

Geographic Mobility

Learning about our dynamic community

Freedom to move makes our communities dynamic and changing. In neighborhoods, for a variety of reasons, including changes in age, employment and interests, community composition changes, as people move in or out. The U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey captures and characterizes some of these dynamics.

Figure 1 depicts differences in geographic mobility for the four census tracts in Madison Borough.¹ The U.S. Census measures geographic mobility as the

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proportion of the population in a community that lived in a different state one year ago. There is some variation in mobility across Madison's four census tracts:

- In the northern tract, 0.7 percent of people lived in a different state one year ago.
- The value was 1.8 percent for the eastern tract.
- 3.2 percent was the rate in the southern tract.
- 3.7 percent was the rate for the western tract.

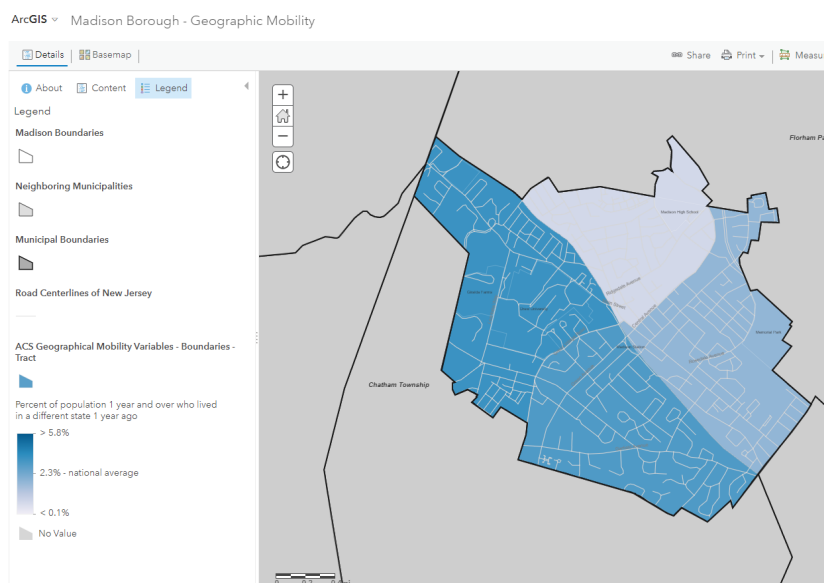


Figure 1. Madison Borough, Geographic Mobility by Census Tract (percent of the population over one-year-old that lived in a different state one year ago), American Community Survey (2016-2020). This map can be viewed online [here](https://www.arcgis.com/home/item.html?id=5fbaf18418ee4dde927318ea208a8aa9).

¹ U.S. Census Bureau. 2022. American Community Survey: 2016-2020. ACS Geographic Mobility Variables, distributed by ESRI, Living Atlas. Web link:: <https://www.arcgis.com/home/item.html?id=5fbaf18418ee4dde927318ea208a8aa9>.

Madison, New Jersey in Regional Perspective

In Madison, an estimated 1,286 of 16,647 people over 1 lived in a different house the year before. This is about 8 percent of Madison's population, or roughly one in thirteen Madison residents. An estimated 831 people lived in a different county, and 388 lived in a different state.

Generally speaking, geographic mobility was lower in Morris County (1.2 percent) than in many parts of New Jersey, and New Jersey experiences lower rates of geographic mobility (1.7 percent) than many other states in the U.S.

Migration to Madison from other areas

Regional estimates for new Madison residents were as follows:

- 137 moved to Madison from the Northeast U.S.
- 11 moved to Madison from the Midwest
- 144 moved to Madison from the U.S. South
- 96 moved to Madison from the U.S. West
- 135 moved to Madison from abroad

Some caution is needed for interpreting information from the ACS, they are estimates, not exact values.

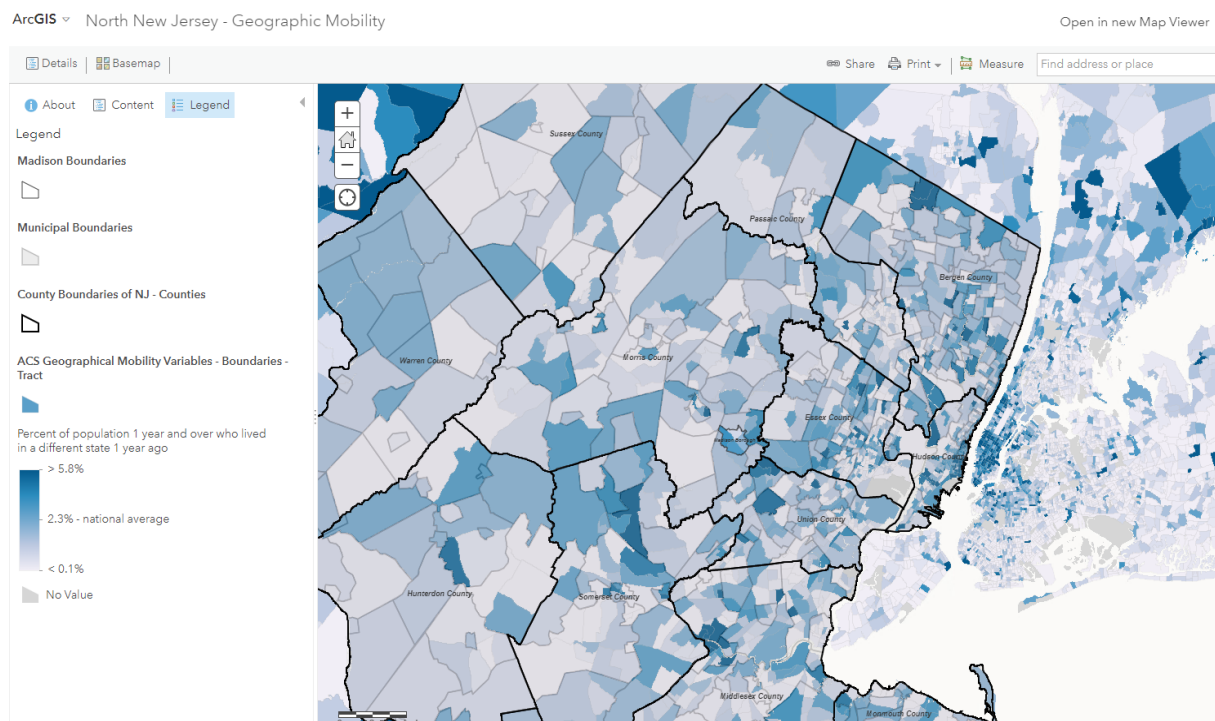


Figure 2. North New Jersey, Geographic Mobility by Census Tract (percent of the population over one year old that lived in a different state one year ago), American Community Survey (2016-2020). This map can be viewed online [here](#).