



Platform for Progress – New Jersey Quick Stats

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- **CEO Magazine Best and Worst State Report, 2006** - (CEO Magazine) - Rank: 46th out of 50 states; New Jersey ranked 37th in 2005
- **Relative Cost of Doing Business Index, 2006** (Milken Institute) - Index score of 120.7 - Rank: 7th highest in nation
- **Beacon Hill Institute State Competitiveness Index, 2005** (Beacon Hill Institute) - Overall Index, 4.35 - Overall Rank, 37th out of 50 states; New Jersey ranked 26th in 2003
- **U.S. Economic Freedom Index: 2004 Report** (Pacific Research Institute/Forbes Magazine) - Rank: 42nd out of 50 States
- **State and Local Business Taxes Per Employee, 2004** (Council on State Taxation) - \$4,613 - Rank: 6th highest in nation
- **States Ranked by Total Taxes, 2004** (US Census Bureau) - \$20,981,428 - Rank: 9th highest in the nation
- **Property Taxes Per Capita, 2004** (US Census Bureau) - \$2,170 - Rank: 1st in the nation
- **Combined Federal, State, Local Tax Burden, 2005** (U.S. Dept. of Commerce) - 31.4% - Rank: 3rd highest in the nation
- **State Business Tax Climate Index** (The Tax Foundation) - Rank: 49th out of 50 states
- **Small Business Survival Index, 2006** (Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council) Rank: 50th out of 50 states
- **State Tax Revenue, % of Personal Income** (U.S. Bureau of the Census and Bureau of Economic Analysis) - 6.1% - Rank: 36th highest in the nation
- **Total State Taxes Per Capita Amount, 2005** (US Census Bureau) - \$2,630.65 - Rank: 10th highest in the nation
- **Corporate Income Tax Collections Per Capita, 2005** (The Tax Foundation) - \$255.18 - Rank: 4th highest in the nation
- **Corporate Income Tax as a % of Total State Taxes, 2005:** (The Tax Foundation) - 9.7% - Rank: 4th highest in the nation
- **Federal Spending in Each State Per Dollar of Federal Taxes, 2004:** (The Tax Foundation) - 55 cents per \$1.00 - Rank: 50th in the nation
- **State Corporation Income Tax Rates, 2005** (The Tax Foundation) - 9.0% (the rate reported is the corporation business franchise tax rate)
- **State and Local Government Debt Per Capita, 2004** (US Census Bureau) - \$7,400 per capita - Rank: 8th highest in the nation
- **Average Benefits Per State and Local Pension Recipient, Fiscal 2003** (Public Policy Institute of NYS) - \$23,095 - Rank: 4th highest benefit per recipient in the nation
- **State and Local Business Taxes as a % of Private-Sector Gross State Product, Fiscal 2004** (Council on State Taxation) - 4.30%
- **Distribution of State General Fund Expenditures, Fiscal 2004** (The Henry J. Kaiser Foundation) - Elementary and Secondary, 34.3%; Higher Education, 7.5%; Public Assistance, 0.7%; Medicaid, 14.7%; Corrections, 4.9%; Transportation, 4.8%; All Other, 32.9%.
- **State Sales Tax (Cents Per Dollar) - January 1, 2005** (Federation of Tax Administrators) - 6 cents per dollar

- **Average Cost of a Workers' Compensation Case, 2002** (National Council on Compensation Insurance) - \$6,648 - Rank: 20th in the nation
- **Average Retail Price of Electricity, January to June 2004** (U.S. Energy Information Administration) - 9.9 cents per kilowatt-hour, Rank: 10th highest in the nation
- **Total Gross State Product (GSP), 2004** (U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis) - \$416 billion - Rank: 8th best in nation
- **State Budget Increase:** The New Jersey state budget has increased from \$16.4 billion in fiscal 1998 to \$30.9 billion in fiscal 2007



EDUCATION

- **Per Pupil Cost of K-12 Public Schools, 2000** (U.S. Census Bureau) - New Jersey spends the most (an average of \$10,283) compared to the national average of \$6,835 - **Rank: Highest in the nation**
- **Reading Achievement Gap, 2003** (The Education Trust) - The differential in performance between white and African American 4th graders in reading - **Rank: 5th highest achievement gap**
- **Mathematics Achievement Gap** (The Education Trust) - The differential in performance between white and African American 8th graders in mathematics - Rank: 6th highest achievement gap
- **Number of States Requiring Gatekeeper Courses** (Achieve, Inc.) Algebra I, 20; Geometry, 11; Algebra II, 4 - New Jersey does not mandate demanding mathematics courses.
- **Graduation Requirements** (Achieve, Inc.) - New Jersey's high school exit examination measures mathematics skills that other countries test in Grades 7 and 8
- **Graduation Rate** (New Jersey Department of Education) - Over 50% of students in some urban areas receive a high school diploma without passing the high school exit examination through a less rigorous review called the Special Review Assessment
- **% of Grade 8 students proficient in Language Arts, 2003** (NJ Department of Education) - 85% white, 55% Hispanic, 47% African American
- **% of Grade 8 students proficient in Mathematics, 2003** (NJ Department of Education) - 63% white, 35% Hispanic, 25% African American
- **Number of Teachers Certified to the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards** (The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards) - 111 - Rank by state based on proportion of teachers certified to the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards - **Rank: 2nd lowest in the nation**
- **New Jersey Teacher Salary Increases, 2003** (American Federation of Teachers) - 7.5% - **Rank: Largest in nation**
- **Average New Jersey Teacher Salary, 2002-03** - (USA Today) - \$55,592 – **Rank: 3rd highest in nation**
- **First-time, Full-time New Jersey Freshman Completing a Bachelor's Degree in 6 Years** (The Education Trust) - 60% in 2004
- **% of Residents Completing a Bachelor's Degree: 2005** (US Census Bureau) - 34.2% - Rank: 6th highest percentage in the nation
- **% of Residents Who Have Completed High School (Including Equivalency), 2005** (US Census Bureau) - 86.3% - Rank: 25th in the nation

- **% of Residents Who Have Completed an Advanced Degree: 2005** (US Census Bureau) - 12.5% - Rank: 7th highest in the nation

ENVIRONMENT

- **Carbon Monoxide Emissions for Highway Vehicles, 1990** (National Emission Inventory (NEI) – 2.6 million tons per year
- **Carbon Monoxide Emissions for Highway Vehicles, 2001** National Emission Inventory (NEI) – 1.5 million tons per year
- **Environmental Spending Per Capita, 2002** (US Census Bureau) – \$300 – Rank: 12th in the nation
- **Toxic Chemical Releases into Air, Land & Water, 2003** (USEPA) – 23.1 million pounds – Rank 37th in the nation
- **Drinking Water Quality: % Systems with Violations, 2004** (USEPA) – 2.6% – Rank: 46th in the nation

GOVERNMENT REFORM

- **Federal Public Corruption Convictions Per 100,000, 2000-03** (US Department of Justice) – 1.45 – Rank: 16th highest in nation
- **Election Spending Ceilings for State Public Financing Programs, 2003** – Used for Gubernatorial Election, Primary Election (Craig Holman, Ph.D.) – \$3.1 million, General Election - \$6.9 million
- **Average Salary of State and Local Government Employees, 2003** (US Census Bureau) – \$50,228, Rank: 3rd highest in the nation
- **Employee-Retirement System Expenditures as % of Total State Expenditures, 2002-03** (US Census Bureau) – 13.18%

HEALTHCARE

- **Average Annual Cost of Employment-Based Health Insurance for Family Coverage, 2004** (Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality) - \$11,425 (Employer/Employee Contribution) Rank: 2nd highest in the nation
- **Average Annual Cost of Employment-Based Health Insurance For Single Coverage, 2004** - (Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality) \$3,882 (Employer/Employee Contribution) Rank: 10th highest in the nation
- **Average Total Employer Contribution Per Enrolled Employee for Single Coverage at Private Sector Establishments: Firm size less than 50** (Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality) - Average of \$3,270 Rank: 9th highest in the nation
- **Percent of Small Companies Offering Health Insurance to Employees, 2003** (Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality) - 51.6% - Rank: 8th highest in the nation

- **Percent of Larger Companies Offering Health Insurance to Employees, 2003** (Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality) - 94.4% - 38th highest in the nation
- **Percent of Private Sector Establishments That Offer Health Insurance to Employees, 2003** (Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality) - 60.8% - 10th highest in the nation
- **Population Distribution by Insurance Status (population), state data 2002-2003, U.S. 2003** - (Urban Institute and Kaiser Commission) Employer, 5,314,750; Individual, 264,110; Medicaid, 762,300; Medicare, 1,039,690; Uninsured, 1,198,700; Total, 8,579,550
- **% of Uninsured Full-Time/Year Round Workers, 2003** (US Census Bureau) - 12.48%
- In 2003, it was estimated that there were approximately 1,316 to 2,930 preventable deaths due to medical errors in New Jersey (Public Citizen's Congress Watch)
- The 2006 projected demand for registered nurses in New Jersey is 74,550, whereas the projected supply is 18% short with only 60,600 (NJ Collaborative Center for Nursing)



TRANSPORTATION

- **Mean Travel Time to Work (Minutes): 2005** (US Census Bureau) - 29.5 minutes, Rank: 3rd longest in the nation
- **% of Structurally Deficient and Functionally Obsolete Bridges, December 2004** (US DOT) - Total: 36.55% - Rank: 9th highest in the nation
- **Percent of Miles of Roads with Poor Surface Smoothness (IRI Rating Over 170): 2003** (US DOT) - Total: 23.28% - Rank: 4th highest in the nation
- **% of Workers Who Worked Outside County of Residence: 2005** (US Census Bureau) - 45.5% - Rank: 3rd in the nation
- **% of Workers Who Traveled to Work by Car, Truck, or Van--Drove Alone: 2005** (US Census Bureau)- 72.8% - Rank: 47th in the nation
- **% of Workers Who Traveled to Work by Car, Truck, or Van--Carpooled: 2005** (US Census Bureau)- 9.3% - Rank: 41st in the nation.
- **% of Workers Traveling to Work by Public Transportation (Including Taxicab): 2005** (US Census Bureau) - 10.3%, Rank: 3rd in the nation
- **Combined State and Federal Gasoline Taxes (Cents per Gallon), November 2004** (American Petroleum Institute) - 32.9 cents per gallon - Rank: 3rd lowest in nation
- **State Gasoline Tax - Jan. 1, 2005** (American Petroleum Institute) - 14.5 cents per gallon

Miscellaneous:

- **% of Total Number of Workers Represented by Unions, 2004** (Bureau of Labor Statistics) - 21.6% - Rank: 5th highest in the nation
- **Average Effective Unemployment Insurance Tax Rate, 2003** (U.S. Labor Department) - 0.76% - Rate: 16th rate in the nation.
- **Median Household Income, 2005** (US Census Bureau) - \$61,672 - Rank: Highest in the nation
- **Median Family Income, 2005** (US Census Bureau) - \$75,311 - Rank: 2nd highest in the nation
- **Median Earnings for Male Full-Time, Year-Round Workers, 2005** (US Census Bureau) - \$52,654 - Rank: 2nd highest in the nation
- **Median Earnings for Female Full-Time, Year-Round Workers, 2005** (US Census Bureau) - \$40,219 - Rank: 4th highest in the nation
- **% of Housing Units Built in 1939 or Earlier: 2005** (US Census Bureau) - 20.3% - Rank: 17th in the nation

- **% of Housing Units That Were Built in 2000 or Later: 2005** (US Census Bureau) - 5.7% - Rank: 41st in the nation
- **% of Mortgaged Owners Spending 30 Percent or More of Household Income on Selected Monthly Owner Costs: 2005** (US Census Bureau) – 40.7% - Rank: 3rd in the nation
- **Median Monthly Housing Costs for Specified Owner-occupied Housing Units With a Mortgage: 2005** (US Census Bureau) - \$1,938 - Rank: 1st in the nation
- **Median Housing Value of Specified Owner-occupied Housing Units: 2005** (US Census Bureau) - \$333,900 -Rank: 5th in the nation
- **% of Civilians Employed in Professional and Related Occupations, 2005** (US Census Bureau) - 22.5% -Rank: Tied with Rhode Island for 8th in the nation
- **% of Civilians Employed in Management, Business and Financial Operations Occupations: 2005** (US Census Bureau) - 16% - Rank: 6th in the nation
- **% of Civilians Employed Who Were Private Wage and Salary Workers: 2005** (US Census Bureau) - 80.2% -Rank: 12th in the nation
- **% of Civilians Employed People 16 Years and Over in the Manufacturing Industry: 2005** (US Census Bureau) - 10.3% - Rank: 33rd in the nation
- **% of Civilians Employed in the Information Industry: 2005** (US Census Bureau) - 3.4% - Rank: 4th in the nation
- **% of Civilians Employed in Service Occupations: 2005** (US Census Bureau) - 15.3% - 43rd in the nation
- **% of People Who are Foreign Born: 2005** (US Census Bureau) - 19.5% - Rank: 3rd highest in the nation
- **% Who Speak a Language Other Than English At Home: 2005** (US Census Bureau) - 27.4% - Rank: 5th in the nation
- **% of People Who Speak Spanish at Home: 2005** (US Census Bureau) - 13.5% - Rank: 8th in the nation.
- **% of People 5 Years and Over Who Speak English Less Than "Very Well": 2005** (US Census Bureau) - 11.5% - Rank: 6th in the nation