

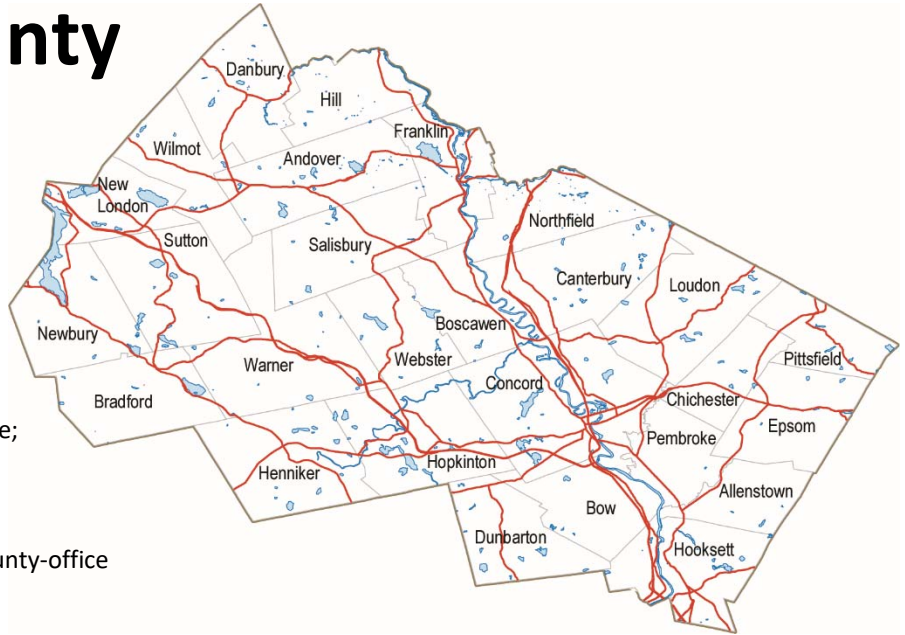
Merrimack County

County Offices

Merrimack County Administration
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County Services: Administration; Advocacy Center; Corrections; County Attorney; Finance; Human Resources; Human Services; Nursing Home; Pretrial Diversion; Registry of Deeds; Sheriff

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



Nestled in the south central portion of the state, equidistant from both the Maine and Vermont borders, Merrimack County is one of two counties that has no interstate borders; Belknap is the other. It is the home of Concord, the state capitol, which is tucked into a bend in the Merrimack River. The county takes its name from the Merrimack River, whose name was adapted from an Abnaki Indian word meaning "deep." The county was formed in 1823 from towns in Hillsborough and Rockingham counties.

Merrimack County contains 933.6 square miles of land area and 21.4 square miles of inland water area. As of the 2020 Census, the population density was 164.9 persons per square mile. Merrimack County includes two cities, Concord and Franklin, and 25 towns. The county seat is Concord.

COUNTY POPULATION

2021	2010	2000	1990	1980
155,238	146,445	136,225	120,240	98,302

Source: US Census Bureau, Decennial/Annual Population Estimates

DEMOGRAPHICS

By Gender:	Male	Female
Total	75,888	77,095
18 years and over	61,041	62,717
65 years and over	12,745	15,336
Median Age	41.8 years	44.2 years

By Age Group:		
Under age 5		7,056
Age 5 to 19		26,493
Age 20 to 34		28,593
Age 35 to 54		39,002
Age 55 to 64		23,758
Age 65 and over		28,081
Median Age		43.0 years

Source: US Census Bureau, ACS 5-Year Estimates 2017-2021

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

LABOR FORCE

Annual Average	2011	2021
Civilian Labor Force	81,147	81,221
Employed	77,111	78,615
Unemployed	4,036	2,606
Unemployment Rate	5.0%	3.2%

2021 Annual Average Unemployment Rates by Town

Allenstown	3.9%	Hooksett	2.9%
Andover	3.5%	Hopkinton	2.4%
Boscawen	3.3%	Loudon	3.1%
Bow	2.7%	Newbury	2.5%
Bradford	4.3%	New London	3.4%
Canterbury	2.4%	Northfield	3.7%
Chichester	3.3%	Pembroke	3.3%
Concord	3.2%	Pittsfield	4.1%
Danbury	3.5%	Salisbury	3.5%
Dunbarton	3.0%	Sutton	2.6%
Epsom	3.1%	Warner	3.0%
Franklin	4.3%	Webster	3.1%
Henniker	2.9%	Wilmot	2.3%
Hill	3.5%		

Source: NHES/ELMI

LARGEST BUSINESSES	COMMUNITY	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES
State of New Hampshire	Concord	Government	6,069
Capital Region Health Care	Concord	Health care services	2,998
Concord School District	Concord	Education	809
GE Aviation	Hooksett	Jet engine parts	800
Southern NH University	Hooksett	Education	700
Pats Peak	Henniker	Ski area	620
City of Concord	Concord	Government	556
New London Hospital	New London	Health care services	520
United Healthcare	Hooksett	Health insurance services	500
Merrimack County Nursing Home & Jail	Boscawen	Nursing home, correctional facility	481
Market Basket	Concord	Supermarket	405
Henniker School District	Henniker	Education	400
Amazon	Hooksett	Distribution warehouse	400
Genesis Healthcare	Concord	Retirement community, healthcare facility	385
Webster Valve & Foundry	Franklin	Plumbing, heating controls	360
NHHEAF Network Organizations	Concord	Lending - student loans	332
St. Paul's School	Concord	Education - Private	330
Merrimack Valley School District	Concord	Education	328
Associated Grocers of New England, Inc.	Pembroke	Wholesale distribution center	325
Granite VNA	Concord	Health care services	312
The Grappone Companies	Bow	New, used vehicle sales & service	300
Colby-Sawyer College	New London	Education	300
MSA/Globe	Pittsfield	Firefighters turnout clothing	300
Pitco/MagiKitch'n	Bow	Commercial cooking equipment	280
Eptam Plastics	Northfield	Manufacturing	260
Spaulding Youth Center	Northfield	Youth programs	260
NH Motor Speedway	Loudon	NASCAR auto, motorcycle race track	250
Shaw's Supermarket	Hooksett	Supermarket	249
Target	Hooksett	Retail store	249
Concord Hospital - Franklin	Franklin	Health care services	246

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

COVERED EMPLOYMENT & WAGES – ANNUAL AVERAGE	ANNUAL AVERAGE	
	2011	2021
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Annual Average Employment	72,140	73,335
Average Weekly Wage	\$835	\$1,169
Total Private Industry		
Annual Average Employment	55,913	57,980
Average Weekly Wage	\$822	\$1,173
Private Goods-Producing Establishments		
Annual Average Employment	9,059	9,834
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,013	\$1,299
Private Service-Providing Establishments		
Annual Average Employment	46,854	48,146
Average Weekly Wage	\$785	\$1,147
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Annual Average Employment	16,227	15,355
Average Weekly Wage	\$882	\$1,156

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

INCOME AND POVERTY	
Per Capita Income	\$40,054
Median Family Income	\$82,457
Median Household Income	\$101,292
Median Earnings (Full-Time Year-Round)	
Male	\$59,458
Female	\$49,114
<i>Percent of individuals below the poverty level</i>	7.0%
Persons under 18 years of age	8.2%
Persons 65 years of age or older	5.9%

Source: US Census Bureau, ACS 5-Year Estimates 2017-2021

NEAREST HOSPITALS	STAFFED BEDS
Catholic Medical Center, Manchester	262
Concord Hospital - Franklin	20
Concord Hospital, Concord	238
Elliot Hospital, Manchester	296
New London Hospital, New London	25

Source: NH Hospital Association

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Population, age 25 and over	109,851
Less than 9th grade	2,591
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	4,878
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	31,996
Some college, no degree	19,027
Associate's degree	11,997
Bachelor's degree	22,461
Graduate or professional degree	16,901

Percent of age 25 and over population:

High school graduate or higher	93.2%
With a Bachelor's degree or higher	35.8%

Source: US Census Bureau, ACS 5-Year 2017-2021

EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES

School Districts Serving Merrimack County Municipalities

- Allenstown (grades K-8)
- Andover (grades K-8)
- Chichester (grades K-8)
- Concord (grades K-12)
- Dunbarton (grades K-6)
- Epsom (grades K-8)
- Franklin (grades K-12)
- Henniker (grades K-8)
- Hill (grades K-6)
- Hooksett (grades K-8)
- Hopkinton (grades K-12)
- John Stark Regional: Henniker, Weare (grades 9-12)
- Kearsarge Regional: Bradford, Newbury, New London, Springfield, Sutton, Warner, Wilmot (grades K-12)
- Merrimack Valley Regional: Andover, Boscawen, Loudon, Penacook, Salisbury, Webster (grades K-12)
- Newfound Area: Alexandria, Bridgewater, Bristol, Danbury, Groton, Hebron, New Hampton (grades K-12)
- Pembroke (grades K-12)
- Pittsfield (grades K-12)
- Shaker Regional: Belmont, Canterbury (grades K-12)
- Winnisquam Regional: Northfield, Sanbornton, Tilton (grades K-12)

Career Technology Centers

Concord Regional Technical Center
 J. Oliva Huot Technical Center (Laconia)
 Manchester School of Technology
 Pinkerton Academy Center for Career/Technical Ed (Derry)
 Plymouth Applied Technology Center
 Salem High School Career/Technical Ed Center
 Winnisquam Agricultural Programs (Tilton)

Source: NH Department of Education

NH LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTERS, 2021

Total Licensed Facilities	95
Total Capacity	6,169

Source: NH DHHS, Bureau of Child Care Licensing

HIGHER EDUCATION FACILITIES

Nearest Community Colleges

New Hampshire Technical Institute, Concord
 Lakes Region Community College, Laconia
 Manchester Community College, Manchester
 River Valley Community College, Claremont

Nearest Colleges and Universities

Colby-Sawyer College, New London
 Franklin Pierce University, Rindge
 Magdalen College of the Liberal Arts, Warner
 New England College, Henniker
 Plymouth State University, Plymouth
 Southern NH University, Manchester
 St. Anselm College, Goffstown
 UNH School of Law, Concord
 UNH-Manchester, Manchester
 University of New Hampshire, Durham

Source: NH Department of Education

COMMUTING TO WORK

Total Workers, 16 years and over	79,275
Car, truck or van: drove alone	62,608
Car, truck or van: carpooled	6,165
Public transportation (excluding taxi)	280
Walked	1,923
Other means	636
Worked at home	7,663
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	26.7

Percent of working residents who:

Work in county of residence	64.9%
Commute to some other NH county	31.4%
Commute out of the state or the country	3.7%

Source: US Census Bureau, ACS 5-Year Estimates 2017-2021

TRANSPORTATION

Road Access	US Routes	3, 4, 202
	State Routes:	3A, 4A, 9, 11, 13, 28, 28 Bypass, 103, 103A, 103B, 104, 106, 107, 114, 127, 129, 132, 140
Nearest Interstate/Exits:		
	I-93 Exits 9-11 (Hooksett), 12-17 (Concord), 18 (Canterbury), 19 (Northfield), 20 (Tilton), 23 (New Hampton);	
	I-393 Exits 1-3 (Concord);	
	I-89 Exits 1 (Bow), 2-3 (Concord), 4-6 (Hopkinton), 7-9 (Warner), 10 (Sutton), 11-12 (New London), 12A (Sunapee)	
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service	Passenger Airlines	
	Manchester-Boston Regional	4
	Lebanon Municipal	1

HOUSING UNITS

Total Housing Units	38,267
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	29,203
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	2,738
Five or More Units in Structure	3,078
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	3,248

Source: US Census Bureau, ACS 5-Year 2017-2021

CURRENT HOUSING MARKET**New Hampshire Association of Realtors¹**

YTD Dec 2022 Median Sale Price, Residential	\$410,000
YTD Dec 2022 Average Days on Market Until Sale	23

NHHFA Residential Rental Cost Survey²

2022 Median Monthly Gross Rent, 2 Bedroom	\$1,318
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Source: see footnotes

2021 LOCAL ASSESSED VALUATION BY PROPERTY TYPE

Property Type	Share of Total Valuation
Residential Land and Buildings	77.2%
Commercial Land and Buildings	18.3%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	4.5%

Source: NH Department of Revenue Administration

PROPERTY TAX RATES, 2021

Town	Total Tax Rate per \$1000	Equalization Ratio	Full Value Rate per \$1000
Allenstown	\$31.50	65.5	\$20.46
Andover	\$20.91	80.1	\$16.54
Boscawen	\$28.38	78.6	\$22.00
Bow	\$25.49	81.5	\$20.32
Bradford	\$23.91	79.6	\$18.98
Canterbury	\$20.51	95.6	\$19.48
Chichester	\$23.10	75.6	\$17.34
Concord	\$25.12	92.7	\$22.90
Danbury	\$18.00	96.0	\$17.22
Dunbarton	\$23.41	77.2	\$17.81
Epsom	\$23.64	78.7	\$18.50
Franklin	\$23.21	74.7	\$16.90
Henniker	\$32.56	73.8	\$23.50
Hill	\$25.65	76.6	\$19.32
Hooksett	\$22.22	75.0	\$16.39
Hopkinton	\$30.87	80.7	\$24.10
Loudon	\$19.20	91.2	\$17.25
New London	\$15.39	75.5	\$11.58
Newbury	\$11.38	99.6	\$11.30
Northfield	\$22.21	66.6	\$14.23
Pembroke	\$24.00	77.6	\$18.52
Pittsfield	\$23.99	83.6	\$19.85
Salisbury	\$23.75	69.8	\$16.16
Sutton	\$24.16	74.8	\$18.02
Warner	\$26.31	77.4	\$20.13
Webster	\$22.29	70.9	\$15.57
Wilmot	\$21.14	80.2	\$16.89

Source: NH Department of Revenue Administration

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² Source: 2022 NH Residential Rental Cost Survey, New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority. Copyright NHHFA 2022. <www.nhfa.org>

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	<i>web site</i> www.allenstownnh.gov	www.andover-nh.gov	www.boscaawennh.gov
<i>office hours</i>	Town Clerk/Tax Collector: M-Th 8:30-4:30, closed Friday	Selectmen's Office: M-Th 9-2; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: MWTh 9-2, T 1:30-6:30	Town Admin.: MTWF 9-5, Th 10-6; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: MTW 8:30-4:30, Th 8:30-5:30; Planning: M-Th 8:30-4:30
<i>address</i>	Town of Bow	Town of Bradford	Town of Canterbury
	10 Grandview Road, Town Hall Bow NH 03304	PO Box 436 Bradford NH 03221-0436	PO Box 500 Canterbury NH 03224
	<i>phone</i> 603-223-3910	603-938-5900	603-783-9955
	<i>email</i> dstack@bownh.gov	administrator@bradfordnh.org	jstout@canterbury-nh.org
	<i>web site</i> www.bownh.gov	www.bradfordnh.org	www.canterbury-nh.org
<i>office hours</i>	Town Manager, Town Clerk/Tax Collector: M-F 7:30-4	Town Administrator: M-Th 8:30-12 & 1-4, F 8:30-12; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: T 8-12 & 1-4, W 12-5, Th 10-7	Selectmen: MW 9-1, Th 10-2; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: MW 9-3, TTh 12-7
<i>address</i>	Chichester Board of Selectmen	Concord Community Development Dept.	Danbury Board of Selectmen
	54 Main Street Chichester NH 03258	41 Green Street, City Hall Concord NH 03301	23 High Street Danbury NH 03230
	<i>phone</i> 603-798-5350	603-225-8595	603-768-3313
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<i>address</i>	Town of Dunbarton	Town of Epsom	City of Franklin
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<i>office hours</i>	Town Office: M-F 8-4; Town Clerk: M-Th 8-4; Tax Collector: TTh 4:30-7	Selectmen, Town Clerk/Tax Collector: M 8-1 & 4-6, T 10-3, ThF 8-3	City Manager: M-F 8-5; City Clerk/Tax Collector: M-F 8:15-5
<i>address</i>	Town of Henniker	Town of Hill	Town of Hooksett
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<i>office hours</i>	Town Administrator: M-F 8-4; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: MWF 8-4, T 10-6, closed Th	Administrative Assistant: M 9-4:30, T 1-4:30, Th 9-4:30; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: M 10:30-4:30, T 2:30-6:30, Th 8-1 & 2-4	Administration, Tax Collector: MTThF 8-4:30, W 8-6:30, F 8-12; Town Clerk: T 10-2, W 4:30-6:30, Th 10-2

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<i>web site</i>	www.hopkinton-nh.gov	www.loudonnh.org	www.newlondon.nh.gov
<i>office hours</i>	Town Administrator: M-Th 8-5, F 8-12; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: MT 9-5, W 12-4, ThF 8-12	Selectmen's Office: M-Th 8-4, T 6-9; Town Clerk: MWTh 8-4, T 8 am-8:45 pm; Tax Collector: T 3-9, WTh 9-4	Town Office, Town Clerk/Tax Collector: M-F 8-4
	Town of Newbury	Town of Northfield	Town of Pembroke
<i>address</i>	PO Box 296 Newbury NH 3255	21 Summer Street Northfield NH 03276	311 Pembroke Street Pembroke NH 03275
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<i>web site</i>	www.newburynh.org/	www.northfieldnh.org	www.pembroke-nh.com/
<i>office hours</i>	Selectmen: MTThF 8-12; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: M 1-7, T-F 8-12 & 1-3:45	Selectmen: M-F 8:30-5; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: MThF 8:30-5, T 8:30-7, W 8:30- 12:30	Town Administrator, Tax Collector: M-F 8-4:30; Town Clerk: 8-4:30, 1st & last Th 5-7
	Town of Pittsfield	Town of Salisbury	Town of Sutton
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<i>web site</i>	www.pittsfieldnh.gov	www.salisburynh.org	www.sutton-nh.org
<i>office hours</i>	Town Hall: M 11-7, W 1-4, TThF 8-4	Selectmen's Office: T-F 8-3:15; Town Clerk: M 8-1, T 3:30-8:30; Tax Collector: W 9-12 or by appointment	Administrator: MWF 8-4, closed 12-1; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: M 9-6, TW 8-4, last Sat 9-12
	Town of Warner	Town of Webster	Town of Wilmot
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<i>web site</i>	www.warnernh.gov	www.webster-nh.gov	www.wilmotnh.org
<i>office hours</i>	Selectmen, Town Admin.: M-Th 8-4; Town Clerk: MTh 8-4, T 8-6, W 9-4; Tax Collector: M-Th 9-3	Administration: MWF 9-4; Tax Collector: M 2-4 or by appointment	Selectmen's Office/Town Clerk/Tax Collector: TWTh 9-4 or by appointment

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