

The Sprawl Index

Newark, NJ

Overall Sprawl Index Score: 81.32

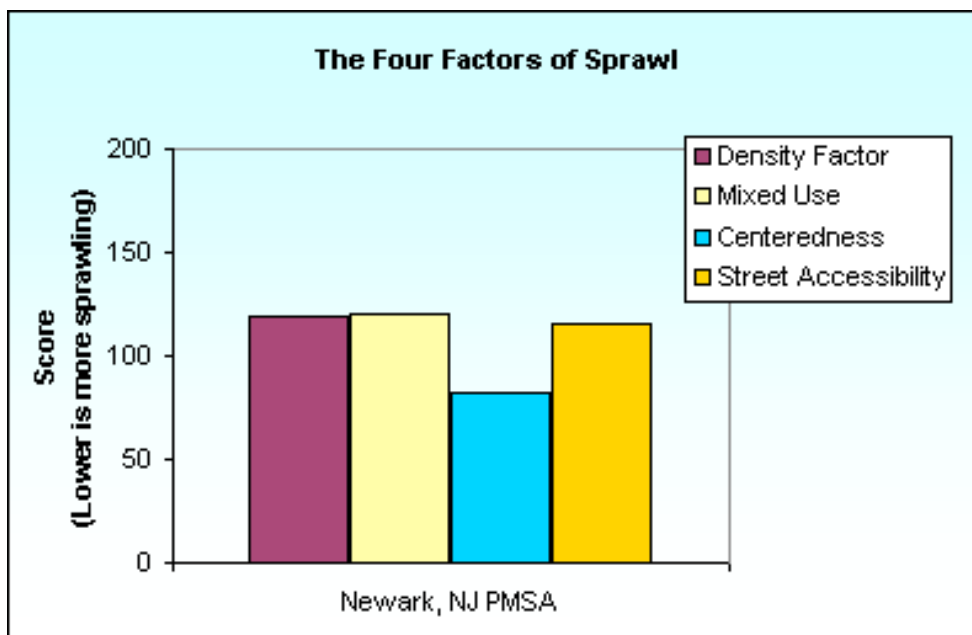
ranking it 17th most sprawling of 83 metro areas measured.

A lower score on the index indicates a greater degree of sprawl. The average score for all metros ranked is 100. A lower score indicates below average conditions among these 83 U.S. metro areas: for example, less compact housing, a poorer mix of homes and jobs, poor street connectivity, or weaker than average town centers. A score above 100 indicates above average performance, when compared to the other metro areas ranked. Most metro areas score between 50 and 150 on the scale.

What Makes a Place Sprawling:

The sprawl index measured sprawl in four ways. Below are index scores for this metro area. See the report for a full explanation of each factor.

Sprawl Factor	Index Score	Ranking out of 83 <i>(most to least sprawling)</i>
Residential Density Factor	118.88	75
Mix of homes, jobs & services	120.39	69
Strength of town centers/downtowns	82.17	20
Accessibility of street network	115.38	61



The Impact of Sprawl:

Outcomes Affected by Sprawl in Newark

Peak 8-hour ozone level (parts per billion)	100
Fatal accidents per 100,000 persons	8.03
Daily Miles Driven per person (DMVT)	n/a
Average number of vehicles per household	1.57
Percent of commuters using Transit	11.44%
Percent of commuters walking to work	3.16%
Average commute time, in minutes	30.62
Average annual traffic delay, in hours	n/a

2000 Population: 1,930,552

MSA is Metropolitan Statistical Area. For more information on MSAs, PMSAs, CMSAs, and NECMAs, see the Census Bureau.