

# 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

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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 932.9 square miles of land area and 22.1 square miles of inland water area. As of the 2023 Census, the population density was 168.4 persons per square mile. Merrimack County includes two cities, Concord and Franklin, and 25 towns. The county seat is Concord.

## COUNTY POPULATION

2023	2020	2010	2000	1990
157,103	154,038	146,445	136,225	120,240

Source: US Census Bureau, Decennial/Annual Population Estimates

## DEMOGRAPHICS

By Gender:	Male	Female
Total	77,233	77,785
18 years and over	62,553	63,636
65 years and over	13,700	16,275
Median Age (years)	41.5	43.7

By Age Group:	Under age 5	6,964
Age 5 to 19	26,239	
Age 20 to 34	29,472	
Age 35 to 54	38,923	
Age 55 to 64	23,445	
Age 65 and over	29,975	

Median Age (years) 42.6

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

## LABOR FORCE

Annual Average	2013	2023
Civilian Labor Force	81,058	82,275
Employed	77,194	80,709
Unemployed	3,864	1,566
Unemployment Rate	4.8%	1.9%

### 2023 Annual Average Unemployment Rates by Town

Allenstown	2.1%	Hooksett	1.8%
Andover	1.9%	Hopkinton	1.7%
Boscawen	2.0%	Loudon	1.7%
Bow	1.9%	New London	2.8%
Bradford	2.0%	Newbury	1.9%
Canterbury	1.8%	Northfield	2.2%
Chichester	1.8%	Pembroke	1.9%
Concord	1.9%	Pittsfield	2.1%
Danbury	1.9%	Salisbury	2.0%
Dunbarton	1.5%	Sutton	1.6%
Epsom	1.6%	Warner	2.0%
Franklin	2.2%	Webster	1.5%
Henniker	1.9%	Wilmot	2.0%
Hill	2.0%		

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
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 AVERAGES		
	2013	2023
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	73,510	76,732
Average Weekly Wage	\$866	\$1,267
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	57,805	60,982
Average Weekly Wage	\$858	\$1,272
Private Goods-Producing Establishments		
Average Employment	9,457	10,291
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,051	\$1,426
Private Service-Providing Establishments		
Average Employment	48,348	50,691
Average Weekly Wage	\$820	\$1,241
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	15,705	15,751
Average Weekly Wage	\$897	\$1,246

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

INCOME AND POVERTY	
Per Capita Income	\$47,056
Median Family Income	\$116,752
Median Household Income	\$93,944
Median Earnings (Full-Time Year-Round)	
Male	\$70,386
Female	\$56,407
Percent of individuals below the poverty level	7.1%
Persons under 18 years of age	6.9%
Persons 65 years of age or older	6.1%

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

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	112,062
Less than 9th grade	1,903
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	5,140
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	31,608
Some college, no degree	18,571
Associate's degree	12,167
Bachelor's degree	24,877
Graduate or professional degree	17,796

### Percent of age 25 and over population:

High school graduate or higher	93.7%
With a Bachelor's degree or higher	38.1%

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

## 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, 2023

Total Licensed Facilities	95
Total Capacity	6,169

Source: NH DHHS, Bureau of Child Care Licensing

## HIGHER EDUCATION FACILITIES

### Nearest Community College

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  
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	79,496
Car, truck or van: drove alone	59,605
Car, truck or van: carpooled	6,148
Public transportation (excluding taxi)	214
Walked	2,144
Other means	944
Worked at home	10,441
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	27.0

### Percent of working residents who:

Work in county of residence	66.4%
Commute to some other NH county	30.1%
Commute out of the state or the country	3.4%

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

## 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(s) with Scheduled Service	Passenger Airlines
Manchester-Boston Regional	7
Lebanon Municipal	1

Source: Local mapping data

**HOUSING UNITS**

Total Housing Units	66,080
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	44,678
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	7,578
Five or More Units in Structure	9,458
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	4,366

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	\$440,000
YTD Dec 2023 Average Days on Market Until Sale	22

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

2023 Median Monthly Gross Rent, 2 Bedroom	\$1,500
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Source: see footnotes

**2023 LOCAL ASSESSED VALUATION BY PROPERTY TYPE**

Property Type	Share of Total Valuation
Residential Land and Buildings	78.5%
Commercial Land and Buildings	17.5%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	4.0%

Source: NH Department of Revenue Administration

**PROPERTY TAX RATES, 2023**

Town	Total Tax Rate per \$1000	Equalization Ratio	Full Value Rate per \$1000
Allenstown	\$21.20	91.8	\$19.10
Andover	\$22.95	61.6	\$13.97
Boscawen	\$19.43	100.9	\$19.54
Bow	\$27.81	62.5	\$17.05
Bradford	\$27.80	75.0	\$20.78
Canterbury	\$21.00	69.6	\$14.52
Chichester	\$16.42	99.7	\$16.31
Concord	\$26.86	71.7	\$18.96
Danbury	\$20.00	75.0	\$14.96
Dunbarton	\$25.57	61.8	\$15.70
Epsom	\$24.63	60.2	\$14.77
Franklin	\$16.26	93.3	\$14.79
Henniker	\$22.38	92.0	\$20.37
Hill	\$28.24	53.4	\$15.04
Hooksett	\$15.98	97.8	\$15.28
Hopkinton	\$35.02	62.6	\$21.45
Loudon	\$20.84	71.7	\$14.84
New London	\$10.81	96.6	\$10.42
Newbury	\$13.05	59.7	\$7.78
Northfield	\$14.05	90.0	\$12.06
Pembroke	\$27.88	65.2	\$18.13
Pittsfield	\$24.97	64.1	\$15.91
Salisbury	\$16.20	95.8	\$15.37
Sutton	\$25.37	61.0	\$15.41
Warner	\$31.72	61.2	\$19.20
Webster	\$14.88	97.9	\$14.46
Wilmot	\$24.17	70.2	\$16.89

Source: NH Department of Revenue Administration

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