

UNITED STATES CONGRESS

Citizens of the State of NJ are represented in the legislative branch of the United States government by two houses of Congress: the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives. Each state sends two Senators to the 100-member Senate, regardless of population. Each state sends a varying number of Representatives to the House, based on population. NJ has 12 Representatives, one from each of the 12 Congressional Districts.

Madison is located in Congressional District 11.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

New Jersey's State Constitution divides the government into three branches.

- **EXECUTIVE:** Chief of this branch is the Governor, who is elected on a joint ballot with the Lieutenant Governor to a four-year term. Heads of state agencies and departments are appointed by the Governor and approved by the State Senate. These officials include the Attorney General, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Judges, Department Commissioners, County Boards of Election and Taxation, and County Prosecutors.
- **LEGISLATIVE:** The Senate and General Assembly make up the state's legislative branch. The Senate has 40 members; the General Assembly has 80 members. One Senator and two Assembly members are elected from each of the 40 districts of NJ; Madison is in the 27th Legislative District. The legislature enacts laws and may also propose amendments to the NJ Constitution.
- **JUDICIAL:** The judicial branch decides how state laws should be applied. The Governor appoints judges to the NJ Supreme and Superior courts with the Senate's approval. The highest court in NJ is the state Supreme Court, consisting of a Chief Justice and six associate justices.

COUNTY OF MORRIS

The Board of Chosen Freeholders is comprised of 7 elected members who serve staggered 3-year terms and oversees county-level services and institutions, including the court system, jail, general welfare assistance, education, the park system and the county library.

BOROUGH OF MADISON

Madison has an elected Mayor and an elected 6-member Borough Council. Each Council member is given the responsibility of being a liaison to specific Borough departments, such as Finance, Utilities, or Public Safety. Council members are also liaisons to many of Madison's Boards, Commissions and Committees. Every year, two Council member positions come up for election to a three-year term. The Mayor serves a four-year term.