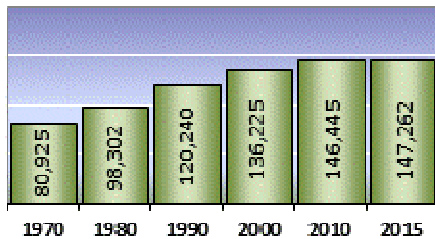


Merrimack County

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)			
Year	Population	Year	Population	Year	Population
2015	147,262	2010	146,445	2000	136,225
				1990	120,240
				1980	98,302

Demographics			(2011-2015 5-Year Average, ACS)	
By Gender:		Male	Female	
Total		72,470	74,792	
18 years and over		57,095	60,197	
65 years and over		9,929	12,688	
Median Age (years)		41.4	43.7	
By Age Group:				
	Under age 5		7,108	
	Age 5 to 19		27,395	
	Age 20 to 34		26,079	
	Age 35 to 54		41,831	
	Age 55 to 64		22,232	
	Age 65 and over		22,617	
	Median Age (years)		42.6	

Labor Force		(NHES-ELMI)	
Year	Population	Year	Population
2015	147,262	2015	80,710
2010	146,445	2015	78,190
2005	136,225	2015	2,520
2005	120,240	2015	3.1%
1990	120,240	2015	3.1%

2015 Annual Average Unemployment Rate by Town

Allenstown	4.3%	Hooksett	3.0%
Andover	2.9%	Hopkinton	2.5%
Boscawen	3.6%	Loudon	3.1%
Bow	2.9%	New London	3.5%
Bradford	2.9%	Newbury	2.7%
Canterbury	2.5%	Northfield	3.8%
Chichester	2.9%	Pembroke	3.1%
Concord	3.1%	Pittsfield	3.9%
Danbury	3.7%	Salisbury	3.0%
Dunbarton	2.5%	Sutton	2.3%
Epsom	3.0%	Warner	2.8%
Franklin	4.0%	Webster	2.6%
Henniker	2.8%	Wilmot	2.9%
Hill	3.8%		

Largest Businesses	Community	Product/Service	Employees
State of New Hampshire	Concord	Government	6,054
Capital Region Health Care	Concord	Health care services	3,230
Concord School District	Concord	Education	994
GE Aviation	Hooksett	Jet engine parts	800
Southern NH University	Hooksett	Education	700
Pats Peak	Henniker	Ski area	622
Lincoln Financial	Concord	Insurance services	593
Sanel Auto Parts	Concord	Auto parts distributor	540
New London Hospital	New London	Health care services	520
United Healthcare	Hooksett	Health insurance services	500
City of Concord	Concord	Government	496
Merrimack County Nursing Home & Jail	Boscawen	Nursing home, correctional facility	450
Genesis Healthcare	Concord	Retirement community & healthcare facilities	410
Market Basket	Concord	Supermarket	410
Henniker School District	Henniker	Education	400
Concord Regional Visiting Nurses Association	Concord	Health care services	392
Merrimack Valley School District	Concord	Education	372
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

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

Covered Employment & Wages	(NHES-ELMI)	
Annual Average Covered Employment	2005	2015
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	11,012	9,801
Average Weekly Wage	\$862	\$1,114
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	45,967	49,762
Average Weekly Wage	\$674	\$880
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	56,979	59,563
Average Weekly Wage	\$711	\$919
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	15,985	16,107
Average Weekly Wage	\$708	\$968
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	72,963	75,670
Average Weekly Wage	\$710	\$929

Income	(2011-2015 5-Year Average, ACS)	
Per Capita Income		\$32,020
Median Family Income		\$81,950
Median Household Income		\$65,983
Median Earnings (Full-Time Year-Round)	Male	\$53,052
	Female	\$43,406
Individuals below poverty level		9.1%

Commuting to Work	(2011-2015 5-Year Average, ACS)
Workers, 16 years and over	75,237
Car, truck or van: drove alone	61,039
Car, truck or van: carpooled	5,774
Public transportation (excluding taxi)	249
Walked	2,028
Other means	990
Worked at home	5,157
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	26.1
Percent of working residents:	
Working in county of residence	66.0%
Commuting to some other NH county	30.1%
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 (2011-2015 5-Year Average, ACS)	
Population, Age 25 and Over	103,146
Less than 9th grade	1,789
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	5,614
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	29,253
Some college, no degree	19,808
Associate's degree	11,211
Bachelor's degree	22,168
Graduate or professional degree	13,303
Percent high school graduates or higher	92.8%
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	34.4%

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, Boscowen, 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); Saint Anselm College (Manchester); Southern NH University (Manchester); University of NH (Manchester); Plymouth State University; University of NH (Durham)

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2016
 (NH Bureau of Child Care Licensing)

Total Facilities:	118	Total Capacity:	6,309
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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 (2011-2015 5-Year Average, ACS)	
Total Housing Units	63,653
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	44,638
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	6,610
Five or More Units in Structure	8,475
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	3,930

Northern New England Real Estate Network Statistics*
 YTD 2016 Median Sale Price, Residential \$210,000

NHHFA Residential Rental Cost Survey**
 2016 Median Monthly Gross Rent, 2 Bedroom \$1,120

Property Tax Rates, 2015 (NH Dept. of Revenue Admin.)			
Town	Total Tax Rate/\$1000	Equalization Ratio	Full Value Rate/\$1000
Allenstown	\$32.83	93.6	\$30.75
Andover	\$19.88	100.5	\$20.45
Boscowen	\$29.40	99.8	\$29.06
Bow	\$28.54	93.6	\$26.15
Bradford	\$26.96	99.4	\$27.24
Canterbury	\$26.56	96.4	\$25.40
Chichester	\$26.37	94.1	\$24.68
Concord	\$27.34	97.0	\$24.69
Danbury	\$23.00	100.3	\$22.95
Dunbarton	\$23.59	95.8	\$23.55
Epsom	\$23.82	99.8	\$23.86
Franklin	\$25.03	98.2	\$23.70
Henniker	\$31.47	99.7	\$31.12
Hill	\$25.95	98.4	\$26.91
Hooksett	\$24.72	83.9	\$20.50
Hopkinton	\$33.62	97.2	\$32.82
Loudon	\$20.67	99.8	\$20.51
New London	\$15.45	94.7	\$14.61
Newbury	\$16.28	97.2	\$15.78
Northfield	\$25.02	97.7	\$24.36
Pembroke	\$28.94	96.3	\$27.87
Pittsfield	\$30.28	101.5	\$31.77
Salisbury	\$24.23	92.3	\$22.73
Sutton	\$26.98	99.1	\$26.63
Warner	\$26.64	103.3	\$27.63
Webster	\$24.08	97.1	\$25.03
Wilmot	\$23.68	94.4	\$22.54

2015 Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type, County Totals

Residential Land and Buildings	74.7%
Commercial Land and Buildings	20.1%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	5.2%

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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	MWTh 9-2, T 1:30-6:30
Boscawen Municipal Office	116 N. Main St Boscawen NH	03303	P: 753-9188 F: 753-9184	ahardy@townofboscawen.org www.townofboscawen.org	Slctmn: W 4:30-6; TC/TC: MTWF 8:30-4:30, Th 8:30-5:30; Plan & Com Dev Office: M-F 8:30-4:30, closed Daily 12-1
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: W 12-6, ThF 8-12, 1-4, 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 11:30-5:30; TC/TC: M 12-6, T 12-7, W 11-6, Th 9-3, 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
Town of Epsom	PO Box 10 Epsom NH	03234-0010	P: 736-9002 F: 736-8539	epsomtwn@metrocast.net www.epsomnh.org	M 8-1 & 4:30-6:30, T 10-3; ThF 8-3, 2 nd and last Sat 8-12
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; Twn Clerk: M 8-5:30, TWF 8-4:30, 2 nd & 4 th Sat 10-12, except holiday wkends
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 5-7:30, 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
Town of New London	375 Main Street New London NH	03257	P: 526-4821 F: 526-9494	townadmin@nl-nh.com www.nl-nh.com/	Selectmen Office: M-F 8-4; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: M-F 8-12:30, 1:30-4, last Sat 8-1
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
Town of Pembroke	311 Pembroke St Pembroke NH	03275	P: 485-4747 F: 485-3967	Townhall@Pembroke-NH.com www.pembroke-nh.com/	M-F 8-4:30; Town Clerk: also Th 5-7
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
Town of Salisbury	PO Box 2 Salisbury NH	03268	P: 648-6322 F: 648-6658	tclerksalisbury@gmail.com www.salisburynh.org	Slctmn's Office: TWTh 9-1, 4 th T 6:30-8:30; TC: M 9-1, T 4:30-8:30; TC: T 6-8:30, W 9-12; Bldg Insp: T 6:30-8:30
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Town of Warner	5 E Main Street, 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's Office/TC/TC: T 11-7, WTh 9-4, last Sat 9-12

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