Union County, New Jersey

Township of Winfield
http://www.winfield-nj.org/

Demographics

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<th>Population</th>
<th>1,525</th>
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<td>Land Area (sq. miles)</td>
<td>0.18</td>
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<td>Per capita income</td>
<td>$35,879</td>
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<td>Percent below poverty</td>
<td>7.8%</td>
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<td>Median household income</td>
<td>$59,153</td>
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<td>Median age</td>
<td>44.1</td>
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<td>Total housing units</td>
<td>720</td>
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<td>Median housing value</td>
<td>$200,000</td>
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<td>Average household size</td>
<td>2.1</td>
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<td>Mean travel time to work</td>
<td>26</td>
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<td>Age 3+ enrolled in school</td>
<td>274</td>
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<td>Persons per square mile</td>
<td>8,625.5</td>
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<td>Unemployment rate</td>
<td>6.9%</td>
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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

Winfield Township was named after General Winfield Scott, and was founded in 1941 as a housing project for defense workers commuting to the Kearny Shipyards. The project was the last undertaken by the Mutual Ownership Defense Housing Division by the Federal Works Agency. Throughout the process of finding a site for federal housing, which culminated with the incorporation of Winfield in 1941, there was strong opposition by other towns within Union County to the proposed housing project. Winfield Township was incorporated as a township by an act of the New Jersey Legislature on August 6, 1941, from portions of Clark and Linden. During the Township of Winfield’s early days, residents from neighboring towns expressed a great deal of animosity and resentment towards Winfield’s residents. These negative feelings actually forced Winfield residents to develop a close-knit community. The municipalities of Cranford, Linden and Clark surround Winfield Township. Winfield Township is governed via a three-member Township Committee.

Winfield School. Source: photos.nj.com
Transportation Characteristics

The closest New Jersey Transit rail stations to Winfield are the Cranford station on the Raritan Valley line, and the Linden station, which is served by the Northeast Corridor and North Jersey Coast Line. New Jersey Transit bus routes that serve Winfield are the 56, 57, and 112. Winfield residents can easily access the Garden State Parkway (just west of the town limits). Newark Liberty International Airport is 12 minutes from Winfield. 89.5% of Winfield’s workforce commutes via car (81.5% drive alone and 8% carpool) and 5.2% use public transportation. 2.8% of Winfield’s workforce walks to work. The mean travel time to work is 26 minutes.

Winfield Employment by Sector

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

Housing Characteristics

99.6% of Winfield’s 720 housing units are occupied, with 24.5% occupied by owners and 75.5% occupied by renters. Of all housing units, 37.5% are single-unit attached, 9.9% are two units, and 44.2% are three or four units. Almost 96.3% of Winfield’s housing stock was built prior to 1960. The median housing value in Winfield is $200,000 and the median gross rent is $830.

Community Facilities, Services & Utilities

Public Schools:
- Winfield Elementary School (PreK-8)
- High school students attend David Brearly High School in Kenilworth, or Union County Vocational-Technical Schools

Fire Department:
- Located at 12 Gulfstream Ave.

Police Department:

Parks & Recreation:
- Winfield Park

Utilities:
- Gas/Electric – Elizabethtown Gas/PSE&G
- Drinking Water – NJ American Water (operated by Winfield Mutual Housing)
- Sewer and Wastewater – Rahway Valley SA
- Phone/Cable – Comcast

Web Links:
- City website: www.winfield-nj.org
- Union County: http://ucnj.org/
- Public Schools: www.winfieldschool.org