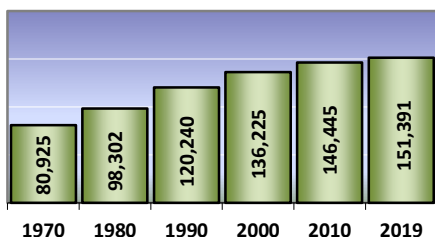
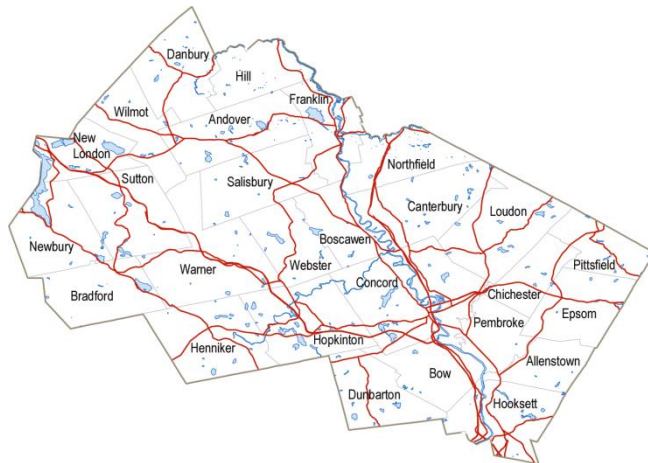


Merrimack County

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, 7.5 percent between 2000 and 2010 and 3.4 percent between 2010 and 2019.

Population (1-Year Population Estimates, US Census Bureau)				
2019	2010	2000	1990	1980
151,391	146,445	136,225	120,240	98,302

Demographics (2015-2019 5-Year Average, ACS)		
By Gender:		
	Male	Female
Total	73,860	76,057
18 years and over	59,117	61,751
65 years and over	11,756	14,560
Median Age (years)	41.3	44.3
By Age Group:		
	Under age 5	7,134
	Age 5 to 19	26,159
	Age 20 to 34	27,939
	Age 35 to 54	39,136
	Age 55 to 64	23,233
	Age 65 and over	26,316
	Median Age (years)	42.8

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

Labor Force (NHES-ELMI)		
Annual Average	2009	2019
Civilian Labor Force	81,730	83,850
Employed	77,120	81,960
Unemployed	4,610	1,890
Unemployment Rate	5.6%	2.3%

2019 Annual Average Unemployment Rate by Town

Allenstown	2.6%	Hooksett	2.2%
Andover	2.4%	Hopkinton	2.0%
Boscawen	2.6%	Loudon	2.2%
Bow	2.1%	New London	2.9%
Bradford	2.3%	Newbury	2.1%
Canterbury	2.0%	Northfield	2.7%
Chichester	2.3%	Pembroke	2.3%
Concord	2.2%	Pittsfield	2.4%
Danbury	2.4%	Salisbury	2.0%
Dunbarton	1.9%	Sutton	1.8%
Epsom	2.0%	Warner	2.1%
Franklin	2.6%	Webster	2.1%
Henniker	2.5%	Wilmot	2.0%
Hill	2.2%		

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
Concord School District	Concord	Education	818
GE Aviation	Hooksett	Jet engine parts	800
Southern NH University	Hooksett	Education	700
Pats Peak	Henniker	Ski area	622
City of Concord	Concord	Government	602
New London Hospital	New London	Health care services	520
United Healthcare	Hooksett	Health insurance services	500
Lincoln Financial	Concord	Insurance services	405
Market Basket	Concord	Supermarket	405
Amazon	Hooksett	Distribution warehouse	400
Henniker School District	Henniker	Education	400
Genesis Healthcare	Concord	Retirement community & healthcare facilities	385
Webster Valve & Foundry	Franklin	Plumbing, heating controls	340
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
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
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	2009	2019
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	8,724	10,313
Average Weekly Wage	\$966	\$1,209
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	46,857	51,222
Average Weekly Wage	\$755	\$995
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	55,582	61,536
Average Weekly Wage	\$788	\$1,031
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	16,552	16,281
Average Weekly Wage	\$883	\$1,068
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	72,134	77,816
Average Weekly Wage	\$810	\$1,039

Income	(2015-2019 5-Year Average, ACS)	
Per Capita Income		\$37,367
Median Family Income		\$92,777
Median Household Income		\$75,737
Median Earnings (Full-Time Year-Round)	Male	\$57,039
	Female	\$46,668
Individuals below poverty level		6.5%

Commuting to Work	(2015-2019 5-Year Average, ACS)
Workers, 16 years and over	78,708
Car, truck or van: drove alone	63,677
Car, truck or van: carpooled	6,254
Public transportation (excluding taxi)	259
Walked	1,954
Other means	1,010
Worked at home	5,554
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	27.1
Percent of working residents:	
Working in county of residence	63.8%
Commuting to some other NH county	31.8%
Commuting out-of-state/country	4.4%

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

Educational Attainment (2015-2019 5-Year Average, ACS)

Population, Age 25 and Over	106,647
Less than 9th grade	2,298
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	4,902
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	29,541
Some college, no degree	19,562
Associate's degree	12,336
Bachelor's degree	21,824
Graduate or professional degree	16,184

Percent high school graduates or higher	93.2%
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	35.6%

Educational and Child Care Facilities*School Districts in Merrimack County municipalities:*

- Allentown (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

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2020*(NH Bureau of Child Care Licensing)*

Total Facilities: 104 Total Capacity: 6,619

Nearest Hospitals (NH Hospital Assoc.) Staffed Beds

Catholic Medical Center, Manchester	251
Concord Hospital	245
Elliot Hospital, Manchester	268
Franklin Regional	31
New London Hospital	25

Housing (2015-2019 5-Year Average, ACS)

Total Housing Units	64,960
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	44,948
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	6,906
Five or More Units in Structure	9,432
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	3,674

New Hampshire Association of Realtors*

YTD 2020 Median Sale Price, Residential \$305,000

NHHFA Residential Rental Cost Survey**

2020 Median Monthly Gross Rent, 2 Bedroom \$1,273

Property Tax Rates, 2019 (NH Dept. of Revenue Admin.)

Town	Total Tax Rate/\$1000	Equalization Ratio	Full Value Rate/\$1000
Allentown	\$31.10	88.4	\$27.21
Andover	\$21.64	97.8	\$20.95
Boscawen	\$28.12	95.9	\$26.44
Bow	\$26.21	98.2	\$25.18
Bradford	\$27.91	79.5	\$22.10
Canterbury	\$27.87	81.5	\$22.53
Chichester	\$23.40	93.4	\$21.70
Concord	\$27.78	96.9	\$26.66
Danbury	\$24.00	81.4	\$19.48
Dunbarton	\$27.21	75.2	\$20.15
Epsom	\$27.09	84.6	\$22.76
Franklin	\$22.47	95.5	\$20.92
Henniker	\$35.34	83.2	\$28.68
Hill	\$25.41	97.0	\$24.16
Hooksett	\$21.55	83.9	\$17.64
Hopkinton	\$29.12	97.9	\$27.62
Loudon	\$22.98	83.1	\$18.77
New London	\$14.71	94.6	\$13.88
Newbury	\$15.88	82.6	\$13.07
Northfield	\$23.80	88.2	\$20.20
Pembroke	\$23.58	97.6	\$22.88
Pittsfield	\$32.86	80.4	\$26.08
Salisbury	\$23.14	88.0	\$19.77
Sutton	\$30.09	79.7	\$23.90
Warner	\$29.96	90.5	\$26.77
Webster	\$21.96	93.9	\$20.27
Wilmot	\$24.49	83.4	\$20.38

2019 Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type, County Totals

Residential Land and Buildings	75.6%
Commercial Land and Buildings	19.6%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	4.8%

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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; TC/TC: MWTh 9-2, T 1:30-6:30, last Sat 9-11
Town of Boscawen	116 North Main St Boscawen NH	03303	P: 753-9188 x305 F: 753-9184	ahardy@townofboscawen.org www.townofboscawen.org	Selectmen: W 4:30-6; TC/TC: MTWF 8:30-4:30, Th 8:30-5:30; Plan & Cmnty Dev: M-F 8:30-4:30; Closed Daily 12-1
Town of Bow	10 Grandview Rd Bow NH	03304	P: 223-3910 F: 224-6680	dstack@bownh.gov www.bownh.gov	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, TTh 8-12, 1-4, 2nd, 4th 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: MW 9-1, Th 10-2; TC/TC: M 9-3, T 3-7, Th 12-7
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 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: MTh 8-4, T 1-5, W 11:30-5:30, F 8-12; TC/TC: M 12-6, T 12-7, W 11-6, Th 9-3, 3rd 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; TClrk: MW 7:30-3:30, TTh 11-7; TClctr: TTh 4:30-7
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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
Town of Henniker	18 Depot Hill Rd Henniker NH	03242	P: 428-3221 F: 428-4366	townadministrator@henniker.org www.henniker.org	M-F 8-4:30; TClrk: M 8-5:30, TWF 8-4:30, 2nd, 4th Sat 10-12, except holiday weekends
Town of Hill	30 Crescent St, Suite 1 Hill NH	03243	P: 934-1094 F: 934-2011	hillselectmen@comcast.net www.townofhillnh.org	Selectmen: M 10-4:30, T 11-4, Th 8:30-1, 2-4:30. Mtg 1st, 3rd T 6:30; TClrk/TClctr: M 10:30-4:30, T 2:30-6:30, Th 8:30-1, 2-4:30
Town of Hooksett	35 Main St Hooksett NH	03106-1397	P: 485-8472 F: 485-4423	agarron@hooksett.org www.hooksett.org	MTThF 8-4:30, W 8-6:30, F 8-12
Town of Hopkinton	330 Main St Hopkinton NH	03229	P: 746-3170 F: 746-3049	townadmin@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; TClrk: M 8-2, T 3-8:45, WTh 9-4; TClctr: T 3-9, WTh 9-4
Town of New London	375 Main Street New London NH	03257	P: 526-4821 F: 526-9494	office@nl-nh.com www.nl-nh.com	M-F 8-4
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; TClrk: M 1-7, T-F 8-4
Town of Northfield	21 Summer St Northfield NH	03276	P: 286-7039 F: 286-3328	townadmin@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; TClrk: also 1st, 4th Th 5-7
Town of Pittsfield	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	tclerksalisbury@gmail.com www.salisburynh.org	Selectmen's Office: T-F 8-3:15, T eves 6-8:30; TClrk: M 9-1, T 3:30-8:30; TClctr: T 6-8:30, W 9-12; Bldg Inspector: T 6:30-8:30
Town of Sutton	93 Main Street Sutton Mills NH	03221	P: 927-2400 Not Available	townadmin@sutton-nh.org www.sutton-nh.org	Selectmen: MWF 8-4:30; TC/TC: M 9-7, TW 8-3, last Sat 9-12
Town of Warner	5 E Main Street, PO Box 265 Warner NH	03278-0265	P: 456-2298 x1 F: 456-2297	selectboard@warner.nh.us www.warner.nh.us	Selectmen/Town Clerk: MWTh 8-3, T 8-6
Town of Webster	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; TClrk: M 8-12, 4-8, W 9-12, 1-4, last Fri 8-12; TClctr: M 6-8 or by appointment
Town of Wilmot	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

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