



# New Jersey Misery Index

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
State Population*	8,143,412	8,430,913	8,490,942	8,547,410	8,589,562	8,620,770	8,634,657	8,640,218	8,653,126	8,682,661
Ave. Property Taxes (A)	\$4,239	\$4,429	\$4,661	\$4,974	\$5,239	\$5,617	\$6,022	\$6,446	\$6,796	\$7,045
State Spending/Capita (B)	\$2,276	\$2,367	\$2,543	\$2,716	\$2,783	\$2,847	\$3,289	\$3,271	\$3,589	\$3,855
Debt/Capita (C)	\$1,797	\$1,863	\$1,906	\$1,978	\$2,592	\$2,895	\$3,686	\$4,334	\$4,408	\$5,110
NJ Unemployment Rate (D)	4.0% Dec.	3.6% Dec.	5.2% Dec.	5.9% Dec.	5.5% Dec.	4.3% Dec.	4.8% Dec.	4.3% Dec.	4.5% Dec.	6.8% Dec.
<b>NJ Misery Rate</b>	<b>87.1</b>	<b>90.2</b>	<b>96.2</b>	<b>102.6</b>	<b>111.6</b>	<b>117.7</b>	<b>134.8</b>	<b>144.8</b>	<b>152.4</b>	<b>166.9</b>
<u>NJMR Formula = A+B+C/100+D</u>										

**Sources:**

- \* Department of Labor and Workforce Development
- A DCA, Division of Local Government Services
- B Annual Appropriations, Page 783, 2008 Fitzgerald
- C State of NJ Comprehensive Annual Financial Report
- D Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics