

Plainfield, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

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County
 Labor Market Area
 Tourism Region
 Planning Commission
 Regional Development

Sullivan
Lebanon, NH-VT Micropolitan NECTA, NH part
Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee
Upper Valley Lake Sunapee
Capital Regional Development Council

Election Districts

US Congress
 Executive Council
 State Senate
 State Representative

District 2
District 1
District 5
Sullivan County Districts 1, 9

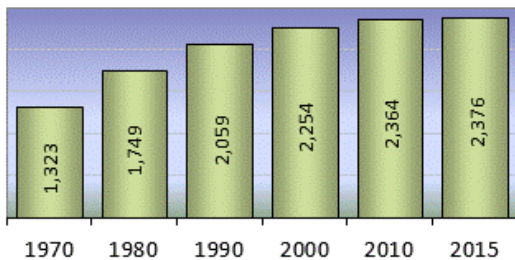
Incorporated: 1761

Origin: Settled by a group from Plainfield, Connecticut, Plainfield is one of the towns chartered by Governor Benning Wentworth in 1761 at the beginning of the reign of King George III. A part of Plainfield with a portion of Grantham was separated into Meriden Parish in 1780. Meriden became the site of Kimball Union Academy, established in 1813. Daniel Kimball donated a large collection of books to the town for a library in 1797, along with \$6,000 for a school, to which his widow added \$40,000. The entire Meriden Parish was annexed to Plainfield in 1856.

Villages and Place Names: East Plainfield, Hell Hollow, Meriden, Mill Village, Coryville, Plainfield Village

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 1,024 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Plainfield totaled 1,305 over 55 years, from 1,071 in



1960 to 2,376 in 2015. The largest decennial percent change was an increase of 32 percent between 1970 and 1980, following a 24 percent increase over the previous decade. The 2015 Census estimate for Plainfield was 2,376 residents, which ranked 125th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2015 (US Census Bureau): 45.5 persons per square mile of land area. Plainfield contains 52.2 square miles of land area and 0.8 square miles of inland water area.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2015	\$2,323,432
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Zoning Ordinance	1959/14
Master Plan	2013
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions	
Elected:	Selectmen; Library
Appointed:	Planning; Zoning; Conservation
Public Library	Meriden; Philip Read Memorial

EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department		Full-time	
Fire Department		Volunteer	
Emergency Medical Service		Volunteer	
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds	
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Med Ctr, Lebanon	13 miles	417	
Alice Peck Day Memorial, Lebanon	10 miles	25	

UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier	Eversource Energy; Granite State; NH		
		Electric Coop	
Natural Gas Supplier		None	
Water Supplier	Plainfield/Meriden Village District		
Sanitation		Private septic	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant		Yes	
Solid Waste Disposal			
Curbside Trash Pickup		Municipal	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program		Yes	
Recycling Program		Voluntary	
Telephone Company		Fairpoint	
Cellular Telephone Access		Yes	
Cable Television Access		Yes	
Public Access Television Station		No	
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)		\$27.25	
2015 Equalization Ratio		97.7	
2015 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$26.03	
2015 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		92.0%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		4.5%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		3.4%	

HOUSING		<i>(ACS 2011-2015)</i>	
Total Housing Units		968	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		839	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		46	
Five or More Units in Structure		0	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		83	

DEMOGRAPHICS			<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>
Total Population	Community	County	
2015	2,376	43,135	
2010	2,364	43,742	
2000	2,254	40,560	
1990	2,059	38,652	
1980	1,749	36,063	
1970	1,323	30,949	

Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2011-2015

Population by Gender			
Male	1,110	Female	1,266
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			87
Age 5 to 19			466
Age 20 to 34			311
Age 35 to 54			614
Age 55 to 64			461
Age 65 and over			437
Median Age			48.0 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher			95.2%
Bachelor's degree or higher			47.7%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$

		<i>(ACS 2011-2015)</i>	
Per capita income			\$38,810
Median family income			\$90,729
Median household income			\$82,250
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers, 16 years and over			
Male			\$56,385
Female			\$52,813
Individuals below the poverty level			1.0%

LABOR FORCE

				<i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>	
Annual Average		2005		2015	
Civilian labor force		1,545		1,406	
Employed		1,513		1,367	
Unemployed		32		39	
Unemployment rate		2.1%		2.8%	

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES

				<i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>	
Annual Average Covered Employment		2005		2015	
Goods Producing Industries					
Average Employment		75		87	
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 384		\$ 621	
Service Providing Industries					
Average Employment		318		305	
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 583		\$ 812	
Total Private Industry					
Average Employment		393		392	
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 545		\$ 770	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)					
Average Employment		31		31	
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 363		\$ 662	
Total, Private Industry plus Government					
Average Employment		424		423	
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 532		\$ 762	

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend:	Plainfield operates grades K-8; grades 9-12 are tuitioned to Lebanon			District: SAU 32
Career Technology Center(s):	Hartford Area Career & Technology Center (VT)			Region: 7
Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			2
Grade Levels	K 1-8			1-12 PG
Total Enrollment	213			352

Nearest Community College: **River Valley**
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Dartmouth; Colby-Sawyer**

2016 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **2** Total Capacity: **32**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Edgewater Farm	Farmstand, greenhouses, & PYO strawberries		
Garfield's Smokehouse	Smoked products		
Kimball Union Academy	Private school		
McNamara Dairy	Glass bottle milk		
North Country Door	Cabinet, door manufacturing		
Olde Village Haunt	Restaurant		
Poor Thoms Tavern	Pub restaurant		
Riverview Farm	PYO apples & berries		
Taylor Farm	Maple & cheese products		
Town Line Equipment	Heavy equipment dealer		
Employer Information Supplied by Municipality			

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)

Road Access	US Routes		
	State Routes	12A, 120	
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-89, Exit 15	
	Distance	7 miles	
Railroad		No	
Public Transportation		No	
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation			
Lebanon Municipal	Runway	5,496 ft. asphalt	
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	Yes	
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service			
Lebanon Municipal	Distance	10 miles	
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		1	
Driving distance to select cities:			
Manchester, NH		74 miles	
Portland, Maine		166 miles	
Boston, Mass.		124 miles	
New York City, NY		262 miles	
Montreal, Quebec		191 miles	

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2011-2015)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	77.9%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	9.9%
Public transportation	0.3%
Walked	3.5%
Other means	1.2%
Worked at home	7.1%
Mean Travel Time to Work	24.8 minutes
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2011-2015	
Working in community of residence	20.6
Commuting to another NH community	63.6
Commuting out-of-state	15.8

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
X	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
	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
	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): Mount Sunapee, Whaleback
	Other: Meriden Covered Bridge; Annual 4th of July Parade; Maxfield Parrish Stage Set