

Amherst, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

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County
 Labor Market Area
 Tourism Region
 Planning Commission
 Regional Development

Hillsborough
Nashua, NH-MA NECTA Division
Merrimack Valley
Nashua Regional
Capital Regional Development Council

Election Districts

US Congress
 Executive Council
 State Senate
 State Representative

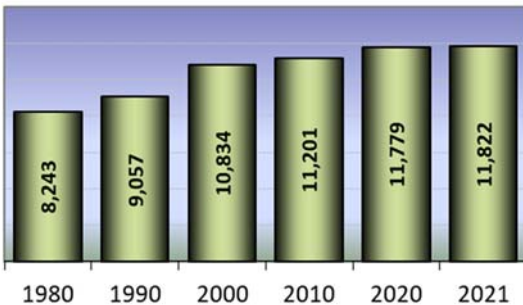
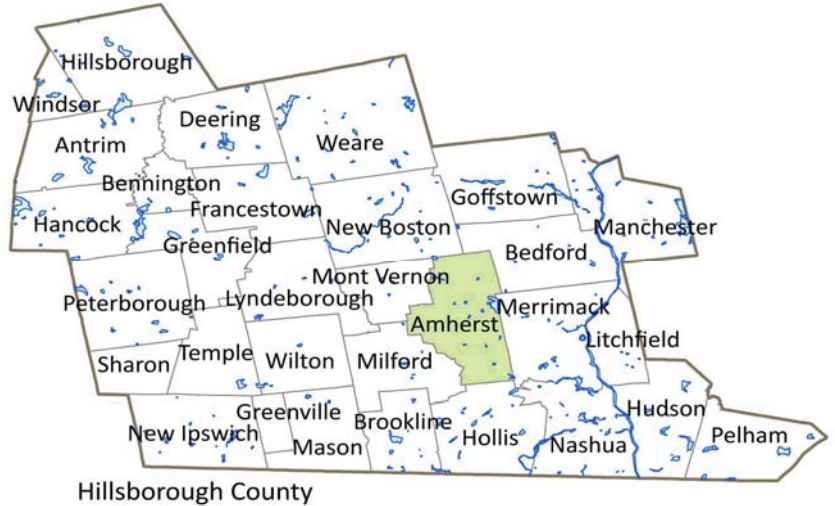
District 2
District 5
District 11
Hillsborough County Districts 34, 37

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 3,579 over 41 years, from 8,243 in 1980 to 11,822 in 2021. The largest decennial percent change was a 20 percent increase between 1990 and 2000. The 2021 Census estimate for Amherst was 11,822 residents, which ranked 26th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2021 (US Census Bureau): 348.4 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, 2019-2020	\$20,042,349
Budget: School Appropriations, 2020-2021	\$29,286,317
Zoning Ordinance	1946/20
Master Plan	2010
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

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 <i>(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</i>	
2021 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$21.31
2021 Equalization Ratio	92.1
2021 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$19.50
2021 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	87.1%
Commercial Land and Buildings	10.2%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	2.7%

HOUSING <i>(ACS 2016-2020)</i>	
Total Housing Units	4,435
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	4,170
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	183
Five or More Units in Structure	68
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	14

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>
Total Population	Community	County
2021	11,822	424,079
2020	11,768	422,705
2010	11,201	400,721
2000	10,834	382,384
1990	9,057	336,549
1980	8,243	276,608

DEMOGRAPHICS <i>AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2016-2020</i>		
Population by Gender		
Male	5,501	Female 5,856
Population by Age Group		
Under age 5		710
Age 5 to 19		2,153
Age 20 to 34		1,321
Age 35 to 54		2,973
Age 55 to 64		2,086
Age 65 and over		2,114
Median Age		46.8 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over	
High school graduate or higher	99.0%
Bachelor's degree or higher	62.8%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ <i>(ACS 2016-2020)</i>	
Per capita income	\$64,135
Median family income	\$160,131
Median household income	\$136,006

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	\$105,891
Female	\$60,940

Individuals below the poverty level	2.1%
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LABOR FORCE <i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>		
Annual Average	2011	2021
Civilian labor force	6,046	6,241
Employed	5,752	6,054
Unemployed	294	187
Unemployment rate	4.9%	3.0%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES <i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2011	2021
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	783	1,073
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,059	\$1,342
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	3,033	3,220
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 791	\$1,143
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	3,817	4,293
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 846	\$1,193
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	608	552
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 925	\$1,135
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	4,425	4,845
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 857	\$1,186

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	1	1	1	3
Grade Levels	P K 1-4	5-8	9-12	P K 1-12
Total Enrollment	644	612	707	62

Nearest Community College: **Manchester; Nashua**
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **St. Anselm; Rivier; Daniel Webster**

2021 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **8** Total Capacity: **496**

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
Rontex America, Inc.	Nonwoven fabrics	23	1976
Vibrac Corporation	Torque test instruments	15	1971
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		16 miles	
Portland, Maine		110 miles	
Boston, Mass.		56 miles	
New York City, NY		226 miles	
Montreal, Quebec		262 miles	
COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2016-2020)			
Workers 16 years and over			
Drove alone, car/truck/van		74.4%	
Carpooled, car/truck/van		7.4%	
Public transportation		0.0%	
Walked		0.2%	
Other means		3.1%	
Worked at home		14.9%	
Mean Travel Time to Work		34.0 minutes	
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2016-2020			
Working in community of residence		76.6%	
Commuting to another NH community		9.2%	
Commuting out-of-state		14.2%	

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