

**GDP** 

"Working families in New Jersey will know that they're going to have more money in their pocket to spend on their families and less money here in Trenton for politicians to spend."

— Gov. Chris Christie, July 7, 2015, signing a bill authorizing an increase in New Jersey's earned income tax credit

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## **New Jersey**

Pop. (2014): 8,918,440 Median household income: \$65,243 Credit Rating: A/Stable

5,243 **Median age:** 39.4 **Right-to-work state:** No

**Pop. growth 2013–2018:** 2%

#### **Legislative Update**

Gov. Chris Christie (R)

- The earned income tax credit increased from 20 percent to 30 percent. The average family will receive a 50-percent boost from the tax credit.
- The fiscal 2016 budget provides the final year of phase-in for business tax relief (passed in 2011) for a cumulative total of more than \$2.3 billion over five years for business tax cuts.
- The 2016 budget passed in June 2015 does not address the state's Transportation Trust Fund (TTF), which is projected to become insolvent in 2016. An increase in the state's gas tax has been floated as a possible revenue source — New Jersey has the second lowest gas tax in the nation.

### **Rankings that Matter**

Business Tax Climate
Legal Climate
Higher Ed. R&D Expenditure 18 (1,130,474)
ACT Career Readiness Certificates 49 (553)
Lowest Electric Power Cost42 (14.82)
Fiscal Solvency49
College Attainment 5 (46.5%)

### 011 2012 2013 2014 \*Real GDP in US millions

### **Selected Corporate Facility Projects 2015**

Company	City	County	Type	New/ Expansion		vestment millions)	Employment
Nestlé USA, Inc.	Bridgewater	Somerset	HQ/OF/RD	N	Dairy Products	70	
Brown Brothers Harriman & Co.	Jersey City	Hudson	0F	Ε	Financial Servic	es 22	110
RBC Capital Markets, LLC	Jersey City	Hudson	0F	Ε	Financial Servic	es 17	900
Simon & Schuster, Inc.	Delran	Burlington	DW	Ε	Publishing	12	
Solvay Usa Inc.	West Windsor	Mercer	0F	Ε	Chemicals	10	35
Hemispherx Biopharma, Inc.	New Brunswick	Middlesex	MF	Ε	Pharmaceutical	s 8	
Interpool, Inc.	Plainsboro	Middlesex	HQ	Ε	Transportation	7	90
Excellentia Flavours LLC	Fairfield	Essex	HQ	Ε	Spices	4	24
Jimmy's Cookies, LLC	Clifton	Passaic	MF	Ε	Food	3	79
Just Greens, LLC	Newark	Essex	0F	Ε	Food		
DT = Data Center MF = Manufacturing	OF = Office HQ = H	OF = Office HQ = Headquarters RD = Research & Development		DW = Distribution/Warehouse			

#### **Did You Know?**

The New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development has identified key industry clusters for business attraction: technology, biopharmaceutical life sciences, advanced manufacturing, transportation, logistics, distribution, financial services, health care, leisure, hospitality and retail, and construction.

Since February 2010, New Jersey businesses have added 215,400 jobs — an increase of 6.8 percent. The unemployment rate in New Jersey stood at 5.4 percent in October 2015, down by one percentage point from one year earlier.

Exported goods from New Jersey totaled \$2.7 billion in September and \$32.5 billion over the past year, 2.3 percent lower than during the 12 months ending in September 2014 (inflation-adjusted).

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