



New Jersey Out of Reach - 2026

Among the 16 occupations with over 50,000 employees in New Jersey as of 2025, 13 pay median wages less than the 2025 two-bedroom housing wage, and 8 pay wages less than half:

	Occupation	Total Employment		Median Hourly Wage
1	Fast Food and Counter Workers	93,730		\$16.88
2	Cashiers	107,680		\$17.09
3	Retail Salespersons	72,530		\$18.05
4	Home Health and Personal Care Aides	117,080		\$18.33
5	Stockers and Order Fillers	64,070		\$18.41
6	Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	67,660		\$18.59
7	Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	97,230		\$19.54
8	Packers and Packagers, Hand	71,260		\$21.67
9	Waiters and Waitresses	55,800		\$22.22
10	Customer Service Representatives	59,690		\$23.59
11	Office Clerks, General	65,130		\$24.00
12	Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	65,960		\$24.83
13	All Occupations	4,285,720		\$28.94
14	Housing Wage 1 Bedroom			\$36.88
15	First-Line Supervisors of Office and Administrative Support Workers	55,210		\$37.88
16	Housing Wage 2 Bedroom			\$43.89
17	Registered Nurses	92,680		\$52.63
18	Software Developers	51,570		\$67.18
19	General and Operations Managers	53,000		\$85.84

Source: National Low Income Housing Coalition, based on U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). Occupational wages from May 2021 Occupational Employment Statistics, Bureau of Labor Statistics, adjusted to 2022 dollars.

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