



# Union County Demographic Profile

Union County, NJ has an estimated population of 555,630 residents which reflects a 3.6% increase from the 2010 Census.<sup>1</sup> There are an estimated 48.8% male and 51.2% female residents.<sup>1</sup> White residents make up a majority of the population (57.9%), with other racial groups represented as follows: Black 21.3%, Asian 4.8%, and unknown race 13.5%.<sup>2</sup> Residents that are ethnically Hispanic/Latino make up 29.4% of the county's population.<sup>2</sup> The median age in Union County is 38.3 with 1 in 7 residents (13.6%) being 65 or older.<sup>1</sup> This percentage of older adults is 2% lower than the state's and all NJHC counties.<sup>1</sup> Within Union County, 23.6% of residents (1 in 4) are children and youth, under 18 years-old.<sup>2</sup> This is slightly greater than the state estimate of 22.7%.<sup>2</sup>

Within Union County there are 200,708 residences including both vacant and occupied.<sup>2</sup> Of the 186,175 occupied residences, those that are owner-occupied account for 59.1% of households compared to 40.9% that are renter-occupied.<sup>2</sup> There is an average of 2.9 residents per household.<sup>1</sup>

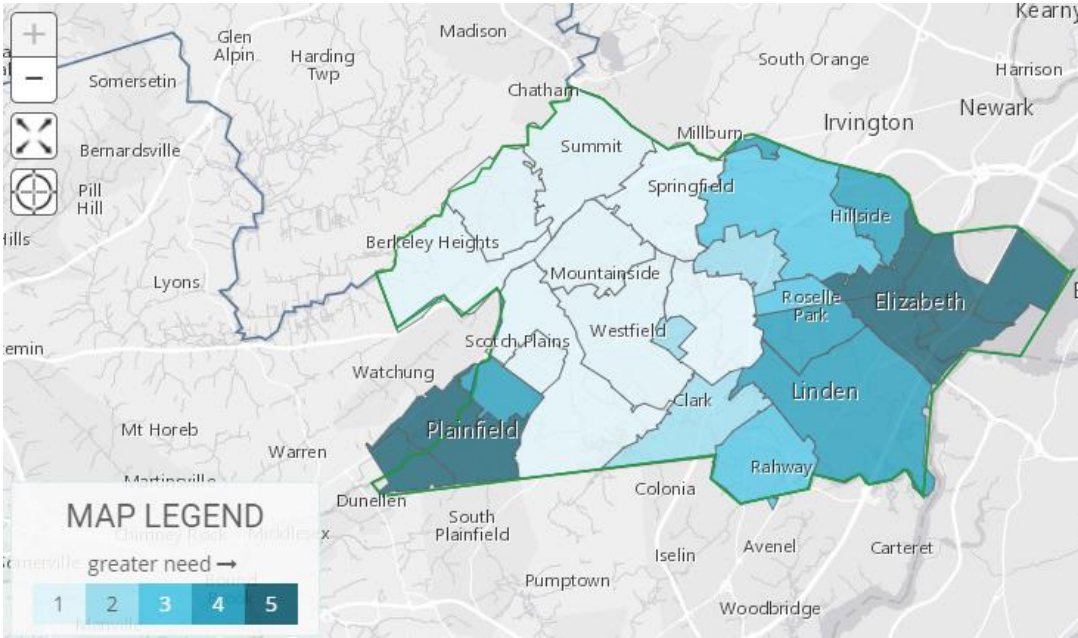
Union County has a growing population of highly educated residents with 32.6% of adults (25+ year-olds) having attained a bachelor's degree or higher compared to 36.8% of the New Jersey adult population as a whole.<sup>2</sup> This value has been trending upward since 2010. The median household income for the county is \$69,594 compared to \$72,093 for the state.<sup>2</sup> Presently, 10.6% of Union County residents live below the Federal Poverty Level which reflects a small decrease from the 2012 American Community Survey estimate.<sup>1</sup> Of Union County residents living below the Federal Poverty Level, 33.6% are youth which is higher than the state value.<sup>1</sup> Both Black/African American residents (12.5%) and Hispanic/Latino Residents (15%) have higher poverty rates than the population at large.<sup>1</sup> In addition to these figures on poverty, 36% of Union County households are earning income above the Federal Poverty Level but below the basic cost of living – they are considered ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, and Employed.)<sup>3</sup>

An estimated 162,001 Union County residents were born outside of the United States, 29.5% of the county population.<sup>2</sup> Furthermore, the American Community Survey has determined that 12.2% of households are considered linguistically isolated – where all members of the household over the age of 13 years have some difficulty communicating in English.<sup>4</sup> The most common languages in these households are Spanish and other Indo-European languages.<sup>4</sup> This estimate is higher than the state value of 7.2% and nearly all other NJHC counties.<sup>4</sup>

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1. U.S. Census Bureau, 2016 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates
  2. American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates 2011-2015
  3. United Way of Northern New Jersey 2016
  4. American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates 2005-2009

# Union County SocioNeeds Index

The 2017 [SocioNeeds Index](#), created by Conduent Community Health Solutions, is a measure of socioeconomic need that is correlated with poor health outcomes. All zip codes, counties, and county equivalents in the United States are given an Index Value from 0 (low need) to 100 (high need). To help you find the areas of highest need in your community, the selected locations are ranked from 1 (low need) to 5 (high need) based on their Index Value.



Index Value by Union County Zip Code

Zip Code	Index	Rank	Pop.	Zip Code	Index	Rank	Pop.
07206	96.2	5	29,086	07083	28	3	55,973
07202	90.3	5	43,034	07033	14.2	2	8,225
07201	89.6	5	27,649	07027	11.5	2	4,465
07208	84.3	5	31,887	07066	9.5	2	15,143
07063	80.2	5	13,917	07081	5	1	16,741
07060	79.4	5	45,078	07023	3.5	1	7,739
07088	74.3	4	3,562	07016	2.8	1	23,733
07203	73.3	4	21,536	07076	1.8	1	24,780
07205	72.8	4	22,306	07922	1	1	12,705
07062	62.5	4	13,727	07901	0.9	1	23,484
07036	56.6	4	43,256	07090	0.7	1	31,265
07065	45.9	3	29,325	07092	0.7	1	7,055
07204	40.2	3	13,880	07974	0.7	1	12,229