

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
LABOR FORCE**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Labor Force</u>	<u>Employment</u>	<u>Unemployment</u>	County	New Jersey	Nationwide
				Unemployment	Unemployment	Unemployment
				<u>Rate</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Rate</u>
1996	392,800	372,300	20,500	5.2	6.2	5.4
1997	403,500	386,600	16,900	4.2	5.1	4.9
1998	398,800	383,900	14,900	3.7	4.6	4.5
1999	407,800	392,500	15,200	3.7	4.6	4.2
2000	411,155	398,485	12,670	3.1	3.8	4.0
2001	413,674	398,518	15,156	3.7	4.2	4.8
2002	424,300	403,300	21,000	4.9	5.4	5.8
2003	418,300	395,800	22,500	5.4	5.9	6.0
2004	421,057	402,657	18,400	4.3	4.9	5.5
2005	418,600	401,400	17,200	4.1	4.4	5.1
2006	425,900	407,000	18,800	4.4	4.8	4.6
2007	420,000	401,500	18,500	4.4	5.1	4.8
2008	425,000	403,700	21,400	5.0	5.5	5.8
2009	426,799	389,700	37,000	8.7	9.2	9.3

Source: New Jersey Department of Labor (based upon U.S. Department of Labor methodology) and U.S. Dept. of Labor Nationwide unemployment rate.