

Conway, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

Town Hall: Monday to Friday, 8:30-4:30; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Monday to Friday, 8:30-4:30, closed 12:30-1:30 daily

County
Labor Market Area
Tourism Region
Planning Commission
Regional Development

Carroll
Conway, NH-ME LMA, NH part
White Mountains
North Country Council
Mount Washington Valley Economic Council

Election Districts

US Congress
Executive Council
State Senate
State Representative

District 1
District 1
District 3
Carroll County District 1

Incorporated: 1765

Origin: Conway was named for Henry Seymour Conway, ambitious son of a prominent English family, who was elected to the House of Commons at age twenty, fought at the Battle of Culloden in Scotland, and with Pitt and Rockingham supported the cause of the colonies. He was made Secretary of State in 1765, and the town was named Conway that same year. Early settlers had named this area near the Saco River Pequawket, the name of a local Abenaki tribe, known colloquially as Pigwacket. Conway boasts many natural features such as Cathedral Ledge, Echo Lake State Park, and Mount Cranmore.

Villages and Place Names: Center Conway, East Conway, North Conway, Intervale, Kearsarge, Quint, Redstone, South Conway

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 640 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Conway totaled 4,941 over 50 years, from 4,865 in 1970 to 9,806 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 47 percent increase from 1970 to 1980. The town's population decreased by three percent from 2010 to 2020. The 2022 Census estimate for Conway was 10,244 residents, which ranked 29th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau): 147.0 persons per square mile of land area. Conway contains 69.7 square miles of land area and 2.0 square miles of inland water area.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES			
Type of Government		Selectmen	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2023		\$14,144,404	
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Zoning Ordinance		1980/23	
Master Plan		2016	
Capital Improvement Plan		No	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By		Planning Board	
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	Selectmen; Planning; Library		
Appointed:	Zoning; Conservation		
Public Library	Conway Public; North Conway Public		
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department		Full-time	
Fire Department		Volunteer	
Emergency Medical Service		Municipal & volunteer	
Nearest Hospital(s)		Distance	Staffed Beds
Memorial Hospital, North Conway		Local	25
UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier		Eversource Energy; NH Electric Coop	
Natural Gas Supplier		None	
Water Supplier		N. Conway; Conway Village	
Sanitation		Municipal	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant		Yes	
Solid Waste Disposal			
Curbside Trash Pickup		Private	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program		No	
Recycling Program		Mandatory	
Telephone Company		Consolidated; Northland	
Cellular Telephone Access		Yes	
Cable Television Access		Yes	
Public Access Television Station		Yes	
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	unknown	
	Residential	unknown	
PROPERTY TAXES		(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2022 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$17.08	
2022 Equalization Ratio		59.7	
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$10.14	
2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		70.3%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		26.2%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		3.5%	
HOUSING		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Total Housing Units		6,735	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		4,117	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		669	
Five or More Units in Structure		1,271	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		678	

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population		Community	County
2022	10,244		52,199
2020	9,822		50,107
2010	10,115		47,818
2000	8,646		43,918
1990	7,973		35,526
1980	7,158		27,929
DEMOGRAPHICS		AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021	
Population by Gender			
Male	4,952	Female	4,918
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5		383	
Age 5 to 19		1,349	
Age 20 to 34		1,957	
Age 35 to 54		1,991	
Age 55 to 64		1,357	
Age 65 and over		2,833	
Median Age		46.3 years	
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over:		7,577	
High school graduate or higher		93.0%	
Bachelor's degree or higher		37.4%	
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Per capita income		\$35,855	
Median family income		\$79,012	
Median household income		\$58,371	
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male		\$40,798	
Female		\$42,775	
Individuals below the poverty level		13.4%	
LABOR FORCE		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average		2012	2022
Civilian labor force		5,682	5,254
Employed		5,398	5,135
Unemployed		284	119
Unemployment rate		5.0%	2.3%
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average Covered Employment		2012	2022
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment		972	855
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 751	\$ 957
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment		7,186	6,788
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 585	\$ 893
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment		8,158	7,643
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 605	\$ 900
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment		712	750
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 711	\$ 904
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment		8,870	8,392
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 614	\$ 900
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EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Conway operates grades K-12**
 Career Technology Center(s): **Mount Washington Valley CTC (Conway)**

District: **SAU 9**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	5	1	2	
Grade Levels	K 1-8	7-8	9-12	
Total Enrollment	781	235	706	

Nearest Community College: **White Mountains; Lakes Region**Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Plymouth State; St. Joseph's College of Maine; Bates College (ME)**

2022 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)

Total Facilities: **11** Total Capacity: **472**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Memorial Hospital	Health care services	350	
Conway School District	Education	274	
Hannaford Brothers	Supermarket	175	
Red Jacket Inn	Hotel	156	
Wal-Mart	Retail Store		
North Conway Grand Hotel	Hotel		

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (<i>distances estimated from city/town hall</i>)			
Road Access	US Routes		302
	State Routes		16, 112, 113, 153
Nearest Interstate, Exit			I-93, Exit 32 or 24
	Distance		39 miles; 49 miles
Railroad		Conway Scenic	
Public Transportation		No	
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation			
	Eastern Slopes, Fryeburg ME	Runway	4,200 ft. asphalt
	Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	Yes
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service			
	Portland (ME) International	Distance	54 miles
	Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		8
Driving distance to select cities:			
	Manchester, NH		97 miles
	Portland, Maine		57 miles
	Boston, Mass.		132 miles
	New York City, NY		304 miles
	Montreal, Quebec		221 miles
COMMUTING TO WORK (<i>ACS 2017-2021</i>)			
Workers 16 years and over			
	Drove alone, car/truck/van		76.0%
	Carpooled, car/truck/van		10.5%
	Public transportation		1.0%
	Walked		2.6%
	Other means		0.0%
	Worked at home		10.0%
Mean Travel Time to Work			20.9 minutes
Percent of Working Residents			
	Working in community of residence		66.9%
	Commuting to another NH community		22.6%
	Commuting out-of-state		10.5%

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
X	Golf Courses
X	Swimming: Indoor Facility
X	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
X	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
X	Museums
X	Cinemas
X	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
	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
X	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Cranmore, Attitash, Black Mtn., Bear Peak, Bretton Woods, King Pine, Shawnee Peak, Wildcat
	Other: Conway Scenic Railroad; Dahl Wildlife Sanctuary; Mount Washington Observatory, WMNF