

**COMMUNITY
PROFILE**
Somerset County, New Jersey

COMMUNITY CHARACTERISTIC	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000
Population					
Total population	311,922	307,143	305,387	297,446	292,981
Male	48.6	48.6	47.7	48.8	50.5
Male median age	37	36	37	38	37
Female	51.4	51.4	52.3	51.2	49.5
Female median age	39	37	38	39	38
Under 18 years of age	26.3	26.1	26.0	23.9	25.8
Male	49.3	48.9	47.0	51.0	54.5
Female	50.7	51.1	53.0	49.0	45.5
Between 18 and 64 years of age	63.3	63.3	63.3	66.0	63.7
Male	49.1	49.4	49.2	49.1	49.9
Female	50.9	50.6	50.8	50.9	50.1
Over 65 years of age	10.3	10.6	10.7	10.2	10.5
Male	43.8	42.9	40.4	41.9	44.3
Female	56.2	57.1	59.6	58.1	55.7
Race (Alone or in combination with one or more other races) ¹					
White	74.8	77.2	76.6	79.3	79.9
Black or African American	9.4	8.3	7.9	7.0	7.6
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.1
Asian	11.4	10.9	10.0	8.9	8.9
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other Race category	4.3	3.5	5.4	4.3	3.5
Hispanic or Latino Origin (of any race)	10.7	10.2	9.5	9.1	8.8
Immigrants and U.S. Citizenship Status					
Total immigrant population	57,631	55,186	61,575	55,186	52,262
Entered U.S. before 1980	30.5	31.0	30.6	30.1	25.3
Naturalized U.S. citizen	87.3	82.0	78.3	84.7	87.3
Not a U.S. citizen	12.7	18.0	21.7	15.3	12.7
Entered U.S. between 1980 and 1989	24.3	22.4	27.8	24.1	27.3
Naturalized U.S. citizen	73.1	74.7	59.6	55.0	72.7
Not a U.S. citizen	26.9	25.3	40.4	45.0	27.3
Entered U.S. between 1990 and 1999 ²	29.3	37.3	33.2	45.8	47.4
Naturalized U.S. citizen	27.3	40.2	30.1	20.8	23.0
Not a U.S. citizen	72.7	59.8	69.9	79.2	77.0
Entered U.S. 2000 or later	15.9	9.3	8.4	Not Available	Not Available

Naturalized U.S. citizen	1.0	8.6	0.0	Not Available	Not Available
Not a U.S. citizen	99.0	91.4	100.0	Not Available	Not Available
Household Structure					
Total households	115,766	113,389	113,145	113,389	106,874
Family households	88,773	83,244	85,280	82,282	77,767
Married households	85.0	86.4	78.5	85.3	89.9
Female householder, no spouse present	10.8	9.2	14.3	9.4	5.9
Male householder, no spouse present	4.2	4.4	7.2	5.3	4.2
Non-family households	4,504	4,729	5,076	4,393	3,991
Educational Attainment³					
Less than high school completed	5.2	7.9	8.9	9.4	8.1
High School graduate (includes equivalency)	24.9	24.3	22.6	24.1	23.5
Some college completed	19.4	19.5	21.1	22.2	22.4
Bachelor's degree completed	28.8	28.3	29.2	27.4	28.8
Graduate or professional degree completed	21.7	19.9	18.1	16.9	17.3
Income Indicators⁴					
Median family Income	\$90,133	\$104,267	\$109,975	\$98,485	\$105,663
Per capita income	\$38,700	\$41,918	\$41,306	\$43,108	\$40,008
Families below poverty within last 12 months					
Total families	3,392	1,608	657	2,640	1,793
Married-Couple families	68.7	22.8	59.7	25.2	78.8
Female householder, no spouse present	16.6	18.4	40.3	46.4	12.1
Male householder, no spouse present	14.7	58.8	0.0	28.4	9.2
Households received income assistance	1.3	0.8	1.1	0.7	0.5
Households received food stamps	2.5	0.2	1.2	1.2	1.0
Households received social security income	22.4	21.8	24.6	21.7	19.9
Households received supplemental security income	1.6	2.2	2.7	1.4	0.1
Employment Sectors⁵					
Total employment	154,035	151,181	153,334	159,803	163,584
For profit companies	66.8	74.9	75.1	72.0	74.4
Self-employed	12.3	8.6	9.3	9.7	9.1
Not-for-profit organizations	7.3	5.5	6.3	7.0	5.1
Local, state and federal government	13.5	10.9	9.1	10.9	11.4
Occupation⁶					
Management, business & related fields	23.9	21.8	24.3	21.7	23.2
Professional & related fields	28.7	28.6	26.1	27.7	25.4
Service	10.3	10.0	7.0	9.4	8.0
Sales & office	23.3	25.6	27.9	25.3	28.0
Farming, fishing, & forestry	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Construction, extraction, maintenance & repair	6.0	4.9	4.2	7.1	6.0

Production, transportation, & material moving	3.5	4.8	6.3	5.6	5.8
Transportation & material moving	4.4	4.4	4.2	3.2	3.6
Unemployment rate⁷	6.7	7.9	4.3	5.1	2.8
Travel Time to Work					
Less than 29minutes	55.9	57.6	56.9	57.6	62.1
Between 30 and 59 minutes	33.1	29.7	28.4	29.7	28.1
More than 59 minutes	11.0	12.7	14.7	12.7	9.8
Housing					
Occupied housing units	115,766	115,105	113,145	113,389	106,874
Owner occupied	82.6	78.8	80.9	77.2	80.7
Renter occupied	17.4	21.2	19.1	22.8	19.3
Median housing value ⁸	\$385,614	\$352,622	\$342,024	\$248,161	\$238,106
Median gross rent ⁹	\$990	\$1,059	\$1,029	\$958	\$892
Housing affordability (Rent cost as a percentage of household income) ¹⁰					
Rent more than 50 % of household income	29.9	9.2	18.3	14.7	11.9
Rent between 30 %and 50% of household income	7.4	29.6	13.8	20.7	20.7
Vacancy rate	.	1.8	2.5	1.2	4.8
Tenure of housing structures ¹¹					
Built in 1939 or earlier	8.0	14.2	12.2	11.0	14.4
Built between 1940 and 1959	17.0	15.9	14.7	20.1	18.5
Built between 1960 and 1979	26.1	22.8	26.0	26.5	22.8
Built between 1980 and 1999 ¹²	43.3	43.6	38.4	40.1	41.4
Build in 2000 or later ¹³	5.6	3.5	8.7	2.4	2.9

¹ In combination with one or more other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race. (Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Summary File 1, Matrices P1, P3, P4, P8, P9, P12, P17, P18, P19, P20, P23, P27, P28, P33, PCT5, PCT8, PCT15, H1, H3, H4, H5, H11, and H12).

² 2000 – 2001 category is “year of entry 1990 – 2000” (source: P040). 2002 - 2004 category is “year of entry 1990 – 1999” (source: P040, B05005).

³ These figures relate to population 25yrs and over.

⁴ 2004 Inflation – adjusted Dollars.

⁵ These figures relate to the civilian employed population 16 years of age and older in labor force.

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⁸ 2000 – 2003 value for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units (source: H074), 2004 value for Owner-Occupied Housing Units (source: B25075).

⁹ 2000 – 2003 gross rent for Specified Renter-Occupied Housing Units (source: H061), 2004 gross rent for Renter-Occupied Housing Units (source: B25064).

¹⁰ 2000 – 2003 gross rent percentage for Specified Renter-Occupied Housing Units (source: H061), 2004 gross rent percentage for Renter-Occupied Housing Units (source: B25064).

¹¹ 2000 – 2003 figures relate to occupied housing units (source: H033), 2004 figures relate to total housing units (source: B25034).

¹² 2000 – 2003 category is “Built between 1980 and 1998” (source: H033), 2004 category is “Built between 1980 – 1999” (source: B25034).

¹³ 2000 – 2003 category is “Built 1999 or later” (source: H033), 2004 category is “Built 2000 or later” (source: B25034).