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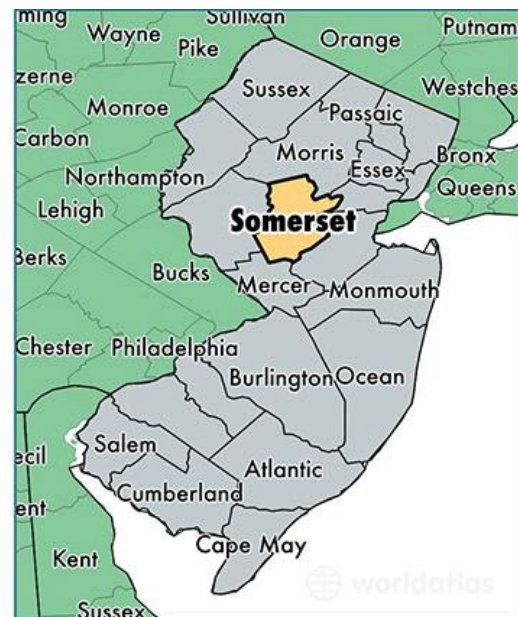
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SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY AREA INFORMATION

Wedged between the city of New Brunswick and the more rural southern section of Franklin Township, [Somerset](#), N.J., is a model of diversity. The village's neighborhoods vary from tightly packed urban areas along the New Brunswick city line to sprawling, tree-lined suburban developments of hundreds of houses on half-acre lots. Somerset is a magnet for young professionals, who are drawn to its stable neighborhoods, convenient shopping and easy commuting to Manhattan.

The greater area of Somerset County surprises visitors with balanced suburban-rural environments and bustling commercial growth. Somerset County's [21 municipalities](#), which encompass 305 square miles, contain a diversity of landscape, population, and development that reflects the varied lifestyles of its estimated 333,751 residents. Fine residential communities, beautiful parks, excellent shopping areas, extensive farmlands, numerous historic sites and outstanding business and industry all make Somerset County a desirable place to live, work, and play.



Transportation

By Car

Situated in heavily-populated central New Jersey, between New York (46 miles away) and Philadelphia (69 miles away), Somerset is minutes from Interstate 287 to the west and the New Jersey Turnpike to the east. Most residents have a car, especially for weekend road trips.



By Rail and Bus

[New Jersey Transit](#) provides rail and bus services to the region. The Raritan Valley line provides convenient service to NYC Penn Station.



By Air

- [Newark Airport](#) is 30 miles away
- The [Trenton-Mercer County Airport](#) is 25 miles away.

By Train

[Amtrak](#) serves the area and the nearby major cities.

Schools

Generally, to register your child for school you will need to have a passport and/or birth certificate, proof of immunizations, any applicable past school records and proof of residency. Most public schools have boundary areas, and you must show proof (i.e. copy of lease or home purchase agreement) to be allowed to register in that particular school. Please always confirm requirements with the school you are interested in before assuming that your child will be able to attend that school.

Grade level in the US public-school system is determined by the age of the child. School districts are usually very strict about the age requirement, but inquire with the school district you are interested in to determine if there are any exemptions for foreign students who are ahead in grade level. You may also want to ask about any gifted or advanced programs as well as their English as a Second Language (ESL) Programs. Some elementary schools also offer a pre-Kindergarten program for children who miss the deadline requirement. You may inquire at the school districts for availability, and contact your IOR Destination Services Consultant for more assistance with schooling questions.

Public Schools

Somerset is served by the [Franklin Township Public Schools](#). Ratings and reviews for the various elementary, middle and high schools can be found [GreatSchools.com](#) and [USNews.com](#).

Private Schools

There are two private schools in Somerset: [Rutgers Preparatory School](#) for prekindergarten through 12th grade and [St. Matthias](#), a Roman Catholic school for prekindergarten through eighth grade. Tuition at Rutgers Prep ranges from \$12,000 to 39,000. Tuition at St. Matthias ranges from \$3300 to 5225 for parishioners.

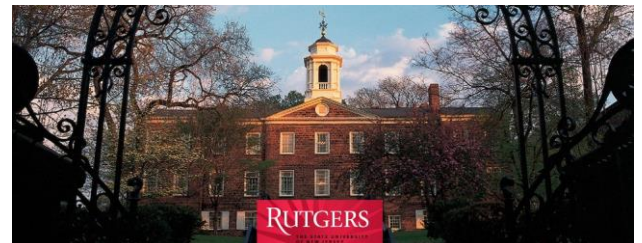
There are 75 [private schools](#) in the greater Somerset County area, serving 10,240 students.

Additional Resources

- www.greatschools.org
- www.eschoolprofile.com
- www.schooltree.org

Colleges/Universities

- [Rutgers University–New Brunswick](#) is the flagship home of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
- [Raritan Valley Community College](#) in nearby Branchburg, NJ
- [Somerset County Vocational & Technical Schools](#) in nearby Bridgewater. NJ



Area Recreation

[Somerset County's](#) 14,757 acres of [parkland](#) include golf courses, picnic areas, hiking and bicycling trails, stables, a swimming pool, an Environmental Education Center, and the County Fairgrounds, which each year hosts the Somerset County 4-H Fair. The county has preserved 8,381 acres of farmland through its Agriculture Development Program, and another 3,253 acres of greenways through the County/Municipal Open Space Partnership Grant Program. Natural and undeveloped areas are also abundant, allowing for more passive pursuits like bird watching and hiking.

Somerset has beautiful gardens that include a rock formation and rare plants, an award winning rose garden at the [Rudolf W. Van der Goot Rose Garden](#), arboretum, and a sensory and fragrance garden.



Registration

Obtaining a Driver's License

If you are moving permanently to New Jersey, you may use your out-of-state license for only your first 60 days here. To change to a New Jersey license, bring your Social Security card, another form of ID, and two utility or phone bills verifying that you are a New Jersey resident, and a fee to a motor vehicle facility. You'll have to pass written and eye exams, and usually a road test.

For general information and instructions on how to obtain an official state ID card or driver's license, visit the [State of New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission](#) website.

Your IOR Destination Services Consultant will also assist you with the proper procedure.