

Alton, NH



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County
 Labor Market Area
 Tourism Region
 Planning Commission
 Regional Development

Belknap
Belmont, NH LMA
Lakes
Lakes Region
Belknap County Economic Development Council

Election Districts

US Congress
 Executive Council
 State Senate
 State Representative

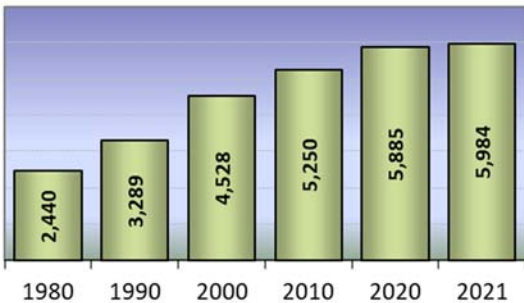
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Belknap County District 7

Incorporated: 1796

Origin: Originally called New Durham Gore, the town was settled by a group from Roxbury, Massachusetts. There were already two towns named Roxbury in New England, so the town was incorporated as Alton in honor of a prominent family from Roxbury. The town's boundary envelopes the five-mile long Alton Bay, the southeastern point of Lake Winnepesaukee, and includes the southern side of Wolfeboro Harbor and all of the largest islands in the southeast end of the lake. Alton's 19.3 square miles of inland water area is the highest among the cities and towns in New Hampshire.

Villages and Place Names: Alton Bay, East Alton, Mount Major, South Alton, West Alton

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 445 residents in 1790



Population Trends: Population change for Alton totaled 3,544 over 41 years, from 1,461 in 1980 to 5,984 in 2021. The largest decennial percent change was a 38 percent increase between 1990 and 2000. The 2021 Census estimate for Alton was 5,984 residents, which ranked 61th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2021 (US Census Bureau): 93.6 persons per square mile of land area. Alton contains 63.9 square miles of land area and 19.3 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2021	\$10,997,160
Budget: School Appropriations, 2020-2021	\$15,798,396
Zoning Ordinance	1970/15
Master Plan	2007
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions
 Elected: **Selectmen; Planning; Library; Cemetery; Budget; Checklist; Trust Funds; Water; Zoning**
 Appointed: **Conservation; Parks & Recreation; Levey Park**

Public Library **Gilman**

EMERGENCY SERVICES	
Police Department	Full & part-time
Fire Department	Municipal
Emergency Medical Service	Municipal

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Huggins Hospital, Wolfeboro	11 miles	25

UTILITIES	
Electric Supplier	Eversource Energy; NH Electric Coop; Wolfeboro Electric
Natural Gas Supplier	None
Water Supplier	Alton Water Works
Sanitation	Private septic
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	No
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	Private
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Mandatory
Telephone Company	Consolidated; TDS
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes
Public Access Television Station	No
High Speed Internet Service:	
Business	Yes
Residential	Yes

PROPERTY TAXES (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2021 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$11.38
2021 Equalization Ratio	83.0
2021 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$ 9.42
2021 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	94.1%
Commercial Land and Buildings	5.3%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	0.6%

HOUSING (ACS 2016-2020)	
Total Housing Units	4,430
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	4,015
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	35
Five or More Units in Structure	99
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	281

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)
Total Population	Community	County
2021	5,984	64,460
2020	5,893	63,743
2010	5,250	60,088
2000	4,528	56,576
1990	3,289	49,294
1980	2,440	42,884

DEMOGRAPHICS AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2016-2020		
Population by Gender		
Male	2,675	Female 2,656
Population by Age Group		
Under age 5		179
Age 5 to 19		1,003
Age 20 to 34		615
Age 35 to 54		1,241
Age 55 to 64		1,125
Age 65 and over		1,168
Median Age		49.6 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over	
High school graduate or higher	94.5%
Bachelor's degree or higher	31.2%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ (ACS 2016-2020)	
Per capita income	\$45,818
Median family income	\$99,208
Median household income	\$96,681
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	\$75,620
Female	\$70,132
Individuals below the poverty level	3.2%

LABOR FORCE (NHES – ELMII)		
Annual Average	2011	2021
Civilian labor force	3,072	3,037
Employed	2,927	2,944
Unemployed	145	93
Unemployment rate	4.7%	3.1%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES – ELMII)		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2011	2021
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	61	108
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 708	\$ 985
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	641	780
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 461	\$ 744
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	702	887
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 483	\$ 773
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	321	295
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 691	\$ 987
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	1,022	1,182
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 548	\$ 827

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Alton operates grades K-8; grades 9-12 are jointly managed with Barnstead (JMA)** District: **SAU 72**
 Career Technology Center(s): **Lakes Region Technology Center (Wolfeboro)**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1		1	
Grade Levels	P K 1-8		9-12	
Total Enrollment	419		440	

Nearest Community College: **Lakes Region**
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **University of NH**

2021 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **2** Total Capacity: **120**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Town of Alton	Municipal services	140	1796
Hannaford Brothers	Supermarket	132	2006
Alton School Department	Education	116	1797
McDonald's	Fast food restaurant	50	1995
Dunkin' Donuts	Donut shop	20	1996
Water Industries	Commercial pumping systems	20	1963
Aubuchon	Hardware store	11	2004
Alton Home & Lumber	Hardware & lumber sales	10	1994
Christian Conference Center	Recreational, campground	8	1863

*Employer Information Supplied by Municipality***TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)**

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	11, 11D, 28, 28A, 140
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-93, Exit 20
	Distance	28 miles
Railroad		No
Public Transportation		No
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Laconia Municipal	Runway	5,286 ft. asphalt
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	Yes
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance	46 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		4
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		46 miles
Portland, Maine		66 miles
Boston, Mass.		91 miles
New York City, NY		293 miles
Montreal, Quebec		256 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2016-2020)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	71.5%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	17.5%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	0.5%
Other means	0.9%
Worked at home	9.6%
Mean Travel Time to Work	36.1 minutes
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2016-2020	
Working in community of residence	42.8%
Commuting to another NH community	48.4%
Commuting out-of-state	8.8%

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
X	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
X	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
X	Tourist Attractions
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
X	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
X	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
X	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
X	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Gunstock
	Other: Boat Launch; Town Docks; Swim Dock; Public Beach in Picnic Area; B&M RR; Old Home Days; Mt. Washington Dock