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How do Complete Streets Policy-Holding Municipalities Differ from Other Municipalities?
A look at demographics

It is no secret that communities across New Jersey are all unique in their own way. Some of them are much more walkable and bikeable, while others rely heavily on the automobile. Each municipality faces their own challenges in order to accommodate all of its residents’ and visitors’ needs.

It comes as no surprise that Complete Streets have permeated the agendas of mayors across the state. As of August 15th, 104 municipalities have passed a Complete Streets policy. While the remaining 462 municipalities have yet to pass a policy, an important question arises: What are the fundamental differences between policy holding municipalities and non policy-holding municipalities? Are policy holding municipalities more urbanized? Do they utilize other forms of transportation? What might be the reason that these municipalities have enacted legislation while others have not? After extensive data gathering, VTC has assembled a set of tables comparing the two variables in terms of demographics, economic indicators, transportation, and pedestrian safety.

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NJAIM 7/15 to 8/1 Highlights

Community Outreach in New Jersey

NJAIM is the New Jersey Bicycle and Pedestrian Resource Center's public outreach team. The team consists of adult ambassadors trained to educate and conduct outreach to bicyclists, pedestrians, and motorists to promote safety and active transportation throughout the state of New Jersey. The Ambassadors employ four forms of outreach: event outreach, classroom outreach, on-street outreach, and municipal/governmental outreach/assistance.

For more information on their latest activities, please click here.

COMPLETE STREETS IN NEW JERSEY

An up-to-date list of Complete Street policies in New Jersey

There are currently 104 municipalities and 7 counties with Complete Streets policies in NJ, with Robbinsville Township, New Milford Borough, and Hopewell Township being the most recent additions. This brings the total NJ population living in municipalities with Complete Streets policies to over 3 million people or 34% of the population. Essex and Bergen Counties lead the way with 12 municipalities having adopted policies each, followed by Morris County and Mercer County (10 municipalities each). Salem and Passaic Counties remain the only counties without any municipal
Complete Streets policies.

To access the most up-to-date list of Complete Streets policies adopted in the state, please click here.
Asbury Park Press - August 12th

One-day protected bike lane demos have swept America this summer

Streetsblog USA - August 14th

Oradell police officer uses free ice cream to promote bicycle safety

NorthJersey.com - August 1st

People are healthier in states where more people bike and walk to work

Alliance for Biking & Walking - August 8th

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