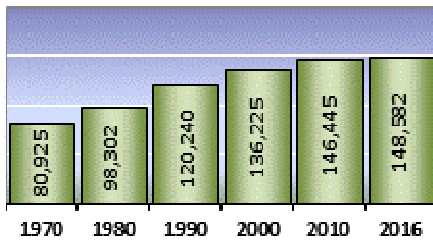


# Merrimack County

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 location 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 934.1 square miles of land area and 22.3 square miles of inland water area. Based on the 2010 Census population, the population density is 156.8 persons per square mile. Merrimack County includes two cities, Concord and Franklin, and 25 towns. The county seat is Concord.



### Population Trends:

Merrimack County has long been the third largest county in population, and is about equal in square miles of land to Carroll County. It is, however, the fourth most densely populated county, with less than half the population density of Strafford County, the third highest. Population in Merrimack County increased at about the same rate for three consecutive decades from 1960 to 1990, with population growth rates of 19.4 percent, 21.5 percent, and 22.3 percent. Since then the rate of growth has slowed, increasing by 13.3 percent between 1990 and 2000, and 7.5 percent through 2010.

Population (1-Year Population Estimates, US Census Bureau)				
2016	2010	2000	1990	1980
148,582	146,445	136,225	120,240	98,302

Demographics (2012-2016 5-Year Average, ACS)		
By Gender:	Male	Female
Total	72,732	74,983
18 years and over	57,604	60,495
65 years and over	10,454	13,257
Median Age (years)	41.5	44.0
By Age Group:		
	Under age 5	7,090
	Age 5 to 19	26,942
	Age 20 to 34	26,509
	Age 35 to 54	40,944
	Age 55 to 64	22,519
	Age 65 and over	23,711
	Median Age (years)	42.7

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

Labor Force (NHES-ELMI)		
Annual Average	2006	2016
Civilian Labor Force	79,560	81,370
Employed	77,070	79,320
Unemployed	2,490	2,050
Unemployment Rate	3.1%	2.5%

### 2016 Annual Average Unemployment Rate by Town

Allenstown	3.4%	Hooksett	2.4%
Andover	2.6%	Hopkinton	1.9%
Boscawen	2.7%	Loudon	2.6%
Bow	2.2%	New London	2.9%
Bradford	2.7%	Newbury	2.5%
Canterbury	2.1%	Northfield	3.1%
Chichester	2.3%	Pembroke	2.5%
Concord	2.4%	Pittsfield	2.9%
Danbury	2.9%	Salisbury	2.4%
Dunbarton	2.3%	Sutton	2.0%
Epsom	2.1%	Warner	2.4%
Franklin	3.3%	Webster	2.5%
Henniker	2.3%	Wilmot	2.3%
Hill	3.3%		

Largest Businesses	Community	Product/Service	Employees
State of New Hampshire	Concord	Government	6,069
Capital Region Health Care	Concord	Health care services	3,050
Merrimack County Nursing Home & Jail	Boscawen	Nursing home, correctional facility	827
GE Aviation	Hooksett	Jet engine parts	800
Concord School District	Concord	Education	718
Southern NH University	Hooksett	Education	700
Pats Peak	Henniker	Ski area	622
New London Hospital	New London	Health care services	520
Genesis Healthcare	Concord	Retirement community & healthcare facilities	504
United Healthcare	Hooksett	Health insurance services	500
Lincoln Financial	Concord	Insurance services	499
City of Concord	Concord	Government	499
Market Basket	Concord	Supermarket	405
Henniker School District	Henniker	Education	400
Webster Valve & Foundry	Franklin	Plumbing, heating controls	340
Merrimack Valley School District	Concord	Education	335
St. Paul's School	Concord	Education - Private	330
Associated Grocers of New England, Inc.	Pembroke	Wholesale distribution center	325
Concord Regional Visiting Nurses Association	Concord	Health care services	312
The Grappone Companies	Bow	New, used vehicle sales & service	300
Globe Manufacturing Co.	Pittsfield	Firefighters turnout clothing	300
Colby-Sawyer College	New London	Education	300
Pitco/MagiKitch'n	Bow	Commercial cooking equipment	280
SAU 18	Franklin	School administrative unit	260
LRGHealthcare	Franklin	Health care services	256
NH Motor Speedway	Loudon	NASCAR auto, motorcycle race track	250
Cigna Health Care	Hooksett	Health Insurance services	249
Shaw's Supermarket	Hooksett	Supermarket	249
Target	Hooksett	Retail store	249
Pembroke School District	Pembroke	Education	235

**Note:** All employer information, including number of employees, was provided by the individual communities.

Covered Employment & Wages	(NHES-ELMI)	
Annual Average Covered Employment	2006	2016
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	10,760	9,936
Average Weekly Wage	\$907	\$1,126
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	47,058	50,283
Average Weekly Wage	\$702	\$900
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	57,818	60,219
Average Weekly Wage	\$740	\$937
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	16,259	16,194
Average Weekly Wage	\$737	\$980
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	74,077	76,413
Average Weekly Wage	\$739	\$946

Income	(2012-2016 5-Year Average, ACS)	
Per Capita Income		\$32,848
Median Family Income		\$83,613
Median Household Income		\$67,181
Median Earnings (Full-Time Year-Round)	Male	\$53,579
	Female	\$43,118
Individuals below poverty level		8.6%

Commuting to Work	(2012-2016 5-Year Average, ACS)
Workers, 16 years and over	75,456
Car, truck or van: drove alone	60,973
Car, truck or van: carpooled	5,800
Public transportation (excluding taxi)	261
Walked	1,995
Other means	1,089
Worked at home	5,338
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	26.3
Percent of working residents:	
Working in county of residence	65.8%
Commuting to some other NH county	29.9%
Commuting out-of-state/country	4.3%

Transportation		
Road Access	US Routes	3; 4; 202
	State Routes	3A; 4A; 9; 11; 13; 28; 28 Bypass; 103; 103A; 103B; 106; 107; 114; 127; 129; 132

Nearest Interstates	I-89, Exits 1-12A; I-93, Exits 9-13, 15-20, 23; I-393, Exits 3	
Nearest Airports with Scheduled Service	Passenger Airlines	
Lebanon Municipal		1
Manchester-Boston Regional		4

<b>Educational Attainment</b> (2012-2016 5-Year Average, ACS)	
Population, Age 25 and Over	103,791
Less than 9th grade	1,825
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	5,375
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	28,983
Some college, no degree	19,705
Associate's degree	11,633
Bachelor's degree	22,150
Graduate or professional degree	14,120
Percent high school graduates or higher	93.1%
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	34.9%

**Educational and Child Care Facilities**

- School Districts in Merrimack County municipalities:*
- Allenstown (Grades K-8)
  - Andover (Grades K-8)
  - Bow (Grades K-12)
  - 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 (Grades 9-12)
  - Pembroke (Grades K-12)
  - Pittsfield (Grades K-12)
  - Kearsarge Regional – Bradford, New London, Newbury, Sutton, Warner, Wilmot (Grades K-12)
  - Merrimack Valley Regional – Andover, Boscawen, Loudon, Penacook, Salisbury, Webster (Grades K-12)
  - Newfound Area – Danbury (Grades K-12)
  - Shaker Regional – Canterbury, (Grades K-12)
  - Winnisquam Regional – Northfield (Grades K-12)

*Nearest Career Technology Centers:*  
 Concord Regional Technology Center; J. Oliva Huot Technical Center (Laconia); Manchester School of Technology; Plymouth Applied Technology Center; Winnisquam Agricultural Programs (Tilton)

*Nearest Community Colleges:* NH Technical Institute (Concord); Manchester; Lakes Region (Laconia); River Valley (Claremont)

*Nearest Colleges/Universities:*  
 Colby-Sawyer College (New London); University of NH School of Law (Concord); Franklin Pierce University (Rindge); Northeast Catholic College (Warner); New England College (Henniker); Saint Anselm College (Manchester); Southern NH University (Manchester); University of NH (Manchester); Plymouth State University; University of NH (Durham)

**NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2017**  
 (NH Bureau of Child Care Licensing)

Total Facilities:	112	Total Capacity:	6,449
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<b>Nearest Hospitals</b> (NH Hospital Assoc.)		Staffed Beds
Catholic Medical Center, Manchester		259
Concord Hospital		242
Elliot Hospital, Manchester		266
Franklin Regional		31
New London Hospital		25

<b>Housing</b> (2012-2016 5-Year Average, ACS)	
Total Housing Units	63,711
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	44,081
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	6,840
Five or More Units in Structure	8,872
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	3,918

**Northern New England Real Estate Network Statistics\***  
 YTD 2017 Median Sale Price, Residential \$233,200

**NHHFA Residential Rental Cost Survey\*\***  
 2017 Median Monthly Gross Rent, 2 Bedroom \$1,176

<b>Property Tax Rates, 2016</b> (NH Dept. of Revenue Admin.)			
Town	Total Tax Rate/\$1000	Equalization Ratio	Full Value Rate/\$1000
Allenstown	\$33.86	89.1	\$30.23
Andover	\$21.26	103.4	\$22.39
Boscawen	\$28.61	92.6	\$26.27
Bow	\$26.29	99.0	\$24.68
Bradford	\$26.40	93.8	\$24.99
Canterbury	\$24.95	100.2	\$24.75
Chichester	\$27.31	95.9	\$26.01
Concord	\$27.67	98.6	\$25.34
Danbury	\$23.00	99.8	\$22.84
Dunbarton	\$23.98	89.0	\$22.16
Epsom	\$25.03	97.4	\$24.44
Franklin	\$25.23	93.6	\$23.24
Henniker	\$33.33	93.3	\$30.90
Hill	\$25.30	102.8	\$26.91
Hooksett	\$26.39	82.5	\$21.52
Hopkinton	\$33.55	92.7	\$31.00
Loudon	\$20.98	95.4	\$19.88
New London	\$15.67	94.8	\$14.84
Newbury	\$16.05	99.1	\$15.86
Northfield	\$25.98	89.1	\$23.08
Pembroke	\$29.00	90.0	\$26.07
Pittsfield	\$32.25	102.3	\$33.51
Salisbury	\$24.56	92.6	\$22.90
Sutton	\$26.98	90.0	\$24.26
Warner	\$27.34	104.0	\$28.52
Webster	\$22.97	95.7	\$23.31
Wilmot	\$24.29	92.1	\$22.53

**2016 Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type, County Totals**

Residential Land and Buildings	75.0%
Commercial Land and Buildings	19.9%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	5.1%

\* **Source:** Monthly Statistics Report – October 2017 for New Hampshire. Copyright 2017 Northern New England Real Estate Network, Inc. The reproduction of these statistics is done with the permission of NNEREN. The statistics referenced herein are based solely upon listings submitted to the multiple listing service database of NNEREN and do not include all properties sold and marketed for sale. ALL INFORMATION DEEMED RELIABLE BUT NOT GUARANTEED. Any analysis or commentary related to these statistics is that of the commentator, and not that of NNEREN. <www.nneren.com>

\*\* **Source:** 2017 Residential Rental Cost Survey, New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority. Copyright NHHFA 2017. <www.nhhfa.org>

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Town of Andover	PO Box 61 Andover NH	03216	P: 735-5332 F: 735-6975	tadmin@andover-nh.gov www.andover-nh.gov	Selectmen's Office: M-Th 9-2; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: MWTh 9-2, T 1:30-6:30
Boscawen Municipal Office	116 N. Main St Boscawen NH	03303	P: 753-9188 F: 753-9184	ahardy@townofboscawen.org www.townofboscawen.org	Slctmn: W 4:30-6; TC/TC: MTWF 8:30-4:30, Th 8:30-5:30; Plan & Com Dev Office: M-F 8:30-4:30, closed Daily 12-1
Town of Bow	10 Grandview Rd Bow NH	03304	P: 228-1187 F: 224-6680	ngage@bownh.gov www.bownh.com	M-F 7:30-4
Town of Bradford	PO Box 436 Bradford NH	03221-0436	P: 938-5900 F: 938-5694	administrator@bradfordnh.org www.bradfordnh.org	Town Admin.: M-Th 8-12 & 1-4, F 8-12; TC/TC: W 12-6, ThF 8-12, 1-4, 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sat 9-12
Town of Canterbury	PO Box 500 Canterbury NH	03224	P: 783-9955 F: 783-0501	jstout@canterbury-nh.org www.canterbury-nh.org	Selectmen: MWF 9-1; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: M 9-3, T 12-7, Th 3-7
Chichester Board of Selectmen	54 Main Street Chichester NH	03258	P: 798-5350 F: 798-3170	selectmen@chichesternh.org www.chichesternh.org	M 8:30-4, T 8:30-2, 4-7, WTh 8:30-2
Concord Community Development Dept.	41 Green Street, City Hall Concord NH	03301	P: 225-8595 F: not available	communitydevelopment@concordnh.gov www.concordnh.gov	MTWF 8-4:30, Th 8-6
Danbury Board of Selectmen	23 High Street Danbury NH	03230	P: 768-3313 F: 768-3313	danbury_selectmen@comcast.net www.townofdanburynh.com	Selectmen: MTTh 8-4, W 11:30-5:30; TC/TC: M 12-6, T 12-7, W 11-6, Th 9-3, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat 9-12
Town of Dunbarton	1011 School St Dunbarton NH	03046	P: 774-3541 F: 774-5541	townadministrator@dunbartonnh.org www.dunbartonnh.org	Town Office: M-F 8-4; TClerk: MW 7:30-3:30, TTh 11-7; Tax Collector: TTh 4:30-7
Town of Epsom	PO Box 10 Epsom NH	03234-0010	P: 736-9002 F: 736-8539	epsomtwn@metrocast.net www.epsomnh.org	Selectmen: M 10-6, T 10-3, W 8-1; ThF 8-3, 2 <sup>nd</sup> & last Sat 8-12; TC/TC: M 8-1, 4-6, T 10-3, ThF 8-3, 2 <sup>nd</sup> & last Sat 8-12
City of Franklin	316 Central St, Franklin NH	03235	P: 934-3900 F: 934-7413	citymgr@franklinnh.org www.franklinnh.org	M-F 8-5
Henniker Board of Selectmen	18 Depot Hill Rd Henniker NH	03242	P: 428-3221 F: 428-4366	townadministrator@henniker.org www.henniker.org	M-F 8-4:30; Twn Clerk: M 8-5:30, TWF 8-4:30, 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sat 10-12, except holiday wkends
Town of Hill	30 Crescent St, Suite 1 Hill NH	03243	P: 934-1094 F: 934-2011	hillselectmen@comcast.net www.townofhillnh.org	Selectmen: T 1-6, Th 9-3; Twn Clerk: T 5-7:30, ThF 9-5
Town of Hooksett	35 Main St Hooksett NH	03106-1397	P: 485-8472 F: 485-4423	dshankle@hooksett.org www.hooksett.org	M-F 8-4:30; Tax Collector: M-F 8-4:30, 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Wed until 6
Town of Hopkinton	330 Main St Hopkinton NH	03229	P: 746-3170 F: 746-2952	selectmen@hopkinton-nh.gov www.hopkinton-nh.gov	All Offices: M-Th 8-5:30, F 8-12
Town of Loudon	PO Box 7837 Loudon NH	03307	P: 798-4542 F: 798-3539	townclerk@loudonnh.org www.loudonnh.org	Selectmen's Office: M-Th 8-4, T 6-9; T Clerk: M 8-2, T 3-8:45, WTh 9-4; Tx Collector: T 3-9, WTh 9-4
Town of New London	375 Main Street New London NH	03257	P: 526-4821 F: 526-9494	townadmin@nl-nh.com www.nl-nh.com/	Selectmen Office: M-F 8-4; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: M-F 8-12:30, 1:30-4, last Sat 8-1
Town of Newbury	PO Box 296 Newbury NH	03255	P: 763-4940 F: 763-5298	townadmin@newburynh.org www.newburynh.org/	Selectmen: MTThF 8-12; Town Clerk: M 1-7, T-F 8-4
Town of Northfield	21 Summer St Northfield NH	03276	P: 286-7039 F: 286-3328	gsmith@northfieldnh.org www.northfieldnh.org	Selectmen: M-F 8:30-5; TC/TC: MThF 8:30-5, T 8:30-7, W 8:30-12:30
Town of Pembroke	311 Pembroke St Pembroke NH	03275	P: 485-4747 F: 485-3967	Townhall@Pembroke-NH.com www.pembroke-nh.com/	M-F 8-4:30; Town Clerk: extended hours 1 <sup>st</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Th 5-7
Pittsfield Town Office	85 Main Street Pittsfield NH	03263	P: 435-6773 F: 435-7922	admin@pittsfieldnh.gov www.pittsfieldnh.gov	M 11-7, T-F 8-4
Town of Salisbury	PO Box 2 Salisbury NH	03268	P: 648-6322 F: 648-6658	tclerk@salisbury@gmail.com www.salisburynh.org	Slctmn's Office: TWTh 9-1, 4 <sup>th</sup> T 6:30-8:30; TC: M 9-1, T 4:30-8:30; 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> F 10-2; TC: T 6-8:30, W 9-12; Bldg Insp: T 6:30-8:30
Sutton Board of Selectmen	93 Main Street Sutton Mills NH	03221	P: 927-2400 F: not available	townadmin@sutton-nh.org www.sutton-nh.org	Slctmn: MWF 8-4:30; TC/TC: M 8-11:45, T 8-5:45, WTh 8-2:45, last Sat 9-11:45
Town of Warner	5 E Main Street, PO Box 265 Warner NH	03278-0265	P: 456-2298 F: 456-2297	selectboard@warner.nh.us www.warner.nh.us	Selectmen/Town Clerk: MWTh 8-3, T 8-6
Webster Board of Selectmen	945 Battle Street Webster NH	03303	P: 648-2272 F: 648-6055	lpalmer@webster-nh.gov www.webster-nh.gov	Admin: MWF 9-12, 1-4; TClerk: M 8-12, 4-8, W 9-12, 1-4, last F 8-12; Tax Collector: M 6-8, or by appointment
Wilmot Board of Selectmen	PO Box 72 Wilmot NH	03287	P: 526-4802 F: 526-2523	admin@wilmotnh.org www.wilmotnh.org	Selectmen's Office/TC/TC: T 11-7, WTh 9-4, last Sat 9-12

\*all area codes are (603)