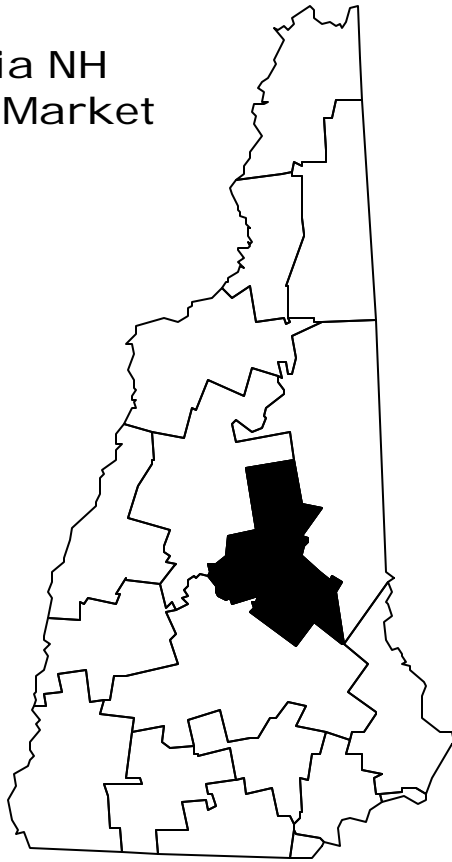


9.0 Laconia NH Labor Market Area



The population data and a summary of commuting data for the 1990 census based version of the Laconia Labor Market Area is listed in Table 9.1. The new LMA is made up of the City of Laconia and ten towns compared with the previous (1980's) version which had the Cities of Laconia and Franklin plus thirty-four towns. The creation of two new labor market areas centered around Plymouth and Conway and the annexing of the tri-town area of Franklin, Northfield, and Tilton, plus three other towns to the Concord LMA, fashioned the Laconia LMA into its present configuration. Comparing

some of the LMA totals of past and present reveals some interesting differences that change has made on the magnitude of LMA data. Table 9.1 discloses the reported 1990 count of estimated residents working in the LMA was 22,537, in 1980 the resident worker count was 33,135. Other 1990 to 1980 comparisons are: total workers in city/towns, residents and nonresidents, 20,776 (1990) and 29,852 (1980); commuting outside of place of residence, 13,114 (1990) and 17,762 (1980); residents working in town of residence, 9,423 (1990) and 15,373 (1980). Like some other LMAs with one large city/town, the Laconia LMA has the City of Laconia as the focal point for LMA population and employment. Laconia had 7,218 estimated residents reported working and a total workforce of 10,464, residents and nonresidents. Roadways connecting the city/towns are Interstate 93, Routes US3, NH11, NH25, NH104, and NH106. Other rural and urban routes include NH11A, NH107, NH132, and NH140.

The City of Laconia because of its relatively large population and the nearby towns of Belmont and Gilford generated the largest commute-out numbers (see Table 9.2) in the LMA. Laconia's commuter total was tops with 2,601, but as expected the city had a low commuting-out rate of 36.0% because of the total number of residents reported working. The largest commute numbers to Laconia from any town were by Gilford residents as 1,201 travelled along Routes US3 and NH11, or via local roads and streets, to the Lake City. Belmont workers were right behind with 1,097 commuters, travelling to Laconia, many via NH106. One hundred or more residents of the City of Laconia travelled to each of the top six towns on its commute-out list. The LMA residents working out-of-state at census time numbered 391 in Massachusetts, 78 in Maine, and 73 in

Vermont. Boston MA appeared most frequently on top of the out-of-state destination lists with six first place showings and a combined total of 110 commuters.

Following the City of Laconia's commuting-in total of 5,847, the other destinations of choice for nonresidents commuting into the LMA were the towns of Meredith (1,406), Gilford (1,306), and Belmont (1,026). As Table 9.3 shows, Laconia supplied the largest number of workers to those towns with a combined total of 1,235. After Laconia, Gilford and Belmont supplied the largest commuter-in numbers, with 1,201 and 1,097, respectively. Workers coming in from out-of-state focused on Laconia, Gilford, Belmont, and Center Harbor as destinations of choice. A close inspection of Table 9.3 uncovered some interesting out-of-state statistics involving the LMA city/towns just mentioned. Four towns from the LMA had no out-of-staters commuting in, and collectively, three other towns received a total of just thirteen out-of-staters. All seventeen of the out-of-staters working in Center Harbor originated from Burlington VT, suggesting that they may have all been employed by a single contractor for the same project. The 23 out-of-state workers in Belmont came from the Massachusetts towns of Bedford and Mansfield. And finally, the City of Laconia experienced more commuters coming in from the rest of the U.S. than from the three neighboring border states. This is not altogether surprising since Laconia is located near the geographic center of the state. It is the employment center that is equally furthest from all of New Hampshire's bordering states. The way to and from Maine, shortest with respect to a straight line, is blocked by a rather large obstacle, Lake Winnepesaukee.

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Table 9.1
Laconia NH LMA - 1990 Census

Resident City/Town	RESIDENTS						Total Working In Town (Residents & Nonresidents)	NONRESIDENTS	
	Population 1990 Census	Estimated Residents Working	Commuting to Another Town to		Working In Town			Number of Workers	Percent of Total Working in Town
			Number of Workers	Percent	Number of Workers	Percent			
Alton	3,286	1,498	981	65.5%	517	34.5%	783	266	34.0%
Belmont	5,796	2,961	2,337	78.9%	624	21.1%	1,650	1,026	62.2%
Center Harbor	996	483	375	77.6%	108	22.4%	364	256	70.3%
Gilford	5,867	3,017	2,095	69.4%	922	30.6%	2,228	1,306	58.6%
Gilmanton	2,609	1,320	1,145	86.7%	175	13.3%	307	132	43.0%
Laconia	15,743	7,218	2,601	36.0%	4,617	64.0%	10,464	5,847	55.9%
Meredith	4,837	2,386	1,138	47.7%	1,248	52.3%	2,654	1,406	53.0%
Moultonborough	2,956	1,250	692	55.4%	558	44.6%	969	411	42.4%
New Hampton	1,606	809	583	72.1%	226	27.9%	578	352	60.9%
Sanbornton	2,136	1,080	863	79.9%	217	20.1%	482	265	55.0%
Sandwich	1,066	515	304	59.0%	211	41.0%	297	86	29.0%

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Table 9.2
Commuting Out - Laconia NH LMA - 1990 Census

Towns:	Alton		Belmont		Center Harbor		Gilford		Gilmanton	
Estimated Residents Working:	1,498		2,961		483		3,017		1,320	
Commuting to Another Town:	981		2,337		375		2,095		1,145	
Commuting Rate:	65.5%		78.9%		77.6%		69.4%		86.7%	
To Locations Within NH:	Laconia	138	Laconia	1,097	Meredith	154	Laconia	1,201	Laconia	377
	Wolfeboro	125	Concord	237	Laconia	59	Concord	157	Concord	205
	Rochester	116	Tilton	154	Moultonboro	36	Belmont	139	Gilford	82
	Farmington	58	Gilford	152	Plymouth	23	Meredith	131	Pittsfield	69
	Gilford	57	Northfield	63	Gilford	21	Tilton	57	Belmont	44
	Barnstead	48	Franklin	53	Concord	13	Sanbornton	51	Franklin	33
	Portsmouth	43	Meredith	51	New Hampton	10	Nashua	39	Manchester	29
	Concord	39	Plymouth	51			Manchester	38	Rochester	24
Out Of State:	Maine	16	Maine	0	Maine	0	Maine	20	Maine	12
	Massachusetts	59	Massachusetts	32	Massachusetts	8	Massachusetts	38	Massachusetts	13
	Vermont	0	Vermont	8	Vermont	0	Vermont	0	Vermont	12
	Other	21	Other	24	Other	5	Other	9	Other	11
Out Of State Locations:	Boston,MA	28	Boston,MA	20			Boston,MA	15	Burlington,VT	12
	Woburn,MA	10	Malden,MA	12			Rockland,ME	13	Ayer,MA	8
	Kittery,ME	8	Windsor,VT	8			Burlington,MA	12	Fairfield,ME	7
	Wiscasset,ME	8					York,ME	7	Sanford,ME	5

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Table 9.2 (continued)
 Commuting Out - Laconia NH LMA - 1990 Census

Towns:	Laconia		Meredith		Moultonborough		New Hampton		Sanbornton	
Estimated Residents Working:	7,218		2,386		1,250		809		1,080	
Commuting to Another Town:	2,601		1,138		692		583		863	
Commuting Rate:	36.0%		47.7%		55.4%		72.1%		79.9%	
To Locations Within NH:	Gilford	636	Laconia	359	Meredith	159	Laconia	121	Laconia	209
	Belmont	324	Plymouth	92	Laconia	144	Bristol	100	Tilton	120
	Concord	309	Ashland	88	Center Harbor	77	Meredith	64	Concord	109
	Meredith	275	Moultonboro	69	Concord	38	Ashland	56	Franklin	98
	Tilton	185	Concord	64	Sandwich	31	Concord	43	Belmont	50
	Manchester	133	Belmont	43	Gilford	29	Plymouth	34	Gilford	36
	Bristol	87	Gilford	38	Conway	21	Holderness	18	Manchester	29
	Franklin	80	Center Harbor	34	Ossipee	17	Tilton	17	Meredith	25
Out Of State:	Maine	18	Maine	0	Maine	7	Maine	0	Maine	5
	Massachusetts	85	Massachusetts	52	Massachusetts	66	Massachusetts	13	Massachusetts	20
	Vermont	14	Vermont	36	Vermont	0	Vermont	0	Vermont	3
	Other	54	Other	0	Other	11	Other	19	Other	13
Out Of State Locations:	Boston,MA	17	Weymouth,MA	26	Boston,MA	25	Boston,MA	5	Lowell,MA	6
	Dracut,MA	16	Essex,VT	16	Quincy,MA	10				
	Woburn,MA	14	Burlington,VT	12	Burlington,MA	8				
	Canton,MA	10	N.Andover,MA	10	York,ME	7				

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Table 9.2 (continued)
 Commuting Out - Laconia NH LMA - 1990 Census

Towns:	Sandwich			
Estimated Residents Working:	515			
Commuting to Another Town:	304			
Commuting Rate:	59.0%			
To Locations Within NH:	Moultonboro 62			
	Meredith 57			
	Laconia 35			
	Center Harbor 31			
	Tamworth 22			
	Plymouth 16			
	Ossipee 13			
Out Of State:	Maine 0			
	Massachusetts 5			
	Vermont 0			
	Other 2			
Out Of State Locations:				

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Table 9.3
Commuting In - Laconia NH LMA - 1990 Census

Towns:	Alton	Belmont	Center Harbor	Gilford	Gilmanton
Estimated Residents Working:	783	1,650	364	2,228	307
Commuting to Another Town:	266	1,026	256	1,306	132
Commuting Rate:	34.0%	62.2%	70.3%	58.6%	43.0%
To Locations Within NH:	Barnstead 64 New Durham 36 Laconia 27 Wolfeboro 18 Farmington 16 Gilmanton 16 Concord 13 Tuftonboro 13	Laconia 324 Gilford 139 Tilton 93 Franklin 68 Northfield 55 Sanbornton 50 Concord 47 Gilmanton 44	Moultonboro 77 Meredith 34 Sandwich 31 Laconia 24 Weare 18	Laconia 636 Belmont 152 Gilmanton 82 Alton 57 Meredith 38 Sanbornton 36 Concord 30 Moultonboro 29	Northfield 32 Barnstead 31 Belmont 14 Boscawen 12 Durham 12
Out Of State:	Maine 0 Massachusetts 6 Vermont 0 Other 0	Maine 0 Massachusetts 23 Vermont 0 Other 0	Maine 0 Massachusetts 0 Vermont 17 Other 0	Maine 5 Massachusetts 34 Vermont 0 Other 0	Maine 0 Massachusetts 0 Vermont 0 Other 0
Out Of State Locations:	Longmeadow,MA 6	Bedford,MA 14 Mansfield,MA 9	Burlington,VT 17	N.Andover,MA 20 Seekonk,MA 8 Amesbury,MA 6 Acton,ME 5	

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Table 9.3 (continued)
 Commuting In - Laconia NH LMA - 1990 Census

Towns:	Sandwich			
Estimated Residents Working:		297		
Commuting to Another Town:		86		
Commuting Rate:		29.0%		
To Locations Within NH:	Moultonboro	31		
	Tamworth	25		
	Meredith	14		
Out Of State:	Maine	0		
	Massachusetts	0		
	Vermont	0		
	Other	0		
Out Of State Locations:				