

Washington, NH



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County

Sullivan

Labor Market Area

Hillsborough, NH LMA

Tourism Region

Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee

Planning Commission

Upper Valley Lake Sunapee

Regional Development

Capital Regional Development Council

Election Districts

US Congress

District 2

Executive Council

District 2

State Senate

District 8

State Representative

Sullivan County Districts 7, 11

Incorporated: 1776

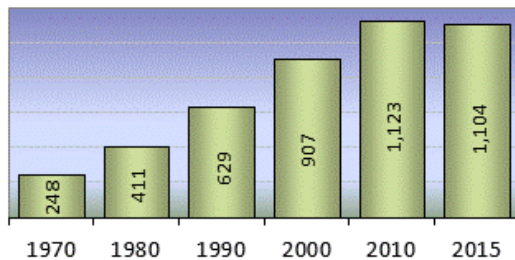
Origin: This territory was first granted in 1735 by the Massachusetts government. It was named Monadnock Number 8, one of the fort towns designated to protect the colonies from Indian attack. In 1752, the Masonian Proprietors issued a new grant to Captain Peter Prescott and others, who called it New Concord. Those settlers forfeited claim, and the territory was granted yet again in 1768 to Reuben Kidder and others, under the name of Camden. In December 1776, residents petitioned the newly established American revolutionary government for incorporation of their town as Washington, in honor of General George Washington.

Villages and Place Names: East Washington, Washington Center

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 545 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Washington totaled 942 over 55 years, from 162 in 1960 to 1,104 in 2015. The largest decennial percent change was a

66 percent increase between 1970 and 1980; population increased 53 percent from 1960 to 1970 and from 1980 to 1990. The 2015 Census estimate for Washington was 1,104 residents, which ranked 178th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Population Density and Land Area, 2015 (US Census Bureau): 24.3 persons per square mile of land area. Washington contains 45.5 square miles of land area and 2.2 square miles of inland water area.

| MUNICIPAL SERVICES | |
|--|-----------------------|
| Type of Government | Selectmen |
| Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2015 | \$2,037,625 |
| Budget: School Appropriations, 2015-2016 | \$2,631,415 |
| Zoning Ordinance | 1974/09 |
| Master Plan | 1992 |
| Capital Improvement Plan | Yes |
| Industrial Plans Reviewed By | Planning Board |

Boards and Commissions

| | |
|------------|---|
| Elected: | Selectmen; Planning; Library; Cemetery |
| Appointed: | Conservation; Parks & Recreation; Zoning |

Public Library **Shedd Free**

EMERGENCY SERVICES

| | | |
|--|------------------|--------------|
| Police Department | Municipal | |
| Fire Department | Volunteer | |
| Emergency Medical Service | Volunteer | |
| Nearest Hospital(s) | Distance | Staffed Beds |
| Valley Regional, Claremont | 25 miles | 25 |
| New London Hospital, New London | 28 miles | 25 |

UTILITIES

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|--|------------|
| Electric Supplier | Eversource Energy; NH Electric Coop | |
| Natural Gas Supplier | None | |
| Water Supplier | Private wells | |
| Sanitation | Private septic | |
| Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant | No | |
| Solid Waste Disposal | None | |
| Curbside Trash Pickup | None | |
| Pay-As-You-Throw Program | No | |
| Recycling Program | Mandatory | |
| Telephone Company | Granite State | |
| Cellular Telephone Access | Limited | |
| Cable Television Access | Yes | |
| Public Access Television Station | No | |
| High Speed Internet Service: | Business | Yes |
| | Residential | Yes |

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

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|---|----------------|
| 2015 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value) | \$19.87 |
| 2015 Equalization Ratio | 104.2 |
| 2015 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value) | \$20.74 |
| 2015 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type | |
| Residential Land and Buildings | 96.6% |
| Commercial Land and Buildings | 1.4% |
| Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other | 2.0% |

HOUSING *(ACS 2011-2015)*

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|---|--------------|
| Total Housing Units | 1,131 |
| Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached | 1,084 |
| Units in Multiple-Family Structures: | |
| Two to Four Units in Structure | 1 |
| Five or More Units in Structure | 0 |
| Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units | 46 |

DEMOGRAPHICS *(US Census Bureau)*

| Total Population | Community | County |
|------------------|--------------|---------------|
| 2015 | 1,104 | 43,135 |
| 2010 | 1,123 | 43,742 |
| 2000 | 907 | 40,560 |
| 1990 | 629 | 38,652 |
| 1980 | 411 | 36,063 |
| 1970 | 248 | 30,949 |

Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2011-2015

| Population by Gender | Male | Female |
|----------------------|------------|------------|
| | 573 | 531 |

Population by Age Group

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|-----------------|-------------------|
| Under age 5 | 15 |
| Age 5 to 19 | 150 |
| Age 20 to 34 | 98 |
| Age 35 to 54 | 427 |
| Age 55 to 64 | 181 |
| Age 65 and over | 233 |
| Median Age | 48.3 years |

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

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| High school graduate or higher | 94.9% |
| Bachelor's degree or higher | 27.3% |

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ *(ACS 2011-2015)*

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|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Per capita income | \$41,065 |
| Median family income | \$78,583 |
| Median household income | \$71,667 |

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers, 16 years and over

| | |
|--------|-----------------|
| Male | \$61,094 |
| Female | \$54,583 |

Individuals below the poverty level **5.9%**

LABOR FORCE *(NHES – ELMI)*

| Annual Average | 2005 | 2015 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Civilian labor force | 455 | 495 |
| Employed | 437 | 468 |
| Unemployed | 18 | 27 |
| Unemployment rate | 4.0% | 5.5% |

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES *(NHES – ELMI)*

| Annual Average Covered Employment | 2005 | 2015 |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| Goods Producing Industries | | |
| Average Employment | 31 | n |
| Average Weekly Wage | \$ 362 | n |
| Service Providing Industries | | |
| Average Employment | 12 | n |
| Average Weekly Wage | \$ 702 | n |
| Total Private Industry | | |
| Average Employment | 43 | 20 |
| Average Weekly Wage | \$ 455 | \$ 776 |
| Government (Federal, State, and Local) | | |
| Average Employment | 39 | 35 |
| Average Weekly Wage | \$ 385 | \$ 607 |
| Total, Private Industry plus Government | | |
| Average Employment | 82 | 55 |
| Average Weekly Wage | \$ 422 | \$ 668 |

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

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Washington operates grades K-5; grades 6-12 are tuitioned to Hillsborough-Deering Cooperative (Deering, Hillsborough)** District: **SAU 34**

Career Technology Center(s): **Concord Regional Technical Center** Region: **11**

| Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools) | Elementary | Middle/Junior High | High School | Private/Parochial |
|---|------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Number of Schools | 1 | | | |
| Grade Levels | K 1-5 | | | |
| Total Enrollment | 52 | | | |

Nearest Community College: **River Valley**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **New England; Keene State; Colby-Sawyer; Antioch New England**

2016 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **0** Total Capacity: **0**

| LARGEST BUSINESSES | PRODUCT/SERVICE | EMPLOYEES | ESTABLISHED |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Eccardt Farm | Dairy | 8 | |
| Washington General Store | Convenience store | 5 | |
| Washington Highway Department | Road maintenance | 5 | |

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)

| | | |
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| Road Access | US Routes | |
| | State Routes | 31 |
| Nearest Interstate, Exit | | I-89, Exit 5 |
| | Distance | 25 miles |
| Railroad | | No |
| Public Transportation | | No |
| Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation | | |
| Parlin Field, Newport | Runway | 3,450 ft. asphalt |
| Lighted? No | Navigation Aids? | No |
| Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service | | |
| Manchester-Boston Regional | Distance | 44 miles |
| Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport | | 4 |
| Driving distance to select cities: | | |
| Manchester, NH | | 48 miles |
| Portland, Maine | | 140 miles |
| Boston, Mass. | | 98 miles |
| New York City, NY | | 248 miles |
| Montreal, Quebec | | 226 miles |

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2011-2015)

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|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Workers 16 years and over | |
| Drove alone, car/truck/van | 78.5% |
| Carpooled, car/truck/van | 6.8% |
| Public transportation | 0.0% |
| Walked | 2.8% |
| Other means | 0.0% |
| Worked at home | 11.9% |
| Mean Travel Time to Work | 35.8 minutes |

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2011-2015

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| Working in community of residence | 21.7 |
| Commuting to another NH community | 70.0 |
| Commuting out-of-state | 8.3 |

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

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| 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 |
| 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 |
| X | Campgrounds |
| X | Fishing/Hunting |
| X | Boating/Marinas |
| X | Snowmobile Trails |
| | Bicycle Trails |
| X | Cross Country Skiing |
| X | Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area |
| X | Overnight or Day Camps |
| | Nearest Ski Area(s): Mount Sunapee, Pat's Peak |
| | Other: Highland Lake; Pillsbury State Park |