

Sharon, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

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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

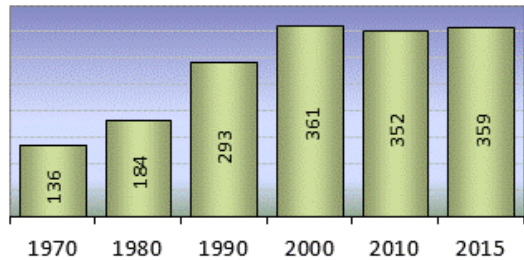
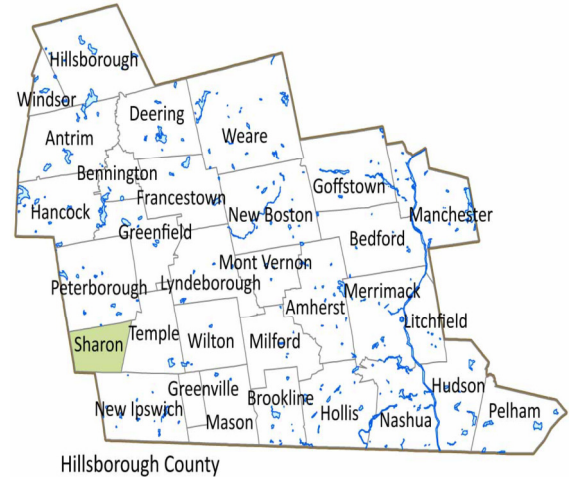
District 2
District 5
District 9
Hillsborough County District 25

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 281 over 55 years, from 78 in 1960 to 359 in 2015. The largest decennial percent change was an increase of 74 percent between 1960 and 1970; population in Sharon increased by at least 20 percent each decade. The 2015 Census estimate for Sharon was 359 residents, which ranked 221st among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2015 (US Census Bureau): 22.9 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, 2015	\$343,906
Budget: School Appropriations, 2014-2015	\$710,430
Zoning Ordinance	1959/10
Master Plan	2002
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	Fairpoint
Cellular Telephone Access	Limited
Cable Television Access	No
Public Access Television Station	No
High Speed Internet Service:	Business Residential
	Yes Yes

PROPERTY TAXES <i>(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</i>	
2015 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$20.75
2015 Equalization Ratio	102.4
2015 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$21.23
2015 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	95.2%
Commercial Land and Buildings	1.8%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	3.0%

HOUSING <i>(ACS 2011-2015)</i>	
Total Housing Units	160
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	160
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	0
Five or More Units in Structure	81
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	0

DEMOGRAPHICS <i>(US Census Bureau)</i>		
Total Population	Community	County
2015	359	403,972
2010	352	400,721
2000	361	382,384
1990	293	336,549
1980	184	276,608
1970	136	223,941

Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2011-2015			
Population by Gender			
Male	184	Female	175
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			8
Age 5 to 19			47
Age 20 to 34			39
Age 35 to 54			87
Age 55 to 64			88
Age 65 and over			90
Median Age			54.8 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher			97.6%
Bachelor's degree or higher			59.7%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ <i>(ACS 2011-2015)</i>	
Per capita income	\$42,544
Median family income	\$92,500
Median household income	\$87,500
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers, 16 years and over	
Male	\$101,875
Female	\$43,333
Individuals below the poverty level	1.4%

LABOR FORCE <i>(NHES – ELMI)</i>			
Annual Average	2005	2015	
Civilian labor force	202	219	
Employed	196	210	
Unemployed	6	9	
Unemployment rate	3.0%	4.1%	

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES <i>(NHES – ELMI)</i>			
Annual Average Covered Employment	2005	2015	
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	64	n	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 982	n	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	0	0	
Average Weekly Wage	\$0	\$0	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	64	n	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 982	n	

If "n" appears, data do not meet disclosure standards.

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Grades K-12 are part of Contoocook Valley Cooperative (Antrim, Bennington, Dublin, Frankestown, 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
Grade Levels
Total Enrollment

Nearest Community College: **Manchester; 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: Total Capacity:

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Harborside Healthcare	Nursing home management	13	1988
Sharon Arts Center	Art instruction, crafts	5	1947

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)

Road Access US Routes
State Routes **123, 124**

Nearest Interstate, Exit **Everett Tpk., Exits 7 - 8; I-293, Exit 4**
Distance **26 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 **39 miles**
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport **4**

Driving distance to select cities:
Manchester, NH **39 miles**
Portland, Maine **133 miles**
Boston, Mass. **74 miles**
New York City, NY **229 miles**
Montreal, Quebec **262 miles**

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2011-2015)

Workers 16 years and over

Drove alone, car/truck/van **78.2%**

Carpooled, car/truck/van **4.7%**

Public transportation **0.0%**

Walked **0.0%**

Other means **0.0%**

Worked at home **17.1%**

Mean Travel Time to Work **33.7 minutes**

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2011-2015

Working in community of residence **23.2**

Commuting to another NH community **61.2**

Commuting out-of-state **15.6**

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
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): **Crotched Mountain**

Other: **Hiking Trails; Sharon Arts Center**