

Peterborough, NH



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County	Hillsborough
Labor Market Area	Peterborough, NH LMA
Tourism Region	Monadnock
Planning Commission	Southwest Region
Regional Development	Monadnock Economic Development Corp.
Election Districts	
US Congress	District 2
Executive Council	District 5
State Senate	District 9
State Representative	Hillsborough County District 24

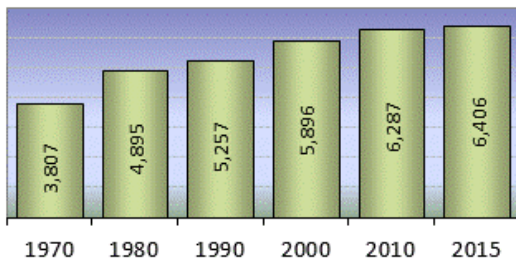
Incorporated: 1760

Origin: This territory was chartered in 1737 by the Massachusetts legislature, and the first settlers arrived in 1739. The township was probably named from Charles Mordaunt, third Earl of Peterborough. Peterborough was incorporated in 1760 by Governor Benning Wentworth, with "continuance for two years only." The incorporation was renewed in 1762, to continue until disallowed by the King. Peterborough had the first free public library supported by taxation, and the first mill in the state that wove cloth mechanically. It is home to the MacDowell Colony, a retreat for writers, artists, and composers. Guests have included Edward Arlington Robinson, Leonard Bernstein, and Thornton Wilder, whose play "Our Town" was inspired by Peterborough.

Villages and Place Names: Drury, Happy Valley, MacDowell Colony, Noone, North Village, West Peterborough

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 861 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Peterborough totaled 3,443 over 55 years, from 2,963 in 1960 to 6,406 in 2015. The largest decennial percent change was a 29 percent increase between 1970 and 1980, which followed a 28 percent increase over the previous decade. The 2015 Census estimate for Peterborough was 6,406 residents, which ranked 51st among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Hillsborough County

Population Density and Land Area, 2015 (US Census Bureau): 168.5 persons per square mile of land area. Peterborough contains 38.0 square miles of land area and 0.4 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2015	\$14,938,217
Budget: School Appropriations, 2013-2014	\$11,541,276
Zoning Ordinance	1970/15
Master Plan	2015
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions
 Elected: **Selectmen; Planning; Library; Zoning; Budget; Recreation; Cemetery**
 Appointed: **Please visit www.townofpeterborough.com for a list of boards & committees to which citizens may be appointed.**

Public Library **Peterborough Town**

EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department			Full-time
Fire Department			Full & part-time
Emergency Medical Service			Per Diem
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds	
Monadnock Community, Peterborough	Local	25	

UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier			Eversource Energy
Natural Gas Supplier			None
Water Supplier			Peterborough Water Works
Sanitation			Municipal
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant			Yes
Solid Waste Disposal			
Curbside Trash Pickup			None
Pay-As-You-Throw Program			Yes
Recycling Program			Mandatory
Telephone Company			Fairpoint; Comcast
Cellular Telephone Access			Yes
Cable Television Access			Yes
Public Access Television Station			Yes
High Speed Internet Service:	Business		Yes
	Residential		Limited

PROPERTY TAXES		(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)
2015 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$29.71	
2015 Equalization Ratio	95.6	
2015 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$27.48	
2015 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type		
Residential Land and Buildings	76.9%	
Commercial Land and Buildings	21.4%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	1.7%	

HOUSING		(ACS 2011-2015)
Total Housing Units	3,364	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	2,030	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:		
Two to Four Units in Structure	532	
Five or More Units in Structure	762	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	40	

DEMOGRAPHICS			(US Census Bureau)
Total Population	Community	County	
2015	6,406	403,972	
2010	6,284	400,721	
2000	5,896	382,384	
1990	5,257	336,549	
1980	4,895	276,608	
1970	3,807	223,941	

Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2011-2015

Population by Gender			
Male	3,017	Female	3,389

Population by Age Group	
Under age 5	37
Age 5 to 19	1,057
Age 20 to 34	931
Age 35 to 54	1,528
Age 55 to 64	1,333
Age 65 and over	1,520
Median Age	51.0 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over	
High school graduate or higher	97.2%
Bachelor's degree or higher	54.5%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2011-2015)
Per capita income		\$41,947
Median family income		\$90,321
Median household income		\$60,529

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers, 16 years and over	
Male	\$66,282
Female	\$35,650

Individuals below the poverty level	
	5.8%

LABOR FORCE				(NHES – ELMI)
Annual Average	2005	2015		
Civilian labor force	2,796	3,661		
Employed	2,696	3,539		
Unemployed	100	122		
Unemployment rate	3.6%	3.3%		

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES				(NHES – ELMI)
Annual Average Covered Employment	2005	2015		
Goods Producing Industries				
Average Employment	728	857		
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 825	\$1,079		
Service Providing Industries				
Average Employment	3,523	3,037		
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 698	\$ 812		
Total Private Industry				
Average Employment	4,251	3,895		
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 719	\$ 871		
Government (Federal, State, and Local)				
Average Employment	633	571		
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 744	\$ 930		
Total, Private Industry plus Government				
Average Employment	4,884	4,466		
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 723	\$ 879		

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend:	Grades K-12 are part of Contoocook Valley Cooperative (Antrim, Bennington, Dublin, Francestown, Greenfield, Hancock, Peterborough, Sharon, Temple)				District: SAU 1
Career Technology Center(s):	Region 14 Applied Technology Center				Region: 14
Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial	
Number of Schools	1	1	1	1	
Grade Levels	P K 1-4	5-8	9-12	P K 1-8	
Total Enrollment	257	405	787	126	

Nearest Community College: **Nashua**
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Franklin Pierce University; Keene State; Antioch New England**

2016 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **7** Total Capacity: **293**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Monadnock Community Hospital	Health care services	668	1919
NH Ball Bearings	Precision bearings	550	1946
Peterborough Public School System	Education	272	
Rivermead	Retirement community	160	1995
Pheasant Wood Health Care	Nursing home	100	

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)			
Road Access	US Routes		202
	State Routes		101, 123, 136
Nearest Interstate, Exit	Everett Tpk., Exits 7 - 8; I-89, Exit 5		
Distance	27 miles; 33 miles		
Railroad			No
Public Transportation			No
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation			
Jaffrey - Silver Ranch	Runway	2,982 ft. asphalt	
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	Yes	
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service			
Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance	38 miles	
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		4	
Driving distance to select cities:			
Manchester, NH		38 miles	
Portland, Maine		132 miles	
Boston, Mass.		73 miles	
New York City, NY		233 miles	
Montreal, Quebec		258 miles	

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2011-2015)	
Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	79.4%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	8.7%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	1.1%
Other means	1.5%
Worked at home	9.3%
Mean Travel Time to Work	27.7 minutes
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2011-2015	
Working in community of residence	43.9
Commuting to another NH community	49.9
Commuting out-of-state	6.2

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
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
X	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
	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
	Boating/Marinas
	Snowmobile Trails
X	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Mount Sunapee, Crotched Mountain
	Other: Miller State Park; MacDowell Colony; Shieling State Forest; Mount Monadnock