

Ashland, NH



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County
 Labor Market Area
 Tourism Region
 Planning Commission
 Regional Development

Grafton
Plymouth, NH LMA
Lakes
Lakes Region
Grafton County Economic Development Council

Election Districts

US Congress
 Executive Council
 State Senate
 State Representative

District 2
District 1
District 2
Grafton County Districts 9, 17

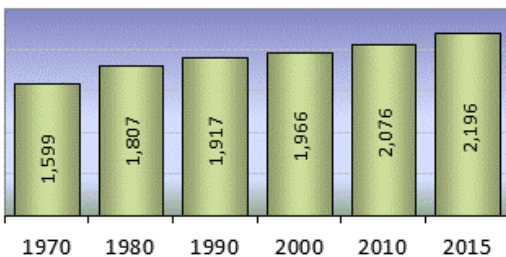
Incorporated: 1868

Origin: Once the southwest portion of Holderness known as the village section, Ashland was not incorporated until 1868. The name Ashland was in honor of the birthplace and Kentucky estate of Henry Clay, Secretary of State and Senator from Kentucky. The name was suggested by Colonel Thomas Cheney, who had been assistant Sargent-at-Arms in Congress during Clay's service in Washington, and an active participant in the formation of the Republican party in New Hampshire. The geographic center of New Hampshire is located three miles east of Ashland.

Villages and Place Names: unknown

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 885 residents in 1870

Population Trends: Population change for Ashland totaled 723 over 55 years, from 1,473 in 1960 to 2,196 in 2015. The largest decennial percent change was a 13 percent increase between 1970 and 1980, the only decade that population increased over ten percent. The 2015 Census estimate for Ashland was 2,196 residents, which ranked 133rd among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Grafton County

Population Density and Land Area, 2015 (US Census Bureau): 194.0 persons per square mile of land area. Ashland contains 11.3 square miles of land area and 0.5 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2016	\$6,397,175
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Zoning Ordinance	1985/10
Master Plan	2014
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions
 Elected: **Selectmen; Budget**
 Appointed: **Planning; Conservation; Zoning**

Public Library **Ashland Town**

EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department		Full-time	
Fire Department		On-Call	
Emergency Medical Service		On-Call	
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds	
Speare Memorial, Plymouth	7 miles	25	

UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier		Ashland Electric	
Natural Gas Supplier		None	
Water Supplier		Ashland Water Department	
Sanitation		Municipal	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant		Yes	
Solid Waste Disposal		None	
Curbside Trash Pickup		None	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program		No	
Recycling Program		Mandatory	
Telephone Company		BayRing; Fairpoint	
Cellular Telephone Access		Yes	
Cable Television Access		Yes	
Public Access Television Station		Yes	
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)	\$24.97		
2015 Equalization Ratio	100.1		
2015 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$24.72		
2015 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings	82.3%		
Commercial Land and Buildings	15.5%		
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	2.2%		

HOUSING		<i>(ACS 2011-2015)</i>	
Total Housing Units	1,472		
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	852		
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure	287		
Five or More Units in Structure	228		
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	105		

DEMOGRAPHICS			<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>	
Total Population	Community	County		
2015	2,196	89,341		
2010	2,076	89,118		
2000	1,966	81,826		
1990	1,917	74,998		
1980	1,807	65,806		
1970	1,599	54,914		

Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2011-2015

Population by Gender			
Male	1,006	Female	1,190

Population by Age Group	
Under age 5	144
Age 5 to 19	276
Age 20 to 34	594
Age 35 to 54	393
Age 55 to 64	324
Age 65 and over	465
Median Age	39.7 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over	
High school graduate or higher	93.3%
Bachelor's degree or higher	30.9%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		<i>(ACS 2011-2015)</i>	
Per capita income		\$22,620	
Median family income		\$52,106	
Median household income		\$45,938	

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers, 16 years and over	
Male	\$37,695
Female	\$27,130

Individuals below the poverty level	13.8%
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LABOR FORCE				<i>(NHES – ELMI)</i>	
Annual Average		2005	2015		
Civilian labor force	1,079	1,149			
Employed	1,051	1,099			
Unemployed	28	50			
Unemployment rate	2.6%	4.4%			

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES				<i>(NHES – ELMI)</i>	
Annual Average Covered Employment		2005	2015		
Goods Producing Industries					
Average Employment	129	341			
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 549	\$ 703			
Service Providing Industries					
Average Employment	486	474			
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 473	\$ 722			
Total Private Industry					
Average Employment	615	816			
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 489	\$ 714			
Government (Federal, State, and Local)					
Average Employment	89	84			
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 577	\$ 719			
Total, Private Industry plus Government					
Average Employment	704	900			
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 500	\$ 715			

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Ashland operates grades K-8; grades 9-12 are part of Pemi-Baker Cooperative (Ashland, Campton, Holderness, Plymouth, Rumney, Thornton, Wentworth)** District: **SAU**

Career Technology Center(s): **Plymouth Applied Technology Center** Region: **5**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	K 1-8			
Total Enrollment	145			

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: **0** Total Capacity: **0**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Rochester Shoe Tree Co., Inc.	Shoe trees	90	1979
Freudenberg-NOK	Elastomeric seals & custom molded products	50	1949
Common Man	Restaurant	50	
Belletetes	Lumber sales	35	
Town of Ashland	Municipal services	21	

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)

Road Access	US Routes	3
	State Routes	132, 175
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-93, Exit 24
	Distance	Local access
Railroad		No
Public Transportation		No
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Plymouth Regional	Runway	2,380 ft. turf
Lighted? No	Navigation Aids?	No
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Lebanon Municipal	Distance	52 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		1
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		54 miles
Portland, Maine		89 miles
Boston, Mass.		106 miles
New York City, NY		302 miles
Montreal, Quebec		217 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2011-2015)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	87.1%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	1.9%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	9.3%
Other means	0.6%
Worked at home	1.2%
Mean Travel Time to Work	21.3 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2011-2015

Working in community of residence	22.0
Commuting to another NH community	76.1
Commuting out-of-state	1.9

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
X	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
	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
X	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Loon, Waterville, & Ragged Mountains
	Other: Little Squam Lake