



Union County, New Jersey



Town of Westfield

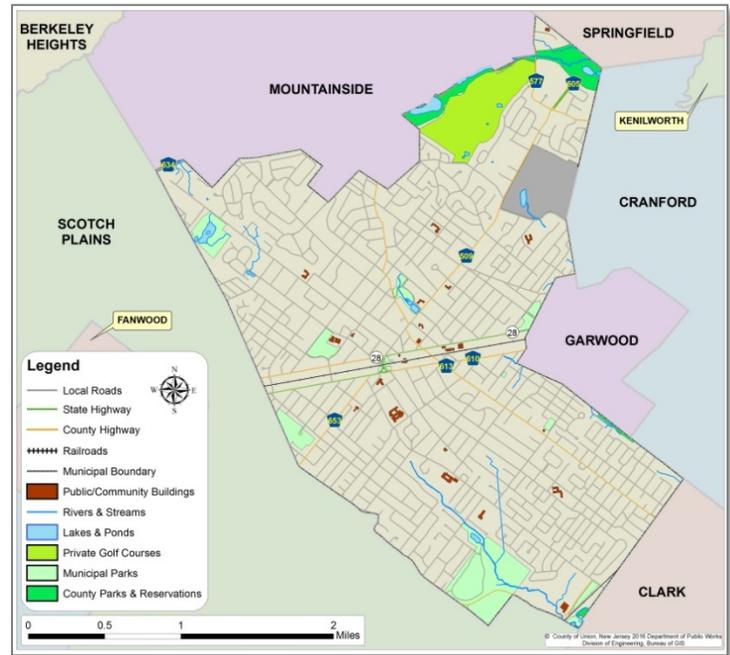
<http://www.westfieldnj.gov/>

Demographics

Population	30,591
Land Area (sq. miles)	6.72
Per capita income	\$77,890
Percent below poverty	2.7%
Median household income	\$159,923
Median age	41.8
Total housing units	11,182
Median housing value	\$725,100
Average household size	2.9
Mean travel time to work	41
Age 3+ enrolled in school	9,346
Persons per square mile	4,553.1
Unemployment rate	4.5%*

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 Town of Westfield is characterized by its rich history, a well-respected school system, attractive residential neighborhoods, recreational opportunities, and a vibrant business district. Westfield's downtown was initially settled in 1720 as part of the Elizabethtown Tract. The town as it is known today was not settled until 1794. The Town of Westfield was incorporated in 1903, replacing Westfield Township. Downtown Westfield has a thriving business community (consisting of over 200 retail establishments and 400 commercial enterprises), and is a regional destination in New Jersey. The availability of goods and services downtown, combined with the availability of regional rail and bus service, has not gone unnoticed. As a result, in 2016 one-hundred and twenty-five new residential units have been approved within and adjacent to the downtown, verifying the Town's desirability as a place to live, work, and play. The Special Improvement District (SID) area's growth and enhancement is managed by the Downtown Westfield Corporation (DWC). The DWC has helped gain recognition for the town, as in the case of 2004, when Westfield won the *Great American Main Street* award from the National Trust. In 2013, Westfield's downtown was named a *Great Place in New Jersey* by the American Planning Association-New Jersey Chapter. There are several monuments in the downtown plaza, including memorials for the Korean War, World War II, Spanish-American War, and September 11 victims. The Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America Metropolis of New Jersey is headquartered in Westfield.

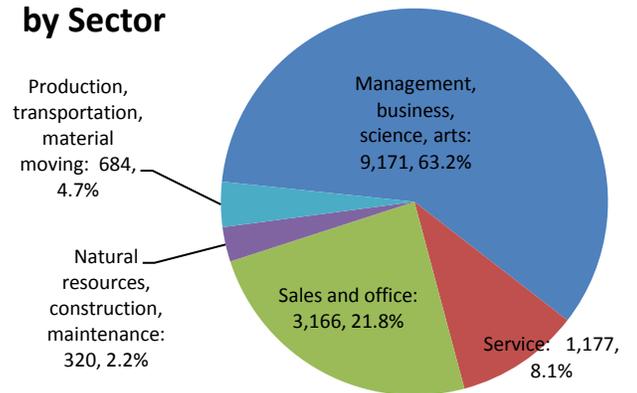


Downtown Westfield. Source: www.jackiesafra.com.

Transportation Characteristics

The Westfield train station is served by New Jersey Transit's Raritan Valley line, and occasionally receives non-stop service to/from New York Penn Station. Newark Liberty International Airport is 20 minutes from Westfield. Route 22 and the Garden State Parkway lie outside (but close to) the town limits. New Jersey Transit bus routes that serve Westfield are the 59, 113, 114, and 117. About 67.2% of Westfield's workforce commutes by car (64.8% drive alone and 2.4% carpool), and 22.3% use public transportation. 2.4% of the workforce walks to work, and 7.6% work from home. 41.3% worked in Union County and over 25.5% worked out of state. The mean travel time to work is 41 minutes.

Westfield Employment by Sector



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

Housing Characteristics

There are 11,182 housing units in Westfield, of which 94.7% of them are occupied (82.4% by owners, and 17.6% by renters). Over 78.4% of all housing is single-unit, detached. 6% of housing is two-unit, and 12% is for three units or more. 68.9% of all housing was built prior to 1960. The median housing value is \$725,100, and the gross rent is \$1,594.

Community Facilities, Services & Utilities

Public Schools:

- Westfield High School (9-12)
- Edison Intermediate School (6-8)
- Roosevelt Intermediate School (6-8)
- Six elementary schools (1-5)
- Lincoln Early Childhood Learning Center (Pre-K-K)

Private Schools:

- Holy Trinity Interparochial School (Pre-K-8)
- Christopher Academy (Pre-K-1)

Public Library:

- Located at 550 East Broad Street

Fire Department:

- Located at 405 North Avenue West (headquarters)

Police Department:

- Located at 425 East Broad Street

Parks & Recreation:

- Brightwood Park
- Clark Memorial Park
- Echo Lake Park
- Gumbert Park
- Houlihan/Sid Fay Fields
- Lenape Park
- Memorial Park and Pool
- Mindowaskin Park
- Sycamore Field
- Tamaques Reservation
- Windsor Park

Utilities:

- Gas/Electric – Elizabethtown Gas/PSE&G
- Drinking Water – NJ American Water
- Sewer and Wastewater – Rahway Valley SA



Westfield train station. Source: www.jackiesafra.com

- Phone/Cable – Comcast

Web Links:

- Town website: www.westfieldnj.gov
- Union County: <http://ucnj.org/>
- Public Schools: www.westfieldnj.k12.nj.us
- Public Library: www.wmlnj.org/
- Chamber of Commerce – Greater Westfield Area: <http://www.gwaccnj.com/>