Occupational Employment Demands in Hunterdon & Somerset Counties

Greater Raritan Workforce Development Board

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Welcome & Introduction

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 - Overview of project scope & goals
 - Key findings
 - Q&A





Project Scope & Goals

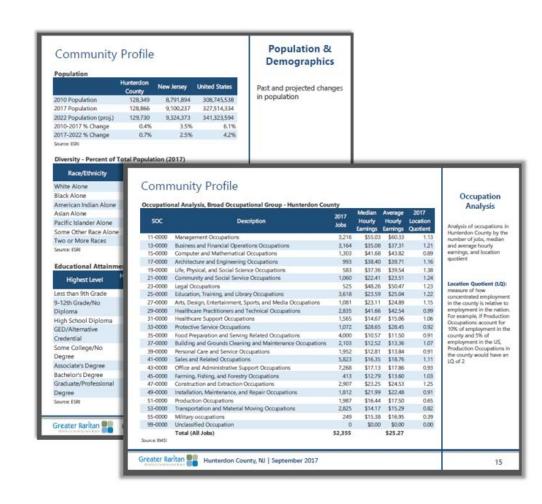
- Update 2015 research
 - Community Profiles
 - In-Demand Occupations Analysis
- Provide demographic, economic, and education information about both counties: *Community Profiles*
- Provide data, information, and research WDB requires to develop informed workforce strategies





Community Profiles

- Demographics
- Wages
- Education requirements of employment
- Largest occupations:
 - Past and projected employment changes
 - Replacement demand
 - Employment concentration

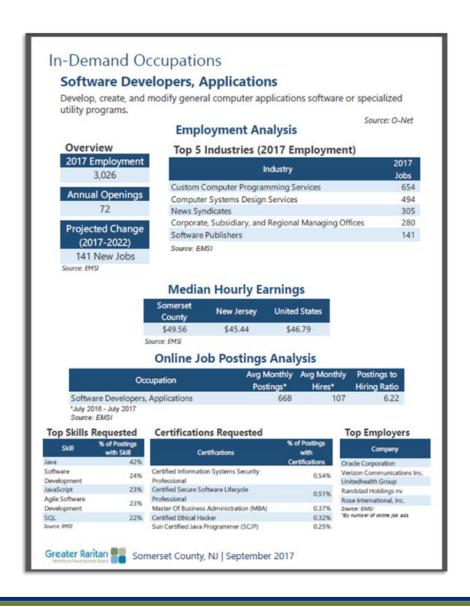






In-Demand Occupations

- Past and projected in employment
- Replacement demand
- Employment concentration
- Wages
- Education requirements
- Top employers
- Skill requirements







In-Demand Occupations

 Occupations that rose to top ten in-demand occupations in both Hunterdon and Somerset Counties

Overlapping In-Demand Occupations in Hunterdon and Somerset

General Operations Managers

Registered Nurses

Sales Representatives, Wholesale Manufacturing, except Technical and Scientific Products

Accountants and Auditors

Elementary School Teachers, except Special Education

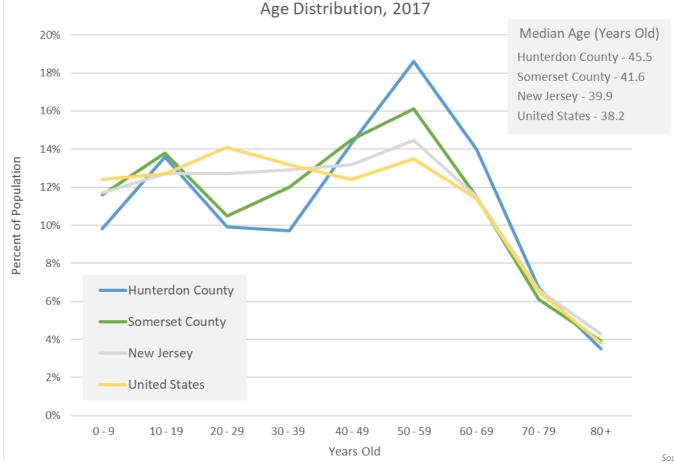
Source: EMSI





Economic and Demographic Trends

- Aging population
- High median age
 - Hunterdon: 45.5
 - Somerset: 41.6



Source: ESRI

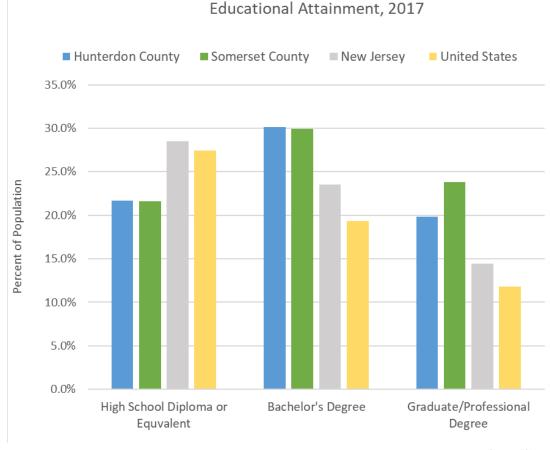




Economic and Demographic Trends

Educated workforce

- About 30% of population has Bachelor's Degree in Hunterdon and Somerset
- 50% have a Bachelor's
 Degree or higher in
 Hunterdon, and 54% in
 Somerset, which is higher than the US, at 31%



Source: ESRI

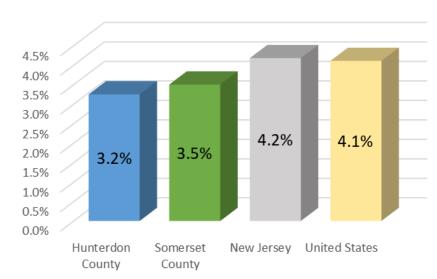




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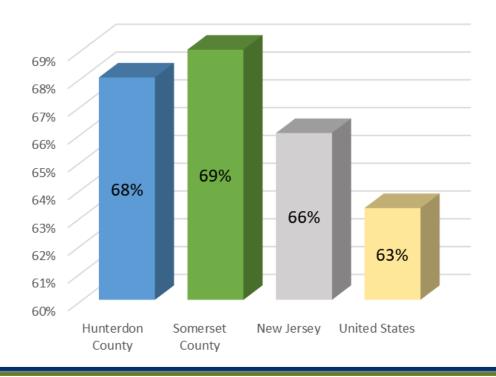
- High labor force participation
- Low unemployment





Source: NJ DOL, American Community Survey, 2011-2015 5-Year Estimates

Labor Force Participation Rate







Industry Trends

• Top 10 largest industries by 2017 jobs:

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				Change	Change
62	Health Care and Social Assistance	29,114	31,817	2,703	9%
44	Retail Trade	28,225	28,834	609	2%
54	Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	26,624	27,256	632	2%
90	Government	24,858	24,769	(89)	(0%)
56	Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	19,288	21,224	1,936	10%
31	Manufacturing	17,551	17,064	(487)	(3%)
72	Accommodation and Food Services	16,198	17,087	889	5%
42	Wholesale Trade	15,103	16,403	1,300	9%
55	Management of Companies and Enterprises	12,395	13,196	801	6%
52	Finance and Insurance	12,212	12,504	292	2%

Source: EMSI





Industry Trends

• Top 10 industries with most projected jobs added:

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23	Construction	11,844	12,388	544	5%
81	Other Services (except Public Administration)	11,308	11,833	525	5%

Source: FMSI





What does this mean?

- High median age
 - High replacement demand and number of retirements
- Low unemployment, high labor force participation rate
 - Small talent pool for hiring
 - How to attract, retain, and engage people in workforce?
- Educated workforce
 - Wide range of opportunities
 - But is there a skills gap?
 - Options for all education levels



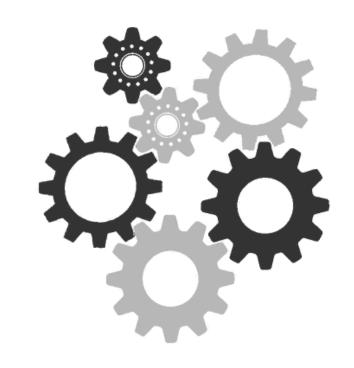




Conclusions for Strategy Guidance

Improving regional competitive advantage will require:

- Continued economic development to attract and retain companies that require in-demand occupations
- Alignment between education, workforce, and industry







Thank you!

Questions?



