

MAPLEWOOD, NEW JERSEY

Overview



Downtown – Photo: New York Times

Most of the residents in Maplewood have found themselves there by following a “typical migration pattern” of moving from Manhattan or Brooklyn. Often referred to as “Brooklyn West”, many New York City transplants reside in this welcoming and spacious suburban town because of its direct access to New York, diversity, and comfortable lifestyle. Maplewood is an artistic and close-knit town with art walks, community art centers, and block parties.



Memorial Park– Photo: Mommy Poppins



Arturo's Osteria & Pizzeria – Photo: Arturo NJ



Welcome Sign – Photo: NJ Luxury Real Estate

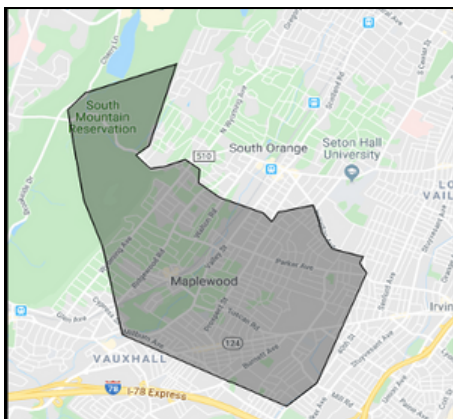


Maplewood Municipal Building – Photo: <https://en.wikipedia.org/>

Location

Maplewood lies 20 miles west of lower Manhattan, across the Hudson River, with easy access to nature and parks.

For many years, Maplewood has been considered one of the more desirable commuting suburbs to Manhattan.



Maplewood Map



Maplewood – Photo: <https://en.wikipedia.org/>

Living in Maplewood and Working at Columbia



Commuting to Columbia.

Commuting by Car:

- Traffic during rush hour can be heavy on I-78, I-95, and the Holland Tunnel; however, once in Manhattan it is a quick drive to Morningside, Manhattanville or CUIMC campuses.

Commuting by Public Transit:

- New Jersey Transit trains go directly to Penn Station where you can take the #2 or #3 train uptown and transfer to the #1 train at 96th. For CUIMC, you can take the A subway from Penn Station.
- For more information refer to: <https://www.njtransit.com/> and <https://transportation.columbia.edu/>

Commuting to: Morningside Heights & Manhattanville Campuses



50-75 mins

via Interstate Highway 78 and Holland Tunnel



75 mins

via NJ Transit & **2** & **1**

Commuting to: CUIMC Campus



45-60 mins

via Interstate Highway 95



90 mins

via NJ Transit & **A**

Real Estate and Housing



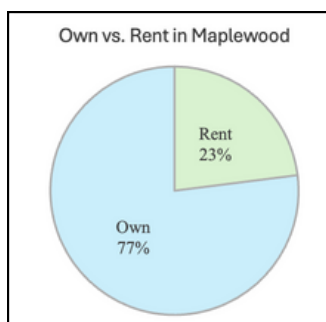
A House in Maplewood – Photo: Zillow



A Condo Building in Maplewood – Photo: Zillow



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Most residents in Maplewood own their own homes with values ranging from:

\$500,000 - \$2,000,000 for a single-family house

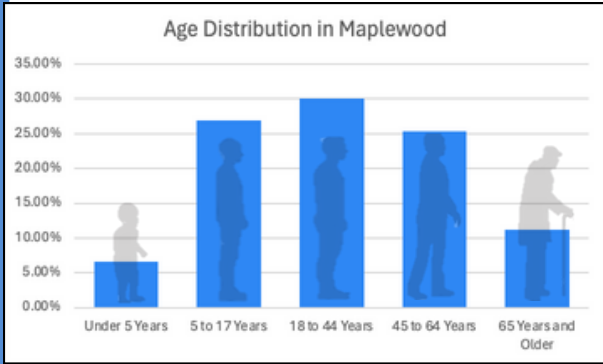
\$380,000 - \$725,000 for apartments and townhouses

Median Home Value: \$947,300

Median List Price/square foot: \$389

Median Rent: \$3,650

Demographics



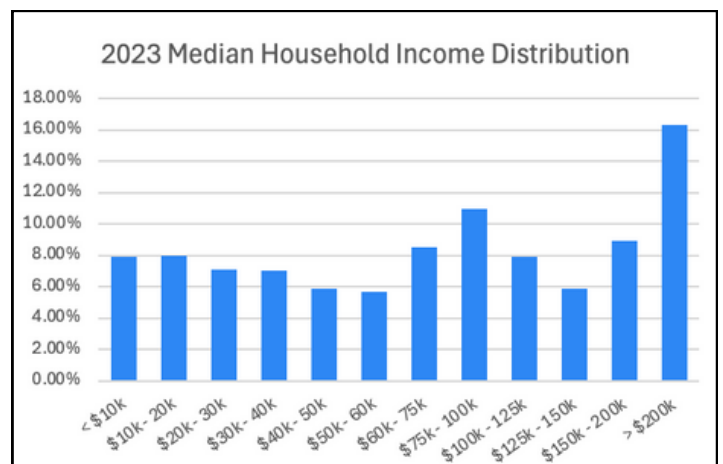
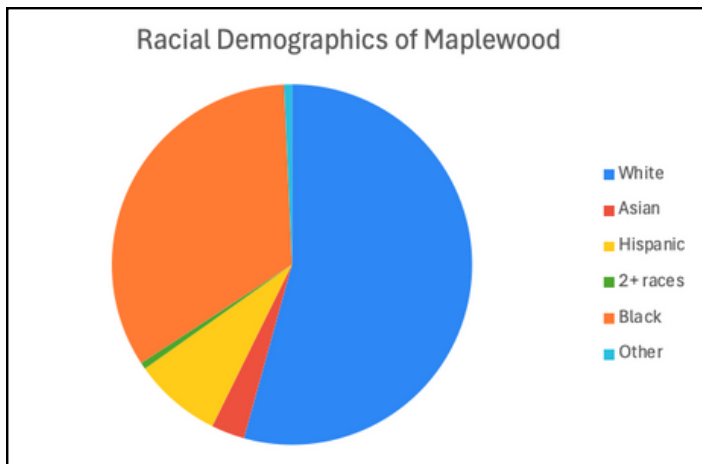
Population: 25,680
8,660 Households
Population Density: 6,630 per sq. mile

2023 Median Household Income: \$167,430

Nine schools serve approx 2,650 students in K-12.



Maplewood sign - Photo: The Gosselin Group



Sources: census.gov; censusreporter.org; city-data.com; niche.com

Points of Interest



South Mountain Reservation – Photo: Essex County Parks

South Mountain Reservation is a nature reserve spanning over 2,000 acres. Outdoor recreation is available throughout the park year round.



Turtle Back Zoo – Photo: NJ.com

Turtle Back Zoo has over 200 species of animals from all over the world.



Maplewoodstock – Photo: ChooseSOMA

Maplewoodstock is an annual two-day summer music and art festival hosted by the town.

Maplewood has an active downtown area with plenty of shopping, dining, and entertainment options. There are many recreational areas for families and friends to spend time together. Summer in Maplewood is particularly active with an annual music and art festival as well as a seasonal farmers' market.

Schools

Maplewood, located in the South Orange School district, has excellent public schools. There are six elementary schools, two middle schools, and one high school. All schools are well-funded and well-resourced to meet a range of student needs. Advanced Placement courses and after school programs are available for high school students.



Maplewood Elementary School - Photo: Google



Maplewood Middle School - Photo: Google



Columbia High School - Photo: Google

History

Maplewood was once home to the Lenape tribe. When the area was first surveyed by settlers in the 17th century, the many trails that had been utilized by the original inhabitants were still functional. These trails can be hiked today. Because of these existing trail separations, the area that is now Maplewood was originally divided into three communities via the following roads: South Orange Avenue, Springfield Avenue, and Ridgewood Road. Later, these communities combined and developed one shared downtown area. Mills and orchards were developed in the surrounding farmland, which enabled Maplewood to become well-known for agricultural goods.

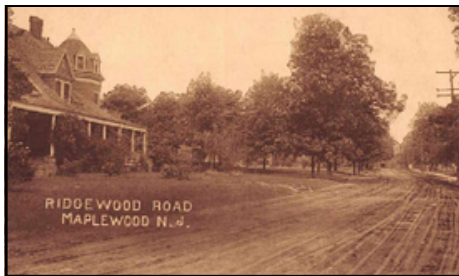


Photo: <https://www.marylmartin.com/>

In the later 1800's, schools were developed and the name, South Orange Township, was officially designated for the respective central town area. By the 1830's, the Essex Railroad was extended to South Orange Township, creating an increase in commuting community members. As a result, the town became more suburban than rural. In 1922, the official name of the town was changed to Maplewood.

Learn More About Maplewood

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