

New Hampshire Economic Conditions

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New for 2015: Statistical Area Delineations in New Hampshire

The U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has updated statistical area delineations using total population estimates from the 2010 U.S. Decennial Census supplemented with commuting pattern data from the American Community Survey. The updated delineation of areas will replace those established based on the 2000 Decennial Census, which have been in use since 2003.

As a result of this change in statistical area delineation, the geographic definition of labor market areas in New Hampshire will change. The new delineation includes 28 metropolitan, micropolitan, and small labor market areas in New Hampshire. Seventeen of the areas include towns that are within the boundaries of the state and eleven areas include towns from neighboring states. Data representing solely the in-state part of an area will continue to be identified as the “New Hampshire portion” of the area.

With the release of January 2015 data, New Hampshire will publish Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) using the 28 newly-established statistical areas. Current Employment Statistics (CES) data will continue to use four metropolitan areas, but the delineation of all four areas has changed. Due to shifts in the economic integration of cities and towns and the re-alignment of the

statistical areas, statistics for January 2015 and forward will not be directly comparable to previously published data for these areas.

The names of the statistical areas in some cases are identical to those established in 2003 with results from the 2000 Census, but the cities and towns included in each area have shifted. For example, the Keene, NH MicroNECTA has the same name, however, with the current delineation, the area no longer includes the towns of Alstead, Fitzwilliam, Stoddard, and Walpole.

Additionally, new labor market areas have been delineated based on worker commuting patterns. For example, the Belmont LMA is comprised of four towns that previously were assigned to three other statistical areas.

Statistical areas are determined by combining both population data and journey-to-work commuting patterns. Statistical areas are delineated and labeled according to the population size of the core area or urban cluster. New Hampshire has four different statistical area types: metropolitan statistical

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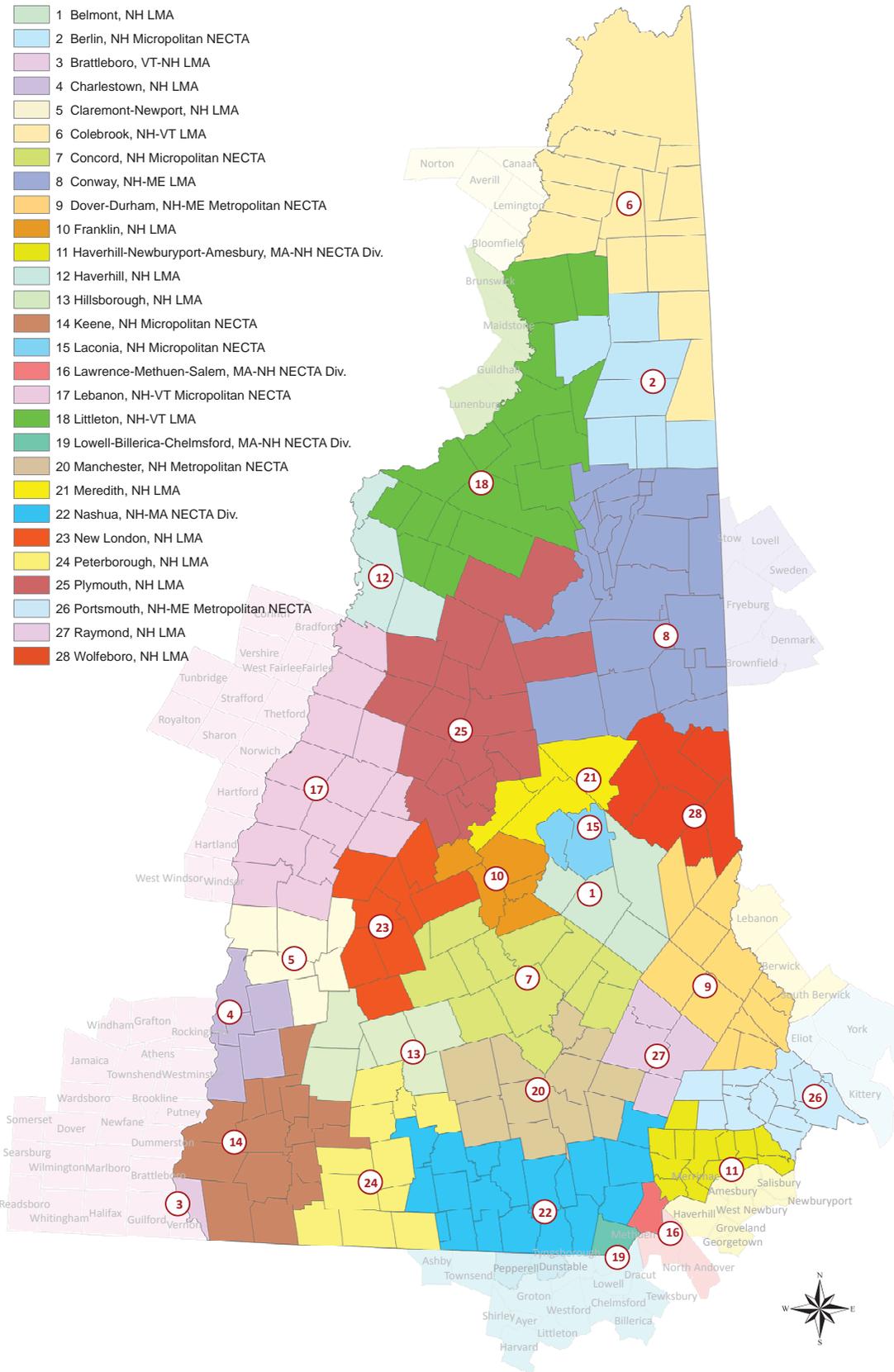
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areas, metropolitan statistical area divisions, micropolitan statistical areas, and small labor market areas. In New England, statistical areas are called New England City and Town Areas (NECTAs), as they use cities and towns as building blocks. This is unique to the six New England states, as counties are the basis for statistical areas in the remainder of the country. The same criteria used to identify a statistical area as a metropolitan division, a metropolitan area, or a micropolitan area are used to delineate NECTAs. These delineations are compiled by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

Release Dates with Revised Statistical Areas

Data Set	Date of Data	Release Date
Current Employment Statistics (CES)	January-15	March 3, 2015
New Hampshire Unemployment Rate (News Release)	January-15	March 3, 2015
Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)	January-15	March 12, 2015
Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW)	3Q2014	Early April 2015

New Hampshire 2015 Labor Market Areas

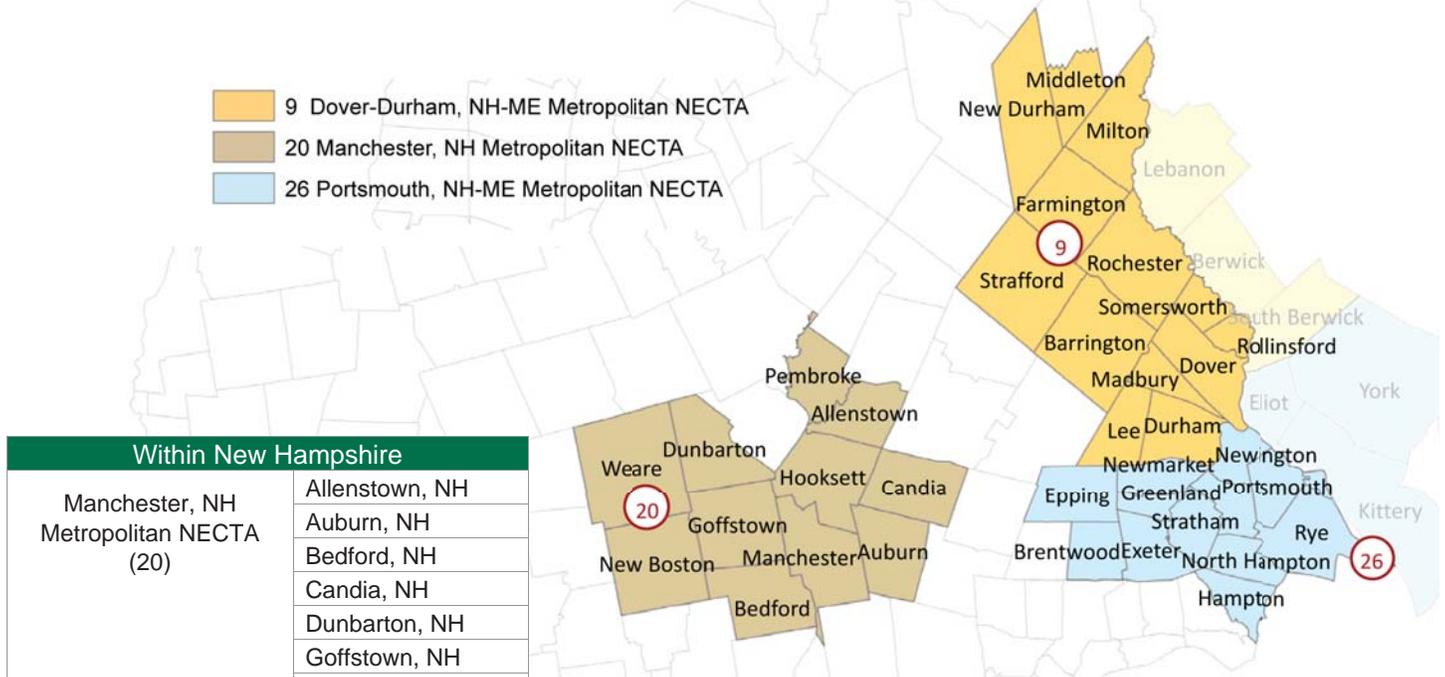


A metropolitan statistical area must have at least one urbanized area with a population of 50,000 or more, plus adjacent areas that have a high degree of social and economic integration

with the central city as measured by commuting patterns.¹ In New England, these are called Metro NECTAs. New Hampshire has three

Metro NECTAs; one is comprised of cities and towns within the state borders, while two also include towns from across state lines.

New Hampshire 2015 Metropolitan NECTAs



Within New Hampshire	
Manchester, NH Metropolitan NECTA (20)	Allenstown, NH
	Auburn, NH
	Bedford, NH
	Candia, NH
	Dunbarton, NH
	Goffstown, NH
	Hooksett, NH
	New Boston, NH
	Pembroke, NH
	Weare, NH
	Manchester, NH

Combined with towns from border states			
Dover-Durham, NH-ME Metropolitan NECTA (9)	Barrington, NH	Portsmouth, NH-ME Metropolitan NECTA (26)	Brentwood, NH
	Durham, NH		Epping, NH
	Farmington, NH		Exeter, NH
	Lee, NH		Greenland, NH
	Madbury, NH		Hampton, NH
	Middleton, NH		New Castle, NH
	Milton, NH		Newfields, NH
	New Durham, NH		Newington, NH
	Rollinsford, NH		Newmarket, NH
	Strafford, NH		North Hampton, NH
	Dover, NH		Rye, NH
	Rochester, NH		Stratham, NH
	Somersworth, NH		Portsmouth, NH
	Berwick, ME		Eliot, ME
	Lebanon, ME		Kittery, ME
	South Berwick, ME		York, ME

1. Office of Management and Budget. June 28, 2010. Federal Register. 2010 Standards for Delineating Metropolitan and Micropolitan Statistical Areas. Pg 37252. <www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/assets/fedreg_2010/06282010_metro_standards-Complete.pdf>.

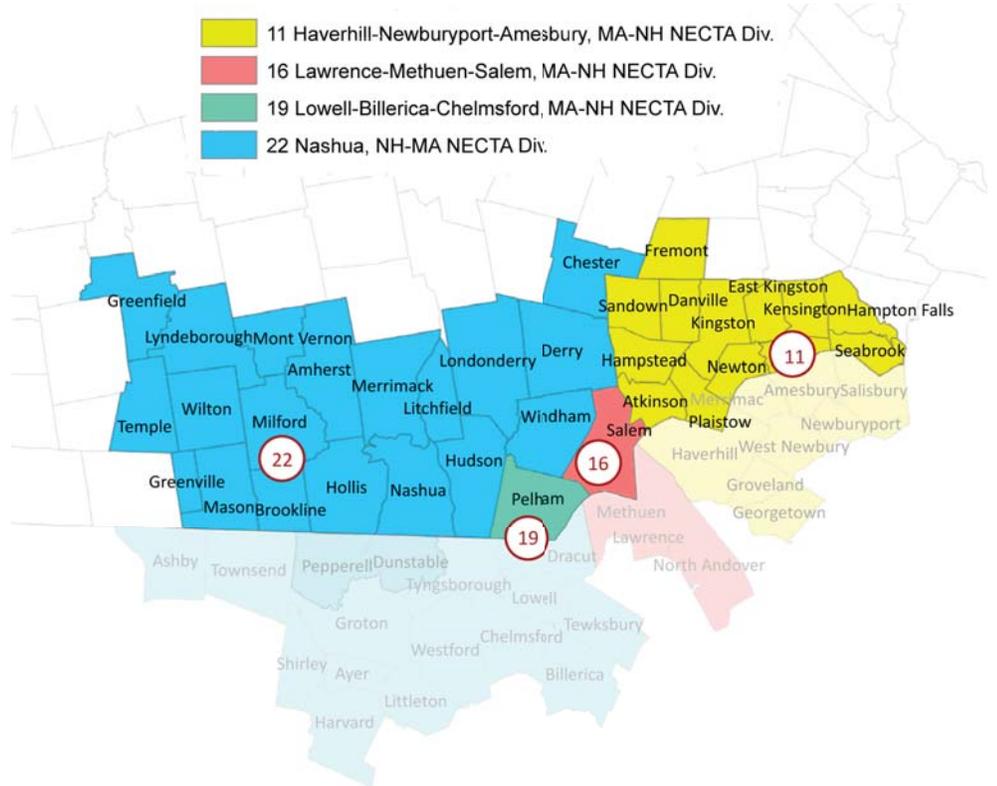
A metropolitan division is a component of a metropolitan statistical area that has an urban center population of at least 2.5 million. The metropolitan division functions as a distinct social and economic area with an employment

center, and includes areas that are associated with the center through commuting ties. These are called NECTA divisions in New England. New Hampshire towns are part of four NECTA divisions, all of which are part of the Boston-

Cambridge-Nashua, MA-NH Metro NECTA. The Nashua, NH-MA NECTA Division is the only one that has a New Hampshire city as the employment center. The other three have Massachusetts cities as employment centers.

New Hampshire 2015 NECTA Divisions

Nashua, NH-MA NECTA Division (22)	Amherst, NH
	Brookline, NH
	Chester, NH
	Derry, NH
	Greenfield, NH
	Greenville, NH
	Hollis, NH
	Hudson, NH
	Litchfield, NH
	Londonderry, NH
	Lyndeborough, NH
	Mason, NH
	Merrimack, NH
	Milford, NH
	Mont Vernon, NH
	Temple, NH
	Wilton, NH
	Windham, NH
	Nashua, NH
	Dunstable, MA
	Pepperell, MA



Haverhill-Newburyport-Amesbury, MA-NH NECTA Division (11)	Atkinson, NH
	Danville, NH
	East Kingston, NH
	Fremont, NH
	Hampstead, NH
	Hampton Falls, NH
	Kensington, NH
	Kingston, NH
	Newton, NH
	Plaistow, NH
	Sandown, NH
	Seabrook, NH
	South Hampton, NH
	Georgetown, MA
	Groveland, MA
	Merrimac, MA
	Salisbury, MA
	West Newbury, MA
Amesbury, MA	
Haverhill, MA	
Newburyport, MA	

Lawrence-Methuen-Salem, MA-NH NECTA Division (16)	Salem, NH
	North Andover, MA
	Lawrence, MA
	Methuen, MA

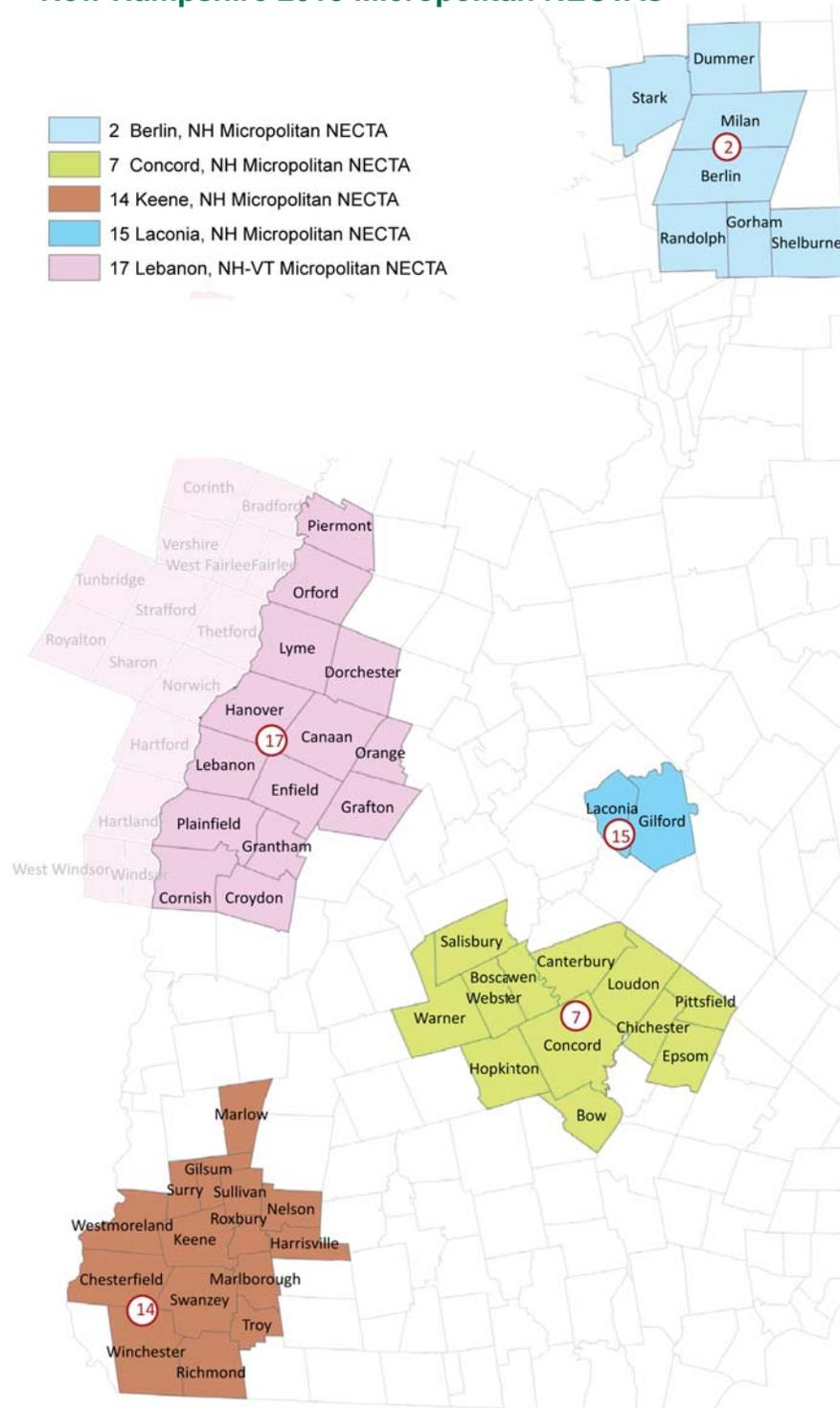
Lowell-Billerica-Chelmsford, MA-NH NECTA Division (19)	Pelham, NH
	Ashby, MA
	Ayer, MA
	Billerica, MA
	Chelmsford, MA
	Dracut, MA
	Groton, MA
	Harvard, MA
	Littleton, MA
	Shirley, MA
	Tewksbury, MA
	Townsend, MA
	Tyngsborough, MA
	Westford, MA
Lowell, MA	

A *micropolitan statistical area* has at least one urban cluster population of at least 10,000 but less than 50,000. This area type was defined for places that behave similarly to a large

metropolitan area, but have a much smaller population. The micropolitan statistical area also includes adjacent outlying areas that have significant social and economic integration

with the core area. These are called Micro NECTAs in New England. There are five Micro NECTAs in New Hampshire, one of which also includes towns located in Vermont.

New Hampshire 2015 Micropolitan NECTAs



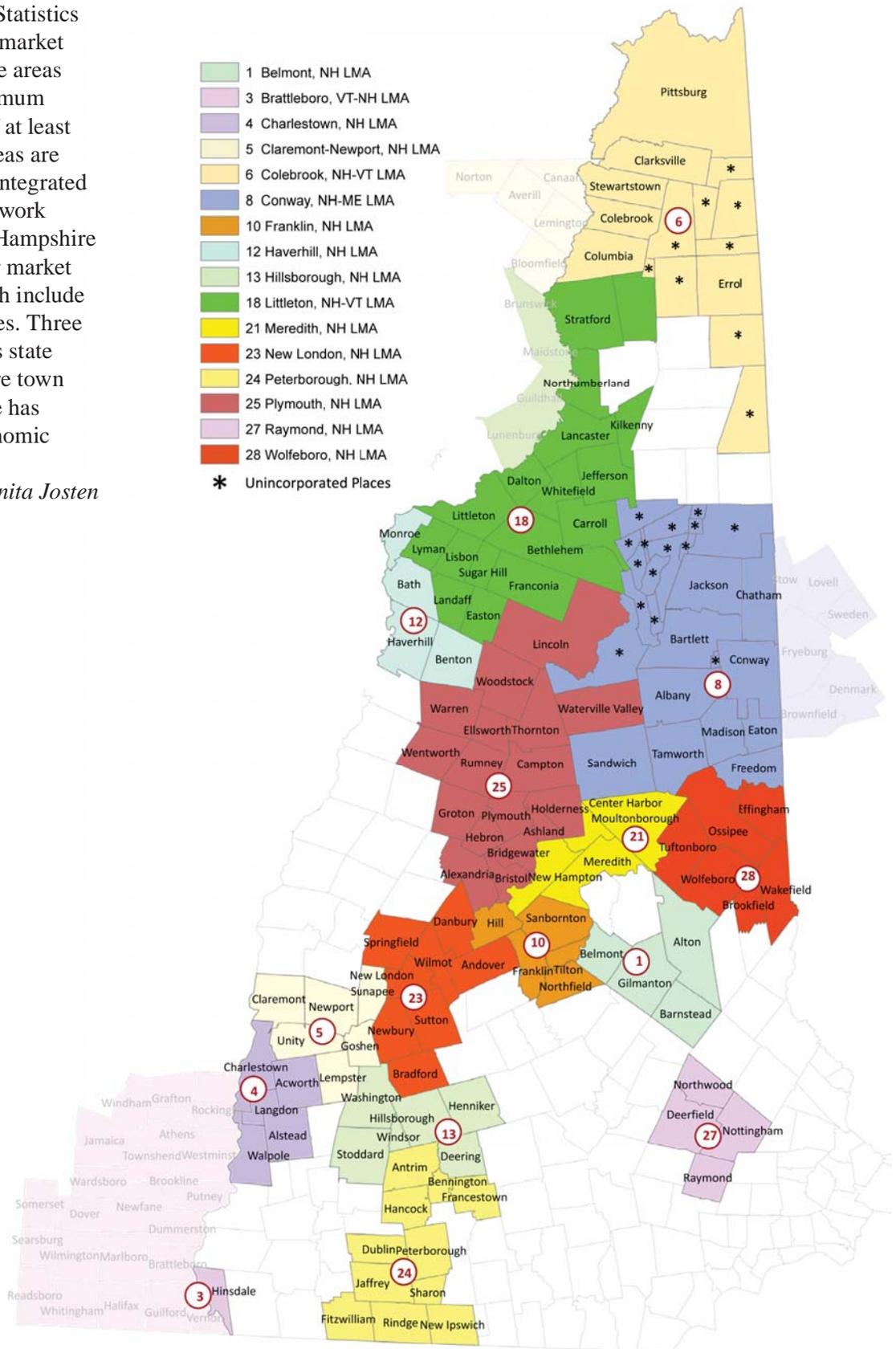
New Hampshire 2015 Micropolitan NECTAs

Within New Hampshire		Combined with towns from border states	
Concord, NH Micropolitan NECTA (7)	Boscawen, NH	Lebanon, NH-VT Micropolitan NECTA	Canaan, NH
	Bow, NH		Cornish, NH
	Canterbury, NH		Croydon, NH
	Chichester, NH		Dorchester, NH
	Epsom, NH		Enfield, NH
	Hopkinton, NH		Grafton, NH
	Loudon, NH		Grantham, NH
	Pittsfield, NH		Hanover, NH
	Salisbury, NH		Lyme, NH
	Warner, NH		Orange, NH
	Webster, NH		Orford, NH
	Concord, NH		Piermont, NH
Berlin, NH Micropolitan NECTA (2)	Dummer, NH		Plainfield, NH
	Gorham, NH		Lebanon, NH
	Milan, NH		Bradford, VT
	Randolph, NH	Corinth, VT	
	Shelburne, NH	Fairlee, VT	
	Stark, NH	Hartford, VT	
	Berlin, NH	Hartland, VT	
Keene, NH Micropolitan NECTA (14)	Chesterfield, NH	Norwich, VT	
	Gilsum, NH	Royalton, VT	
	Harrisville, NH	Sharon, VT	
	Marlborough, NH	Strafford, VT	
	Marlow, NH	Thetford, VT	
	Nelson, NH	Tunbridge, VT	
	Richmond, NH	Vershire, VT	
	Roxbury, NH	West Fairlee, VT	
	Sullivan, NH	West Windsor, VT	
	Surry, NH	Windsor, VT	
	Swanzey, NH		
	Troy, NH		
	Westmoreland, NH		
	Winchester, NH		
	Keene, NH		
Laconia, NH Micropolitan NECTA (15)	Gilford, NH		
	Laconia, NH		

Small labor market areas are defined independently by the Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics with input from state labor market information agencies. These areas do not meet the OMB minimum core population standard of at least 10,000 residents, but the areas are socially and economically integrated as measured by journey-to-work commuting patterns. New Hampshire has a total of 16 small labor market areas (LMAs), four of which include towns from across state lines. Three of the four LMAs that cross state lines have a New Hampshire town as the economic center; one has a Vermont town as the economic center.

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New Hampshire 2015 LMAs



Labor Market Areas within New Hampshire				Labor Market Areas combined with towns from border states																		
Belmont, NH LMA	Alton, NH	Peterborough, NH LMA	Antrim, NH	Colebrook, NH-VT LMA	Atkinson and Gilmanton AG, NH	Brattleboro, VT-NH LMA	Hinsdale, NH															
	Barnstead, NH		Bennington, NH		Cambridge, NH		Athens, VT															
	Belmont, NH		Dublin, NH		Clarksville, NH		Brattleboro, VT															
	Gilmanton, NH		Fitzwilliam, NH		Colebrook, NH		Brookline, VT															
Charlestown, NH LMA	Acworth, NH	Plymouth, NH LMA	Francestown, NH	Conway, NH-ME LMA	Columbia, NH	Littleton, NH-VT LMA	Dover, VT															
	Alstead, NH		Hancock, NH		Dix's Grant, NH		Dummerston, VT															
	Charlestown, NH		Jaffrey, NH		Dixville, NH		Grafton, VT															
	Langdon, NH		New Ipswich, NH		Errol, NH		Guilford, VT															
	Walpole, NH		Peterborough, NH		Ervings Location, NH		Halifax, VT															
Claremont-Newport, NH LMA	Goshen, NH	Raymond, NH LMA	Rindge, NH	Conway, NH-ME LMA	Millsfield, NH	Littleton, NH-VT LMA	Jamaica, VT															
	Lempster, NH		Sharon, NH		Pittsburg, NH		Marlboro, VT															
	Newport, NH		Alexandria, NH		Second College Grant, NH		Newfane, VT															
	Sunapee, NH		Ashland, NH		Stewartstown, NH		Putney, VT															
	Unity, NH		Bridgewater, NH		Success, NH		Readsboro, VT															
Franklin, NH LMA	Claremont, NH	Wolfboro, NH LMA	Bristol, NH	Conway, NH-ME LMA	Wentworth Loc, NH	Littleton, NH-VT LMA	Rockingham, VT															
	Hill, NH		Campton, NH		Averill, VT		Searsburg, VT															
	Northfield, NH		Ellsworth, NH		Bloomfield, VT		Somerset, VT															
	Sanbornton, NH		Groton, NH		Canaan, VT		Townshend, VT															
	Tilton, NH		Hebron, NH		Lemington, VT		Vernon, VT															
Haverhill, NH LMA	Franklin, NH	Wolfboro, NH LMA	Holderness, NH	Conway, NH-ME LMA	Norton, VT	Littleton, NH-VT LMA	Wardsboro, VT															
	Bath, NH		Lincoln, NH		Conway, NH-ME LMA		Albany, NH	Littleton, NH-VT LMA	Littleton, NH-VT LMA	Westminster, VT												
	Benton, NH		Plymouth, NH				Bartlett, NH			Whitingham, VT												
	Haverhill, NH		Rumney, NH				Bean's Grant, NH			Wilmington, VT												
Monroe, NH	Thornton, NH	Bean's Purchase, NH	Windham, VT																			
Hillsborough, NH LMA	Deering, NH	Raymond, NH LMA	Warren, NH	Conway, NH-ME LMA	Chandler's Pur, NH	Littleton, NH-VT LMA	Bethlehem, NH															
	Henniker, NH		Waterville Valley, NH		Chatham, NH		Carroll, NH															
	Hillsborough, NH		Wentworth, NH		Conway, NH		Dalton, NH															
	Stoddard, NH		Woodstock, NH		Crawford's Pur, NH		Easton, NH															
	Washington, NH		Deerfield, NH		Cutt's Grant, NH		Franconia, NH															
Meredith, NH LMA	Windsor, NH	Wolfboro, NH LMA	Northwood, NH	Conway, NH-ME LMA	Eaton, NH	Littleton, NH-VT LMA	Jefferson, NH															
	Center Harbor, NH		Nottingham, NH		Freedom, NH		Kilkenny, NH															
	Meredith, NH		Raymond, NH		Green's Grant, NH		Lancaster, NH															
	Moultonborough, NH		Brookfield, NH		Hadley's Pur, NH		Lancaster, NH															
New London, NH LMA	New Hampton, NH	Wolfboro, NH LMA	Effingham, NH	Conway, NH-ME LMA	Hale's Location, NH	Littleton, NH-VT LMA	Landaff, NH															
	Andover, NH		Ossipee, NH		Hart's Location, NH		Lisbon, NH															
	Bradford, NH		Tuftonboro, NH		Jackson, NH		Littleton, NH															
	Danbury, NH		Wakefield, NH		Livermore, NH		Lyman, NH															
	Newbury, NH		Wolfboro, NH		Low and Burbank's Grant, NH		Northumberland, NH															
	New London, NH				Madison, NH		Odell, NH															
	Springfield, NH				Martin's Location, NH		Stratford, NH															
Sutton, NH		Pinkham's Grant, NH	Sugar Hill, NH																			
Wilnot, NH		Sandwich, NH	Whitefield, NH																			
			Sargent's Pur, NH	Conway, NH-ME LMA	Conway, NH-ME LMA	Conway, NH-ME LMA	Brunswick, VT															
			Tamworth, NH				Conway, NH-ME LMA	Conway, NH-ME LMA	Conway, NH-ME LMA	Guildhall, VT												
			Thompson and Meserve's Pur, NH							Conway, NH-ME LMA	Conway, NH-ME LMA	Conway, NH-ME LMA	Lunenburg, VT									
			Brownfield, ME										Conway, NH-ME LMA	Conway, NH-ME LMA	Conway, NH-ME LMA	Maidstone, VT						
			Denmark, ME													Conway, NH-ME LMA	Conway, NH-ME LMA	Conway, NH-ME LMA				
			Fryeburg, ME																Conway, NH-ME LMA	Conway, NH-ME LMA	Conway, NH-ME LMA	
			Lovell, ME																			Conway, NH-ME LMA
			Stow, ME	Conway, NH-ME LMA	Conway, NH-ME LMA	Conway, NH-ME LMA																
			Sweden, ME				Conway, NH-ME LMA	Conway, NH-ME LMA	Conway, NH-ME LMA													