

# Sharon, NH



## Community Contact

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## Municipal Office Hours

Selectmen: Meet first and third Tuesday at 5:30; Town Clerk: Tuesday and Thursday, 5:30-7; Tax Collector: third Tuesday each month, 3-5

County  
Labor Market Area  
Tourism Region  
Planning Commission  
Regional Development

Hillsborough  
Peterborough, NH LMA  
Monadnock  
Southwest Region  
Monadnock Economic Development Corp.

## Election Districts

US Congress  
Executive Council  
State Senate  
State Representative

District 2  
District 2  
District 9  
Hillsborough County District 33

**Incorporated:** 1791

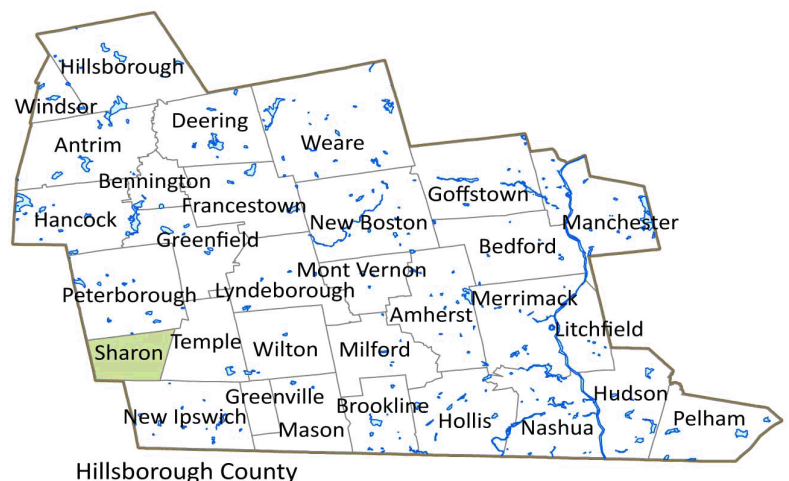
**Origin:** This territory was first settled in 1738 as part of Peterborough, known as Peterborough Slip or Sliptown, a name it retained when the eastern portion was incorporated as Temple. In 1777 residents petitioned for annexation to Peterborough, which was denied. In 1786, they petitioned for a separate township, and asked for a mile of land from the east end of Jaffrey and the south end of Peterborough. The request was granted, and it was incorporated as Sharon in 1791, after a Connecticut town from which many settlers had come. Sharon is home to the Sharon Arts Center, founded in 1947 to offer courses in arts and crafts, and provide a gallery for exhibitions by local artists.

**Villages and Place Names:** unknown

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 259 residents in 1790

**Population Trends:** Population change for Sharon totaled 221 over 50 years, from 136 in 1970 to 357 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 59 percent increase from 1980 to 1990. The town's population increased by one percent from 2010 to 2020. The 2022 Census estimate for Sharon was 356 residents, which ranked 222nd among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau):** 22.7 persons per square mile of land area. Sharon contains 15.7 square miles of land area and 0 square miles of inland water area.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES			
Type of Government		Selectmen	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2023		\$583,265	
Budget: School Appropriations, 2022-2023		\$1,113,466	
Zoning Ordinance		1959/19	
Master Plan		2020	
Capital Improvement Plan		No	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By		Planning Board	
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	Selectmen		
Appointed:	Planning; Conservation; Zoning		
Public Library	No Library		
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department		Peterborough - Full-time	
Fire Department		Peterborough - Volunteer	
Emergency Medical Service		Peterborough - Volunteer	
Nearest Hospital(s)		Distance	Staffed Beds
Monadnock Community, Peterborough		6 miles	25
UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier		Eversource Energy	
Natural Gas Supplier		None	
Water Supplier		Private wells	
Sanitation		Private septic	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant		No	
Solid Waste Disposal			
Curbside Trash Pickup		Private	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program		Yes	
Recycling Program		Mandatory	
Telephone Company		Consolidated Communications	
Cellular Telephone Access		Limited	
Cable Television Access		No	
Public Access Television Station		No	
High Speed Internet Service:		Business	Yes
		Residential	Yes
PROPERTY TAXES		(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2022 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$23.21	
2022 Equalization Ratio		73.5	
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$17.08	
2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		95.4%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		1.7%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		2.8%	
HOUSING		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Total Housing Units		192	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		190	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		0	
Five or More Units in Structure		0	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		2	

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population		Community	County
2022		356	426,594
2020		359	422,937
2010		352	400,721
2000		361	382,384
1990		293	336,549
1980		184	276,608
DEMOGRAPHICS		AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021	
Population by Gender			
Male	231	Female	219
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5		36	
Age 5 to 19		63	
Age 20 to 34		43	
Age 35 to 54		125	
Age 55 to 64		49	
Age 65 and over		134	
Median Age		45.9 years	
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over:		335	
High school graduate or higher		97.6%	
Bachelor's degree or higher		49.0%	
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Per capita income		\$46,684	
Median family income		\$89,653	
Median household income		\$90,625	
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male		\$64,583	
Female		\$74,583	
Individuals below the poverty level		6.0%	
LABOR FORCE		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average		2012	2022
Civilian labor force		217	221
Employed		210	216
Unemployed		7	5
Unemployment rate		3.2%	2.3%
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average Covered Employment		2012	2022
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment		n	n
Average Weekly Wage		n	n
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment		n	n
Average Weekly Wage		n	n
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment		n	18
Average Weekly Wage		n	\$1,204
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment		0	0
Average Weekly Wage		\$0	\$
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment		n	18
Average Weekly Wage		n	\$1,204
If “n” appears, data do not meet disclosure standards.			

**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

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

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

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

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Harborside Healthcare	Nursing home management	13	1988

## Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

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

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	<b>123, 124</b>
Nearest Interstate, Exit	<b>Everett Tpk., Exits 7 - 8; I-293, Exit 4</b>	
Distance	<b>26 miles; 33 miles</b>	
Railroad		<b>No</b>
Public Transportation		<b>No</b>
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
<b>Jaffrey - Silver Ranch</b>	Runway	<b>2,982 ft. asphalt</b>
Lighted? <b>Yes</b>	Navigation Aids?	<b>Yes</b>
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
<b>Manchester-Boston Regional</b>	Distance	<b>39 miles</b>
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		<b>4</b>
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		<b>39 miles</b>
Portland, Maine		<b>133 miles</b>
Boston, Mass.		<b>74 miles</b>
New York City, NY		<b>229 miles</b>
Montreal, Quebec		<b>262 miles</b>

**COMMUTING TO WORK** (*ACS 2017-2021*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>74.6%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>6.4%</b>
Public transportation	<b>1.7%</b>
Walked	<b>1.2%</b>
Other means	<b>.6%</b>
Worked at home	<b>15.6%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>37.0 minutes</b>
Percent of Working Residents	
Working in community of residence	<b>20.8%</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>73.4%</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>5.8%</b>

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

<b>X</b>	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
	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
	Tourist Attractions
	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
	Youth Sports: Baseball
	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
	Fishing/Hunting
	Boating/Marinas
	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): <b>Crotched Mountain</b>
	Other: <b>Hiking Trails</b>

