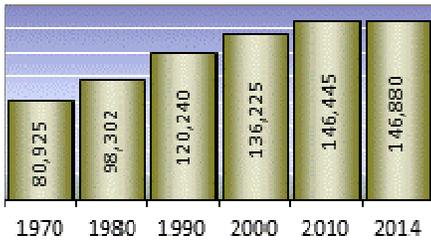
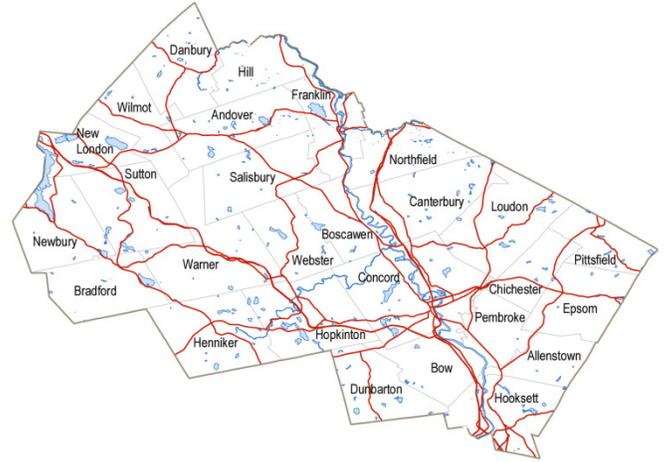


Merrimack County

Nestled in the south central portion of the state, equidistant from both the Maine and Vermont borders, Merrimack County is one of two counties that has no interstate borders; Belknap is the other. It is the location of Concord, the state capitol, which is tucked into a bend in the Merrimack River. The county takes its name from the Merrimack River, whose name was adapted from an Abnaki Indian word meaning "deep." The county was formed in 1823 from towns in Hillsborough and Rockingham counties.

Merrimack County contains 934.1 square miles of land area and 22.3 square miles of inland water area. Based on the 2010 Census population, the population density is 156.8 persons per square mile. Merrimack County includes two cities, Concord and Franklin, and 25 towns. The county seat is Concord.



Population Trends:

Merrimack County has long been the third largest county in population, and is about equal in square miles of land to Carroll County. It is, however, the fourth most densely populated county, with less than half the population density of Strafford County, the third highest. Population in Merrimack County increased at about the same rate for three consecutive decades from 1960 to 1990, with population growth rates of 19.4 percent, 21.5 percent, and 22.3 percent. Since then the rate of growth has slowed, increasing by 13.3 percent between 1990 and 2000, and 7.5 percent through 2010.

| Population | | (US Census Bureau) | | |
|------------|---------|--------------------|---------|--------|
| 2014 | 2010 | 2000 | 1990 | 1980 |
| 146,880 | 146,445 | 136,225 | 120,240 | 98,302 |

| Demographics | | | (2010-2014 5-Year Average, ACS) | |
|--------------------|--------|--------|---------------------------------|--|
| By Gender: | Male | Female | | |
| Total | 72,226 | 74,654 | | |
| 18 years and over | 56,638 | 59,716 | | |
| 65 years and over | 9,461 | 12,200 | | |
| Median Age (years) | 41.2 | 43.2 | | |
| By Age Group: | | | | |
| Under age 5 | 7,214 | | | |
| Age 5 to 19 | 27,836 | | | |
| Age 20 to 34 | 25,659 | | | |
| Age 35 to 54 | 42,836 | | | |
| Age 55 to 64 | 21,674 | | | |
| Age 65 and over | 21,661 | | | |
| Median Age (years) | 42.2 | | | |

| Labor Force | | (NHES-ELMI) | |
|----------------------|--------|-------------|--|
| Annual Average | 2004 | 2014 | |
| Civilian Labor Force | 77,130 | 81,160 | |
| Employed | 74,700 | 78,070 | |
| Unemployed | 2,430 | 3,090 | |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.2% | 3.8% | |

2014 Annual Average Unemployment Rate by Town

| | | | |
|------------|------|------------|------|
| Allenstown | 5.4% | Hooksett | 3.8% |
| Andover | 3.6% | Hopkinton | 2.8% |
| Boscawen | 4.2% | Loudon | 3.7% |
| Bow | 3.3% | New London | 4.2% |
| Bradford | 4.0% | Newbury | 3.2% |
| Canterbury | 2.8% | Northfield | 4.5% |
| Chichester | 3.6% | Pembroke | 4.1% |
| Concord | 3.8% | Pittsfield | 4.7% |
| Danbury | 4.0% | Salisbury | 3.6% |
| Dunbarton | 3.3% | Sutton | 2.9% |
| Epsom | 3.3% | Warner | 3.7% |
| Franklin | 5.0% | Webster | 3.0% |
| Henniker | 3.5% | Wilmot | 3.2% |
| Hill | 4.5% | | |

| Largest Businesses | Community | Product/Service | Employees |
|---|------------|--|-----------|
| State of New Hampshire | Concord | Government | 5,740 |
| Concord Hospital | Concord | Health care services | 3,324 |
| Steeplegate Mall | Concord | Retail stores | 1,200 |
| Concord School District | Concord | Education | 952 |
| GE Aviation | Hooksett | Jet engine parts | 800 |
| Southern NH University | Hooksett | Education | 700 |
| Lincoln Financial | Concord | Insurance services | 588 |
| Sanel Auto Parts | Concord | Auto parts distributor | 540 |
| New London Hospital | New London | Health care services | 520 |
| United Healthcare | Hooksett | Health insurance services | 500 |
| Merrimack Valley School District | Concord | Education | 500 |
| Market Basket | Concord | Supermarket | 470 |
| City of Concord | Concord | Government | 454 |
| Merrimack County Nursing Home & Jail | Boscawen | Nursing home, correctional facility | 450 |
| Genesis Healthcare | Concord | Retirement community & healthcare facilities | 411 |
| Henniker School District | Henniker | Education | 400 |
| Colby-Sawyer College | New London | Education | 350 |
| Webster Valve & Foundry | Franklin | Plumbing, heating controls | 340 |
| Associated Grocers of New England, Inc. | Pembroke | Wholesale distribution center | 325 |
| The Grappone Companies | Bow | New, used vehicle sales & service | 300 |
| Globe Manufacturing Co. | Pittsfield | Firefighters turnout clothing | 300 |
| Pitco/MagiKitch'n | Bow | Commercial cooking equipment | 280 |
| SAU 18 | Franklin | School administrative unit | 260 |
| LRGHealthcare | Franklin | Health care services | 256 |
| NH Motor Speedway | Loudon | NASCAR auto, motorcycle race track | 250 |
| Cigna Health Care | Hooksett | Health Insurance services | 249 |
| Shaw's Supermarket | Hooksett | Supermarket | 249 |
| Target | Hooksett | Retail store | 249 |
| Pembroke School District | Pembroke | Education | 235 |
| Yankee Book Peddler | Hopkinton | Wholesale book distributor | 220 |

Note: All employer information, including number of employees, was provided by the individual communities.

| Covered Employment & Wages | (NHES-ELMI) | |
|---|-------------|---------|
| Annual Average Covered Employment | 2004 | 2014 |
| Goods Producing Industries | | |
| Average Employment | 10,742 | 9,698 |
| Average Weekly Wage | \$845 | \$1,087 |
| Service Providing Industries | | |
| Average Employment | 45,773 | 49,103 |
| Average Weekly Wage | \$653 | \$842 |
| Total Private Industry | | |
| Average Employment | 56,515 | 58,800 |
| Average Weekly Wage | \$689 | \$882 |
| Government (Federal, State, and Local) | | |
| Average Employment | 15,866 | 16,083 |
| Average Weekly Wage | \$694 | \$929 |
| Total, Private Industry plus Government | | |
| Average Employment | 72,381 | 74,884 |
| Average Weekly Wage | \$691 | \$892 |

| Income | (2010-2014 5-Year Average, ACS) | |
|--|---------------------------------|----------|
| Per Capita Income | | \$31,579 |
| Median Family Income | | \$81,293 |
| Median Household Income | | \$65,226 |
| Median Earnings (Full-Time Year-Round) | Male | \$52,169 |
| | Female | \$43,175 |
| Individuals below poverty level | | 9.5% |

| Commuting to Work | (2010-2014 5-Year Average, ACS) |
|--|---------------------------------|
| Workers, 16 years and over | 74,850 |
| Car, truck or van: drove alone | 61,359 |
| Car, truck or van: carpooled | 5,598 |
| Public transportation (excluding taxi) | 279 |
| Walked | 2,158 |
| Other means | 1,020 |
| Worked at home | 4,436 |
| Mean travel time to work (minutes) | 26.0 |
| Percent of working residents: | |
| Working in county of residence | 65.2% |
| Commuting to some other NH county | 30.8% |
| Commuting out-of-state/country | 3.9% |

| Transportation | | |
|---|--|---|
| Road Access | US Routes | 3; 4; 202 |
| | State Routes | 3A; 4A; 9; 11; 13; 28; 28 Bypass; 103; 103A; 103B; 106; 107; 114; 127; 129; 132 |
| Nearest Interstates | I-89, Exits 1-12A; I-93, Exits 9-13, 15-20, 23; I-393, Exits 3 | |
| Nearest Airports with Scheduled Service | Passenger Airlines | |
| Lebanon Municipal | 1 | |
| Manchester-Boston Regional | 4 | |

| Educational Attainment (2010-2014 5-Year Average, ACS) | |
|---|---------|
| Population, Age 25 and Over | 102,489 |
| Less than 9th grade | 1,943 |
| 9th to 12th grade, no diploma | 5,841 |
| High school graduate (includes equivalency) | 29,924 |
| Some college, no degree | 19,874 |
| Associate's degree | 10,380 |
| Bachelor's degree | 21,524 |
| Graduate or professional degree | 13,003 |
| Percent high school graduates or higher | 92.4% |
| Percent bachelor's degree or higher | 33.7% |

Educational and Child Care Facilities

- School Districts in Merrimack County municipalities:*
- Allenstown (Grades K-8)
 - Andover (Grades K-8)
 - Bow (Grades K-12)
 - Chichester (Grades K-8)
 - Concord (Grades K-12)
 - Dunbarton (Grades K-6)
 - Epsom (Grades K-8)
 - Franklin (Grades K-12)
 - Henniker (Grades K-8)
 - Hill (Grades K-6)
 - Hooksett (Grades K-8)
 - Hopkinton (Grades K-12)
 - John Stark Regional – Henniker (Grades 9-12)
 - Pembroke (Grades K-12)
 - Pittsfield (Grades K-12)
 - Kearsarge Regional – Bradford, New London, Newbury, Sutton, Warner, Wilmot (Grades K-12)
 - Merrimack Valley Regional – Andover, Boscawen, Loudon, Penacook, Salisbury, Webster (Grades K-12)
 - Newfound Area – Danbury (Grades K-12)
 - Shaker Regional – Canterbury, (Grades K-12)
 - Winnisquam Regional – Northfield (Grades K-12)

Nearest Career Technology Centers:
 Concord Regional Technology Center
 J. Oliva Huot Technical Center (Laconia)
 Manchester School of Technology
 Plymouth Applied Technology Center
 Winnisquam Agricultural Programs (Tilton)

Nearest Community Colleges: NH Technical Institute (Concord); Manchester; Lakes Region (Laconia); River Valley (Claremont)

Nearest Colleges/Universities:
 Colby-Sawyer College (New London); University of NH School of Law (Concord); Franklin Pierce University (Rindge); Northeast Catholic College (Warner); New England College (Henniker); Mount Washington College (Manchester); Saint Anselm College (Manchester); Southern NH University (Manchester); University of NH-Manchester; Plymouth State University; University of NH (Durham)

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2015
(NH Bureau of Child Care Licensing)
 Total Facilities: 116 Total Capacity: 6,420

| Nearest Hospitals (NH Hospital Assoc.) | | Staffed Beds |
|---|--|--------------|
| Catholic Medical Center, Manchester | | 240 |
| Concord Hospital | | 237 |
| Elliot Hospital, Manchester | | 296 |
| Franklin Regional | | 35 |
| New London Hospital | | 25 |

| Housing (2010-2014 5-Year Average, ACS) | |
|--|--------|
| Total Housing Units | 63,589 |
| Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached | 44,437 |
| Units in Multiple-Family Structures: | |
| Two to Four Units in Structure | 6,756 |
| Five or More Units in Structure | 8,503 |
| Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units | 3,893 |

Northern New England Real Estate Network Statistics*
 YTD 2015 Median Sale Price, Residential \$215,000

NHHFA Residential Rental Cost Survey**
 2015 Median Monthly Gross Rent, 2 Bedroom \$1,113

| Property Tax Rates, 2014 (NH Dept. of Revenue Admin.) | | | |
|--|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Town | Total Tax Rate/\$1000 | Equalization Ratio | Full Value Rate/\$1000 |
| Allenstown | \$33.78 | 95.8 | \$32.37 |
| Andover | \$20.38 | 100.2 | \$20.87 |
| Boscawen | \$28.55 | 99.3 | \$28.10 |
| Bow | \$29.51 | 96.3 | \$27.75 |
| Bradford | \$23.27 | 109.5 | \$25.53 |
| Canterbury | \$27.05 | 103.6 | \$27.76 |
| Chichester | \$26.80 | 98.2 | \$26.18 |
| Concord | \$26.81 | 97.5 | \$26.02 |
| Danbury | \$23.00 | 94.2 | \$21.63 |
| Dunbarton | \$21.14 | 102.0 | \$22.45 |
| Epsom | \$22.26 | 105.9 | \$23.46 |
| Franklin | \$24.95 | 100.0 | \$23.98 |
| Henniker | \$30.68 | 102.1 | \$30.94 |
| Hill | \$23.04 | 106.2 | \$25.41 |
| Hooksett | \$24.83 | 90.2 | \$22.20 |
| Hopkinton | \$32.56 | 94.8 | \$31.04 |
| Loudon | \$20.81 | 103.5 | \$21.41 |
| New London | \$15.31 | 98.4 | \$15.04 |
| Newbury | \$15.49 | 90.6 | \$14.00 |
| Northfield | \$25.61 | 98.2 | \$25.10 |
| Pembroke | \$29.70 | 98.6 | \$29.82 |
| Pittsfield | \$29.13 | 110.9 | \$32.04 |
| Salisbury | \$23.30 | 100.3 | \$23.54 |
| Sutton | \$24.19 | 101.4 | \$24.44 |
| Warner | \$26.86 | 106.4 | \$28.56 |
| Webster | \$22.69 | 104.4 | \$24.99 |
| Wilmot | \$20.92 | 96.0 | \$20.07 |

| 2014 Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type, County Totals | |
|--|-------|
| Residential Land and Buildings | 75.1% |
| Commercial Land and Buildings | 20.1% |
| Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other | 4.8% |

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| Town of Andover | PO Box 61 Andover NH | 03216 | P: 735-5332 F: 735-6975 | tadmin@andover-nh.gov http://andover.nh.us | MW 9-2, TTh 1:30-6:30 |
| Boscawen Municipal Office | 116 N. Main St Boscawen NH | 03303 | P: 753-9188 F: 753-9183 | ahardy@townofboscawen.org www.townofboscawen.org | Slctmn: W 4:30-6; Twn Admin/TC/TC: MTWF 8:30-11 & 12-4:30, Th 8:30-11 & 12-5:30 |
| Town of Bow | 10 Grandview Rd Bow NH | 03304 | P: 228-1187 F: 224-6680 | admin@bow-nh.gov www.bow-nh.com | M-F 7:30-4 |
| Town of Bradford | PO Box 436 Bradford NH | 03221-0436 | P: 938-5900 F: 938-5694 | administrator@bradfordnh.org www.bradfordnh.org | Town Admin.: M-Th 8-12 & 1-4, F 8-12; TC/TC: M 12-7, T 7-11:30 & 12:30-5, F 8-11:30 & 12:30-5, 2 nd & 4 th Sat 9-12 |
| Town of Canterbury | PO Box 500 Canterbury NH | 03224 | P: 783-9955 F: 783-0501 | jstout@canterbury-nh.org www.canterbury-nh.org | Selectmen: MWF 9-1; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: M 9-3, T 12-7, Th 3-7 |
| Chichester Board of Selectmen | 54 Main Street Chichester NH | 03258 | P: 798-5350 F: 798-3170 | selectmen@chichester-nh.org www.chichester-nh.org | M 8:30-4, T 8:30-2 & 4-7, WTh 8:30-2 |
| Concord Community Development Dept. | 41 Green Street, City Hall Concord NH | 03301 | P: 225-8595 F: 228-2701 | communitydevelopment@concordnh.gov www.concordnh.gov | MTWF 8-4:30, Th 8-6 |
| Danbury Board of Selectmen | 23 High Street Danbury NH | 03230 | P: 768-3313 F: 768-3313 | danbury_selectmen@comcast.net www.townofdanburynh.com | Selectmen: MTTh 8-4, W 12:30-6; TC/TC: M 1-5, T1-7, W 11-5, Th 9-1, 3 rd Sat 9-12 |
| Town of Dunbarton | 1011 School St Dunbarton NH | 03046 | P: 774-3541 F: 774-5541 | townadministrator@dunbartonnh.org www.dunbartonnh.org | Town Office: M-F 8-4; TClerk: MW 7:30-3:30, TTh 11-7; Tax Collector: TTh 4:30-7 |
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| City of Franklin | 316 Central St, City Hall Franklin NH | 03235 | P: 934-3900 F: 934-7413 | citymgr@franklinnh.org www.franklinnh.org | M-F 8-5 |
| Henniker Board of Selectmen | 18 Depot Hill Rd Henniker NH | 03242 | P: 428-3221 F: 428-4366 | townadministrator@henniker.org www.henniker.org | M-F 8-4:30; Town Clerk: M 8-5:30, T 8-12, WF 8-4:30, last Sat 10-12 |
| Town of Hill | 30 Crescent St, Suite 1 Hill NH | 03243 | P: 934-1094 F: 934-2011 | hillselectmen@comcast.net www.townofhillnh.org | Selectmen: T 1-6, Th 9-3; Twn Clerk: T 6-8:30, ThF 9-5 |
| Town of Hooksett | 35 Main St Hooksett NH | 03106-1397 | P: 485-8472 F: 485-4423 | dshankle@hooksett.org www.hooksett.org | M-F 8-4:30; Tax Collector: M-F 8-4:30, 2 nd and 4 th Wed until 6 |
| Town of Hopkinton | 330 Main St Hopkinton NH | 03229 | P: 746-3170 F: 746-2952 | selectmen@hopkinton-nh.gov www.hopkinton-nh.gov | All Offices: M-Th 8-5:30, F 8-12 |
| Town of Loudon | PO Box 7837 Loudon NH | 03307 | P: 798-4542 F: 798-3539 | townclerk@loudonnh.org www.loudonnh.org | Selectmen's Office: M-Th 8-4, T 6-9; T Clerk: M 8-2, T 3-8:45, WTh 9-4; Tx Collector: T 3-9, WTh 9-4 |
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| Town of Newbury | PO Box 296 Newbury NH | 03255 | P: 763-4940 F: 763-5298 | townadmin@newburynh.org www.newburynh.org/ | Selectmen: MTThF 8-12; Town Clerk: M 1-7, T-F 8-4 |
| Town of Northfield | 21 Summer St Northfield NH | 03276 | P: 286-7039 F: 286-3328 | gsmith@northfieldnh.org www.northfieldnh.org | Selectmen: M-F 8:30-5; TC/TC: MThF 8:30-5, T 8:30-7, W 8:30-12:30 |
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| Pittsfield Town Office | 85 Main Street Pittsfield NH | 03263 | P: 435-6773 F: 435-7922 | admin@pittsfieldnh.gov www.pittsfieldnh.gov | M 11-7, T-F 8-4 |
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| Sutton Board of Selectmen | 93 Main Street Sutton Mills NH | 03221 | P: 927-4416 F: 927-4631 | townofsutton@mcttelecom.com www.sutton-nh.gov | Slctmn: MWF 8-4:30; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: TW 8-6, Th 8-3, Sat 9-12 |
| Town of Warner | PO Box 265 Warner NH | 03278-0265 | P: 456-2298 F: 456-2297 | selectboard@warner.nh.us www.warner.nh.us | Selectmen/Town Clerk: MWTh 8-3, T 8-6 |
| Webster Board of Selectmen | 945 Battle Street Webster NH | 03303 | P: 648-2272 F: 648-6055 | lpalmer@webster-nh.gov www.webster-nh.gov | Admin: MWF 9-12 & 1-4; TClerk: M 8-12, and 4-8, W 9-12 & 1-4, last F 8-12; Tax Collector: M 6-8, or by appointment |
| Wilmot Board of Selectmen | PO Box 72 Wilmot NH | 03287 | P: 526-4802 F: 526-2523 | townofwilmot@comcast.net www.wilmotnh.org | Selectmen: M-F 9-12; TClerk/Tax Collector: TTh 9-4, W 12-7, last Sat 8-12 |

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