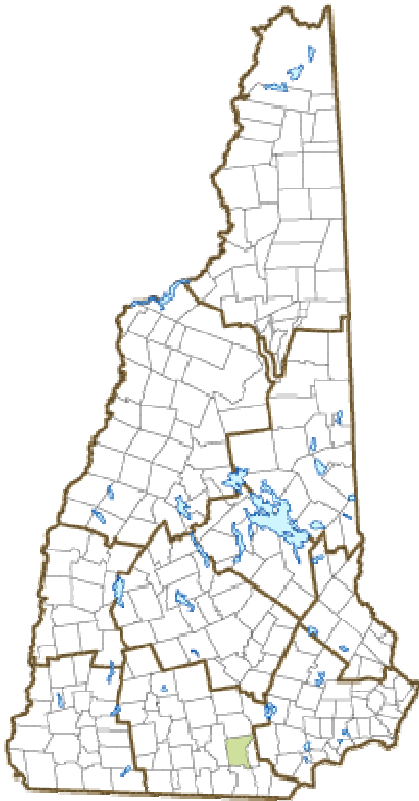


Merrimack, NH



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County	Hillsborough
Labor Market Area	Nashua NH-MA NECTA Division, NH Portion
Tourism Region	Merrimack Valley
Planning Commission	Nashua Regional
Regional Development	Regional Economic Development Corp.
Election Districts	
US Congress	District 1
Executive Council	District 5
State Senate	District 11
State Representative	Hillsborough County District 21

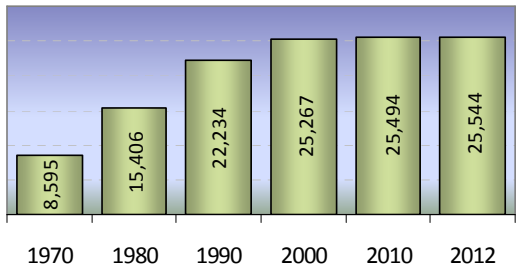
Incorporated: 1746

Origin: This territory was part of the 1673 charter of Dunstable, a large Massachusetts grant that was divided nearly in half with the establishment of the New Hampshire-Massachusetts border in 1741. Though the first log cabin was built here about 1665, settlement did not begin until the 1720s. When the town was separated from Dunstable (Nashua) in 1746, it was incorporated as Merrimack, after the river. In 1766, a ferry concession was granted to Edward Lutwyche, to facilitate trade and traffic between Litchfield and Merrimack. In 1784, the ferry was granted to Revolutionary War patriot Matthew Thornton, an area still known as Thornton's Ferry. Matthew Thornton was a resident of Merrimack until his death in 1803.

Villages and Place Names: Reeds Ferry, Souhegan Village, South Merrimack, Thorntons Ferry

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 819 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Merrimack ranked third in numeric change and eighth in percent change over 52 years, growing 8 ½ times larger.



Population change totaled 22,555, from 2,989 in 1960 to 25,544 in 2012. The largest decennial percent change was an 188 percent increase between 1960 and 1970. The 2012 Census estimate for Merrimack was 25,544 residents, which ranked eighth among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2010 (US Census Bureau): 783.7 persons per square mile of land area. Merrimack contains 32.5 square miles of land area and 0.9 square miles of inland water area.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Council/Town Manager
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2013	\$28,725,477
Budget: School Appropriations, 2013-2014	\$66,266,884
Zoning Ordinance	1953/10
Master Plan	2002
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions

Elected:	Town Council; Library; Ethics; School
Appointed:	Planning; Zoning; Parks & Recreation; Conservation; Heritage

Public Library **Merrimack Public**

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Police Department	Full-time	
Fire Department	Municipal	
Emergency Medical Service	Municipal	
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Southern NH Medical Center, Nashua	8 miles	188
St. Joseph Hospital, Nashua	9 miles	144
Catholic Medical Center, Manchester	10 miles	233

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier	PSNH
Natural Gas Supplier	Liberty Utilities
Water Supplier	Pennichuck Water Works; Merrimack Village District
Sanitation	Municipal
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	Yes
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	None
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Voluntary
Telephone Company	Fairpoint
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes
Public Access Television Station	Yes
High Speed Internet Service:	
Business	Yes
Residential	Yes

PROPERTY TAXES *(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)*

2012 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$23.21
2012 Equalization Ratio	102.8
2012 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$23.62
2012 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	75.6%
Commercial Land and Buildings	21.9%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	2.5%

HOUSING *(ACS 2008-2012)*

Total Housing Units	10,139
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	8,777
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	319
Five or More Units in Structure	995
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	48

DEMOGRAPHICS		<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>	
Total Population	Community	County	
2012	25,544	402,922	
2010	25,494	400,721	
2000	25,267	382,384	
1990	22,234	336,549	
1980	15,406	276,608	
1970	8,595	223,941	

Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2008-2012

Population by Gender			
Male	12,405	Female	13,135

Population by Age Group

Under age 5	1,240
Age 5 to 19	5,160
Age 20 to 34	3,412
Age 35 to 54	9,307
Age 55 to 64	3,387
Age 65 and over	3,034
Median Age	41.8 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	95.1%
Bachelor's degree or higher	42.1%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$

(ACS 2008-2012)

Per capita income	\$40,093
Median 4-person family income	\$104,254
Median household income	\$90,014

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers

Male	\$72,985
Female	\$48,869

Individuals below the poverty level

2.8%

LABOR FORCE

(NHES – ELMI)

Annual Average	2002	2012
Civilian labor force	16,122	16,008
Employed	15,365	15,210
Unemployed	757	798
Unemployment rate	4.7%	5.0%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES

(NHES – ELMI)

Annual Average Covered Employment	2002	2012
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	3,529	3,018
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,172	\$1,799
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	9,863	12,141
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,017	\$1,680
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	13,392	15,160
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,058	\$1,703
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	1,071	1,117
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 646	\$ 830
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	14,462	16,277
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,028	\$1,643

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EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Merrimack operates grades K-12** District: **SAU 26**
 Career Technology Center(s): **Wilbur H. Palmer Voc. Tech. Center, Hudson; Milford HS & Applied Technology Center, Milford; Nashua Technology Center** Region: **16**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	4	1	1	2
Grade Levels	P K 1-6	7-8	9-12	P K 1-12
Total Enrollment	2,045	611	1,380	328

Nearest Community College: **Nashua**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Thomas More; Rivier; St. Anselm; Daniel Webster; Hesser**

2013 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)

Total Facilities: **18** Total Capacity: **1,291**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Fidelity Investments	Financial services	6,000	1996
PC Connections, Inc.	Computer resale	1,077	1998
Merrimack Premium Outlets	Retail stores	900	2012
BAE Systems	Defense systems	816	1988
Merrimack School District	Education	800	
Anheuser-Busch, Inc.	Brewery, distribution	531	1991
Kollsman/Elbit Systems of America	Electra optics	500	1991
Brookstone, Inc.	Mail order marketer, retailer	256	
St. Gobain	PTFE coated fabrics	253	1984
GT Solar, Inc.	Equipment for photovoltaic & semiconductor industries	150	1995

TRANSPORTATION (*distances estimated from city/town hall*)

Road Access	US Routes	3
	State Routes	101A
Nearest Interstate, Exit	Everett Tpk., Exit 11; I-293, Exit 3	
	Distance	2 miles; 7 miles
Railroad	Boston & Maine	
Public Transportation	No	
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Boire Field, Nashua	Runway	6,000 ft. asphalt
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	Yes
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance	10 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		4
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		11 miles
Portland, Maine		105 miles
Boston, Mass.		51 miles
New York City, NY		244 miles
Montreal, Quebec		269 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK*(ACS 2008-2012)*

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	86.5%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	6.4%
Public transportation	0.5%
Walked	0.9%
Other means	0.4%
Worked at home	5.2%
Mean Travel Time to Work	27.6 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2008-2012

Working in community of residence	28.8
Commuting to another NH community	53.6
Commuting out-of-state	17.6

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
X	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
X	Golf Courses
X	Swimming: Indoor Facility
X	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
X	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
X	Bowling Facilities
	Museums
X	Cinemas
X	Performing Arts Facilities
X	Tourist Attractions
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
X	Youth Sports: Soccer
X	Youth Sports: Football
X	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
X	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
X	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): McIntyre
	Other: Anheuser-Busch Brewery & Tours