

# Hancock, NH



## Community Contact

### Town of Hancock

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## Municipal Office Hours

Administration: Monday to Thursday, 8-4; Town Clerk:  
Monday, 5-8, Wednesday, 3-6; Tax Collector: Tuesdays by  
appointment, Thursday, 2-5:30

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 10  
Hillsborough County District 31

**Incorporated:** 1779

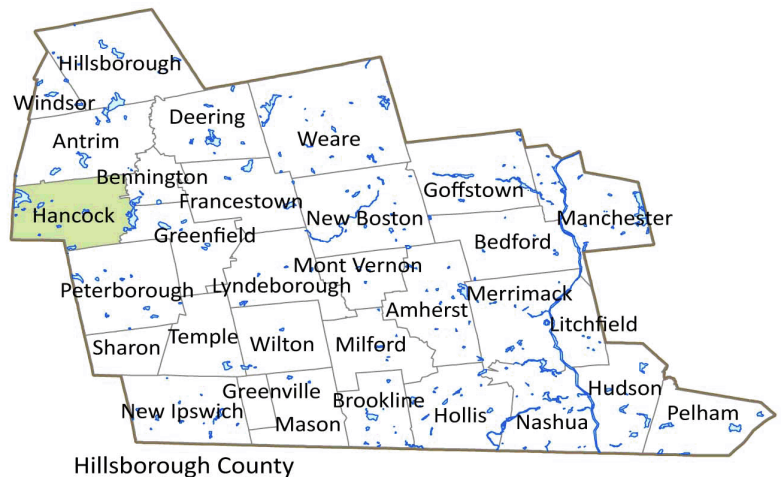
**Origin:** Hancock started as an unidentified settlement on the Contoocook River, in territory known as "Society Land" or Cumberland, which had been reserved for the Proprietors. Cumberland included what is now Antrim, Bennington, Francestown, Deering, Greenfield, and Hancock. First settled in 1764, the town was incorporated as Hancock in 1779 in honor of John Hancock, first governor of Massachusetts, president of the Continental Congress, and signer of the Declaration of Independence. Mr. Hancock was a landowner in this region, but there is no record of his ever having been in the town named for him.

**Villages and Place Names:** Elmwood

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 634 residents in 1790

**Population Trends:** Population change for Hancock totaled 827 over 50 years, from 909 in 1970 to 1,736 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 36 percent increase from 1980 to 1990; population increased 31 percent over the prior decade. The town's population increased by five percent from 2010 to 2020. The 2022 Census estimate for Hancock was 1,748 residents, which ranked 151st among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau):** 58.3 persons per square mile of land area. Hancock contains 30.0 square miles of land area and 1.3 square miles of inland water area.



<b>MUNICIPAL SERVICES</b>	
Type of Government	<b>Selectmen</b>
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2022	<b>\$3,540,430</b>
Budget: School Appropriations, 2021-2022	<b>\$3,723,398</b>
Zoning Ordinance	<b>1962/17</b>
Master Plan	<b>2020</b>
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>Yes</b>
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Planning Board</b>

**Boards and Commissions**

Elected: **Selectmen; Library; Trust Funds; Common; Water; Cemetery; Checklist**  
 Appointed: **Planning; Zoning; Conservation; Historic Distric**

Public Library **Hancock Town**

<b>EMERGENCY SERVICES</b>	
Police Department	<b>Full-time</b>
Fire Department	<b>Volunteer</b>
Emergency Medical Service	<b>Volunteer</b>

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
<b>Monadnock Community, Peterborough</b>	<b>7 miles</b>	<b>25</b>

<b>UTILITIES</b>	
Electric Supplier	<b>Eversource Energy</b>
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>None</b>
Water Supplier	<b>Hancock Water Works</b>

	<b>Private septic</b>
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	<b>No</b>
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	<b>None</b>
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	<b>No</b>
Recycling Program	<b>Mandatory</b>

Telephone Company	<b>Consolidated Communications</b>
Cellular Telephone Access	<b>Yes</b>
Cable Television Access	<b>Yes</b>
Public Access Television Station	<b>No</b>
High Speed Internet Service:	
Business	<b>Yes</b>
Residential	<b>Yes</b>

<b>PROPERTY TAXES</b> (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2022 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$21.81</b>
2022 Equalization Ratio	<b>71.9</b>
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$15.61</b>

2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>95.2%</b>
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>1.8%</b>
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>3.0%</b>

<b>HOUSING</b> (ACS 2017-2021)	
Total Housing Units	<b>905</b>
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	<b>827</b>
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	<b>57</b>
Five or More Units in Structure	<b>5</b>
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	<b>16</b>

<b>POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)</b>		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population	Community	County	
2022	<b>1,748</b>	<b>426,594</b>	
2020	<b>1,731</b>	<b>422,937</b>	
2010	<b>1,654</b>	<b>400,721</b>	
2000	<b>1,744</b>	<b>382,384</b>	
1990	<b>1,623</b>	<b>336,549</b>	
1980	<b>1,193</b>	<b>276,608</b>	

**DEMOGRAPHICS** AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021

Population by Gender		
Male	<b>821</b>	Female <b>886</b>

Population by Age Group	
Under age 5	<b>34</b>
Age 5 to 19	<b>207</b>
Age 20 to 34	<b>145</b>
Age 35 to 54	<b>390</b>
Age 55 to 64	<b>370</b>
Age 65 and over	<b>561</b>
Median Age	<b>55.7 years</b>

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over: <b>1,359</b>	
High school graduate or higher	<b>96.4%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher	<b>55.9%</b>

**INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$** (ACS 2017-2021)

Per capita income	<b>\$47,221</b>
Median family income	<b>\$99,209</b>
Median household income	<b>\$76,484</b>

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	<b>\$52,475</b>
Female	<b>\$55,156</b>

Individuals below the poverty level	<b>3.5%</b>
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**LABOR FORCE** (NHES – ELMII)

	2012	2022
Annual Average		
Civilian labor force	<b>930</b>	<b>918</b>
Employed	<b>896</b>	<b>894</b>
Unemployed	<b>34</b>	<b>24</b>
Unemployment rate	<b>3.7%</b>	<b>2.6%</b>

**EMPLOYMENT & WAGES** (NHES – ELMII)

	2012	2022
Annual Average Covered Employment		
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>n</b>	<b>30</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>n</b>	<b>\$1,030</b>
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>n</b>	<b>170</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>n</b>	<b>\$1,476</b>
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	<b>147</b>	<b>200</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 905</b>	<b>\$1,408</b>
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 700</b>	<b>\$ 824</b>
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	<b>176</b>	<b>230</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 871</b>	<b>\$1,333</b>

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**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**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	K 1-4			
Total Enrollment	69			

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

2022 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **1** Total Capacity: **16**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
John Hancock Inn	Restaurant, inn		
Hancock Market	Convenience store		
Fiddleheads Café	Restaurant		
Harris Center for Conservation Education	Conservation education		
Nature's classroom at Sargent Center	Outdoor education and camp		
Our Town Landscaping, Inc.	Landscaping services and materials		
Mathewson Co., Inc.	Septic svcs., dam & road construction, excavation, land clearing, helical piles, winter maintenance		
Sarah's Hat Boxes	Custom handmade fabric boxes		

**Employer Information Supplied by Municipality**

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)			
Road Access	US Routes		<b>202</b>
	State Routes		<b>123, 137</b>
Nearest Interstate, Exit		<b>I-89, Exit 6</b>	
	Distance		<b>27 miles</b>
Railroad			<b>No</b>
Public Transportation			<b>No</b>
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation			
<b>Hawthorne-Feather, Antrim</b>	Runway	<b>3,260 ft. asphalt</b>	
Lighted? <b>Yes</b>	Navigation Aids?		<b>No</b>
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service			
<b>Manchester-Boston Regional</b>	Distance		<b>34 miles</b>
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport			<b>4</b>
Driving distance to select cities:			
Manchester, NH			<b>34 miles</b>
Portland, Maine			<b>130 miles</b>
Boston, Mass.			<b>77 miles</b>
New York City, NY			<b>243 miles</b>
Montreal, Quebec			<b>253 miles</b>
COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2017-2021)			
Workers 16 years and over			
Drove alone, car/truck/van			<b>71.8%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van			<b>7.3%</b>
Public transportation			<b>.1%</b>
Walked			<b>2.2%</b>
Other means			<b>2.3%</b>
Worked at home			<b>16.3%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work			<b>28.8 minutes</b>
Percent of Working Residents			
Working in community of residence			<b>25.8%</b>
Commuting to another NH community			<b>69.4%</b>
Commuting out-of-state			<b>4.8%</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
<b>X</b>	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
<b>X</b>	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
	Tourist Attractions
<b>X</b>	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Baseball
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
<b>X</b>	Campgrounds
<b>X</b>	Fishing/Hunting
<b>X</b>	Boating/Marinas
<b>X</b>	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
<b>X</b>	Cross Country Skiing
<b>X</b>	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
<b>X</b>	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): <b>Pat's Peak, Crotched Mtn</b>
	Other: <b>Harris Center for Conservation Education; Nature's Classroom</b>