

# Amherst, NH



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## Municipal Office Hours

**Monday through Friday, 8 am - 4 pm; Town Clerk, Tax Collector: Monday through Friday, 9 am - 3 pm, extended hours Tuesday, 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm**

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 22, 41**

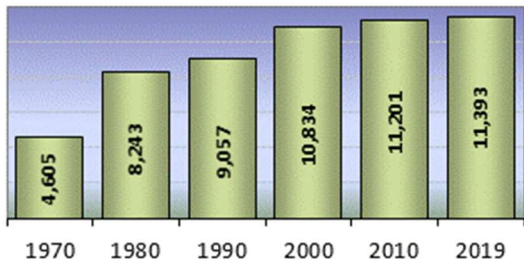
**Incorporated:** 1760

**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 6,788 over 49 years, from 4,605 in 1970 to 11,393 in 2019. The largest decennial percent change was



a 79 percent increase between 1970 and 1980. The 2019 Census estimate for Amherst was 11,393 residents, which ranked 27th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density and Land Area, 2019 (US Census Bureau):** 335.8 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.



Hillsborough County

<b>MUNICIPAL SERVICES</b>			
Type of Government	<b>Selectmen</b>		
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2019-2020	<b>\$20,042,349</b>		
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Zoning Ordinance	<b>1946/20</b>		
Master Plan	<b>2010</b>		
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>Yes</b>		
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Planning Board</b>		
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	<b>Selectmen; Cemetery; Library; Trust Funds; Zoning</b>		
Appointed:	<b>Planning; Communications Infrastructure; Conservation; Heritage; Historic District; Recreation; Capital Improvement; Solid Waste</b>		
Public Library	<b>Amherst Town</b>		
<b>EMERGENCY SERVICES</b>			
Police Department	<b>Full-time</b>		
Fire Department	<b>On Call</b>		
Emergency Medical Service	<b>Part-time</b>		
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds	
<b>Southern NH Medical Center, Nashua</b>	<b>12 miles</b>	<b>162</b>	
<b>St. Joseph Hospital, Nashua</b>	<b>13 miles</b>	<b>135</b>	
<b>Catholic Medical Center, Manchester</b>	<b>13 miles</b>	<b>251</b>	
<b>UTILITIES</b>			
Electric Supplier	<b>Eversource Energy</b>		
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>Liberty Utilities</b>		
Water Supplier	<b>Pennichuck Water Works</b>		
Sanitation	<b>Private septic</b>		
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	<b>No</b>		
Solid Waste Disposal	<b>None</b>		
Curbside Trash Pickup	<b>None</b>		
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	<b>No</b>		
Recycling Program	<b>Voluntary</b>		
Telephone Company	<b>Fairpoint</b>		
Cellular Telephone Access	<b>Yes</b>		
Cable Television Access	<b>Yes</b>		
Public Access Television Station	<b>Yes</b>		
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	<b>Yes</b>	
	Residential	<b>Yes</b>	
<b>PROPERTY TAXES (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</b>			
2019 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$26.96</b>		
2019 Equalization Ratio	<b>84.4</b>		
2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$22.57</b>		
2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>84.6%</b>		
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>12.5%</b>		
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>2.9%</b>		
<b>HOUSING (ACS 2015-2019)</b>			
Total Housing Units	<b>4,279</b>		
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	<b>4,094</b>		
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure	<b>131</b>		
Five or More Units in Structure	<b>40</b>		
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	<b>14</b>		

<b>POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)</b>		<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>	
Total Population	Community	County	
2019	<b>11,393</b>	<b>417,025</b>	
2010	<b>11,201</b>	<b>400,721</b>	
2000	<b>10,834</b>	<b>382,384</b>	
1990	<b>9,057</b>	<b>336,549</b>	
1980	<b>8,243</b>	<b>276,608</b>	
1970	<b>4,605</b>	<b>223,941</b>	
<b>DEMOGRAPHICS AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2015-2019</b>			
Population by Gender			
Male	<b>5,475</b>	Female	<b>5,858</b>
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5	<b>718</b>		
Age 5 to 19	<b>2,165</b>		
Age 20 to 34	<b>1,525</b>		
Age 35 to 54	<b>2,809</b>		
Age 55 to 64	<b>2,135</b>		
Age 65 and over	<b>1,981</b>		
Median Age	<b>45.8 years</b>		
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher	<b>99.0%</b>		
Bachelor's degree or higher	<b>62.8%</b>		
<b>INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ (ACS 2015-2019)</b>			
Per capita income	<b>\$62,321</b>		
Median family income	<b>\$152,900</b>		
Median household income	<b>\$138,994</b>		
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male	<b>\$107,717</b>		
Female	<b>\$60,091</b>		
Individuals below the poverty level	<b>1.9%</b>		
<b>LABOR FORCE (NHES – ELMII)</b>			
Annual Average	2009	2019	
Civilian labor force	<b>6,305</b>	<b>6,369</b>	
Employed	<b>5,987</b>	<b>6,218</b>	
Unemployed	<b>318</b>	<b>151</b>	
Unemployment rate	<b>5.0%</b>	<b>2.4%</b>	
<b>EMPLOYMENT &amp; WAGES (NHES – ELMII)</b>			
Annual Average Covered Employment	2009	2019	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	<b>770</b>	<b>1,172</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 895</b>	<b>\$1,188</b>	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	<b>3,183</b>	<b>3,140</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 744</b>	<b>\$ 945</b>	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	<b>3,953</b>	<b>4,312</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 773</b>	<b>\$1,011</b>	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	<b>610</b>	<b>589</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 906</b>	<b>\$1,005</b>	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	<b>4,563</b>	<b>4,900</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 791</b>	<b>\$1,010</b>	

**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** Region: **16**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1	1	1	2
Grade Levels	P K 1-4	5-8	9-12	P K 1-12
Total Enrollment	681	637	740	54

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

2020 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **9** Total Capacity: **568**

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	<b>13, 101, 101A, 122</b>	
Nearest Interstate, Exit	<b>Everett Tpk., Exit 11; I-293, Exit 4</b>		
	Distance	<b>9 miles; 12 miles</b>	
Railroad	<b>Boston &amp; Maine</b>		
Public Transportation	<b>No</b>		
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation			
<b>Boire Field, Nashua</b>	Runway	<b>6,000 ft. asphalt</b>	
Lighted?	<b>Yes</b>	Navigation Aids?	<b>Yes</b>
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service			
<b>Manchester-Boston Regional</b>	Distance	<b>15 miles</b>	
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		<b>4</b>	
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 2015-2019)			
Workers 16 years and over			
Drove alone, car/truck/van		<b>78.0%</b>	
Carpooled, car/truck/van		<b>6.1%</b>	
Public transportation		<b>0.0%</b>	
Walked		<b>0.3%</b>	
Other means		<b>15.1%</b>	
Worked at home		<b>20.0%</b>	
Mean Travel Time to Work		<b>33.5 minutes</b>	
<b>Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2015-2019</b>			
Working in community of residence		<b>23.4</b>	
Commuting to another NH community		<b>56.6</b>	
Commuting out-of-state		<b>20.0</b>	

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS	
<b>X</b>	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
<b>X</b>	Boys Club/Girls Club
<b>X</b>	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
<b>X</b>	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
	Tourist Attractions
<b>X</b>	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Baseball
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Soccer
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Football
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
<b>X</b>	Fishing/Hunting
	Boating/Marinas
<b>X</b>	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
<b>X</b>	Cross Country Skiing
<b>X</b>	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
<b>X</b>	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): <b>Pat's Peak; Crotched Mountain</b>
	Other: <b>Swimming Lake; Youth Lacrosse; Ponemah Bog Sanctuary; Peabody Mill Environmental Center; Joe English Reservation; Hiking Trails</b>