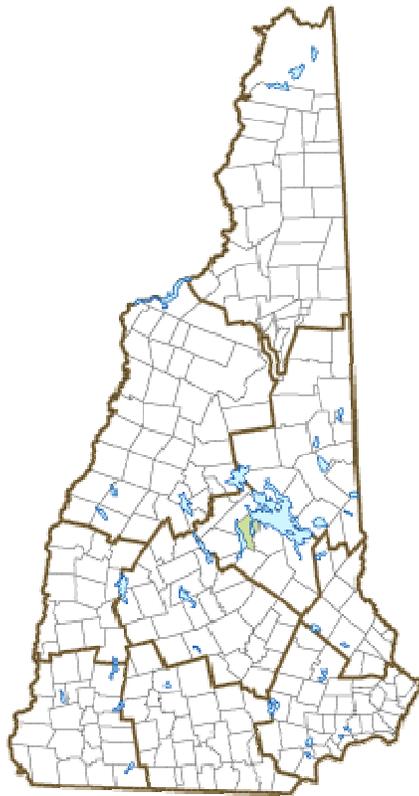


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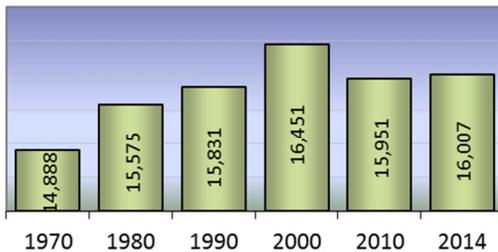
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Web Site	www.city.laconia.nh.us
Municipal Office Hours	Monday through Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
County	Belknap
Labor Market Area	Laconia, NH Micropolitan NECTA
Tourism Region	Lakes
Planning Commission	Lakes Region
Regional Development	Belknap County Economic Development Council
Election Districts	
US Congress	District 1 (All Wards)
Executive Council	District 1 (All Wards)
State Senate	District 7 (All Wards)
State Representative	Belknap County Districts 3, 9 (All Wards)

Incorporated: 1855

Origin: The name Laconia was first used in documents granting the land between the Merrimack and Sagadahock Rivers to Captain John Mason and Sir Ferdinando Gorges. Some documents call the grant the Province of Maine, others call it the Province of Laconia, named after a region of Greece. In the 1620s explorers had hoped to follow the Piscataqua River north to Lake Champlain, in search of the great lakes and rivers of Canada told of in Indian lore. These explorers were known as the Laconia Adventurers. The town was originally a portion of Meredith and Gilford named Meredith Bridge, and was incorporated as Laconia in 1855. Incorporated as a city in 1893, Laconia includes Weirs Beach, which bears the name of primitive fishing devices discovered at the outlet of Lake Winnepesaukee.

Villages and Place Names: Lakeport, Weirs Beach

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 1,806 residents in 1860



Population Trends: Population change for Laconia totaled 719 over 54 years, from 15,288 in 1960 to 16,007 in 2014. The largest decennial percent change was a five percent increase between 1970 and 1980. The 2014 Census estimate for Laconia was 16,007 residents, which ranked 15th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2014 (US Census Bureau): 796.8 persons per square mile of land area. Laconia contains 20.1 square miles of land area and 6.0 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Manager & Council
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2014-2015	\$22,851,615
Budget: School Appropriations, 2014-2015	\$17,566,075
Zoning Ordinance	1948/07
Master Plan	2007
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	City Planner

Boards and Commissions

Elected:	City Council
Appointed:	Please visit www.city.laonia.nh.us for a list of boards & committees to which citizens may be appointed.

Public Library **Laconia Public**

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Municipal
Emergency Medical Service	Municipal
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance Staffed Beds
Lakes Region General, Laconia	Local 88

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier	Eversource Energy; NH Electric Coop
Natural Gas Supplier	Liberty Utilities
Water Supplier	Laconia Water Works
Sanitation	Municipal
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	Yes
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	Municipal
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Mandatory
Telephone Company	Fairpoint
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes
Public Access Television Station	Yes
High Speed Internet Service:	Business Residential
	Yes Yes

PROPERTY TAXES *(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)*

2015 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$22.20
2015 Equalization Ratio	97.2
2015 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$20.99
2015 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	83.0%
Commercial Land and Buildings	15.4%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	1.6%

HOUSING *(ACS 2010-2014)*

Total Housing Units	9,861
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	5,433
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	1,968
Five or More Units in Structure	1,988
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	472

DEMOGRAPHICS *(US Census Bureau)*

Total Population	Community	County
2014	16,007	60,252
2010	15,951	60,088
2000	16,451	56,576
1990	15,831	49,294
1980	15,575	42,884
1970	14,888	32,367

Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2010-2014

Population by Gender			
Male	7,433	Female	8,574
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			821
Age 5 to 19			2,738
Age 20 to 34			2,647
Age 35 to 54			4,484
Age 55 to 64			2,476
Age 65 and over			2,841
Median Age			45.5 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher			88.1%
Bachelor's degree or higher			24.7%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ *(ACS 2010-2014)*

Per capita income	\$28,702
Median family income	\$61,694
Median household income	\$49,925
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	\$47,336
Female	\$34,357
Individuals below the poverty level	15.9%

LABOR FORCE *(NHES – ELMI)*

Annual Average	2005	2015
Civilian labor force	8,267	7,946
Employed	7,969	7,592
Unemployed	298	354
Unemployment rate	3.6%	4.5%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES *(NHES – ELMI)*

Annual Average Covered Employment	2004	2014
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	2,515	1,776
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 786	\$ 957
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	6,647	6,280
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 599	\$ 830
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	9,162	8,056
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 651	\$ 858
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	1,532	1,271
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 763	\$ 830
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	10,694	9,327
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 667	\$ 854

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Laconia operates grades K-12** District: **SAU 30**
 Career Technology Center(s): **J. Oliva Huot Technical Center (Laconia); Winnisquam Agricultural Programs** Region: **8**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	3	1	1	3
Grade Levels	P K 1-5	6-8	9-12	P K 1-12
Total Enrollment	977	428	586	203

Nearest Community College: **Lakes Region**
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Plymouth State University**

2016 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **11** Total Capacity: **664**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Aavid Engineering Corp.	Semiconductor heat sinks	620	1966
NH Ball Bearings, Inc.	Spherical bearings	478	1968
Taylor Community	Nonprofit continuing care retirement community	140	
Lewis & Sanders, Inc.	Metal tubular assemblies	130	1956
Wilcom Products, Inc	Telecommunications test equipment	85	
Baron Machine Co., Inc.	Machine parts, heat treating	70	1957
Lakes Region General Hospital	Medical care services		

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)

Road Access	US Routes	3
	State Routes	106, 107, 11, 11A, 11B
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-93, Exit 20
	Distance	8 miles
Railroad		State owned line
Public Transportation		WTS
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	50 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		4
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		45 miles
Portland, Maine		85 miles
Boston, Mass.		95 miles
New York City, NY		294 miles
Montreal, Quebec		235 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2010-2014)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	85.5%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	8.2%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	2.2%
Other means	2.1%
Worked at home	1.8%
Mean Travel Time to Work	22.1 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2010-2014

Working in community of residence	43.0
Commuting to another NH community	56.3
Commuting out-of-state	.7

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

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

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

Other: **Mount Washington Cruises; Weirs Beach; Scenic Railroad; Prescott Farm Audubon Center; Laconia Motorcycle Week; Multicultural Day; Pumpkin Festival; NH Coffee Festival**