

New Jersey Out of Reach - 2023 / 2024

Among the 16 occupations with over 50,000 employees in New Jersey as of 2023, 13 pay median wages less than the 2024 two-bedroom housing wage:

	Occupation	Total Employment	Jobs per 1,000 jobs	Median Hourly Wage
1	Cashiers	83,960	20.431	\$14.52
2	Fast Food and Counter Workers	69,710	16.964	\$14.61
3	Retail Salespersons	104,660	25.469	\$15.65
4	Home Health and Personal Care Aides	89,210	21.709	\$16.09
5	Stockers and Order Fillers	83,420	20.300	\$17.08
6	Teaching Assistants, Except Postsecondary	50,470	12.282	\$17.16
7	Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	67,100	16.328	\$17.90
8	Waiters and Waitresses	52,040	12.664	\$18.15
9	Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	102,280	24.889	\$18.16
10	Packers and Packagers, Hand	84,260	20.504	\$18.44
11	Customer Service Representatives	62,490	15.207	\$21.31
12	Office Clerks, General	66,760	16.246	\$21.65
13	Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	54,360	13.228	\$23.91
14	All Occupations	4,109,390	1000	\$25.63
15	One-Bedroom Housing Wage			\$27.85
16	Two-bedrooom Housing Wage			\$33.50
17	Registered Nurses	78,340	19.064	\$49.21
18	Software Developers	54,920	13.365	\$64.17
19	General and Operations Managers	56,290	13.698	\$72.21

<u>Source:</u> 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. <u>For more information, contact:</u> Arnold Cohen, Senior Policy Advisor - Housing and Community Development Network of New Jersey, (609) 393-3752 or acohen@hcdnnj.org