Union County, New Jersey

City of Summit
http://www.cityofsummit.org/

Demographics

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<th>Population</th>
<th>22,155</th>
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<td>Land Area (sq. miles)</td>
<td>6.0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Per capita income</td>
<td>$81,370</td>
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<td>Percent below poverty</td>
<td>5.1%</td>
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<td>Median household income</td>
<td>$132,443</td>
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<td>Median age</td>
<td>39.9</td>
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<td>Total housing units</td>
<td>8,070</td>
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<td>Median housing value</td>
<td>$849,200</td>
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<td>Average household size</td>
<td>2.9</td>
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<td>Mean travel time to work</td>
<td>34</td>
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<td>Age 3+ enrolled in school</td>
<td>6,126</td>
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<td>Persons per square mile</td>
<td>3,695.3</td>
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<td>Unemployment rate</td>
<td>4.6%</td>
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Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2013-2017 (5-Year Estimates)

History, Location & Highlights

Nestled in the northwest part of Union County, Summit Township was incorporated in 1869. In the 19th century, Summit served as a getaway spot for wealthy New Yorkers. The town had a silk industry that thrived from the late 1800s to the early 1900s. After World War II, Summit experienced a building boom that helped shape the town’s current suburban character. Today, about 20% of Summit’s residents work in finance or real estate. Summit has a Mayor/Council form of government. In 2000, the town’s downtown business improvement district undertook an infrastructure and beautification project to its streetscape. Summit has implemented a Think Local First program to support its local retail and commercial businesses. In 2010, 2011, and 2014, the City of Summit achieved silver Sustainable Jersey certification and the champion award in the medium-size city category.

Transportation

Summit Station is served by both branches of New Jersey Transit’s Morris & Essex Line, which provide commuter rail access to New York – Penn Station and Hoboken Terminal, as well as to towns in northwestern New Jersey. New Jersey Transit has bus routes #70 providing service to Newark, and #986 provides more local service. Of the 67.3% that commute by private automobile, approximately 61.1% drive alone and 6.2% carpool to work. 21.1% of Summit workers take public transit and 2.8% walk to work. 25% worked outside of New Jersey and 7.9% worked at home. The average travel time to work is 34 minutes.
Housing

There are 8,070 housing units in Summit of which approximately 95% are occupied. The composition of housing types consist of 65.6% that are single-family detached units, 6.7% with two-units, and about 21% that are structures with three or more units. Homes built prior to 1960 comprise 73.6% of the townships total housing stock with average homes values of $849,200. The median gross rent within Summit is $1,743.

Community Facilities, Services & Utilities

Public Schools:
- Brayton School (1-5)
- Franklin School (1-5)
- Jefferson School (1-5)
- Lincoln-Hubbard School (1-5)
- Washington School (1-5)
- Jefferson Primary Center (Pre-K)
- Wilson Primary Center (Pre-K)
- Lawton C. Johnson Middle School (6-8)
- Summit High School (9-12)

Private Schools:
- Oratory Preparatory School (7-12)
- Kent Place School (PreK-12)
- Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child (K-12)
- Hudson Way Immersion School (PreK-5)

Public Library:
- Located at 75 Maple Street

Health Care:
- Overlook Medical Center

Fire Department:
- Located at 396 Broad Street

Police Department:
- Located at 512 Springfield Avenue

Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad:
- Located at 1000 Summit Avenue

Parks & Recreation:
- Briant Park
- Family Aquatic Center
- Glenside Field
- Hidden Valley Park
- Investors Bank Field
- Mabie Playground
- Municipal Golf Course
- Passaic River Park
- Soldiers Memorial Field
- Summit Community Center
- Summit Village Green
- TryCAN, recreation programs for youth with special needs

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• Wilson Park

**Web Links:**

- City website: [http://www.cityofsummit.org/](http://www.cityofsummit.org/)
- Union County: [http://ucnj.org/](http://ucnj.org/)
- Public Schools: [http://www.summit.k12.nj.us/](http://www.summit.k12.nj.us/)
- Public Library: [http://summitlibrary.org/](http://summitlibrary.org/)
- Master Plan: [https://www.cityofsummit.org/Search/Results?searchPhrase=master%20plan%20report](https://www.cityofsummit.org/Search/Results?searchPhrase=master%20plan%20report)