

# Amherst, NH



## Community Contact

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## Municipal Office Hours

Town Hall, Town Administrator: Monday to Friday, 8-4; Town Clerk: Monday to Friday, 9-3, plus Tuesday, 4:30-6:30; Tax Collector: Monday to Friday, 9-3

## County

Hillsborough

## Labor Market Area

Nashua, NH-MA NECTA Division

## Tourism Region

Merrimack Valley

## Planning Commission

Nashua Regional

## Regional Development

Capital Regional Development Council

## Election Districts

### US Congress

District 2

### Executive Council

District 5

### State Senate

District 11

### State Representative

Hillsborough County Districts 34, 37

**Incorporated:** 1760

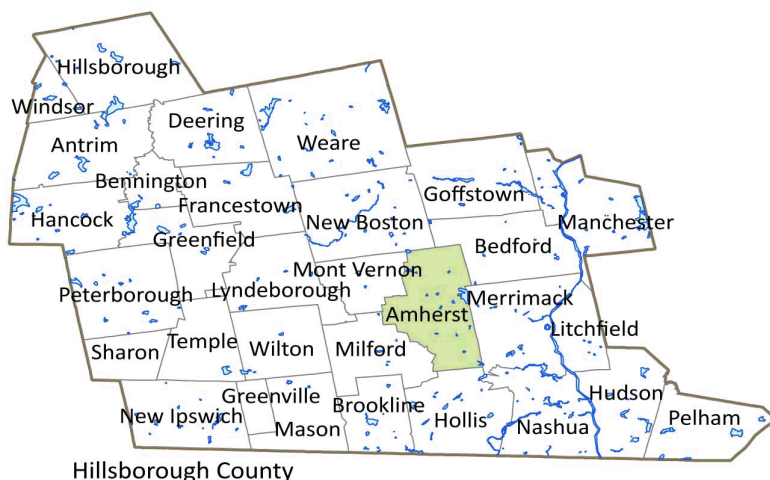
**Origin:** This area was first granted in 1728 as Narragansett Number 3, settled by the families of soldiers who had fought at Narragansett, Rhode Island. In 1760, the town was named Amherst in honor of Lord Jeffrey Amherst (1717-1797), commander-in-chief of the colonial forces in the French and Indian War. Amherst was the birthplace of Horace Greeley (1811-1872), founder of the New York Tribune, a founder of the Republican Party, and 1872 Presidential candidate. For a brief time, Amherst was the county seat for Hillsborough County.

**Villages and Place Names:** Cricket Corner, Ponemah, Baboosic Lake

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 2,369 residents in 1790

**Population Trends:** Population change for Amherst totaled 7,174 over 50 years, from 4,605 in 1970 to 11,779 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 79 percent increase from 1970 to 1980; the population more than doubled from 1960 to 1970. The town's population increased by five percent from 2010 to 2020. The 2022 Census estimate for Amherst was 11,898 residents, which ranked 26th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau):** 350.7 persons per square mile of land area. Amherst contains 33.9 square miles of land area and 0.5 square miles of inland water area.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES			
Type of Government		Selectmen	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2023		\$16,810,950	
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Zoning Ordinance		1946/23	
Master Plan		2023	
Capital Improvement Plan		Yes	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By		Planning Board	
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	Selectmen; Cemetery; Library; Trust Funds; Zoning; Planning		
Appointed:	Communications Infrastructure; Conservation; Heritage; Historic District; Recreation; Capital Improvement; Solid Waste		
Public Library	Amherst Town		
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department		Full-time	
Fire Department		On Call	
Emergency Medical Service		Part-time	
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds	
Southern NH Medical Center, Nashua	12 miles	163	
St. Joseph Hospital, Nashua	13 miles	159	
Catholic Medical Center, Manchester	13 miles	262	
UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier	Eversource Energy		
Natural Gas Supplier	Liberty Utilities		
Water Supplier	Pennichuck Water Works		
Sanitation	Private septic		
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	No		
Solid Waste Disposal			
Curbside Trash Pickup	None		
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No		
Recycling Program	Voluntary		
Telephone Company	Consolidated Communications		
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)	
2022 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$21.13	
2022 Equalization Ratio		77.6	
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$16.28	
2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		86.9%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		10.3%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		2.8%	
HOUSING		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Total Housing Units		4,524	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		4,222	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		199	
Five or More Units in Structure		91	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		12	

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population		Community	County
2022	11,898		426,594
2020	11,753		422,937
2010	11,201		400,721
2000	10,834		382,384
1990	9,057		336,549
1980	8,243		276,608
DEMOGRAPHICS AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021			
Population by Gender			
Male	5,748	Female	5,964
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5		656	
Age 5 to 19		2,308	
Age 20 to 34		1,300	
Age 35 to 54		3,171	
Age 55 to 64		2,151	
Age 65 and over		2,126	
Median Age		46.7 years	
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over:		8,400	
High school graduate or higher		99.2%	
Bachelor's degree or higher		62.6%	
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Per capita income		\$67,288	
Median family income		\$162,328	
Median household income		\$141,424	
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male		\$111,267	
Female		\$63,396	
Individuals below the poverty level		4.3%	
LABOR FORCE		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average		2012	2022
Civilian labor force		6,107	6,353
Employed		5,811	6,211
Unemployed		296	142
Unemployment rate		4.8%	2.2%
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average Covered Employment		2012	2022
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment		832	1,065
Average Weekly Wage		\$1,067	\$1,311
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment		2,993	3,408
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 825	\$1,237
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment		3,825	4,473
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 877	\$1,254
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment		585	589
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 964	\$1,118
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment		4,410	5,062
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 889	\$1,239
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**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend: **Amherst operates grades K-8; grades 9-12 are part of Souhegan Cooperative (Amherst, Mont Vernon)** District: **SAU 39**

Career Technology Center(s): **Milford HS & Applied Technology Center; Wilbur H. Palmer Career & Tech Ed Center (Hudson); Nashua Technology Center**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>
Grade Levels	<b>P K 1-4</b>	<b>5-8</b>	<b>9-12</b>	<b>P K 1-12</b>
Total Enrollment	<b>708</b>	<b>639</b>	<b>698</b>	<b>72</b>

Nearest Community College: **Manchester; Nashua**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **St. Anselm; Rivier; Thomas More; UNH-Manchester; Southern NH University; MCPHS; Franklin Pierce-Manchester**

2022 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)

Total Facilities: **7** Total Capacity: **490**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Wal-Mart	Retail store	200	1992
H & M Metals, Inc.	Steel metal fabrication	130	1970
Diacom Corporation	Fabric-elastomer diaphragms	93	1983
Resin System Corporation	Custom cast thermoset plastic	52	1972
Vibrac Corporation	Torque test instruments	15	1971
Rontex America, Inc.	Nonwoven fabrics	23	1976
Lowe's	Home improvement center		

#### Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

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

Road Access US Routes  
State Routes **13, 101, 101A, 122**

Nearest Interstate, Exit **Everett Tpk., Exit 11; I-293, Exit 4**

Distance **9 miles; 12 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 **15 miles**

Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport **4**

Driving distance to select cities:

Manchester, NH	<b>16 miles</b>
Portland, Maine	<b>110 miles</b>
Boston, Mass.	<b>56 miles</b>
New York City, NY	<b>226 miles</b>
Montreal, Quebec	<b>262 miles</b>

##### COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2017-2021)

Workers 16 years and over

Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>67.6%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>5.9%</b>
Public transportation	<b>0.0%</b>
Walked	<b>0.2%</b>
Other means	<b>3.1%</b>
Worked at home	<b>23.2%</b>

Mean Travel Time to Work **33.3 minutes**

Percent of Working Residents

Working in community of residence	<b>34.2%</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>53.8%</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>12.0%</b>

##### RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

**X** Municipal Parks  
YMCA/YWCA

**X** Boys Club/Girls Club

**X** Golf Courses  
Swimming: Indoor Facility

**X** 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  
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  
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): **Pat's Peak; Crotched Mountain**

Other: **Swimming Lake; Youth Lacrosse; Ponemah Bog Sanctuary; Peabody Mill Environmental Center; Joe English Reservation; Hiking Trails**