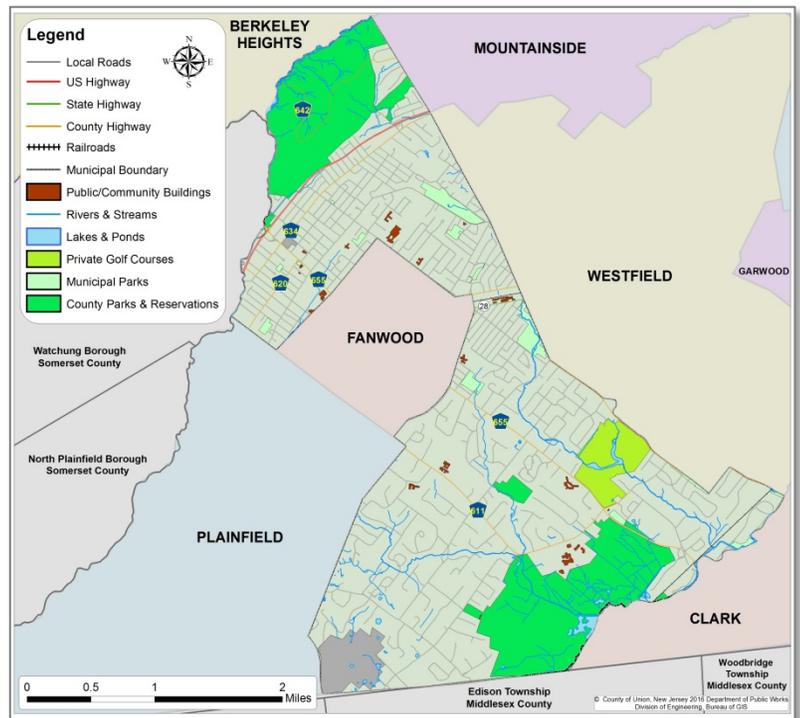


Township of Scotch Plains
<http://scotchplainsnj.gov/>

Demographics

Population	24,339
Land Area (sq. miles)	9.0
Per capita income	\$56,722
Percent below poverty	2.9%
Median household income	\$117,765
Median age	43.3
Total housing units	8,996
Median housing value	\$481,500
Average household size	2.8
Mean travel time to work	38
Age 3+ enrolled in school	5,823
Persons per square mile	2,698.2
Unemployment rate	5%

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



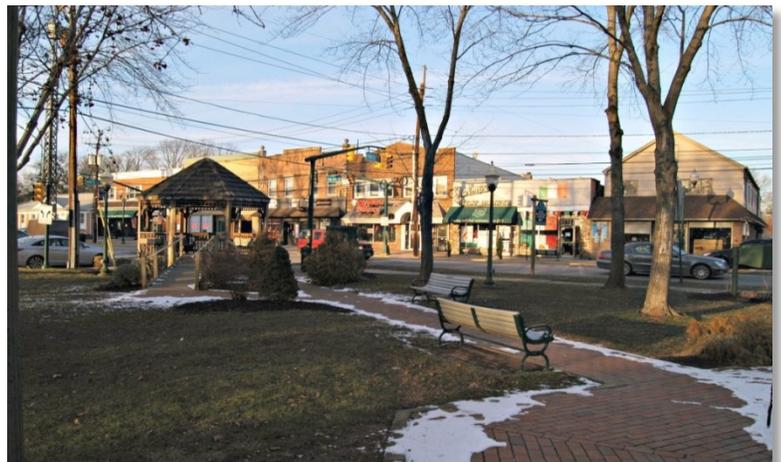
GIS Website to Access High Detail Interactive Map :
<http://ucgis.ucnj.org/UnionCountyGIS/WebPages/Map/FundyViewer.aspx>

History, Location & Highlights

The township of Scotch Plains is located in the western portion of the County and is bordered by Plainfield, Fanwood and Somerset County to the west, Berkeley Heights and Mountainside to the north, Westfield to the east, and Clark to the southeast. Directly south of Scotch Plains is Middlesex County. Scotch Plains was settled by European Quakers in the late 17th century, and developed as a stagecoach stop between New York and Philadelphia. What is now Scotch Plains was originally incorporated as Fanwood Township in 1878 and was renamed Scotch Plains in 1917. Scotch Plains has a mayor and council form of government. Scotch Plains has many recreational amenities, including part of the Watchung Reservation in the north, and the Scotch Hills municipal golf course, which was historically the first African-American country club in the nation.

Transportation

Although the township does not have its own train station, the Raritan Valley Rail Line runs through the community and residents are in close proximity to stations in neighboring communities. The stations that currently serve residents of Scotch Plains are located in Fanwood, Westfield and Plainfield. A freight rail line runs through the southern portion of the Township, and Routes 22 and 28 also serve the Township. Interstate 78 runs just north of Scotch Plains, and the

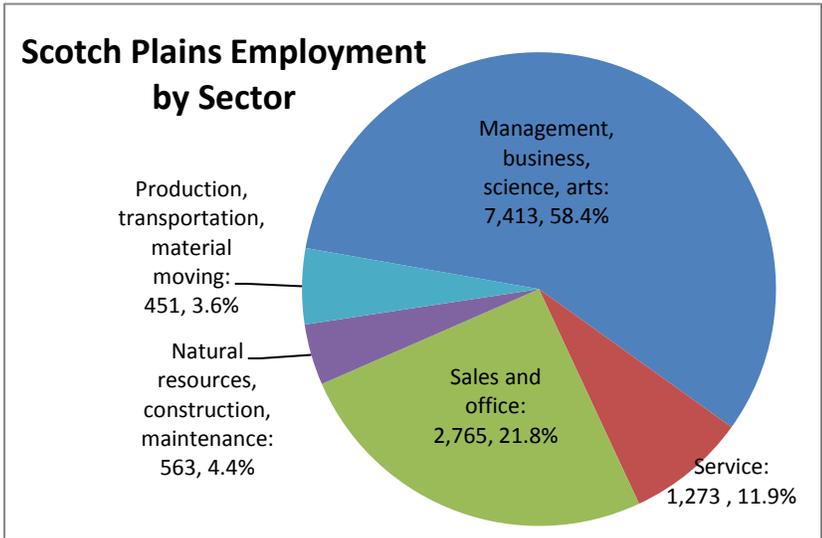


Downtown Scotch Plains. Source: www.themavinsgroup.com

Garden State Parkway runs to the east. Scotch Plains is served by NJ Transit bus routes 59, 65, 66, 95, 112, 113, 114 and 117. For workers in Scotch Plains, 78.4% commute by private automobile (73.8% drive alone and 4.6% carpool) and 11.8% use public transportation. 15.6% worked outside of New Jersey. The average commute time for a worker from Scotch Plains is 38 minutes.

Housing

The Township of Scotch Plains has a variety of housing options, from affordable to very upscale. Of its 8,996 housing units, 95.3% are occupied. Approximately 80% of these are owner-occupied and 20% are renter occupied. Over three quarters of Scotch Plains's housing units are single-unit, detached, 6.6% are single-unit attached, 2.1% are in two-unit structures, and 14.5% are in structures with three or more units. Approximately 46% of the housing stock in Scotch Plains was built prior to 1960. The median housing value in Scotch Plains is \$481,500 and the median gross rent is \$1,481 per month.



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Community Facilities, Services & Utilities

Public Schools:

- Scotch Plains and Fanwood share a high school, two middle schools (5-8), and five elementary schools (K-4)

Private Schools:

- St. Bartholomew Academy (Pre-K- 8)
- Union Catholic Regional High School (9-12)
- Newmark K-8 & Newmark High School (children and young adults (K-12) with developmental disabilities)

Public Library:

- Located on 1927 Bartle Avenue

Fire Department:

- Located at 430 Park Avenue

Police Department:

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Scotch Plains Rescue Squad:

- Operates 24/7
- 53 volunteer members

Parks & Recreation:

- Brookside Park
- Farley Avenue Park
- Green Forest Park
- Haven Park
- Jerseyland Park
- Kramer Manor Park
- Memorial Park
- Ponderosa Park
- Watchung Reservation (*portion of*)



Scotch Plains Baptist Church. Source: www.flickr.com

Web Links:

- City website: <http://scotchplainsnj.gov/>
- Union County: <http://ucnj.org/>
- Public Schools: <http://spfk12.org>
- Public Library: <http://www.scotlib.org/>
- Zoning Map & Master Plan: <http://www.scotchplainsnj.gov/departments/planning-board/>