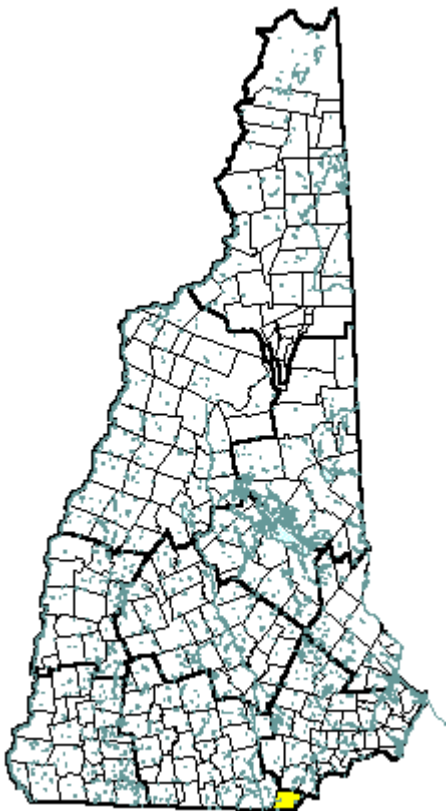


# Pelham, NH



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## Municipal Office Hours

**Monday through Friday, 8 am - 4 pm; Town Clerk: extended hours Tuesday until 7 pm**

## County

**Hillsborough**

## Labor Market Area

**Lowell MA-NH Micro-NECTA, NH Portion**

## Tourism Region

**Merrimack Valley**

## Planning Commission

**Nashua Regional**

## Regional Development

**Regional Economic Development Corp.**

## Election Districts

US Congress  
 Executive Council  
 State Senate  
 State Representative

**District 2**  
**District 4**  
**District 22**  
**Hillsborough County District 27**

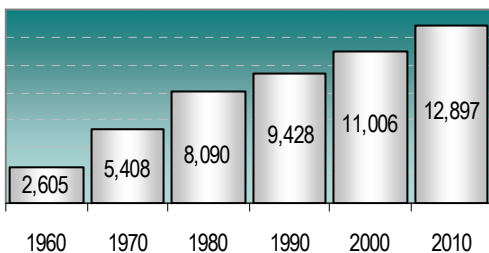
**Incorporated:** 1746

**Origin:** This territory was settled in 1722, when it was a part of Old Dunstable, which included all or part of what is now 12 towns in two states. When the New Hampshire-Massachusetts boundary line was set in 1741, Old Dunstable was split in half, with the northern half retaining the name Dunstable. Pelham was incorporated in 1746 from parts of Dunstable and Dracut, Massachusetts. The town takes its name from Henry Pelham, Prime Minister of England, a relation of Governor Benning Wentworth, and younger brother of Thomas Pelham-Holles.

**Villages and Place Names:** unknown

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 791 residents in 1790

**Population Trends:** Population change for Pelham totaled 10,292 over 50 years, from 2,605 in 1960 to 12,897 in 2010. The largest decennial percent change was a



108 percent increase

between 1960 and 1970. The

2010 Census estimate for

Pelham was 12,897 residents, which ranked 24th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



**Hillsborough County**

**Population Density and Land Area, 2010 (US Census Bureau):** 489.1 persons per square mile of land area. Pelham contains 26.4 square miles of land area and 0.6 square miles of inland water area.

**MUNICIPAL SERVICES**

Type of Government	<b>Selectmen</b>
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2011	<b>\$12,339,320</b>
Budget: School Appropriations, 2011	<b>\$24,651,498</b>
Zoning Ordinance	<b>1955/09</b>
Master Plan	<b>Update in progress</b>
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>Yes</b>
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Consultant</b>

## Boards and Commissions

Elected:	<b>Selectmen; Planning</b>
Appointed:	<b>Conservation; Library; Cemetery; Zoning</b>

Public Library **Pelham Public****EMERGENCY SERVICES**

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

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
<b>Saints Memorial Medical Ctr, Lowell MA</b>	<b>7 miles</b>	<b>150</b>
<b>Lowell General, Lowell MA</b>	<b>7 miles</b>	<b>231</b>
<b>Southern NH Medical Center, Nashua</b>	<b>10 miles</b>	<b>166</b>

**UTILITIES**

Electric Supplier	<b>National Grid; PSNH</b>
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>None</b>
Water Supplier	<b>Pennichuck East Utilities/Williamsburg</b>

Sanitation	<b>Private septic</b>
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	<b>No</b>
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	<b>None</b>
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	<b>No</b>
Recycling Program	<b>Mandatory</b>

Telephone Company	<b>Fairpoint</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>

**PROPERTY TAXES** (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)

2010 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$19.53</b>
2010 Equalization Ratio	<b>100.0</b>
2010 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$19.55</b>

2010 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>91.0%</b>
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>6.3%</b>
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>2.7%</b>

**HOUSING** (ACS 2006-2010)

Total Housing Units	<b>4,340</b>
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	<b>3,845</b>
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	<b>270</b>
Five or More Units in Structure	<b>225</b>
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	<b>0</b>

**DEMOGRAPHICS**

(US Census Bureau)

Total Population	Community	County
2010	<b>12,897</b>	<b>400,721</b>
2000	<b>11,006</b>	<b>382,384</b>
1990	<b>9,428</b>	<b>336,549</b>
1980	<b>8,090</b>	<b>276,608</b>
1970	<b>5,408</b>	<b>223,941</b>

**Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2006-2010**

Population by Gender			
Male	<b>6,213</b>	Female	<b>6,400</b>

Population by Age Group	
Under age 5	<b>937</b>
Age 5 to 19	<b>2,749</b>
Age 20 to 34	<b>1,716</b>
Age 35 to 54	<b>4,542</b>
Age 55 to 64	<b>1,439</b>
Age 65 and over	<b>1,230</b>
Median Age	<b>39.1 years</b>

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over	
High school graduate or higher	<b>92.4%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher	<b>29.4%</b>

**INCOME, 2010 INFLATION ADJUSTED \$** (ACS 2006-2010)

Per capita income	<b>\$35,328</b>
Median 4-person family income	<b>\$98,952</b>
Median household income	<b>\$92,240</b>

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	<b>\$63,580</b>
Female	<b>\$44,847</b>

Families below the poverty level	<b>1.1%</b>
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**LABOR FORCE** (NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average	2000	2010
Civilian labor force	<b>6,323</b>	<b>7,356</b>
Employed	<b>6,091</b>	<b>6,781</b>
Unemployed	<b>232</b>	<b>575</b>
Unemployment rate	<b>3.7%</b>	<b>7.8%</b>

**EMPLOYMENT & WAGES** (NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average Covered Employment	2000	2010
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>579</b>	<b>561</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$648</b>	<b>\$1,030</b>
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>980</b>	<b>1,136</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$489</b>	<b>\$666</b>
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	<b>1,559</b>	<b>1,697</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$548</b>	<b>\$786</b>
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	<b>391</b>	<b>486</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$496</b>	<b>\$768</b>
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	<b>1,951</b>	<b>2,183</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$537</b>	<b>\$782</b>

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**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE***(NH Dept. of Education)*

Schools students attend: **Pelham operates grades K-12** District: **SAU 28**  
 Career Technology Center(s): **Pinkerton Academy, Derry; Salem High School Vocational Center** Region: **17**

Educational Facilities	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
Grade Levels	<b>P K R 1-5</b>	<b>6-8</b>	<b>9-12</b>	<b>K 1-8</b>
Total Enrollment	<b>947</b>	<b>555</b>	<b>622</b>	<b>183</b>

2011 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (*DHHS – Bureau of Child Care Licensing*): Total Facilities: **12** Total Capacity: **669**

Nearest Community/Technical College: **Nashua**  
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Daniel Webster; Rivier**

<b>LARGEST BUSINESSES</b>	<b>PRODUCT/SERVICE</b>	<b>EMPLOYEES</b>	<b>ESTABLISHED</b>
Wakefield Engineering	Aluminum extrusion	300	1997
Pelham School District	Education	258	
Hannaford Brothers	Supermarket	85	1996
Quality Assured Cable	Cabling	70	1997
Chunky's Cinema Pub	Cinema, restaurant	50	1997
JT Manufacturing	Fabrication	30	2008
Yarde Metals	Metal stock wholesaler	25	2000

**TRANSPORTATION** (*distances estimated from city/town hall*)

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	<b>38, 111A, 128</b>
Nearest Interstate, Exit		<b>I-93, Exits 1 - 2</b>
	Distance	<b>6 miles</b>
Railroad		<b>No</b>
Public Transportation		<b>No</b>
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
<b>Boire Field, Nashua</b>	Runway	<b>5,501 ft. asphalt</b>
Lighted? <b>Yes</b>	Navigation Aids?	<b>Yes</b>
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
<b>Manchester-Boston Regional</b>	Distance	<b>25 miles</b>
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		<b>6</b>
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		<b>25 miles</b>
Portland, Maine		<b>96 miles</b>
Boston, Mass.		<b>36 miles</b>
New York City, NY		<b>231 miles</b>
Montreal, Quebec		<b>282 miles</b>

**COMMUTING TO WORK** (*ACS 2006-2010*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>86.3%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>5.9%</b>
Public transportation	<b>0.4%</b>
Walked	<b>1.0%</b>
Other means	<b>0.6%</b>
Worked at home	<b>5.7%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>29.7 minutes</b>
<b>Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2006-2010</b>	
Working in community of residence	<b>19.6%</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>26.8%</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>53.6%</b>

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

<b>X</b>	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
<b>X</b>	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
<b>X</b>	Museums
<b>X</b>	Cinemas
<b>X</b>	Performing Arts Facilities
	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
	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
<b>X</b>	Fishing/Hunting
	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
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): <b>McIntyre</b>
	Other: