

# Westfield

## New Jersey

Westfield, originally known as the “West Fields”, was once a popular trail for the Lenni-Lenape Indians whose heritage remains in many streets named for them. In the late 19<sup>th</sup> century the town was settled by immigrants from Europe, and continues today to sustain the residential tradition begun in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century with several areas officially designated as historic homes sections. A prosperous area graced with substantial housing and scenic parks, the primarily residential community provides a degree of cultural activity that is rare in a smaller town. In addition to local symphony and theatre, the downtown area boasts quaint local shops as well as national retail chains. In 2004 Westfield’s downtown received the Bronze award among Great American Main Streets. Westfield continues today to draw prosperous residents to its attractive neighborhoods, many of who are famous artists, musicians, and high government officials and sports figures. The town is distinguished by its single-family homes, broad tree-lined streets and cultural and community recreational programs. In addition it boasts a high rate of community involvement and volunteerism.

**INCORPORATED**  
1903

**POPULATION**  
31,000

**TOTAL SQUARE MILES**  
6.29

**MUNICIPAL ADDRESS**  
425 E. Broad St.  
Westfield, NJ 07090  
Office Hours  
8:30am-4:30pm M-F

**MUNICIPAL PHONE NUMBERS (908)**  
Town Clerk 789-4030  
Recreation 789-4080  
Tax Assessor 789-4055

**POST OFFICE**  
Central Avenue  
Westfield, NJ 07090  
(908) 233-1167

**PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
550 E. Broad St.  
Westfield, NJ 07090  
(908) 789-4090

**TRANSPORTATION**  
NJ Transit Rail & Bus Service to New York City; Route 22 to major arteries; Garden State Pkwy to major highways; 20 minutes to Newark Airport.

**AREA HOSPITALS**  
Overlook Hospital, Summit  
Muhlenberg Hospital, Plainfield,  
Children’s Specialized Hospital,  
Mountainside

**PLACES OF WORSHIP**  
Catholic, Christian Science,  
Congregational, Episcopal, Greek  
Orthodox, Jewish, Lutheran,  
Methodist, Presbyterian

**PARKS AND RECREATION**  
YMCA, local and county parks,  
playgrounds, tennis courts,  
community swimming pool, various  
sports programs and leagues.

**AREA POINTS OF INTEREST**  
Westfield Symphony  
Miller-Cory House Museum  
Westfield Community Players  
Paper mill Playhouse

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
302 Elm St.  
Westfield, NJ 07090  
(908) 789-4420  
Kindergarten Cut-Off Date:  
Must be 5 years old by Oct. 1.  
Half –Day classes

**SCHOOLS**  
1 Kindergarten  
6 Elementary 24:1  
2 Middle 25:1  
1 High 25:1

**% GRADUATES THAT ATTEND COLLEGE**  
94%

**AREA COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES**  
Drew University, Madison  
Kean University, Union  
Rutgers University, New Brunswick  
Seton Hall University, S. Orange  
Fairleigh Dickinson University, Madison  
Union County College

**DOWNTOWN SHOPPING**  
Gap, Gap Kids, Ann Taylor, Trader Joe’s  
Williams Sonoma, Banana Republic, & much  
more.