

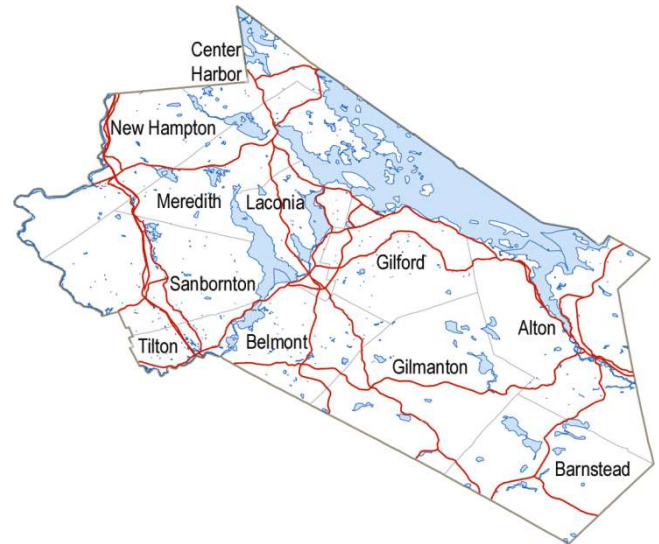
# Belknap County

## County Offices

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<https://www.belknapcounty.gov/>

**County Services:** Administration, Corrections Facility, County Attorney, Human Services, Registry of Deeds, Youth Services, Belknap County Nursing Home, and Sheriff's Department

UNH Cooperative Extension  
<https://extension.unh.edu/facility/belknap-county-office>



Located just southeast of the geographic center of the state in New Hampshire's Lakes Region, Belknap County was established in 1840 from portions of Strafford County. The county was named for Dr. Jeremy Belknap, Dover Congregational Church minister and author of *The History of New Hampshire*, which chronicled the early history of the state. Belknap is one of two counties in the state without an interstate border; Merrimack is the other. A large part of Lake Winnepesaukee, all of Lake Winnisquam, and many smaller lakes cover nearly one-sixth of the county, the largest amount of inland water among New Hampshire's counties.

Belknap County contains 401.8 square miles of land area and 68.2 square miles of inland water area. As of the 2023 Census, the population density was 161.8 persons per square mile. Belknap County includes one city, Laconia, and ten towns. The county seat is Laconia.

## COUNTY POPULATION

2023	2020	2010	2000	1990
65,027	63,776	60,088	55,325	49,216

Source: US Census Bureau, Decennial/Annual Population Estimates

## DEMOGRAPHICS

By Gender:	Male	Female
Total	31,781	32,519
18 years and over	26,153	26,770
65 years and over	7,244	7,782
Median Age (years)	47.5	49.0

By Age Group:	Under age 5	2,576
Age 5 to 19	10,001	
Age 20 to 34	9,968	
Age 35 to 54	15,179	
Age 55 to 64	11,550	
Age 65 and over	15,026	

Median Age (years) 48.3

Source: US Census Bureau, ACS 5-Year Estimates 2019-2023

## LABOR FORCE

Annual Average	2013	2023
Civilian Labor Force	32,065	30,978
Employed	30,409	30,315
Unemployed	1,656	663
Unemployment Rate	5.2%	2.1%

### 2023 Annual Average Unemployment Rates by Town

Alton	2.0%	Laconia	2.3%
Barnstead	1.9%	Meredith	2.1%
Belmont	2.3%	New Hampton	1.8%
Center Harbor	1.8%	Sanbornton	2.0%
Gilford	2.2%	Tilton	2.0%
Gilmanton	2.2%		

Source: NHES/ELMIB

Due to differing methodologies, 1-Year Population Estimates and 5-Year Average ACS Demographics data may not match.

LARGEST BUSINESSES	COMMUNITY	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES
Gunstock Recreation Area	Gilford	Ski, recreation area	550
j.jill	Tilton	Contact & distribution-women's apparel	325
Gilford School District	Gilford	Education	260
Interlakes School System	Meredith	Education	228
Meredith Village Savings Bank	Meredith	Banking services	210
Hannaford Brothers	Gilford	Supermarket	200
Wal-Mart	Gilford	Retail store	200
Tanger Outlet Stores	Tilton	Retail outlet stores	200
New Hampton School	New Hampton	Secondary education	174
Home Depot	Tilton	Home improvement center	150
Town of Alton	Alton	Municipal services	140
Hannaford Brothers	Alton	Supermarket	38 FT/94 PT
Golden View	Meredith	Nursing home	130
Alton School Department	Alton	Education	116
Hampshire Hospitality Holdings	Meredith	Inn, spa, marketplace	115
Bank of New Hampshire	Gilford	Banking services	115
Winnisquam Regional School District	Tilton	Education	114
Shaws Supermarket	Gilford	Supermarket	113
Wal-Mart	Tilton	Retail store	110
NuCar	Tilton	Car dealership	110
Barnstead Elementary School/SAU 86	Barnstead	Education/administrative	106
Town of Gilford	Gilford	Municipal services	101
The Tilton School	Tilton	Education	99
Town of Barnstead	Barnstead	Municipal services	96
Shaw's Supermarket	Belmont	Supermarket	95
Lowe's	Tilton	Home improvement center	94
Steele Hill Resort	Sanbornton	Restaurant, time share resort	85
First Student	Belmont	Bus transportation	80
All Metals Industries, Inc.	Belmont	Metal product supplier	80
Town of Meredith	Meredith	Municipal Services	78

Source: Employer data were provided by individual municipalities; not all municipalities provided data.

COVERED EMPLOYMENT & WAGES – ANNUAL AVERAGES		
	2013	2023
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	25,517	25,568
Average Weekly Wage	\$718	\$1,048
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	21,311	21,679
Average Weekly Wage	\$715	\$1,049
Private Goods-Producing Establishments		
Average Employment	3,517	3,709
Average Weekly Wage	\$998	\$1,410
Private Service-Providing Establishments		
Average Employment	17,794	17,970
Average Weekly Wage	\$659	\$975
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	4,206	3,888
Average Weekly Wage	\$736	\$1,043

Source: NHES/ELMIB. 'n' = data do not meet disclosures standards.  
Data represent workers covered by unemployment insurance.

INCOME AND POVERTY	
Per Capita Income	\$47,000
Median Family Income	\$107,907
Median Household Income	\$87,983
Median Earnings (Full-Time Year-Round)	
Male	\$71,052
Female	\$51,833
Percent of individuals below the poverty level	8.6%
Persons under 18 years of age	11.5%
Persons 65 years of age or older	9.3%

Source: US Census Bureau, ACS 5-year Estimates 2019-2023

NEAREST HOSPITALS	STAFFED BEDS
Concord Hospital, Concord	245
Concord Hospital-Franklin, Franklin	31
Concord Hospital-Laconia, Laconia	45
Frisbie Memorial, Rochester	23
Huggins Hospital, Wolfeboro	25
Speare Memorial, Plymouth	25

Source: NH Hospital Association

## EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Population, age 25 and over	48,814
Less than 9th grade	523
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	2,500
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	14,413
Some college, no degree	9,725
Associate's degree	5,752
Bachelor's degree	9,486
Graduate or professional degree	6,415

### Percent of age 25 and over population:

High school graduate or higher	93.8%
With a Bachelor's degree or higher	32.6%

Source: US Census Bureau, ACS 5-Year Estimates 2019-2023

## EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES

### School Districts Serving Belknap County Municipalities

- Alton (Grades K-8)
- Barnstead (Grades K-8)
- Prospect Mountain JMA— Alton, Barnstead (Grades 9-12)
- Gilford (Grades K-12)
- Gilmanton (Grades K-8)
- Inter-Lakes Cooperative — Center Harbor, Meredith (Grades K-12)
- Laconia (Grades K-12)
- Newfound Area — New Hampton (Grades K-12)
- Shaker Regional — Belmont (Grades K-12)
- Winnisquam Regional — Sanbornton, Tilton (Grades K-12)

### Career Technology Centers

- J. Oliva Huot Technical Center (Laconia)
- Winnisquam Agricultural Programs (Tilton)
- Lakes Region Technology Center (Wolfeboro)
- Plymouth Applied Technology Center

## HIGHER EDUCATION FACILITIES

### Nearest Community College

- Lakes Region, Laconia
- NH Technical Institute, Concord

### Nearest Colleges/Universities

- Plymouth State University
- Franklin Pierce University
- Colby-Sawyer College (New London)
- University of New Hampshire School of Law (Concord)
- University of New Hampshire (Durham)

Source: NH Department of Education

## NH LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTERS, 2023

Total Licensed Facilities	35
Total Capacity	2,087

Source: NH DHHS, Bureau of Child Care Licensing

## COMMUTING TO WORK

Total Workers, 16 years and over	32,383
Car, truck or van: drove alone	25,235
Car, truck or van: carpooled	2,542
Public transportation (excluding taxi)	89
Walked	457
Other means	337
Worked at home	3,723
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	25.7

### Percent of working residents who:

Work in county of residence	64.3%
Commute to some other NH county	32.8%
Commute out of the state or the country	2.9%

Source: US Census Bureau, ACS 5-Year Estimates 2019-2023

## TRANSPORTATION

Road Access	US Routes	3
	State Routes	25, 25B, 28, 28A, 104, 106, 107, 126, 127, 129, 132, 140

### Nearest Interstate/Exits

I-93, Exit 15E (Concord); Exit 20 (Tilton); Exit 22 (Sanbornton); Exit 23 (New Hampton)

Nearest Airport(s) with Scheduled Service	Passenger Airlines
Manchester-Boston Regional	7

Source: Local mapping data

## HOUSING UNITS

Total Housing Units	38,718
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	29,868
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	2,940
Five or More Units in Structure	3,001
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	2,909

Source: US Census Bureau, ACS 5-Year Estimates 2019-2023

## CURRENT HOUSING MARKET

### New Hampshire Association of Realtors<sup>1</sup>

YTD Dec 2023 Median Sale Price, Residential	\$447,500
YTD Dec 2023 Average Days on Market Until Sale	32

### NHHFA Residential Rental Cost Survey<sup>2</sup>

2023 Median Monthly Gross Rent, 2 Bedroom	\$1,556
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Source: see footnotes

## 2023 LOCAL ASSESSED VALUATION BY PROPERTY TYPE

Property Type	Share of Total Valuation
Residential Land and Buildings	90.4%
Commercial Land and Buildings	8.2%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	1.4%

Source: NH Department of Revenue Administration

## PROPERTY TAX RATES, 2023

Town	Total Tax Rate per \$1000	Equalization Ratio	Full Value Rate per \$1000
Alton	\$13.18	58.2	\$7.66
Barnstead	\$14.35	97.3	\$13.93
Belmont	\$17.47	88.5	\$15.30
Center Harbor	\$9.80	79.0	\$7.73
Gilford	\$10.30	96.0	\$9.87
Gilmanton	\$23.39	59.0	\$13.74
Laconia	\$13.91	84.8	\$11.64
Meredith	\$9.89	91.7	\$9.05
New Hampton	\$12.21	94.9	\$11.48
Sanbornton	\$12.04	96.4	\$11.58
Tilton	\$17.71	53.2	\$9.34

Source: NH Department of Revenue Administration

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Selectmen: Meet T 5-7; Town Hall: MWThF  
8:30-4:30, T 8:30-7, closed 3rd W monthly,  
Town Clerk/Tax Collector: M-F 8:30-4:30

**Town of Belmont**  
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12:15-3, W 8-12 & 5-7

**Town of Gilford**  
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Town Hall: M-F 8-4:30; Town Clerk/Tax  
Collector: MTWF 8-4:40, Th 8-6

**Town of Gilmanton**  
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Th 10-7

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