

In the Garden State, special districts are the primary vehicle for delivering specialized public safety and infrastructure. From the independent fire districts that protect thousands of suburban neighborhoods to the regional authorities managing wastewater and solid waste, these districts allow for localized management of high-impact services. These districts work to provide essential services that cross municipal lines, ensuring that New Jersey residents receive targeted, professional services without overwhelming general-purpose town budgets.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau's 2022 Census of Governments, there are 222 independent special district governments in New Jersey.



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**222**  
Special District  
Governments



**6.2%**  
All Local Government  
Revenue

## MOST COMMON SPECIAL DISTRICTS

|                           |     |
|---------------------------|-----|
| Fire Protection           | 172 |
| Sewerage                  | 28  |
| Soil & Water Conservation | 14  |