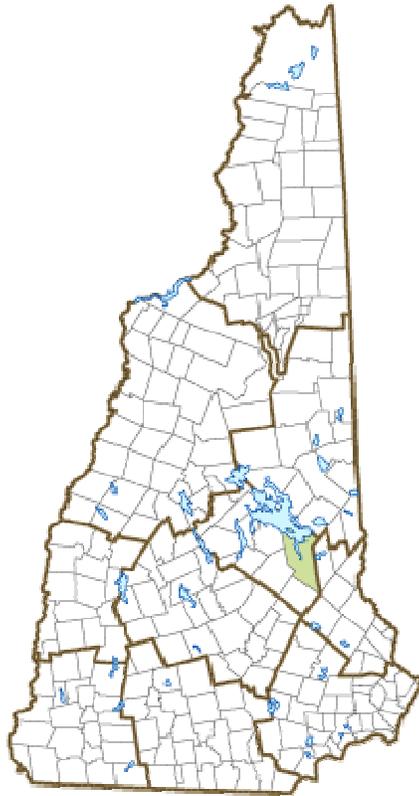


Alton, NH



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Municipal Office Hours	Monday through Friday, 8 am - 4:30 pm, first and last Thursday, until 7 pm
County	Belknap
Labor Market Area	Belmont, NH LMA
Tourism Region	Lakes
Planning Commission	Lakes Region
Regional Development	Belknap County Economic Development Council
Election Districts	
US Congress	District 1
Executive Council	District 1
State Senate	District 6
State Representative	Belknap County Districts 5, 8

Incorporated: 1796

Origin: Originally called New Durham Gore, the town was settled by a group from Roxbury, Massachusetts. There were already two towns named Roxbury in New England, so the town was incorporated as Alton in honor of a prominent family from Roxbury. The town's boundary envelopes the five-mile long Alton Bay, southeastern point of Lake Winnepesaukee, and includes the southern side of Wolfboro Harbor and all of the largest islands in the southeast end of the lake. Alton's 19.3 square miles of inland water area is the highest among the cities and towns in New Hampshire.

Villages and Place Names: Alton Bay, East Alton, Mount Major, South Alton, West Alton

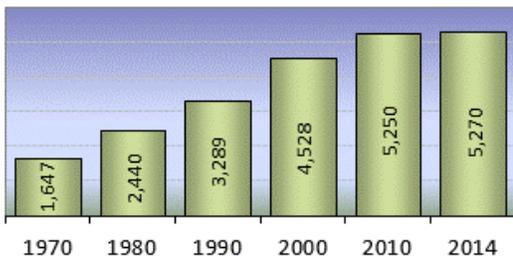
Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 445 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Alton totaled 4,029 over 54 years,

from 1,241 in 1960 to 5,270 in 2014. The largest decennial percent change was a 48 percent increase between 1970 and 1980, followed by 35 percent and 38 percent increases over the next two decades. The 2014 Census estimate for Alton was 5,270 residents, which ranked 64th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Belknap County



Population Density and Land Area, 2014 (US Census Bureau): 82.4 persons per square mile of land area. Alton contains 63.9 square miles of land area and 19.3 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2016	\$8,538,575
Budget: School Appropriations, 2016-2017	\$15,849,356
Zoning Ordinance	1970/15
Master Plan	2007
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions
 Elected: **Selectmen; Planning; Library; Cemetery; Budget; Checklist; Trust Funds; Water; Zoning**
 Appointed: **Conservation; Parks & Recreation; Levey Park; Milfoil; Energy**

Public Library **Gilman**

EMERGENCY SERVICES	
Police Department	Full & part-time
Fire Department	Municipal
Emergency Medical Service	Municipal

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Huggins Hospital, Wolfboro	11 miles	25

UTILITIES	
Electric Supplier	Eversource Energy; NH Electric Coop; Wolfboro Electric
Natural Gas Supplier	None
Water Supplier	Alton Water Works
Sanitation	Private septic
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	No
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	Private
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Mandatory
Telephone Company	Fairpoint; TDS
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes
Public Access Television Station	No
High Speed Internet Service:	
Business	Yes
Residential	Yes

PROPERTY TAXES		<i>(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</i>	
2015 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$14.27		
2015 Equalization Ratio	97.8		
2015 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$13.92		
2015 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings	95.4%		
Commercial Land and Buildings	4.0%		
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	0.6%		

HOUSING		<i>(ACS 2010-2014)</i>	
Total Housing Units	4,439		
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	3,863		
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure	135		
Five or More Units in Structure	111		
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	330		

DEMOGRAPHICS			<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>	
Total Population	Community	County		
2014	5,270	60,252		
2010	5,250	60,088		
2000	4,528	56,576		
1990	3,289	49,294		
1980	2,440	42,884		
1970	1,647	32,367		

Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2010-2014

Population by Gender			
Male	2,813	Female	2,457

Population by Age Group	
Under age 5	267
Age 5 to 19	894
Age 20 to 34	746
Age 35 to 54	1,530
Age 55 to 64	917
Age 65 and over	916
Median Age	44.8 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over	
High school graduate or higher	95.5%
Bachelor's degree or higher	30.7%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		<i>(ACS 2010-2014)</i>	
Per capita income			\$31,068
Median family income			\$74,390
Median household income			\$66,045

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	\$45,332
Female	\$39,774

Individuals below the poverty level	7.9%
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LABOR FORCE				<i>(NHES – ELMI)</i>	
Annual Average		2005		2015	
Civilian labor force		2,670		3,094	
Employed		2,576		2,986	
Unemployed		94		108	
Unemployment rate		3.5%		3.5%	

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES				<i>(NHES – ELMI)</i>	
Annual Average Covered Employment		2004		2014	
Goods Producing Industries					
Average Employment		71		46	
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 625		\$ 626	
Service Providing Industries					
Average Employment		543		719	
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 449		\$ 481	
Total Private Industry					
Average Employment		614		764	
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 470		\$ 490	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)					
Average Employment		244		334	
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 528		\$ 723	
Total, Private Industry plus Government					
Average Employment		858		1,099	
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 486		\$ 561	

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Alton operates grades K-8; grades 9-12 are jointly managed with Barnstead (JMA)** District: **SAU 72**
 Career Technology Center(s): **Lakes Region Technology Center (Wolfeboro)** Region: **9**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1		1	
Grade Levels	P K 1-8		9-12	
Total Enrollment	483		500	

Nearest Community College: **Lakes Region**
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **University of NH**

2016 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **3** Total Capacity: **58**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Town of Alton	Municipal services	140	1796
Hannaford Brothers	Supermarket	132	2006
Alton School Department	Education	116	1797
McDonald's	Fast food restaurant	50	1995
Dunkin' Donuts	Donut shop	20	1996
Water Industries	Commercial pumping systems	20	1963
Aubuchon	Hardware store	11	2004
Alton Home & Lumber	Hardware & lumber sales	10	1994
Christian Conference Center	Recreational, campground	8	1863

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	11, 11D, 28, 28A, 140
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-93, Exit 20
	Distance	28 miles
Railroad		No
Public Transportation		No
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Laconia Municipal	Runway	5,286 ft. asphalt
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	Yes
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance	46 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		4
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		46 miles
Portland, Maine		66 miles
Boston, Mass.		91 miles
New York City, NY		293 miles
Montreal, Quebec		256 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2010-2014)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	82.7%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	4.2%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	1.4%
Other means	0.0%
Worked at home	11.6%
Mean Travel Time to Work	31.7 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2010-2014

Working in community of residence	27.3
Commuting to another NH community	70.9
Commuting out-of-state	1.8

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
X	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
X	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
X	Tourist Attractions
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
X	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
X	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
X	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
X	Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): **Gunstock**

Other: **Boat Launch; Town Docks; Swim Dock; Public Beach in Picnic Area; B&M RR; Old Home Days; Mt. Washington Dock**