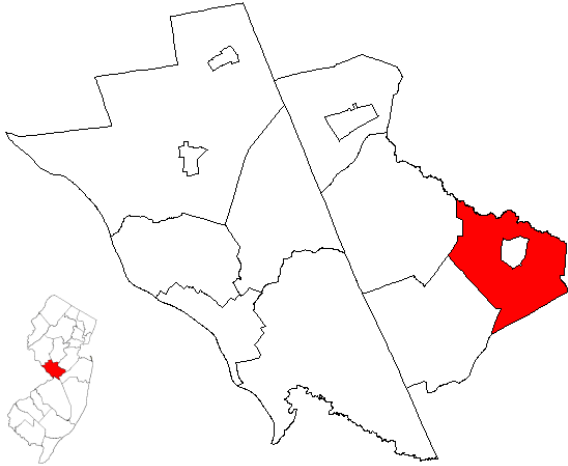
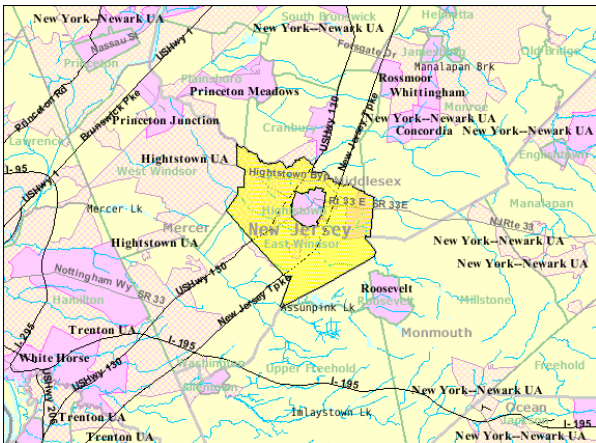


East Windsor Township, New Jersey

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<p>East Windsor Township highlighted in Mercer County. Inset map: Mercer County highlighted in the State of New Jersey.</p>	
	
<p>Census Bureau map of East Windsor Township, New Jersey</p>	
<p>Coordinates: 40°16'8"N 74°32'15"W</p>	
Country	United States
State	New Jersey
County	Mercer
Formed	February 9, 1797
Incorporated	February 21, 1798
Government ^[1]	
- Type	Faulkner Act (Council-Manager)
- Mayor	Janice S. Mironov
Area	
- Total	15.7 sq mi (40.7 km ²)
- Land	15.6 sq mi (40.5 km ²)

- Water	0.1 sq mi (0.1 km ²)
Elevation ^[2]	121 ft (37 m)
Population (2007) ^[3]	
- Total	26686
- Density	1592.8/sq mi (615.0/km ²)
Time zone	Eastern (EST) (UTC-5)
- Summer (DST)	EDT (UTC-4)
ZIP code	08520
Area code(s)	609
FIPS code	34-19780 ^[4] ^[5]
GNIS feature ID	0882123 ^[6]
Website	http://www.east-windsor.nj.us

East Windsor Township is a Township in Mercer County, New Jersey, United States. As of the United States 2000 Census, the township population was 24,919, which had grown to an estimated 26,686 as of 2007.^[3]

East Windsor Township was formed when Windsor Township was split on February 9, 1797, with West Windsor Township formed at the same time, all while the area was still part of Middlesex County. It was incorporated as one of New Jersey's initial group of 104 townships by an Act of the New Jersey Legislature on February 21, 1798. Portions of the township were taken to form Hightstown borough (March 5, 1853, within East Windsor; became independent c. 1894) and Robbinsville Township (March 11, 1860, and known as Washington Township until 2007).^[7]

Geography

According to the United States Census Bureau, the township has a total area of 15.7 square miles (40.7 km²), of which, 15.6 square miles (40.5 km²) of it is land and 0.1 square miles (0.1 km²) of it (0.32%) is water.

Twin Rivers (2000 Census population of 7,422) is a census-designated place and unincorporated area located within East Windsor Township.

Also: East Windsor surrounds Hightstown.

Demographics

Historical populations			
Census	Pop.		%±
1930	922		—
1940	845		−8.4%
1950	1284		52.0%
1960	2298		79.0%
1970	11736		410.7%
1980	21041		79.3%
1990	22353		6.2%

2000	24919		11.5%
Est. 2007	26686	[3]	7.1%
Population 1930 - 1990. ^[8]			

As of the census^[4] of 2000, there were 24,919 people, 9,448 households, and 6,556 families residing in the township. The population density was 1,592.8 people per square mile (614.8/km²). There were 9,880 housing units at an average density of 631.5/sq mi (243.8/km²). The racial makeup of the township was 74.42% White, 8.90% African American, 0.20% Native American, 9.55% Asian, 0.12% Pacific Islander, 4.61% from other races, and 2.20% from two or more races. Hispanic or Latino of any race were 14.28% of the population. However, there is a significant population of undocumented Hispanic immigrants in the thousands which is not captured by census counts. School studies show that up to 20% of the total population in the school system is made up of undocumented immigrants.

There were 9,448 households out of which 34.2% had children under the age of 18 living with them, 55.6% were married couples living together, 9.6% had a female householder with no husband present, and 30.6% were non-families. 24.6% of all households were made up of individuals and 6.6% had someone living alone who was 65 years of age or older. The average household size was 2.61 and the average family size was 3.12.

The population of the township was spread out with 24.0% under the age of 18, 7.6% from 18 to 24, 35.2% from 25 to 44, 24.9% from 45 to 64, and 8.3% who were 65 years of age or older. The median age was 36 years. For every 100 females there were 95.2 males. For every 100 females age 18 and over, there were 91.6 males.

The median income for a household in the township was \$63,616, and the median income for a family was \$73,461. Males had a median income of \$50,875 versus \$35,260 for females. The per capita income for the township was \$28,695. About 2.8% of families and 5.3% of the population were below the poverty line, including 4.3% of those under age 18 and 8.1% of those age 65 or over.

Transportation

East Windsor has a few bus stops. The line which runs through East Windsor proceeds to stop in Monroe, and then makes its way to the Port Authority Bus Terminal.

A number of county routes, such as CR 539, 571, 535 pass through the township. Route 33 goes through East Windsor, and then through Robbinsville Township and Monroe Township. U.S. Route 130 also goes through East Windsor which then goes through Robbinsville and Cranbury. Interstate 195 is outside the municipality in neighboring Robbinsville, Upper Freehold, and Millstone Townships.

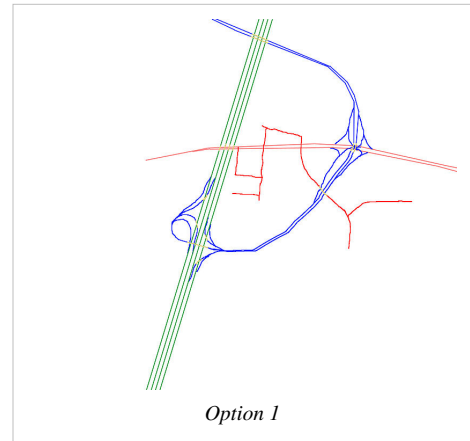
In the late 1990s, the "Hightstown Bypass" (Route 133) was constructed. It starts at County Route 571 and terminates at 33. The entire highway is in East Windsor; there is a half-diamond interchange with One Mile Road, and a three-quarter cloverleaf interchange with U.S. Route 130. Both ends of the bypass are handled with traffic signals instead of grade separated interchanges. The township also houses a 5-lane toll gate for Exit 8 of the New Jersey Turnpike (Interstate 95).

At the present time, the Turnpike is being widened from three lanes to a six-lane turnpike. This is part of a major widening project that would extend the "dual-dual" roadways to Exit 6 (Mansfield Township) from its current end at Exit 8A (Monroe Township). This project is anticipated to be finished by 2014.

On January 1, 2007, the New Jersey Turnpike Authority announced its plans for Exit 8. Prior to this plan being released, some thought that a new Exit 8 would connect directly with the Hightstown Bypass. There seems to be ample space (between mile markers 67.89 and 68.12) to build a new interchange because there's a large piece of land that would accommodate a toll gate and interchange ramps for 133. The plan that was released indicated that the current Interchange 8 will be demolished and replaced with a new interchange which would end at the intersection with Route 33, Milford Road, and the Hightstown Bypass (on the east side of the expressway in lieu of the west). It would also grant direct access to the bypass (without going through any traffic lights), as well as to 33 using a grade

separated interchange. The new toll gate would also feature a total of 12 lanes at the gate. However, the interchange and the toll gate would run near some residential houses located right off of 33, and would disturb Twin Rivers. The Authority released 3 configuration options at the intersection of Milford, 33, and the bypass.

- Option 1: This option would feature turnpike ramps that would lead to a diamond interchange at Route 33, while the turnpike ramp turns into the 133 bypass and would cross over Route 33. At the intersection with 33 and the interchange ramps (from the turnpike and 133), a traffic signal would be built underneath Exit 8/Route 133. However, the drawback is that this option would “stop drivers from making several turns near the exit. These include left-hand turns from Route 33 onto [a relocated] Milford Road and from Milford Road onto Route 33.” To make turns that are restricted, “the plan would push some trucks headed for Milford Road onto Lake Drive, which would be connected to Milford by a new connector road.” The *relocated* Milford Road would start at the intersection of Monmouth Street and continue southeast to the existing Milford Road near Daniel Street.



- Option 2: A grade-separated diamond interchange would be constructed, which would lead the ramps towards Route 33. At the intersection with Route 33 and the interchange ramps (from the turnpike and 133), a traffic signal would be built underneath Exit 8 ramps/Route 133. In lieu of a connector road, a jug handle would be built on 33 west. This would intersect at 33 (with a traffic light) and become the *relocated* Milford Road (after crossing 33). The road would cross over the Turnpike ramps and resume it's course near Daniel Street.
- Option 3: A modified cloverleaf interchange would be built in lieu of a diamond interchange. After exiting the turnpike from the 8 toll gate, a ramp on the right would lead to Milford Road or Route 33. The mainline of the turnpike ramp would cross over 33 and turn into the 133 bypass. A *relocated* Milford Road would be built across from Monmouth Street & 33 (without connecting Monmouth and Milford) towards the intersection with the current Milford Road and Daniel Street. The new Milford would cross over the turnpike ramps. A leaf would be built from the turnpike ramp approaching the 8 toll gate, which would connect to Milford. An entrance ramp would be constructed from Milford Road to the 8 toll gate. Traveling north on Milford, a ramp would be constructed, which would diverge into 2 ways; one way would merge into the turnpike ramp heading towards 133, and the other would intersect at a new traffic light at Route 33 (just 1/10 mile east of the current 33-133-Milford intersection).^[9]

Government

Local government

East Windsor Township has a Council-Manager form of government as provided under the Faulkner Act. The Council is made up of seven members elected at large for four-year staggered terms. Elections for Council are held in November of every other year.^[1]

Members of the East Windsor Township Council are Mayor Janice S. Mironov, Deputy Mayor Perry M. Shapiro, Walter T. Daniels, Hector Duke, Marc Lippman, Alan Rosenberg and Marsha Weinstein.^[10]

Citizens of East Windsor are served by East Windsor Rescue Squad Districts I & II, as well as East Windsor volunteer Fire Departments #1 and 2. The Township is split for faster response times, with Rescue Squad District II and Fire Department 2 serving Twin Rivers.

The East Windsor Police Department, Located on One Mile Road, is led by Police Chief William Spain, and employs 37 Uniformed Patrol and Traffic Enforcement Officers, 9 Detectives, 7 Dispatchers and Communications Officers and one Animal Control Officer, for a total of 47 Sworn Police Officers.

Federal, state and county representation

East Windsor Township is in the Fourth Congressional District and is part of New Jersey's 12th Legislative District.^[11]

New Jersey's Fourth Congressional District is represented by Christopher Smith (R). New Jersey is represented in the United States Senate by Frank Lautenberg (D, Cliffside Park) and Bob Menendez (D, Hoboken).

12th legislative district of the New Jersey Legislature, which is represented in the New Jersey Senate by Jennifer Beck (R, Red Bank) and in the New Jersey General Assembly by Caroline Casagrande (R, Colts Neck Township) and Declan O'Scanlon (R, Little Silver).^[12] The Governor of New Jersey is Chris Christie (R, Mendham).^[13] The Lieutenant Governor of New Jersey is Kim Guadagno (R, Monmouth Beach).^[14]

Mercer County has a County Executive form of government, in which the County Executive performs executive functions and a seven-member Board of Chosen Freeholders acts in a legislative capacity. As of 2008, the County Executive is Brian M. Hughes.^[15] Members of the Board of Chosen Freeholders are elected at-large to serve three-year staggered terms, with a Freeholder Chair and Vice-Chair selected on an annual basis from among its members.^[16] County Freeholders are Freeholder Chair Lucylle R. S. Walter ^[17] (term ends December 31, 2008; Ewing Township), Freeholder Vice Chair Elizabeth Maher Muoio ^[18] (2009; Pennington Borough), Ann M. Cannon ^[19] (2009; East Windsor Township), Anthony P. Carabelli ^[20] (2010; Trenton), Pasquale "Pat" Colavita, Jr. ^[21] (2009; Lawrenceville), Keith V. Hamilton ^[22] (2010; Hamilton Township) and Tony Mack ^[23] (2008; Trenton).^[24]

Education

Students in Kindergarten through 12th grade attend the East Windsor Regional School District, a comprehensive public school district serving students from East Windsor Township and Hightstown Borough, along with students in grades 7 - 12 from Roosevelt Borough as part of a sending / receiving relationship.^[25]

The district has four K-5 elementary schools — Walter C. Black Elementary School ^[26] with 581 students, Perry L. Drew Elementary School ^[27] with 692 students, Ethel McKnight Elementary School ^[28] with 572 students, Grace N. Rogers Elementary School ^[29] with 502 students — Melvin H. Kreps School ^[30] grades 6 - 8 with 1,139 students and Hightstown High School with 1,370 students in grades 9 - 12.

Notable residents

Notable current and former residents of East Windsor Township include:

- Lisa P. Jackson, Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).^[31]
- Marlon LeBlanc, Head Men's Soccer Coach at West Virginia University.^[32]
- Paul Watkins (born 1963), novelist.
- Tony Paige (boxing), Radio talk show host on WFAN NY 660

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