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## Colonia Town Information

Colonia is a somewhat small town located in the state of New Jersey. With a population of 17,756 people and five constituent neighborhoods, Colonia is the 115th largest community in New Jersey. Unlike some towns, Colonia isn't mainly white- or blue-collar. Instead, the most prevalent occupations for people in Colonia are a mix of both white- and blue-collar jobs. Overall, Colonia is a town of sales and office workers, professionals, and managers. There are especially a lot of people living in Colonia who work in office and administrative support jobs (19.52%), sales jobs (11.81%), and management occupations (11.16%). Also of interest is that Colonia has more people living here who work in computers and math than 95% of the places in the US. In addition, Colonia is home to many people who could be described as "urban sophisticates." Urban sophisticates are educated, wealthy, executives and professionals, who have urbane tastes in books, food, and travel, whether they actually live in a big city, or choose to reside in a small town. In big or medium-sized cities, urban sophisticates tend to frequent art institutions such as opera, symphonies, ballet, live theatre, and museums.



Because of many things, Colonia is a very good place for families to consider. With an enviable combination of good schools, low crime, college-educated neighbors who tend to support education because of their own experiences, and a high rate of home ownership in predominantly single-family properties, Colonia really has some of the features that families look for when choosing a good community to raise children. Is Colonia perfect? Of course not, and if you like frenetic night life, it will be far from your cup of tea. But overall this is a solid community, with many things to recommend it as a family-friendly place to live.



The overall education level of Colonia citizens is substantially higher than the typical US community, as 24.56% of adults in Colonia have at least a bachelor's degree, and the average American community has 14.96%. The per capita income in Colonia in 2000 was \$27,732, which is middle income relative to New Jersey, and wealthy relative to the rest of the US. This equates to an annual income of \$110,928 for a family of four. However, Colonia contains both very wealthy and poor people as well. Colonia is a somewhat ethnically-diverse town. The people who call Colonia home come from a variety of different races and ancestries. The most prevalent race in Colonia is White, followed by Asian. Important ancestries of people in Colonia include Italian, Irish, Polish, German, Portuguese, and Russian.



In addition, Colonia has a lot of people living here who were born outside of the US (15.18%). The languages spoken by people in Colonia are also diverse. These are tabulated as the languages people preferentially speak when they are at home with their families. The most common language spoken in Colonia is English. Other important languages spoken here include Spanish, Portuguese, Polish, and Italian.



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## Colonia, Location and Transportation



Strategically situated within Middlesex County; this location, Colonia, a smart move with a simple commute to New York City. Colonia is located less than two miles from a number of the state's major arteries, which include the New Jersey Turnpike, the Garden State Parkway, Interstate 287, U.S. Highway 1 and State Highway 27, making Colonia a strategic placement for all major highways in New Jersey.

From Colonia, Manhattan can be reached within a mere 25 miles northeast making it a simple ride to be in the heart of the greatest city in the world. What's more, aside from driving, it is an easy commute to bustling New York City by train or bus, or to Newark, Trenton or nearby Rutgers University in New Brunswick from the New Jersey Transit Stop in nearby Princeton.



The transit station, less than two miles from Colonia, serves as a connection point for many local New Jersey Transit bus routes, making Colonia the perfect placement for easy transportation. These routes provide a connection between Metuchen and Fords, Plainfield, Perth Amboy, Raritan, Piscataway, Edison and any number of locations with relative ease. In Colonia, if one does not care to walk, convenient parking and other amenities are offered for those utilizing the train station as well. Also, just a mere 20 miles from Colonia, air transportation is readily available to travelers through Newark International Airport, also easily reached through a simple train transfer route through Newark Penn Station. Allowing anyone to travel from their home in Colonia to anywhere in the world, creating a new advantage to Colonia.

Walking is another option for Colonia residents. With a small town feel, yet easy access, makes walking an enjoyable experience through the town. Each route one walks throughout this town offers a wonderful, gorgeous, scenic view, beginning in a different section of the community, leads to the downtown area and nearby neighborhoods in this quaint town, making these pleasant walking routes easy to admire the surrounding area along the way. All these routes are easily accessible from any location in Colonia.



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## Historic Colonia and Woodbridge Township

The township of Woodbridge is named after Reverend John W. Woodbridge (1613–1691) of Newbury, Massachusetts. The Township of Woodbridge is the oldest original township in the state of New Jersey. According to Joshua Coffin, the early settlers included "Captain John Pike, the ancestor of General Zebulon Montgomery Pike, who was killed at the battle of Queenstown in 1812, Thomas Bloomfield, the ancestor of Joseph Bloomfield, some years governor of New Jersey, John Bishop, senior and junior, Jonathan Haynes, Henry Jaques, George March, Stephen Kent, Abraham Toppan, junior, Elisha Ilsley, Hugh March, John Bloomfield, Samuel Moore, Nathaniel Webster, John Ilsley, and others." <sup>64</sup> It was settled in the



early autumn of 1664 and was granted a charter on June 1, 1669 by King Charles II of England, and reincorporated on October 31, 1693.

Woodbridge Township was incorporated by an Act of the New Jersey Legislature on February 21, 1798. Portions of the township were taken to form Rahway (April 19, 1858), Raritan Township (March 17, 1870, now Edison Township) and Roosevelt (April 11, 1906, now Carteret).



Woodbridge, specifically Fords, Was The Home To The Jersey Blues, A Militia Group That Was Intent On Protecting Colonial New Jersey. The Jersey Blues Were Instrumental To Help The withdrawal Of British Troops During The Revolutionary War. Besides Making An Impact On Our Independence, The Jersey Blues Provided Other Services To Woodbridge Township Citizens. The Blues Were A Heroic Force That Were Often Praised By General George Washington And Other Continental Army Officers. The Blues Were One Of The Only Militias That Went Into Service When Others Refused. The Blues Fought In The Civil War And Many Other Conflicts. After The Spanish - American War, the Jersey Blues Started 3 Fire Companies in Woodbridge, Perth Amboy, And Piscataway. What may be said to be the first anti-slavery meeting ever held in the United States was held in Woodbridge on the 4th of July, 1783, seven years after the Declaration of Independence and six years before George Washington was inaugurated as President of the United States. This meeting was held on the farm of Moses Bloomfield, a surgeon in the Continental Army, located north of Freeman



Street where Barron Avenue runs through Prospect. In 1789 The Man Who Would Become The First President Of The United States Of America General George Washington, While Passing



Thru New Jersey On His Way To New York For His Presidential Inauguration Stayed At The Cross Keys Tavern With New Jersey Governor Livingston. The Cross Keys Tavern Was Located On Main Street In Woodbridge's Downtown Area, But Was Later Moved Near Amboy Avenue, Where It Now Stands Behind The 7

- Eleven. Woodbridge was location for the First Ever Safety - Engineered Highway System. In 1929, the connection to Route 1 and Route 35 was made into a "Cloverleaf" Connection. The 2 Highways Are Situated Together Where They Have On Ramps And Off Ramps To Connect To Northbound And Southbound Of Both Highways.



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