

# NEW JERSEY



49th happiest state

Bottom 10% of states

Most like:  
Indiana  
Delaware

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8 out of 10 say:

"It's the best place to live"



66%

"My home makes me proud"



50%

"My home is my favorite place to be"



56%

"I plan to stay in my community for the next 5 years"

## What Makes New Jersey's Homeowners Happy?

Our research shows that homeowner happiness boils down to a combination of three important factors:

### 1. DWELLING

Affordable, well-functioning homes offering enjoyable accommodations



48 years

average home age

82%

have renovated their homes

59%

are happy with their home's size and layout

45%

say they have adequate storage

\$288,450

Average Home Price (U.S. Census)

31%

"The cost of living is reasonable"

### 2. COMMUNITY

A sense of diversity, safety and a strong neighborhood network



#### DIVERSITY

44%

"I feel that my community is racially diverse"

48%

"I feel that my community is religiously diverse"

#### SAFETY

67%

"I live in a community that makes me feel safe"

67%

"My community offers good fire, police and medical services"

#### NEIGHBORHOOD

48%

"I have neighbors I enjoy"

61%

"I trust my neighbors"

8,958,013

Population (U.S. Census)

### 3. ACCESSIBILITY

Practical commutes and access to important attractions and services



#### COMMUTING AND TRAVEL TIMES

47%

live and work in close proximity

55%

have a reasonable commute

83%

have easy access to highways

#### ACCESS TO ATTRACTIONS AND SERVICES

82%

live within one hour of a major metro area

70%

have access to shopping that meets their needs

61%

live close to body of water

60 MINUTES

Average travel time to work