

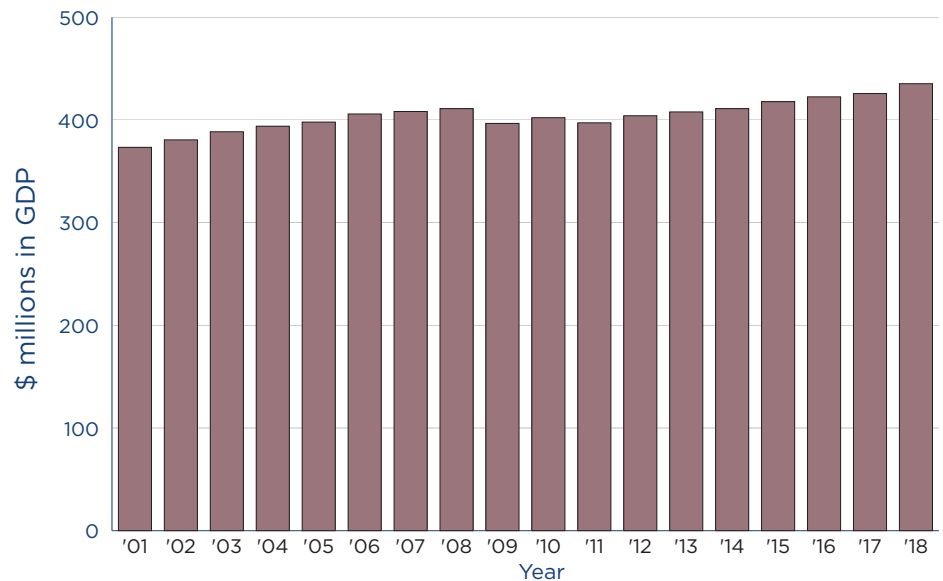
# Other Regional Performance Measures

## Economy & Land Use Performance Measures: How strong is the NJTPA economy?

### What is the region's Gross Domestic Product?

Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is the value of the goods and services produced in an area, such as a county, state or nation. The U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis has GDP data by county, which has been totaled up for the NJTPA region.

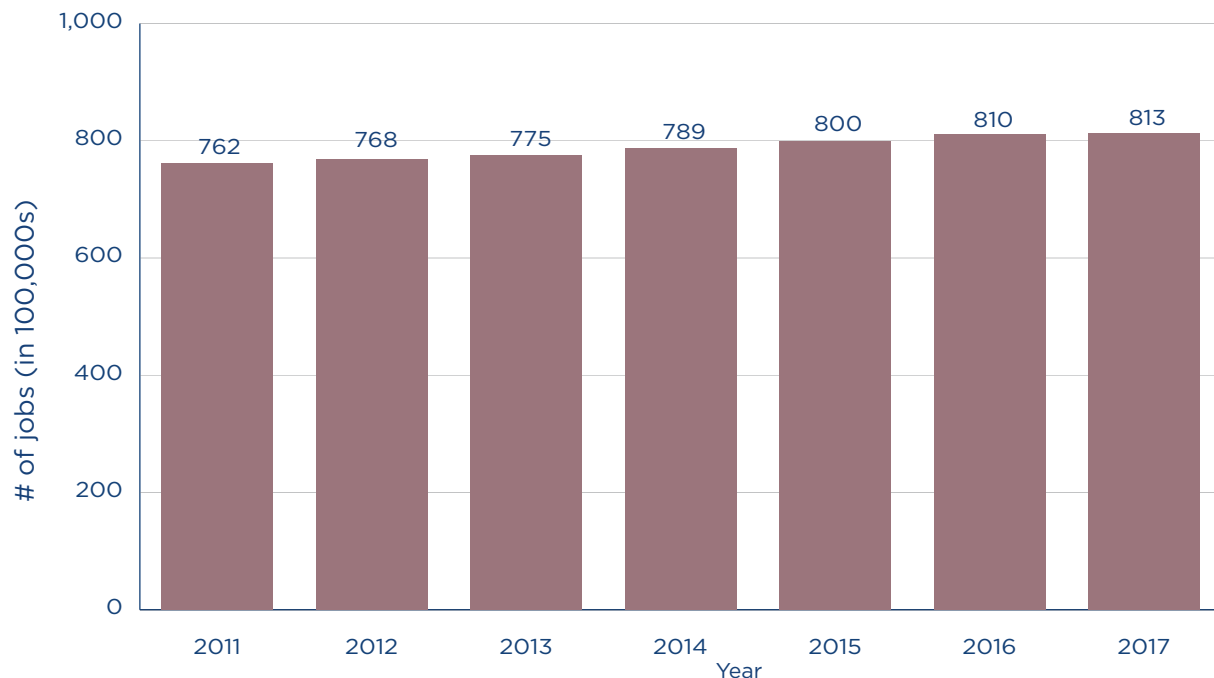
Annual GDP for the NJTPA Region (in \$ millions)



### How many jobs are in the major cities?

Using U.S. Census Bureau data, the number of jobs located in 16 major municipalities in the NJTPA region has been calculated (see footnote for list of 16 municipalities).

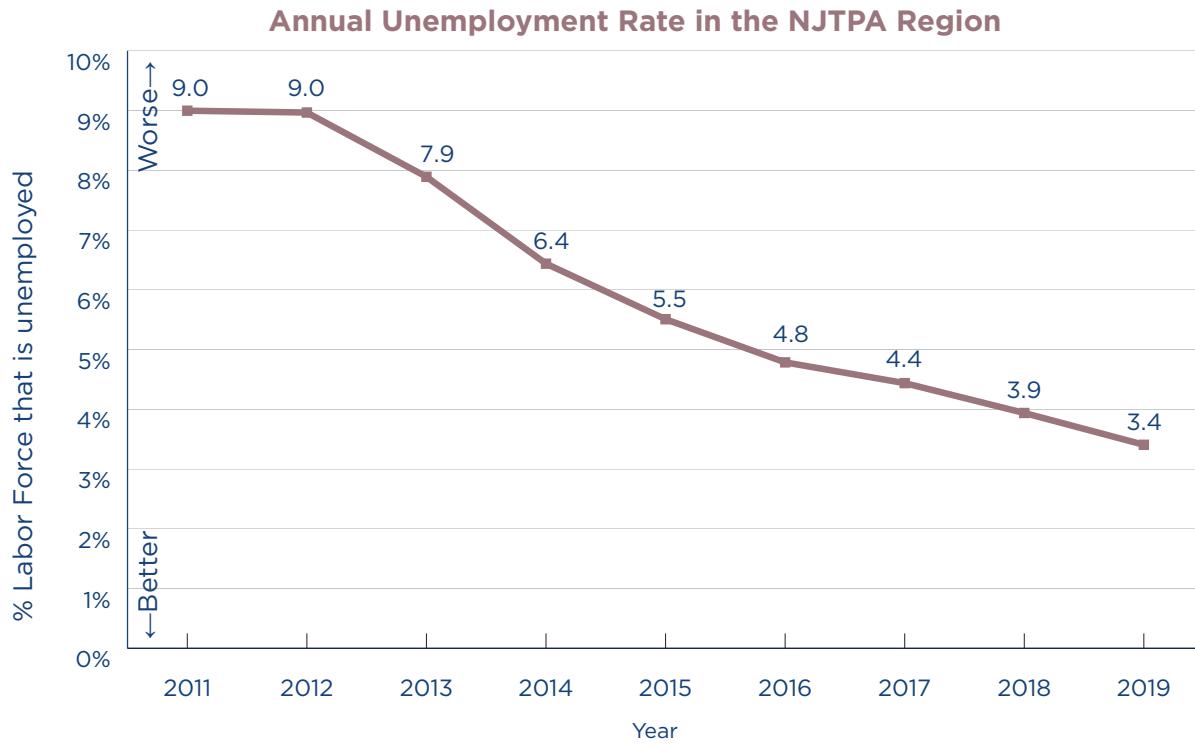
Annual jobs in 16 major NJTPA municipalities (in 100,000s)



Includes the top ten largest employment municipalities regionwide, plus the top one in each county (listed in decreasing size order): Newark, Jersey City, Edison, Woodbridge, Parsippany-Troy Hills, Elizabeth, Paramus, Paterson, Hackensack, New Brunswick, Toms River, Bridgewater, Freehold Twp, Raritan Twp, Sparta, and Hackettstown

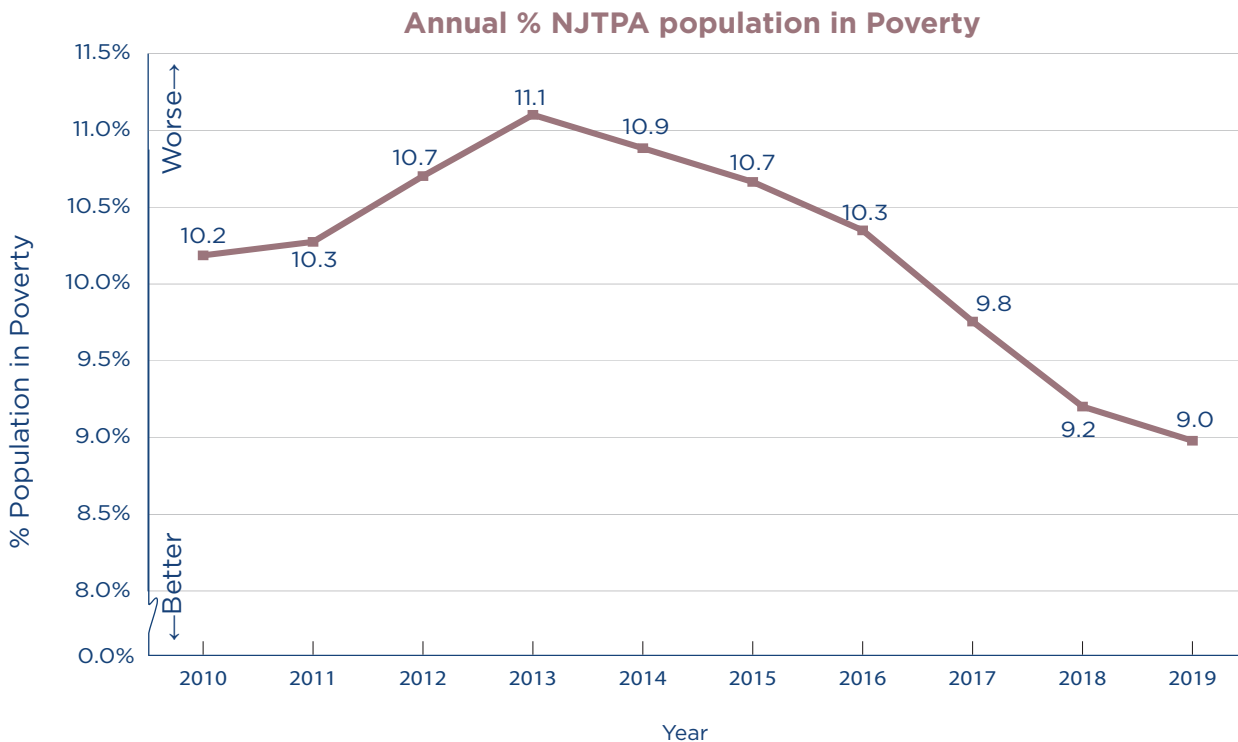
# What is the unemployment rate?

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics provides county level unemployment rates, which are aggregated to the NJTPA region.



# What is the poverty rate?

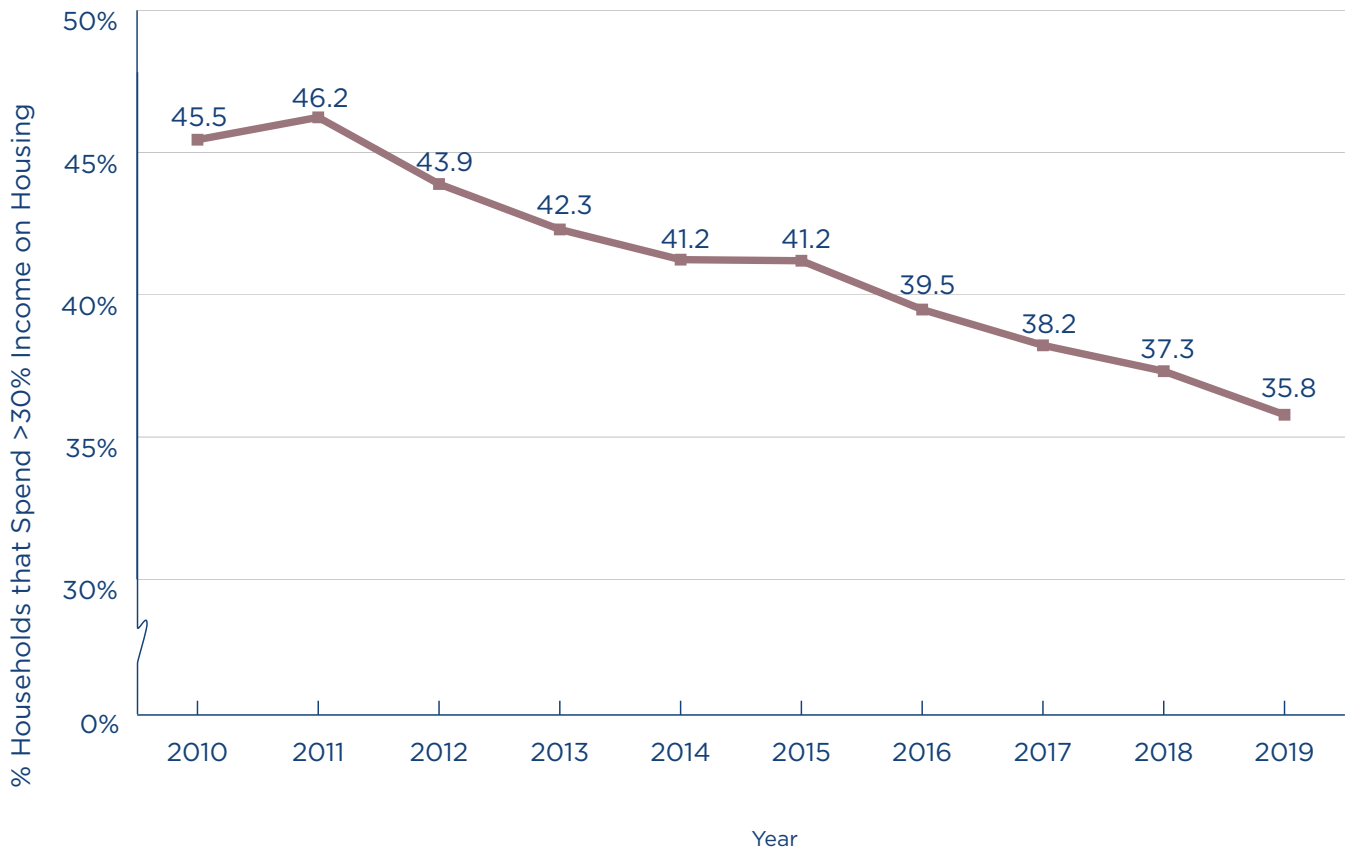
The U.S. Census Bureau’s American Community Survey produces the poverty rate for each county, which is aggregated to the NJTPA region. The poverty rate is the number of people (in a given age group) whose income falls below the poverty line.



# How much do people pay for housing?

The federal government considers households that spend more than 30% of their income on housing as under financial stress. The data includes those who own and those who rent their living space.

**Annual % NJTPA Households that Spend > 30% their Income on Housing**



## How much land is undeveloped?

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection collects information on land use and land cover through the analysis of aerial photographs. The graph below shows the change in the percentage of the NJTPA region that is composed of “undeveloped” land, which is land used for agricultural purposes, as well as forests and wetlands. In 2015, these land uses amounted to 1.56 million acres. This represented a small increase (21,000 acres) from 2007, though the relative shares of undeveloped land uses changed somewhat.

### Change in % Undeveloped Land Use Acreage in the NJTPA Region, 2007-2015

