

# FINANCIAL SECURITY AT A GLANCE



United Way of Greater Mercer County

Assisting struggling families to make ends meet.

## FREE TAX PROGRAM

**\$2,713,334**  
TOTAL TAX REFUNDS

### Generating Income

Volunteer tax preparers file tax returns for households that make less than \$65,000 a year in Mercer County. Individuals and families can use the refunds and savings from tax preparation fees to cover food, housing, medical, transportation and debt expenses. This enables households to get closer to **being financially secure.**

- Number of Volunteers **75**
- Volunteer Hours **3,435 (valued at \$85,890)**
- Total Earned Income and Child Tax Credits **\$1,753,286**
- Tax preparation fee savings **\$ 982,800**

**2,527** Total Tax Returns

## COLLEGE READINESS

**\$3,700**  
AVERAGE GRANT AWARD

Making college affordable

Number of students who benefitted from assistance with college financial aid applications and college admissions essay writing.

**70**

We assist students with filling out their college financial aid application known as FAFSA so that they can **afford** tuition costs. This allows students to get closer to attending their college of choice.

\* Data August 2018-present

## BENEFIT ACCESS PROGRAM

**\$1,004,688**  
TOTAL BENEFITS AWARDED

### Assisting households to make ends meet

Benefit Enrollers evaluate a household's financial status and connect them to federal resources including NJSNAP (food assistance) and health insurance. This allows individuals and families to access resources to **make ends meet.**

**603** total households served

## KEY SPONSORS

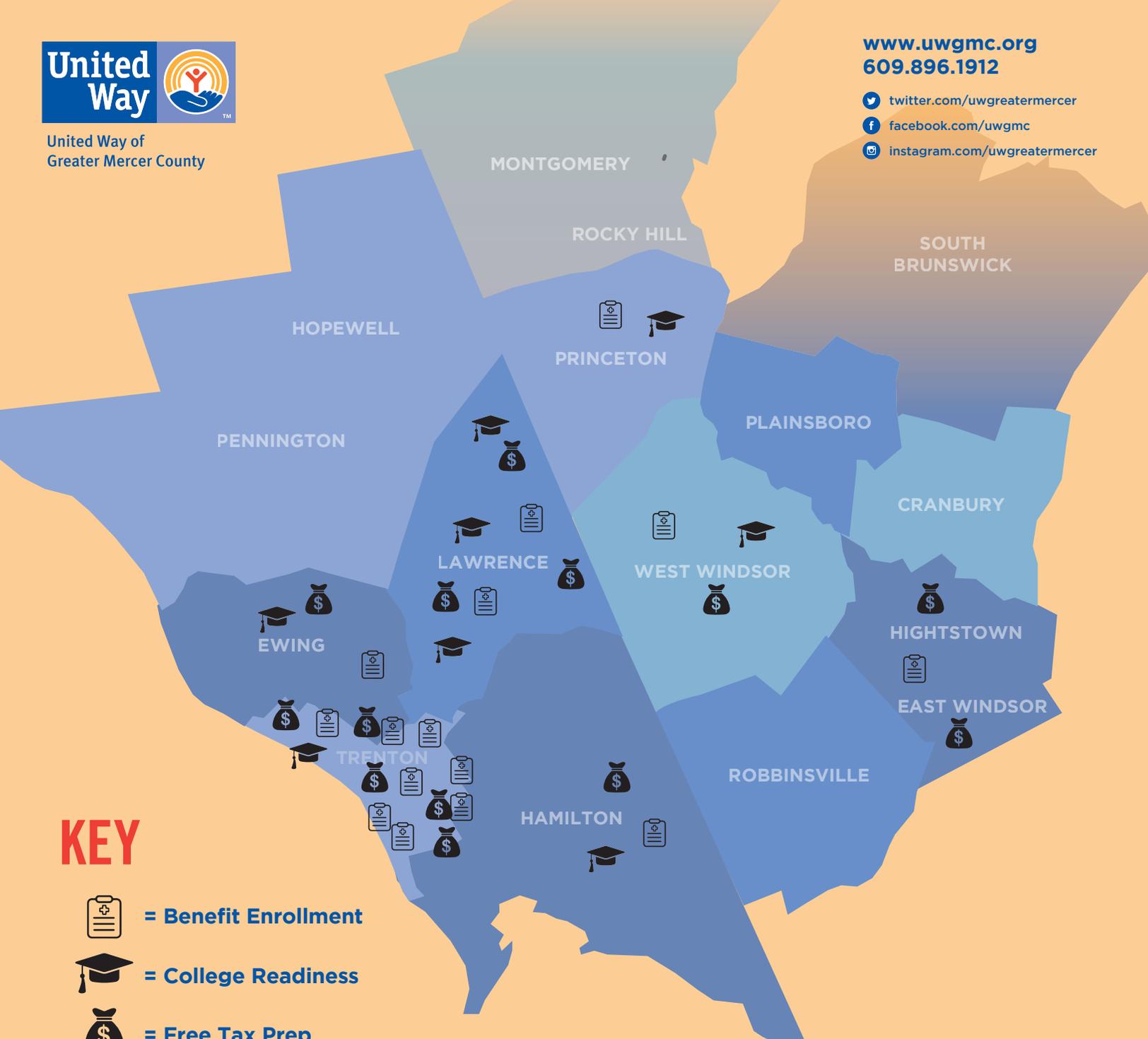




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## KEY

- = Benefit Enrollment
- = College Readiness
- = Free Tax Prep

### EAST WINDSOR:

Mercer County Library: Twin Rivers Branch (Tax)

### EWING:

Mercer County Library: Ewing Branch (College)  
The Arc Mercer (Tax, Benefit Enrollment)

### HAMILTON:

Hamilton Township Library (Tax, College, Benefit Enrollment)

### HIGHTSTOWN:

Mercer County Library: Hightstown Memorial Branch (Tax)  
St. James AME Church (Benefit Enrollment)

### LAWRENCEVILLE:

Boys & Girls Clubs of Mercer County (Tax, Benefit Enrollment, College)  
HomeFront NJ (Tax)  
Mercer County Library: Lawrence Headquarters Branch (College)  
United Way of Greater Mercer County (Tax, Benefit Enrollment, College)

### PRINCETON:

Princeton Community Village (College, Benefit Enrollment)

### TRENTON:

Arm In Arm (Tax, Benefit Enrollment)  
Boys & Girls Clubs of Mercer County (Tax, Benefit Enrollment)  
Catholic Charities, Diocese of Trenton (Tax, Benefit Enrollment)  
El Centro of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Trenton (Tax)  
Kingsbury Towers Apartments (Benefit Enrollment)  
Latin American Legal Defense & Education Fund- LALDEF (Tax, Benefit Enrollment)  
Millhill Child & Family Development Center (College)  
Mount Carmel Guild Pantry (Benefit Enrollment)  
Reading Senior Center (Benefit Enrollment)  
Trenton Area Soup Kitchen -TASK (Benefit Enrollment)

### WEST WINDSOR:

Mercer County Community College (Tax, Benefit Enrollment)  
Mercer County Library: West Windsor Branch (College)