



Union County, New Jersey



Borough of Garwood

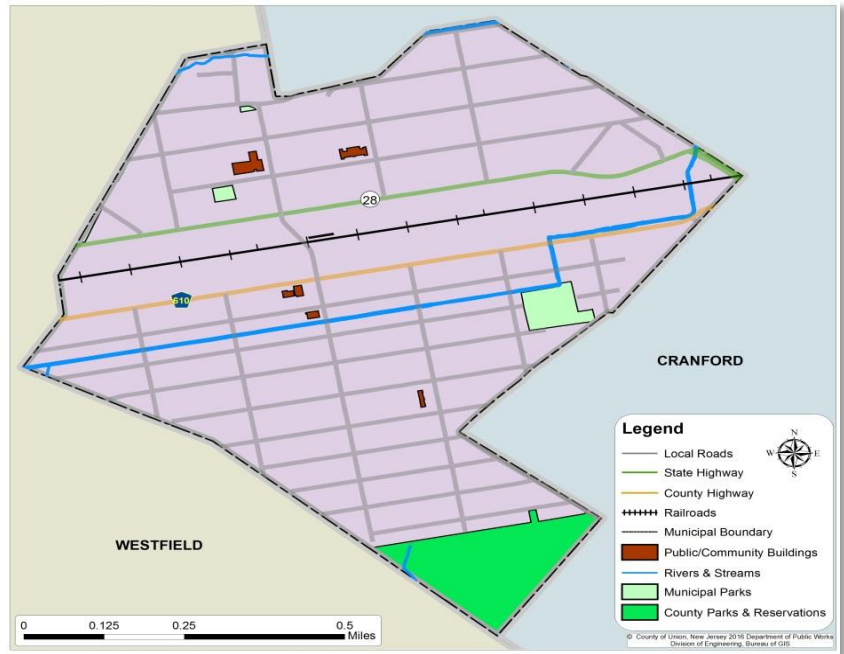
<http://garwood.org/>

Demographics.

Population	4,306
Land Area (miles)	0.66
Per capita income	\$41,461
Percent below poverty	2.3%
Median household income	\$73,924
Median age	36.9
Total housing units	1,776
Median housing value	\$360,700
Average household size	2.64
Mean travel time to work	31 min
Age 3+ enrolled in school	994
Persons per square mile	6,524
Unemployment rate	5.5%*

Source: US Census Bureau, 2011 - 2015 American Community Survey (5-Year Estimates)

*NJ Dept. of Labor and Workforce Development, 2015 Annual Average Municipal Labor Force Estimates



GIS Website to Access High Detail Interactive Map :

<http://ucgis.ucnj.org/UnionCountyGIS/WebPages/Map/FundyViewer.aspx>

History, Location & Highlights

Garwood first developed as part of bordering Westfield and Cranford, and was incorporated as its own borough in 1903. Garwood was once the industrial center of Union County but is now largely a residential community. The Borough is located along the Raritan Valley Rail Line and is served by a train station downtown. The Borough of Garwood is governed by the Mayor/Council form of local government. Garwood has a six member borough council and the mayor is directly elected by the voters. The Garwood Sports and Recreation Complex opened in December 2014. The new 3.2 million dollar complex consists of a state-of-the-art field house building complete with concession stand, deck, bathrooms and meeting room, a multi-purpose playing field, basketball court, playground, bocce ball court and walking track.

Transportation

Garwood has a station located on the Raritan Valley Line that makes it easily accessible to New York City and other locations in New Jersey. In March 2014, NJ Transit introduced a "one-seat ride" with direct access to New York City on certain weekday off-peak trains. Garwood is also served by NJ Transit bus lines 113 and 59. Approximately 79.3% of working Garwood residents travel to work by private automobile and over 9.9% use public transportation. 52.1% worked in Union County and 7.8% worked outside New Jersey. The average commute time is 31.0 minutes.

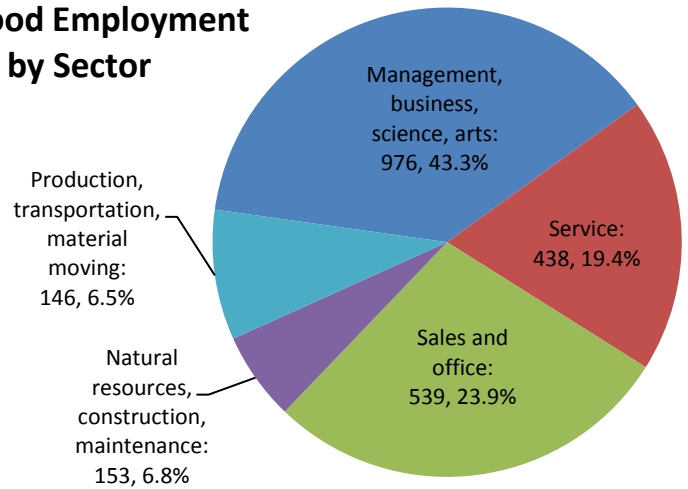


Mixed-use development on North Ave. Source: patch.com

Housing

Garwood contains 1,776 units of housing; 53.6% are single-unit, detached style, 3.8% are single-unit, attached, 27.6% are in two-unit structures, and 15% are in structures with 3 or more units. Almost three quarters of Garwood's housing stock was built before 1960. 91.9% of the housing stock is occupied, with 62% occupied by owners and 38% occupied by renters. The median home value in Garwood is \$360,700 and the median gross rent is \$1,400 per month.

Garwood Employment by Sector



Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2011-2015 5-Year Estimates.

Community Facilities & Services

Public Schools:

- Lincoln School (Pre K – 8)
- Garwood students attend Arthur L Johnson High School in Clark, NJ

Fire Department:

- 50-member department
- Non-emergency number (908)789-8877

Police Department:

- 403 South Avenue
- Non-emergency number (908)789-1500

Garwood Public Library:

- 411 Third Avenue

Public Parks & Recreation:

- Hartman Park: picnic tables, playground, basketball court
- Georgiana Memorial Park: gazebo & benches
- Unami Park: county park with playground, ball fields, bathroom facilities, bike trails and picnic tables
- Garwood Sports and Recreation Complex: new 3.2 million dollar complex consists of a state-of-the-art field house building with concession stand, deck, bathrooms and meeting room, a multi-purpose playing field, basketball court, playground, bocce ball court and walking track



Downtown Garwood near train station. Source: patch.com

Web Links:

- Municipal website: <http://garwood.org/>
- Union County: <http://ucnj.org/>
- Public Schools: <http://www.garwoodschoools.org/>
- Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce (Fanwood, Garwood, Mountainside, Scotch Plains & Westfield): <http://www.gwaccnj.com/>