

# Laconia, NH



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## Municipal Office Hours

**City Hall: Monday to Friday, 8:30-4:30**

County  
Labor Market Area  
Tourism Region  
Planning Commission  
Regional Development

**Belknap**  
**Laconia, NH Micropolitan NECTA**  
**Lakes**  
**Lakes Region**  
**Belknap County Economic Development Council**

## Election Districts

US Congress  
Executive Council  
State Senate  
State Representative

**District 1 (All Wards)**  
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**District 2 (All Wards)**  
**Belknap County Districts 5 (Ward 1, 3, 4-6), 6 (Ward 2)**

**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 1,992 over 50 years, from 14,888 in 1970 to 16,880 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a six percent increase from 2010 to 2020, the city's largest population increase since 1940 to 1950, when the population increased by nine percent. The 2022 Census estimate for Laconia was 17,086 residents, which ranked 15th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau):** 850.5 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.



<b>MUNICIPAL SERVICES</b>	
Type of Government	<b>Manager &amp; Council</b>
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2022-2023	<b>\$31,729,257</b>
Budget: School Appropriations, 2022-2023	<b>\$44,617,727</b>
Zoning Ordinance	<b>1948/11</b>
Master Plan	<b>2008</b>
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>Yes</b>
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>City Planner</b>

Boards and Commissions  
 Elected: **City Council**  
 Appointed: **Please visit [www.laconianh.gov](http://www.laconianh.gov) for a list of boards & committees to which citizens may be appointed.**

Public Library **Laconia Public**

<b>EMERGENCY SERVICES</b>	
Police Department	<b>Full-time</b>
Fire Department	<b>Municipal</b>
Emergency Medical Service	<b>Municipal</b>

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
<b>Concord Hospital - Laconia</b>	<b>Local</b>	<b>72</b>

<b>UTILITIES</b>	
Electric Supplier	<b>Eversource Energy; NH Electric Coop</b>
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>Liberty Utilities</b>
Water Supplier	<b>Laconia Water Works</b>

Sanitation	<b>Municipal</b>
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	<b>Yes</b>
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	<b>Municipal</b>
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	<b>No</b>
Recycling Program	<b>Mandatory</b>

Telephone Company	<b>Consolidated Communications</b>
Cellular Telephone Access	<b>Yes</b>
Cable Television Access	<b>Yes</b>
Public Access Television Station	<b>Yes</b>
High Speed Internet Service:	
Business	<b>Yes</b>
Residential	<b>Yes</b>

<b>PROPERTY TAXES</b> <i>(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</i>	
2022 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$14.85</b>
2022 Equalization Ratio	<b>84.5</b>
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$12.40</b>

2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>89.1%</b>
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>9.1%</b>
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>1.8%</b>

<b>HOUSING</b> <i>(ACS 2017-2021)</i>	
Total Housing Units	<b>9,836</b>
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	<b>5,726</b>
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	<b>1,664</b>
Five or More Units in Structure	<b>1,851</b>
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	<b>595</b>

<b>POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)</b>		<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>
Total Population	Community	County
2022	<b>17,086</b>	<b>64,781</b>
2020	<b>16,871</b>	<b>63,705</b>
2010	<b>15,951</b>	<b>60,088</b>
2000	<b>16,451</b>	<b>56,576</b>
1990	<b>15,831</b>	<b>49,294</b>
1980	<b>15,575</b>	<b>42,884</b>

<b>DEMOGRAPHICS</b> <i>AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021</i>		
Population by Gender		
Male	<b>8,447</b>	Female <b>8,339</b>

Population by Age Group	
Under age 5	<b>707</b>
Age 5 to 19	<b>2,919</b>
Age 20 to 34	<b>3,043</b>
Age 35 to 54	<b>3,838</b>
Age 55 to 64	<b>2,738</b>
Age 65 and over	<b>3,541</b>
Median Age	<b>43.1 years</b>

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over:	
High school graduate or higher	<b>91.1%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher	<b>27.4%</b>

<b>INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$</b> <i>(ACS 2017-2021)</i>	
Per capita income	<b>\$36,386</b>
Median family income	<b>\$83,459</b>
Median household income	<b>\$63,711</b>

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	<b>\$52,415</b>
Female	<b>\$41,548</b>

Individuals below the poverty level **10.3%**

<b>LABOR FORCE</b> <i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>		
Annual Average	2012	2022
Civilian labor force	<b>8,097</b>	<b>7,743</b>
Employed	<b>7,625</b>	<b>7,537</b>
Unemployed	<b>472</b>	<b>206</b>
Unemployment rate	<b>5.8%</b>	<b>2.7%</b>

<b>EMPLOYMENT &amp; WAGES</b> <i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2012	2022
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>1,661</b>	<b>1,705</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 934</b>	<b>\$1,225</b>
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>6,581</b>	<b>5,738</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 762</b>	<b>\$1,083</b>
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	<b>8,242</b>	<b>7,443</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 796</b>	<b>\$1,116</b>
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	<b>1,300</b>	<b>1,172</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 803</b>	<b>\$1,096</b>
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	<b>9,542</b>	<b>8,615</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 797</b>	<b>\$1,113</b>

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**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**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>
Grade Levels	<b>P K 1-5</b>	<b>6-8</b>	<b>9-12</b>	<b>P K 1-12</b>
Total Enrollment	<b>830</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>590</b>	<b>275</b>

Nearest Community College: **Lakes Region**  
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Plymouth State; UNH School of Law; Granite State College**

2022 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **11** Total Capacity: **745**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Aavid Engineering Corp.	Semiconductor heat sinks		1966
NH Ball Bearings, Inc.	Spherical bearings		1968
Lewis & Sanders, Inc.	Metal tubular assemblies		1956
Baron Machine Co., Inc.	Machine parts, heat treating		1957
Concord Hospital - Laconia	Medical care services		
Taylor Community	Nonprofit continuing care retirement community		

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)			
Road Access	US Routes		<b>3</b>
	State Routes	<b>106, 107, 11, 11A, 11B</b>	
Nearest Interstate, Exit		<b>I-93, Exit 20</b>	
	Distance	<b>8 miles</b>	
Railroad		<b>State owned line</b>	
Public Transportation		<b>WTS</b>	
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation			
<b>Laconia Municipal</b>	Runway	<b>5,286 ft. asphalt</b>	
Lighted? <b>Yes</b>	Navigation Aids?	<b>Yes</b>	
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service			
<b>Manchester-Boston Regional</b>	Distance	<b>50 miles</b>	
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		<b>4</b>	
Driving distance to select cities:			
Manchester, NH		<b>45 miles</b>	
Portland, Maine		<b>85 miles</b>	
Boston, Mass.		<b>95 miles</b>	
New York City, NY		<b>294 miles</b>	
Montreal, Quebec		<b>235 miles</b>	
COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2017-2021)			
Workers 16 years and over			
Drove alone, car/truck/van		<b>69.9%</b>	
Carpooled, car/truck/van		<b>16.6%</b>	
Public transportation		<b>0.3%</b>	
Walked		<b>5.3%</b>	
Other means		<b>1.8%</b>	
Worked at home		<b>6.1%</b>	
Mean Travel Time to Work		<b>18.8 minutes</b>	
Percent of Working Residents			
Working in community of residence		<b>46.8%</b>	
Commuting to another NH community		<b>51.8%</b>	
Commuting out-of-state		<b>1.4%</b>	

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS	
<b>X</b>	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
<b>X</b>	Boys Club/Girls Club
<b>X</b>	Golf Courses
<b>X</b>	Swimming: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Bowling Facilities
<b>X</b>	Museums
<b>X</b>	Cinemas
<b>X</b>	Performing Arts Facilities
<b>X</b>	Tourist Attractions
<b>X</b>	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Baseball
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Soccer
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Football
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Basketball
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Hockey
<b>X</b>	Campgrounds
<b>X</b>	Fishing/Hunting
<b>X</b>	Boating/Marinas
<b>X</b>	Snowmobile Trails
<b>X</b>	Bicycle Trails
<b>X</b>	Cross Country Skiing
<b>X</b>	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
<b>X</b>	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): <b>Gunstock</b>
	Other: <b>Mount Washington Cruises; Weirs Beach; Scenic Railroad; Prescott Farm Audubon Center; Laconia Motorcycle Week; Multicultural Day; Pumpkin Festival; Wake the Lake; Biketemberfest; Skateboard Park</b>