Of the 30 largest occupations in New Jersey, 21 pay median wages less than the two-bedroom housing wage:

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| **Occupation** | **Total Employment** | **Jobs per 1000 jobs** | **Median Hourly Wage** |
| Counter attendants | 35,460 | 8.755 | $9.84 |
| Food prep workers, fast food | 45,320 | 11.189 | $10.17 |
| Cashiers | 99,360 | 24.533 | $10.57 |
| Food Preparation Workers | 32,960 | 8.139 | $10.98 |
| Home Health Aides | 41,040 | 10.134 | $11.52 |
| Retail Salespersons | 131,210 | 32.395 | $11.84 |
| Stock Clerks and Order Fillers | 68,040 | 16.800 | $12.25 |
| Waiters and Waitresses | 58,820 | 14.523 | $12.42 |
| Laborers and material movers | 141,660 | 34.975 | $13.11 |
| Teacher Assistants | 55,130 | 13.611 | $13.25 |
| Janitors and cleaners | 67,380 | 16.637 | $14.05 |
| Nursing Assistants | 56,500 | 13.951 | $14.37 |
| Security Guards | 39,000 | 9.628 | $14.61 |
| Receptionists and Information Clerks | 54,490 | 13.453 | $15.79 |
| Office clerks | 67,480 | 16.661 | $16.24 |
| Light Truck or Delivery Services Drivers | 32,310 | 7.977 | $17.24 |
| Customer Service Representatives | 68,260 | 16.853 | $18.29 |
| Secretaries and administrative assistants | 62,790 | 15.503 | $20.18 |
| General Maintenance and Repair workers | 31,190 | 7.701 | $20.87 |
| All Occupations | 4,050,170 | 1000.000 | $21.25 |
| Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks | 43,380 | 10.710 | $22.64 |
| Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers | 48,760 | 12.040 | $23.56 |
| Two-Bedroom Housing Wage |   |   | $28.86 |
| Office and admin support supervisors | 40,100 | 9.900 | $29.65 |
| Elementary school teachers | 41,600 | 10.272 | $32.74 |
| Sales reps, whsl and manufacturing | 42,800 | 10.568 | $32.83 |
| Other Sales reps, services | 35,360 | 8.730 | $33.57 |
| Business operations specialists | 43,390 | 10.713 | $36.03 |
| Accountants and Auditors | 37,370 | 9.227 | $39.58 |
| Registered Nurses | 79,530 | 19.636 | $39.89 |
| Software Developers, Applications | 46,930 | 11.586 | $49.46 |
| General and Operations Managers | 43,070 | 10.635 | $68.31 |

Source: National Low Income Housing Coalition, based on U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) wage data from May 2018, <https://reports.nlihc.org/oor>.

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