STATE OF NEW JERSEY TEN-YEAR FINANCIAL SUMMARY (1) FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30 (Expressed in Millions)

	2004	2003	2002	2001
REVENUES (2)				
Taxes	\$ 19,735	\$ 18,317	\$ 16,800	\$ 17,824
Federal and other grants	8,411	7,883	7,566	6,684
Licenses and fees	771	944	840	896
Services and assessments	1,459	1,344	1,287	1,188
Investment earnings	43	39	15	82
Contributions	282	510	231	136
Other	 7,219	 7,412	6,167	5,026
Total Revenues	\$ 37,920	\$ 36,449	\$ 32,906	\$ 31,836
EXPENDITURES (2)				
Public safety and criminal justice	\$ 2,675	\$ 2,511	\$ 2,506	\$ 2,385
Physical and mental health	8,792	9,280	8,831	7,523
Education, cultural, and intellectual	-			
development	11,592	10,597	10,232	9,585
Community development and				
environmental management	1,908	1,844	1,894	1,855
Economic planning, development,				
and security	3,075	2,892	2,832	2,628
Transportation programs	2,421	2,145	2,024	1,753
Government direction, management,				
and control	4,958	5,219	4,759	4,075
Special government services	271	239	230	224
Other financing uses	 1,519	 1,377	1,326	 1,493
Total Expenditures	\$ 37,211	\$ 36,104	\$ 34,634	\$ 31,521

⁽¹⁾ The ten year summary includes the General Fund, the Property Tax Relief Fund, the Casino Revenue Fund, the Casino Control Fund, the Gubernatorial Elections Fund, and the Special Transportation Fund. Nonrecurring items are not included in either revenues or expenditures.

⁽²⁾ The State's policy for revenue and expenditure recognition is described in Note 1.

	2000		1999		1998		1997		1996		1995
\$	16,718 6,041 854 1,223 72	\$	15,335 5,616 839 1,137 55 	\$	14,195 5,532 818 1,135 46	\$	13,008 5,664 759 1,157 48	\$	12,690 5,392 693 1,228 51	\$	12,146 4,778 710 1,226 67
\$	4,855 29,763	\$	3,711 26,693	\$	3,516 25,242	\$	3,726 24,362	\$	3,908 23,962	\$	3,475 22,402
\$	2,261 7,127	\$	2,076 5,861	\$	1,873 5,635	\$	1,814 5,547	\$	1,687 5,308	\$	1,529 5,158
	8,833 1,702		8,424 1,576		7,641 1,547		7,190 1,351		7,126 1,305		6,275 1,119
	2,735 1,581		2,641 1,572		2,540 1,617		2,677 1,731		2,791 1,587		2,381 1,466
\$	2,965 207 1,777 29,188	\$	2,604 187 1,576 26,517	\$	2,553 174 1,386 24,966	\$	2,420 177 1,291 24,198	\$	2,508 161 1,763 24,236	\$	3,227 157 1,003 22,315
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STATE OF NEW JERSEY REVENUE SUMMARY FOR BUDGETED FUNDS* 2000-2004

(Expressed in Millions)

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Major Tax	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000
Gross Income Tax	\$ 7,400.7	\$ 6,735.3	\$ 6,837.0	\$ 7,989.2	\$ 7,205.3
Sales and Use Tax	6,261.7	5,936.1	5,996.8	5,758.7	5,508.1
Corporation Business Tax	2,370.2	2,525.4	1,171.5	1,389.5	1,452.1
Other Major Taxes	3,028.0	2,837.3	2,489.1	2,429.9	2,307.8
Miscellaneous Taxes, Fees	4,472.4	4,265.2	2,911.5	2,296.9	2,307.7
State Lottery	795.0	765.4	754.5	697.4	719.9
Casino Taxes and Fees	532.7	413.9	413.0	399.3	396.3
Total	\$ 24,860.7	\$ 23,478.6	\$ 20,573.4	\$ 20,960.9	\$ 19,897.2
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^{*} Budgeted funds include the General Fund, the Property Tax Relief Fund, the Casino Revenue Fund, the Casino Control Fund, and the Gubernatorial Elections Fund.

Source:

New Jersey Department of the Treasury, Office of Management and Budget.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY REVENUE SUMMARY FOR BUDGETED FUNDS* PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY MAJOR TAX 2000-2004

Fiscal Year

Major Tax	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000
Gross Income Tax	29.8 %	28.7 %	33.2 %	38.1 %	36.3 %
Sales and Use Tax	25.2	25.3	29.1	27.5	27.7
Corporation Business Tax	9.5	10.7	5.7	6.6	7.3
Other Major Taxes	12.2	12.1	12.1	11.6	11.6
Miscellaneous Taxes, Fees	18.0	18.2	14.2	11.0	11.5
State Lottery	3.2	3.2	3.7	3.3	3.6
Casino Taxes and Fees	2.1	1.8	2.0	1.9	2.0
Total	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %

^{*} Budgeted funds include the General Fund, the Property Tax Relief Fund, the Casino Revenue Fund, the Casino Control Fund, and the Gubernatorial Elections Fund.

Source:

STATE OF NEW JERSEY EXPENDITURE SUMMARY FOR BUDGETED FUNDS* 2000-2004

(Expressed in Millions)

F	iscal	l Year

Expenditure Category	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000
Direct State Services	\$ 5,650.9	\$ 5,437.5	\$ 5,106.4	\$ 5,012.6	\$ 4,650.2
Grants-In-Aid	7,768.2	8,035.2	7,264.0	6,210.0	6,211.7
State Aid	10,079.7	9,163.6	8,834.8	8,408.2	7,866.4
Capital Construction	1,117.0	1,075.4	1,012.1	1,171.0	737.4
Debt Service	438.1	430.4	451.2	525.0	494.2
Total	\$ 25,053.9	\$ 24,142.1	\$ 22,668.5	\$ 21,326.8	\$ 19,959.9

^{*} Budgeted funds include the General Fund, the Property Tax Relief Fund, the Casino Revenue Fund, the Casino Control Fund, and the Gubernatorial Elections Fund.

Source:

New Jersey Department of the Treasury, Office of Management and Budget.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY EXPENDITURE SUMMARY FOR BUDGETED FUNDS* PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY MAJOR EXPENDITURE CATEGORY 2000-2004

Fiscal Year

Expenditure Category	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000
Direct State Services	22.6 %	22.5 %	22.5 %	23.5 %	23.3 %
Grants-In-Aid	31.0	33.3	32.0	29.1	31.1
State Aid	40.2	38.0	39.0	39.4	39.4
Capital Construction	4.5	4.4	4.5	5.5	3.7
Debt Service	1.7	1.8	2.0	2.5	2.5
Total	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %

^{*} Budgeted funds include the General Fund, the Property Tax Relief Fund, the Casino Revenue Fund, the Casino Control Fund, and the Gubernatorial Elections Fund.

Source:

STATE OF NEW JERSEY EXPENDITURES FOR BUDGETED FUNDS* FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004 (Expressed in Millions)

Government Branch	Direct State Service	Grants- In-Aid	State Aid	Capital Construction	Debt Service	Total
Executive Branch						
Chief Executive Office	\$ 5.1	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 5.1
Agriculture	11.3	0.9	10.7	4.0		26.9
Banking and Insurance	66.7					66.7
Community Affairs	45.6	42.7	971.0			1,059.3
Corrections	845.5	92.2		4.3		942.0
Education	56.9	8.9	8,231.2	0.3		8,297.3
Environmental Protection	236.1	7.7	14.4	100.6	63.2	422.0
Health and Senior Services	109.9	1,100.5	58.3	0.2		1,268.9
Human Services	751.3	3,591.7	326.7	11.9		4,681.6
Labor	91.2	29.8				121.0
Law and Public Safety	621.0	18.6	11.5	5.9		657.0
Military and Veterans' Affairs	80.1	1.0		0.9		82.0
Personnel	30.4					30.4
State	23.2	1,046.2	16.5	0.5		1,086.4
Transportation	104.8	195.6	25.5	804.2		1,130.1
Treasury	429.6	1,026.3	413.9	3.0	374.9	2,247.7
Miscellaneous	1.4					1.4
Inter-Departmental	1,548.6	605.8		181.1		2,335.5
Subtotal	5,058.7	7,767.9	10,079.7	1,116.9	438.1	24,461.3
Legislative Branch	74.0			0.1		74.1
Judicial Branch	518.2	0.3				518.5
Grand Total	\$ 5,650.9	\$ 7,768.2	\$ 10,079.7	\$ 1,117.0	\$ 438.1	\$ 25,053.9

^{*} Budgeted funds include the General Fund, the Property Tax Relief Fund, the Casino Revenue Fund, the Casino Control Fund, and the Gubernatorial Elections Fund.

Source:

STATE OF NEW JERSEY STATE AID, TAX RELIEF, AND LOCAL BUDGET SAVINGS INITIATIVES (Expressed in Millions)

	Fiscal Year			
Program	2004	2003	2002	2001
School Aid	_			
Direct Aid	\$ 6,704.5	\$ 6,647.0	\$ 6,453.6	\$ 5,914.7
School Construction and Renovation	242.4	6.9	82.0	129.9
Teachers' Retirement Benefits and Social Security	1,184.1	977.6	905.7	792.5
Subtotal	8,131.0	7,631.5	7,441.3	6,837.1
Municipal Aid and Budget Savings				
Consolidated Municipal Property Tax Relief Aid	835.4	835.4	835.2	787.8
Energy Receipts Property Tax Relief Aid	762.7	755.0	755.0	750.0
Special Municipal Aid	28.3	58.0	38.7	
Trenton Capital City Aid	16.5			
Business Personal Property Tax Depreciation				33.9
Legislative Initiative Block Grant Program	34.8	34.8	34.8	33.8
Extraordinary Aid	35.0	30.5	25.0	25.0
Regional Efficiency Aid Program	10.0	9.0	20.0	16.8
Regional Efficiency Development Incentive Program	2.0		5.0	10.0
Open Space - Payments in Lieu of Taxes	8.0	8.0	7.4	7.1
Watershed Moratorium Offset Aid			3.4	3.3
Subtotal	1,732.7	1,730.7	1,724.5	1,667.7
Other Local Aid and Budget Savings				
County College Aid	214.0	201.3	203.7	191.1
Transportation Trust Fund - Aid for Local Projects	150.0	150.0	150.0	150.0
Aid to County Psychiatric Hospitals	93.5	94.5	91.7	87.2
Urban Enterprise Zones - Sales Tax Dedication	57.5	13.1	57.4	43.5
Intergovernmental Transfer Funds (IGT)				51.4
Department of Community Affairs - Housing and				
Neighborhood Assistance	16.7	16.7	16.7	16.6
Library Aid	22.8	16.9	15.4	15.1
Pension Contributions on Behalf of Local				
Governments	38.3	31.4	21.9	15.6
Miscellaneous Programs	111.4	168.8	22.5	23.2
Subtotal	704.2	692.7	579.3	593.7
Direct Taxpayer Relief				
NJ SAVER Program	324.6	679.1	727.4	336.7
Homestead Rebates	514.7	514.3	500.6	335.1
Veterans and Senior/Disabled Citizens'				
Property Tax Relief	132.0	118.7	91.9	77.3
Property Tax Deduction Act	341.0	335.1	316.8	301.0
Subtotal	1,312.3	1,647.2	1,636.7	1,050.1
Pension Security Plan Savings				
School District Pension Security Program Savings	28.9	13.3	10.6	10.6
Municipal Pension Security Program Savings	34.9	16.1	12.8	12.8
Police and Firemen's Retirement Local Savings	214.0	263.2	150.0	150.0
Other Local Pension Security Program Savings	69.0	31.9	25.3	25.3
Subtotal	346.8	324.5	198.7	198.7
Grand Total	\$ 12,227.0	\$ 12,026.6	\$ 11,580.5	\$ 10,347.3

Source:

STATE OF NEW JERSEY CONSOLIDATED SUMMARY - STATE AID FOR LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS GENERAL FUND AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FUND (Expressed in Thousands)

Formula Aid Program	Expended Fiscal Year 2004	Available Resources Fiscal Year 2005
Core Curriculum Standards Aid	\$ 3,079,584	\$ 3,080,318
Supplemental Core Curriculum Standards Aid	251,768	251,768
Early Childhood Aid	330,630	330,630
Instructional Supplement	15,621	15,621
Demonstrably Effective Program Aid	199,512	199,512
Stabilization Aid	111,626	111,626
Stabilization Aid II	2,491	2,491
Stabilization Aid III	11,402	11,402
Additional Supplemental Stabilization Aid:	11,402	11,402
Large Efficient Districts	5,250	5,250
Regionalization Incentive Aid	18,295	18,295
High Senior Citizen Concentrations	1,231	1,231
Categorical Aids:	1,231	1,231
Adult Education Grants	28,721	28,721
Bilingual Education	65,578	65,578
Special Education	896,420	896,420
County Vocational Education	38,948	38,948
Pupil Transporation Aid	305,652	307,187
School Choice	6,537	
Aid for Enrollment Adjustments	•	7,969 16,456
Formula Entitlement Amelioration Aid	16,456 313	10,450
Consolidated Aid	130,127	120 127
Additional Formula Aid	130,127	130,127
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Above Average Enrollment Growth Less		12,000
Stabilization Aid Growth Limitation	(73,576)	(73,576)
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Growth Savings - Payment Change Subtotal Net Thorough and Efficient Budget	(14,250) 5.428.336	(14,500) 5,533,474
School Construction and Renovation Programs	108,463	183,991
Debt Service Aid	126,601	121,272
	235,064	305,263
Subtotal School Building Aid Subtotal Formula Aid Programs	5,663,400	5,838,737
Other Aid to Education	3,003,400	5,636,737
Nonpublic School Aid	100,266	104,118
Education Opportunity Aid	1,051,330	1,103,414
Education Opportunity Aid Education Access Aid	1,031,330	195,000
Abbott Preschool Expansion Aid	142,442	182,400
Early Launch to Learning Initiative	142,442	15,000
High Expectations for Learning Proficiency		17,000
Positive Achievement and Cost Effectiveness		2,500
Payment for Children with Unknown District of Residence	22,952	21,400
Extraordinary Special Education Costs Aid	52,000	52,000
General Vocational Aid	5,446	4,860
Additional School Building Aid (Debt Service)	1,599	955
Educational Information & Resource Center	450	450
Charter School Aid	5,714	10,500
Charter Schools - Council on Local Mandates Decision Offset Aid	5,499	5,500
Character Education	4,742	4,750
Teacher Quality Mentoring	1,997	2,500
Other Aid	7,609	11,699
Subtotal Other Aid to Education	1,402,046	1,734,046
Direct State Payments for Education	1,402,040	1,734,040
Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund - Post Retirement Medical	422,458	524,979
Debt Service on Pension Obligation Bonds	83,512	79,779
Pension Retirement Medical Other than PTRF	65,385	82,013
Teachers' Social Security Payments for Education	594,427	624,750
Subtotal Direct State Payments for Education	1,165,782	1,311,521
Total	\$ 8,231,228	\$ 8,884,304
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STATE OF NEW JERSEY RATIO OF TOTAL DEBT SERVICE ON GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO TOTAL STATE EXPENDITURES

Fiscal			Total Debt	State	
Year	Principal	Interest	Service*	Expenditures	Ratio
1995	\$ 3,425,000	\$ 100,096,833	\$ 103,521,833	\$ 15,330,072,857	0.68 %
1996	244,281,000	209,070,625	453,351,625	16,243,868,982	2.79
1997	250,911,000	195,989,910	446,900,910	16,335,984,225	2.74
1998	287,675,000	191,218,950	478,893,950	17,214,149,639	2.78
1999	297,990,000	197,553,385	495,543,385	18,531,794,940	2.67
2000	301,995,000	192,228,225	494,223,225	19,959,907,507	2.48
2001	319,650,000	205,395,184	525,045,184	21,326,795,958	2.46
2002	296,135,380	155,040,632	451,176,012	22,679,930,235	1.99
2003	260,845,065	179,611,063	440,456,128	24,142,092,646	1.82
2004	273,189,412	176,979,025	450,168,437	25,053,883,222	1.80

^{*} Includes debt service on General Obligation Bonds only. Savings achieved through the sale of General Obligation Refunding Bonds are reflected in lower debt service payments made in Fiscal Years 1995, 1996, 1999, 2002, 2003, and 2004.

Source:

New Jersey Department of the Treasury, Office of Management and Budget.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY RATIO OF GENERAL LONG-TERM BONDED DEBT TO ASSESSED VALUE AND DEBT PER CAPITA

(Expressed in Thousands Except for General Long-Term Debt Ratios)

			General Long-		General Long-Te	rm [Debt
Fiscal	New Jersey	Assessed	7	Term Debt	Comparison To		Per
Year	Population**	Value**	Out	tstanding (1)	Assessed Value		Capita***
1994	7,904	\$ 416,075,191	\$	3,591,316	0.86 %	\$	454.37
1995	7,945	423,960,774		3,646,891	0.86		459.02
1996	7,988	429,753,224		3,688,361	0.86		461.74
1997	8,053	438,965,016		3,437,450	0.78		426.85
1998	8,115	455,710,137		3,572,895	0.78		440.28
1999	8,143	470,554,943		3,649,905	0.78		448.23
2000	8,414	493,863,234		3,790,570	0.77		450.51
2001	8,504 *	524,816,215		3,470,920	0.66		408.15
2002	8,575 *	567,908,706		3,170,939	0.56		369.79
2003	8,638	606,248,658		3,294,174	0.54		381.36

^{*} NJ Population has been revised for 2001 and 2002.

Sources:

New Jersey Department of the Treasury, Annual Report of the Division of Taxation. New Jersey Department of the Treasury, Office of Management and Budget.

^{**} NJ Population and Assessed Value (includes real and personal property) are shown on a calendar year basis.

^{***} General Long-Term Debt Per Capita has been revised for Fiscal Years 1994 through 2002.

⁽¹⁾ Includes State General Obligation Debt only.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY STATE CONSTITUTION - LEGAL DEBT LIMITATIONS

The State Constitution provides that the Legislature shall not create a debt or liability in any fiscal year which, together with any previous debts or liabilities, shall exceed one percent of total appropriations for that fiscal year unless the same shall be authorized by a law for some single object or been submitted to the people at a general election and has been approved by a majority of voters. These Constitutional Provisions do not apply to the creation of debt for purposes of war, or to repel invasion, or to suppress insurrection, or to meet emergencies caused by disaster or act of God (Article VIII, Section 2, par. 3).

All general obligation bonded debt in New Jersey is entered into as a result of successful referenda. As the table below illustrates, the debt margin as defined by the Constitution would prohibit any other method of creation of such debt or liability.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY CALCULATION OF LEGAL LIMITS (Expressed in Thousands)

Fiscal Year	_	Total eneral Fund propriations*	D	Legal ebt Limit	Gene	utstanding eral Obligation onded Debt
1995	\$	10,471,079	\$	104,711	\$	3,646,891
1996		11,216,997		112,170		3,688,361
1997		11,240,476		112,405		3,437,450
1998		11,206,205		112,062		3,572,895
1999		11,629,300		116,293		3,649,905
2000		12,462,175		124,622		3,790,570
2001		13,098,142		130,981		3,470,920
2002		14,186,563		141,866		3,170,939
2003		15,980,463		159,805		3,294,174
2004		16,906,567		169,066		3,236,100

^{*} Does not include the Property Tax Relief Fund, Casino Control Fund, Casino Revenue Fund, and Gubernatorial Elections Fund, the revenues of which are restricted as to use by their respective legislation.

Source:

STATE OF NEW JERSEY LEGISLATIVELY AUTHORIZED BUT UNISSUED DEBT, 2004 AND 2003 (Expressed in Thousands)

		Amount	Unissue	ed As Of	
Debt Program	Year	Authorized	6/30/2004	6/30/2003	
General Obligation Bonds	_				
Clean Waters	1976	\$ 120,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	
State Land Acquisition and Development	1978	200,000	1,500	1,500	
Natural Resources	1980	145,000	9,600	17,100	
Energy Conservation	1980	50,000	1,600	2,100	
Water Supply	1981	350,000	93,400	93,400	
Hazardous Discharge	1981	100,000	43,000	43,000	
New Jersey Green Acres	1983	135,000	14,500	14,500	
Pinelands Infrastructure Trust	1985	30,000	8,000	8,000	
Hazardous Discharge	1986	200,000	48,000	88,000	
New Jersey Green Acres, Cultural Centers & Historic Preservation	1987	100,000	9,000	9,000	
Open Space Preservation	1989	300,000	26,000	29,000	
Public Purpose Buildings and Community - Based Facilities Construction	1989	125,000	5,000	5,000	
Stormwater Management & Combined Sewer Overflow Abatement	1989	50,000	21,500	21,500	
New Jersey Green Acres, Clean Water, Farmland and					
Historic Preservation	1992	345,000	26,780	54,780	
Development Disabilities' Waiting List Reduction and Human Services					
Facilities Construction	1994	160,000	5,000	19,000	
1995 New Jersey Green Acres, Farmland & Historic Preservation					
& Blue Acres	1995	340,000	25,500	62,500	
Port of New Jersey Revitalization, Dredging, Environmental Cleanup,					
Lake Restoration, and Delaware Bay Area Economic Development	1996	300,000	199,000	243,000	
Statewide Transportation and Local Bridge	1999	500,000		41,000	
Dam, Lake, Stream, Flood Control, Water Resources, and Wastewater					
Treatment Project	2003	200,000	200,000		
Subtotal		3,750,000	742,380	757,380	
Revenue Bonds Payable					
Transportation Trust Fund Authority					
Annual Capital Plan*	1995	6,300,000	1,007,845	1,932,655	
Garden State Preservation Trust**					
Open Space and Farmland Presevation Bonds***	1999, 2004	1,150,000	650,001	500,001	
Subtotal		7,450,000	1,657,846	2,432,656	
Installment Obligations					
Economic Development Authority					
Market Transition Facility	1994	750,000	44,730	44,730	
School Facilities Construction	2000	8,600,000	5,904,071	7,454,071	
Educational Facilities Authority					
Equipment Leasing Fund	1993	100,000	25,415	12,615	
Capital Improvement Fund	1999	550,000	590	77,315	
Dormitory Safety Trust Fund	2000	90,000	10,790	16,230	
Subtotal		10,090,000	5,985,596	7,604,961	
Total		\$ 21,290,000	\$ 8,385,822	\$ 10,794,997	

Notes:

For debt issued after June 30, 2004, please refer to Note 20 of the Notes to the Financial Statements.

- * The New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund Authority has been legislatively reauthorized to include capital programs through Fiscal Year 2004.
- ** During November, 2003 New Jersey voters approved a constitutional amendment that increased the cap on the total amount of bonds that may be issued by the Garden State Preservation Trust to \$1.150 billion, from \$1.000 billion.
- *** The Garden State Preservation Trust on May 6, 2004 sold \$500 million of its Open Space and Farmland Preservation Bonds, 2005 Series A (Forward Delivery Bonds). The Garden State Preservation Trust expects to issue and deliver the bonds on or about December 1, 2005.

Source:

New Jersey Department of the Treasury, Office of Public Finance.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY MARKET TRANSITION FACILITY (MTF) BONDS DEBT SERVICE COVERAGE RATIO

(Expressed in Millions Except for Coverage Ratio)

Fiscal Year	MTF venue	Debt ervice	Coverage Ratio
1997	\$ 131.2	\$ 40.4	3.2
1998	150.8	70.5	2.1
1999	143.4	72.5	2.0
2000	133.2	72.4	1.8
2001	126.4	72.4	1.7
2002	128.6	61.7	2.1
2003	134.3	65.7	2.0
2004	136.6	71.7	1.9

Source:

CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS LOCATED IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Amerada Hess Corporation Luci

American Standard Companies, Inc.

AT&T

Automatic Data Processing, Inc.

AVAYA Aventis BAE Systems BASF Corporation

BD (Becton Dickinson and Company)

Bed Bath & Beyond, Inc.

Big M, Inc.

Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa Campbell Soup Company

Cendant Corp.

The Chubb Corporation

Comcast

Commerce Bancorp Continental Airlines

Educational Testing Service Food Circus Supermarkets

The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co., Inc.

Holman Enterprises

Honeywell

Horizon BC & BS of NJ Jersey Central Power & Light Jevic Transportation Inc. Johnson & Johnson Kings Super Markets, Inc.

KPMG LLP

L-3 Communication Systems - East

Lucent Technologies, Inc.

Masterfoods USA

Medco Health Solutions Merck & Company, Inc. NJM Insurance Group

North Jersey Media Group, Inc. Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corp.

Pathmark Stores, Inc. Pearson Education Pharmacia Corp.

The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc.

Prudential Financial, Inc.

Public Service Enterprise Group, Inc.

Quest Diagnostics, Inc. Quick Chek Food Stores Resorts Atlantic City Ricoh Corporation

Roche

Sand's Casino Hotel Schering-Plough Corp.

The Shevell Group of Companies Silver Line Building Products Corp.

Telcordia Technologies, Inc. Tropicana/Aztar Corp.

Trump Hotel & Casino Resorts

Valley National Bank Viking Yacht Company

Wachovia

Wakefern Food Corporation/Shoprite

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY FIFTY LARGEST PRIVATE SECTOR EMPLOYERS

	FIFTY LARGEST PRIVATE SECTOR EMPLOYERS	2002
Rank	<u>Employer</u>	2003 NJ Employment
1	Wakefern Food Corporation/Shoprite	32,769
2	United Parcel Service (UPS)	18,000
3	Verizon	14,923
4	Caesars Entertainment	14,569
5	AT&T	13,960
6	Pathmark Stores, Inc.	12,600
7	Home Depot	12,000
8	Johnson & Johnson	11,500
9	Continental Airlines	11,000
10	Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.	11,000
11	The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co., Inc.	10,763
12	Trump Hotel & Casino Resorts	10,763
13	Public Service Enterprise Group, Inc.	10,387
14	Cendant Corp.	9,436
15	Prudential Financial, Inc.	9,419
16	Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc.	9,300
17	Federated Dept. Stores	9,233
18	Bristol-Myers Squibb Company	8,600
19	FedEx Corporation	7,400
20	Merck & Company, Inc.	7,400
21	Schering-Plough Corp.	7,212
22	Commerce Bancorp	6,480
23	Lucent Technologies, Inc.	6,383
24	Wachovia	6,300
25	FleetBoston Financial	6,200
26	Lockheed Martin Corporation	6,000
27	The Stop & Shop Supermarket Co.	6,000
28	Acme Markets, Inc.	5,981
29	Harrah's Entertainment, Inc.	5,979
30	Sears, Roebuck & Co.	5,900
31	Automated Data Processing, Inc.	5,845
32	Pfizer, Inc.	5,500
33	IBM Corporation	4,960
34	Citigroup, Inc.	4,900
35	UBS Financial Services, Inc.	4,607
36	Horizon BC & BS of NJ	4,600
37	Tropicana/Aztar Corp.	4,404
38	Kmart Corporation	4,400
39	Medco Health Solutions	4,229
40	The Bank of New York	4,053
41	The Chubb Corporation	4,100
42	Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa	4,000
43	Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corp.	4,000
44	Six Flags, Inc.	4,000
45	Telcordia Technologies, Inc.	3,590
46	Silver Line Building Products Corp.	3,550
47	Aventis	3,500
48	May Department Stores	3,500
49	Roche	3,280
50	L'Oreal USA, Inc.	3,262
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STATE OF NEW JERSEY FULL-TIME PAID EMPLOYEES* (Excludes Colleges and Universities)

		January	
Department/Agency	2004	2003	2002
Executive Branch			
Agriculture	254	247	259
Banking and Insurance	481	486	517
Chief Executive's Office	111	118	116
Community Affairs	1,045	1,015	1,106
Corrections	9,257	9,344	9,445
Parole Board	652	699	713
Education	971	920	991
Environmental Protection	3,296	3,248	3,449
Health	2,136	1,953	2,148
Human Services	20,152	19,278	18,978
Labor	3,672	3,458	3,486
Public Employees Relations Commission	34	36	36
Law and Public Safety	7,405	7,137	7,379
Election Law Enforcement Commission	45	46	50
Violent Crimes Compensation Board	48	46	47
Executive Commission on Ethical Standards	8	8	9
Juvenile Justice	1,705	1,585	1,638
Military and Veterans' Affairs	1,419	1,358	1,449
Personnel	399	376	440
State	185	187	202
Commission on Higher Education	19	22	24
Public Broadcasting Authority	159	157	159
Student Assistance	210	193	213
Transportation	6,049	5,109	5,438
Treasury	3,594	3,604	3,880
Casino Control Commission	350	325	334
Commission on Science and Technology	5	8	9
Office of Administrative Law	110	109	112
Office of Information Technology	923	929	1,048
Public Defender	951	877	942
Board of Public Utilities/Ratepayer Advocate	336	319	307
Miscellaneous Executive Commissions	2	2	2
Total	65,983	63,199	64,926
Legislative Branch	520	506	492
Judicial Branch (Administrative Office of the Courts)	1,797	1,753	1,795
Statewide Total Without Courts	68,300	65,458	67,213
Judicial Branch	7,546	7,365	7,566
Grand Statewide Total	75,846	72,823	74,779

^{*} Full-time paid employees were tabulated as of pay period one for each year displayed.

Source:

STATE OF NEW JERSEY SECTOR SUMMARY OF FALL ENROLLMENT NEW JERSEY COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, 2003 AND 2002

	Undergraduate Post-Baccalaureate		Total Enrollments			
Full and Part-time Sector	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002
Full-time Enrollment						
Community Colleges	69,768	66,067			69,768	66,067
State Colleges	49,785	48,085	2,375	2,079	52,160	50,164
Rutgers, The State University	32,958	33,323	6,092	5,027	39,050	38,350
New Jersey Institute of Technology	4,239	4,238	1,261	1,310	5,500	5,548
University of Medicine and Dentistry	510	586	3,238	3,210	3,748	3,796
Independent Colleges	40,568	39,675	9,869	9,288	50,437	48,963
Total	197,828	191,974	22,835	20,914	220,663	212,888
Part-time Enrollment						
Community Colleges	76,082	72,857			76,082	72,857
State Colleges	13,276	13,904	12,407	12,070	25,683	25,974
Rutgers, The State University	5,160	5,253	7,058	7,877	12,218	13,130
New Jersey Institute of Technology	1,473	1,492	1,797	1,788	3,270	3,280
Thomas Edison State College	10,011	9,012	222	213	10,233	9,225
University of Medicine and Dentistry	262	202	932	682	1,194	884
Independent Colleges	10,434	10,552	12,920	12,967	23,354	23,519
Total	116,698	113,272	35,336	35,597	152,034	148,869
Total Enrollment						
Community Colleges	145,850	138,924			145,850	138,924
State Colleges	63,061	61,989	14,782	14,149	77,843	76,138
Rutgers, The State University	38,118	38,576	13,150	12,904	51,268	51,480
New Jersey Institute of Technology	5,712	5,730	3,058	3,098	8,770	8,828
Thomas Edison State College	10,011	9,012	222	213	10,233	9,225
University of Medicine and Dentistry	772	788	4,170	3,892	4,942	4,680
Independent Colleges	51,002	50,227	22,789	22,255	73,791	72,482
Grand Total	314,526	305,246	58,171	56,511	372,697	361,757

Source:

New Jersey Commission on Higher Education, "Opening Fall Enrollments New Jersey Colleges and Universities."

STATE OF NEW JERSEY PUBLIC AND INDEPENDENT COLLEGE ENROLLMENT SUMMARY

Full-time Undergraduate Enrollment

	Community	State	Other Public	Independent	
Year	Colleges	Colleges	4-Year*	Colleges	Total
1994	54,676	39,356	31,597	30,082	155,711
1995	54,862	40,265	32,272	30,244	157,643
1996	54,053	40,934	32,677	32,005	159,669
1997	53,323	41,874	33,468	33,258	161,923
1998	53,643	42,843	34,578	35,175	166,239
1999	54,869	43,895	35,857	36,075	170,696
2000	56,509	44,603	36,425	37,498	175,035
2001	59,921	46,014	37,561	38,803	182,299
2002	66,067	48,085	38,147	39,675	191,974
2003	69,768	49,785	37,707	40,568	197,828

Part-time Undergraduate Enrollment

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	Community	State	Other Public	Independent				
Year	Colleges	Colleges	4-Year*	Colleges	Total			
1994	81,086	17,871	17,259	13,366	129,582			
1995	78,378	17,400	17,103	12,936	125,817			
1996	73,050	16,733	16,751	13,169	119,703			
1997	69,265	16,418	16,515	12,489	114,687			
1998	67,471	15,471	16,452	11,757	111,151			
1999	68,013	14,663	15,739	11,349	109,764			
2000	68,076	14,680	15,541	11,435	109,732			
2001	69,998	14,147	15,226	11,125	110,496			
2002	72,857	13,904	15,959	10,552	113,272			
2003	76,082	13,276	16,906	10,434	116,698			

Total Undergraduate Enrollment

	Community	State	Other Public	Independent	
Year	Colleges	Colleges	4-Year*	Colleges	Total
1994	135,762	57,227	48,856	43,448	285,293
1995	133,240	57,665	49,375	43,180	283,460
1996	127,103	57,667	49,428	45,174	279,372
1997	122,588	58,292	49,983	45,747	276,610
1998	121,114	58,314	51,030	46,932	277,390
1999	122,882	58,558	51,596	47,424	280,460
2000	124,585	59,283	51,966	48,933	284,767
2001	129,919	60,161	52,787	49,928	292,795
2002	138,924	61,989	54,106	50,227	305,246
2003	145,850	63,061	54,613	51,002	314,526

^{*} Includes Rutgers, The State University, New Jersey Institute of Technology, The University of Medicine and Dentistry's School of Allied Health Professions, and Thomas Edison State College.

Source:

New Jersey Commission on Higher Education, "Opening Fall Enrollments New Jersey Colleges and Universities."

STATE OF NEW JERSEY POPULATION AND EMPLOYMENT TRENDS (Expressed in Thousands)

		Civilian			New Jersey	U.S.
		Labor	Resident	Resident	Unemployment	Unemployment
Year	Population*	Force*	Employment*	Unemployment*	Rate	Rate*
1994	7,904	4,058	3,781	276	6.8 %	6.1 %
1995	7,945	4,122	3,858	264	6.4	5.6
1996	7,988	4,199	3,939	260	6.2	5.4
1997	8,053	4,268	4,049	219	5.1	4.9
1998	8,115	4,224	4,029	195	4.6	4.5
1999	8,143	4,296	4,099	197	4.6	4.2
2000	8,414	4,289	4,129	160	3.7	4.0
2001	8,504	4,305	4,125	180	4.2	4.8
2002	8,575	4,368	4,113	255	5.8	5.8
2003	8,638	4,375	4,118	257	5.9	6.0

^{*} Civilian Labor Force, Resident Employment, and Resident Unemployment data for 1994 through 1999 has been revised. Population for 2001 and 2002 has been revised. U.S. Unemployment rate for 2001 has been revised.

Sources:

New Jersey Department of Labor, "New Jersey Economic Indicators." New Jersey Department of Labor, Division of Planning and Research.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY PERSONAL AND PER CAPITA INCOME, AND NEW DWELLING UNITS

Year	 onal Income n Millions)*	er Capita ncome*	Dw A	lue of New elling Units uthorized Thousands)
1994	\$ 220,859	\$ 27,558	\$	3,189,788
1995	233,937	28,941		2,825,560
1996	248,320	30,470		2,134,127
1997	263,420	32,051		2,533,451
1998	282,721	34,115		2,936,016
1999	294,385	35,215		3,162,436
2000	323,554	38,372		3,375,978
2001	332,316	39,077		3,013,190
2002	338,388	39,461		3,430,318
2003	349,224	40,427		3,781,902

^{*} Personal Income and Per Capita Income data for 1994 through 2002 has been revised.

Sources:

New Jersey Department of Labor. New Jersey Economic Policy Council.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY VALUATIONS OF TAXABLE REAL PROPERTY, PERSONAL, AND PER CAPITA INCOME (Expressed in Thousands Except as Indicated)

			Assessed				Personal		
	New Jersey	,	Valuation of	Tı	ue Valuation		Income	F	Per Capita
Year	Population*	Property**		of Property**		(Millions)**		Income**	
1994	7,904	\$	416,075,191	\$	495,392,987	\$	220,859	\$	27,558
1995	7,945		423,960,774		497,735,602		233,937		28,941
1996	7,988		429,753,224		501,577,931		248,320		30,470
1997	8,053		438,965,016		514,007,592		263,420		32,051
1998	8,115		455,710,137		539,354,740		282,721		34,115
1999	8,143		470,554,943		548,448,342		294,385		35,215
2000	8,414		493,863,234		645,145,129		323,554		38,372
2001	8,504		524,816,215		720,179,653		332,316		39,077
2002	8,575		567,908,706		820,922,044		338,388		39,461
2003	8,638		606,248,658		831,431,649		349,224		40,427

^{*} New Jersey Population for 2000 through 2002 has been revised.

Sources:

New Jersey Department of the Treasury, Annual Report of the Division of Taxation. New Jersey Department of Labor, Office of Demographic & Economic Analysis.

^{**} Data for 1994 through 2002 has been revised.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY GOODS PRODUCING AND SERVICE PRODUCING EMPLOYMENT* (Expressed in Thousands)

	2003	1998	1993	Percentage Change from 1993-2003	Percentage of Total Employment 2003
Goods Producing					
National Resources and Mining	1.6	2.3	2.3	(30.4) %	%
Construction	159.3	136.1	116.3	37.0	4.0
Manufacturing					
Durable Goods	156.5	190.0	195.6	(20.0)	3.9
Non-Durable Goods	195.2	239.4	267.4	(27.0)	4.9
Total	512.6	567.8	581.6	(11.9)	12.8
Service Producing Trade, Transportation and Utilities					
Wholesale Trade	232.2	227.2	208.6	11.3	5.8
Retail Trade	468.8	435.6	409.4	14.5	11.8
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	177.3	184.8	164.0	8.1	4.5
Information	102.3	118.9	111.9	(8.6)	2.6
Financial Activities	277.1	248.7	224.8	23.3	7.0
Professional and Business Services	573.6	554.0	441.2	30.0	14.4
Educational and Health Services	539.2	466.1	399.4	35.0	13.5
Leisure and Hospitality	320.5	294.2	262.9	21.9	8.1
Other Services	152.4	132.4	118.6	28.5	3.8
Government	624.3	571.7	570.7	9.4	15.7
Total	3,467.7	3,233.6	2,911.5	19.1	87.2
Grand Total	3,980.3	3,801.4	3,493.1	13.9 %	100.0 %

^{*} Based on North American Industry Classification System (NAICS).

Source:

New Jersey Department of Labor "New Jersey Economic Indicators" April 2004.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY WAGE AND SALARY WORKERS IN NON-AGRICULTURAL ESTABLISHMENTS,* ANNUAL AVERAGES BY NAICS INDUSTRY DIVISIONS** 1994-2003***

(Expressed in Thousands)

	Total		Natural		Trade			Services	
	Non-Farm		Resources		Transportation		Financial	and	
Year	Employment	Manufacturing	and Mining	Construction	and Utilities	Information	Activities	Misc.	Government
1994	3,552.8	456.0	2.3	121.7	802.8	115.0	229.9	1,251.7	573.4
1995	3,600.6	448.6	2.3	123.3	816.6	119.6	229.1	1,287.7	573.4
1996	3,638.9	437.4	2.1	125.0	823.5	117.5	231.2	1,331.6	570.6
1997	3,724.5	435.4	2.2	131.8	834.6	122.5	238.2	1,389.5	570.3
1998	3,801.4	429.4	2.3	136.1	847.6	118.9	248.7	1,446.7	571.7
1999	3,901.3	422.5	2.2	143.6	873.7	123.0	260.8	1,497.9	577.6
2000	3,994.7	421.6	2.0	149.6	899.0	126.9	266.9	1,539.8	588.9
2001	3,997.4	401.2	1.8	158.8	890.7	126.4	269.8	1,546.1	602.6
2002	3,984.0	367.5	1.6	162.6	881.4	113.2	276.7	1,567.5	613.5
2003	3,980.3	351.7	1.6	159.3	878.3	102.3	277.1	1,585.7	624.3

^{*} Seasonally Adjusted.

Source:

New Jersey Department of Labor, Division of Labor Market and Demographic Research, Economic Indicators, March 2004.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY COMPOSITION OF NON-AGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT NEW JERSEY AND THE UNITED STATES - 2003 (Expressed in Thousands)

NAICS Industry*	New Jo	New Jersey			
Non-Agricultural Composition	No. of Jobs	% of Total	% of Total		
Manufacturing	351.7	8.8	11.2		
Mining	1.6		0.4		
Construction	159.3	4.0	5.2		
Transportation and Utilities	878.3	22.1	19.5		
Trade	102.3	2.6	2.5		
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	277.1	7.0	6.1		
Services	1,585.7	39.8	38.5		
Government	624.3	15.7	16.6		
Total	3,980.3	100.0	100.0		

^{*} North American Industry Classification System.

Sources:

U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

New Jersey Department of Labor, Division of Labor Market and Demographic Research.

^{**} North American Industry Classification System.

^{***} Data for 2002 has been revised. Government data for 1994 through 2002 has been revised.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY NEW VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS 1994 - 2003

Total Vehicles Calendar Light Trucks, Monthly Year* Cars Vans Annual **Average** 1994 371,592 160,398 531,990 44,333 1995 350,533 158,366 42,408 508,899 350,955 44,430 1996 182,203 533,158 1997 344,977 192,582 537,559 44,796 1998 348,559 202,044 550,603 45,884 1999 374.408 237,477 611,885 50,990 2000 397,435 266,178 663,613 55,301 655,491 2001 380,003 275,488 54,624 2002 362,190 284,191 646,381 53,865 2003 343,534 313,770 657,304 54,775

Sources:

New Jersey Department of Labor, Division of Labor Market and Demographic Research. R.L. Polk and Company.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS AWARDED 1995-2003* (Expressed in Millions)

	Construction Type							Total	
Year***	Nonresidential		Residential		Nonbuilding**		Construction		
1995	\$	2,770	\$	2,256	\$	1,437	\$	6,463	
1996		2,962		2,325		1,841		7,128	
1997		3,618		2,626		2,128		8,372	
1998		4,229		3,409		1,314		8,952	
1999		4,589		3,713		1,306		9,608	
2000		5,274		3,806		1,860		10,940	
2001		5,006		3,841		2,548		11,395	
2002		4,919		3,922		2,577		11,418	
2003		5,132		4,344		2,279		11,755	

Notes:

- * Data for 1995 and forward include monthly revisions published by contract with F.W. Dodge; reprinting is not permitted.
- ** Nonbuilding includes public construction such as streets and highways, bridges as well as utilities and communications systems.

Sources:

F.W. Dodge Division, McGraw-Hill Information Systems Company.

New Jersey Department of Labor, Office of Demographic & Economic Analysis.

^{*} Calendar Year 2002 has been revised.

^{*** 2000} through 2002 has been revised.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY CASH RECEIPTS FROM FARM MARKETINGS (Expressed in Millions)

Livestock

Year*	and Products		(Crops	Total	
1994	\$	181.0	\$	599.5	\$	780.5
1995		196.7		580.7		777.4
1996		201.5		611.2		812.7
1997		178.6		620.0		798.6
1998		185.5		623.4		808.9
1999		193.2		547.2		740.4
2000		191.8		652.3		844.1
2001		199.5		635.8		835.3
2002		189.4		680.0		869.4
2003		187.9		658.0		845.9

^{*} Information for 1994 through 2002 has been revised.

Source:

United States Department of Agriculture.

NEW JERSEY HISTORICAL FACTS AND FIGURES

The State was one of the original thirteen colonies and was the third state to ratify the United States Constitution in 1787. The original State Constitution was adopted on July 2, 1776 and was subsequently superseded by the State Constitution of 1844. A new State Constitution was prepared by a constitutional convention in 1947 and was ratified by voters of the State in the general election held on November 4, 1947.

The State Constitution establishes a bicameral legislature, which meets in annual sessions in Trenton, the State capital. Members of the State Senate are elected to terms of four years, except for the election following a decennial census, in which case the term is for two years. The members of the General Assembly are elected to two-year terms. The Governor is elected to a term of four years.

The State ranks fifth smallest in size, with an area of 7,418.8 square miles. The estimated population as of July 1, 2002 was 8,590,000 making New Jersey the ninth largest state in population, and the most populated of all the states, with an average of 1,158 people per square mile.

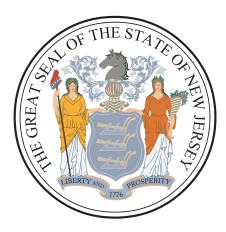
There are 15 departments of the Executive Branch of State Government. The maximum number permitted by the State Constitution is 20.

The higher education system in New Jersey includes 26 private colleges, 19 community colleges, as well as 12 State institutions.

The State Seal

Pierre Eugene du Simitiere designed the State Seal and presented it in May 1777 to the Legislature. The three plows in the shield honor the state's agriculture tradition. During the Revolutionary War, New Jersey's economic power, as well as its military significance, was based on the fact that it was the breadbasket of the Mid-Atlantic region. Continental and British soldiers in the state were engaged in skirmishes aimed

at securing exclusive access to New Jersey's farm stores and livestock herds as a source of army provisions. The helmet on the State Seal above the shield faces forward, an attitude denoting sovereignty and thus particularly fitting for one of the first governments created under the notion that the state itself is the sovereign. The helmet is also a symbol for the importance of human intelligence and honor to the affairs of state. The crest above the helmet is a horse's head. New Jersey was and still is a major center for horse breeding. The equestrian head also symbolizes the attributes of strength, speed, and utility in war or commerce. The supporting female figures are Liberty and Ceres. Liberty, on the viewer's left, carries a staff with the same kind of "Liberty cap" worn as a symbol of rebellion by patriots throughout the colonies. Ceres, the Roman goddess of grain, holds a cornucopia filled with harvested produce representing the extraordinary fertile soils and natural abundance of the state's fields, forests, and waters. Below them is a scroll bearing the motto "Liberty and Prosperity," and the year of statehood, 1776.



The State Flag

The official colors of New Jersey for use on the state flag and for other purposes were established by statute as buff and Jersey blue.



Other Legislative Designations

On January 12, 2004 Governor James E. McGreevey signed legislation making the blueberry, New Jersey's official state fruit. The Governor signed the legislation at Veterans Memorial Elementary School in Brick, where fifth graders were actively involved in the legislative process. The blueberry was first cultivated in the Garden State in Whitesbog, by Elizabeth C. White, whose father, J.J. White owned a cranberry plantation. Wild blueberries grew in their cranberry bogs, but it was generally accepted that it was not possible to cultivate blueberries. In 1911, Ms. White read about Dr. Frederick V. Coville's research in blueberry culti-

vation and began working with him to cultivate blueberries for sale. In 1916, their first blueberry was produced. The result of Ms. White's efforts was the production of a new crop, as well as the entirely new business of propagating and selling blueberry bushes. As plants were sold across the country, New Jersey bushes became established in many states. The blueberry, or Vaccinium Corymbosum (the high bush variety) and Vaccinium Pennsylvanicum (the low bush variety), grows throughout the Pinelands, in the same general environment that nurtures its cousin, the cranberry. Like the cranberry, the blueberry thrives on the acid soil of the region. Blueberries ripen earlier than do cranberries. Their harvesting in July thus complements the cranberry's fall harvest.

The State Flower is the violet. The Eastern Goldfinch is the State Bird. The State Animal is the horse, while the State Fish is the brook trout. The knobbed whelk, commonly known as the conch is the State Shell. The red oak is the Official State Tree, while the dogwood is the State Memorial Tree. Inspired by a group of schoolchildren and not even classified as a bug, the honeybee was designated as the State Bug. The State Folk Dance is the square dance. The State Dinosaur is the Hadrosaurus Foulki, a 25-foot-long, duck-billed creature that was unearthed in a Haddonfield, New Jersey marl pit in October 1858, by William Parke Foulke.

The State Tall Ship is the A.J. Meerwald, a Delaware Bay oyster schooner launched in 1928. The ship is constructed of oak planks laid over oak frames, is 115 feet long, has a beam of 22 feet, 3 inches, and weighs 57 tons. In 1942, the tall ship was commandeered by the Maritime Commission under the War Powers Act for use by the Coast Guard as a fireboat. Five years later, it was returned to its owners and used as an oyster dredge, under power, without sails, until the industry vanished in 1957. The A.J. Meerwald was used as a clam dredge from 1959 until 1989, when it was turned over to The Delaware Bay Schooner Project. Today, the A.J. Meerwald serves as a floating classroom, promoting ecological and historical awareness of the bay and the waters of New Jersey.