

Ashland, NH



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County	Grafton
Labor Market Area	Plymouth, NH LMA
Tourism Region	Lakes
Planning Commission	Lakes Region
Regional Development	Grafton County Economic Development Council
Election Districts	
US Congress	District 2
Executive Council	District 1
State Senate	District 2
State Representative	Grafton County Districts 9, 17

Incorporated: 1868

Origin: Once the southwest portion of Holderness known as the village section, Ashland was not incorporated until 1868. The name Ashland was in honor of the birthplace and Kentucky estate of Henry Clay, Secretary of State and Senator from Kentucky. The name was suggested by Colonel Thomas Cheney, who had been assistant Sargent-at-Arms in Congress during Clay's service in Washington, and an active participant in the formation of the Republican party in New Hampshire. The geographic center of New Hampshire is located three miles east of Ashland.

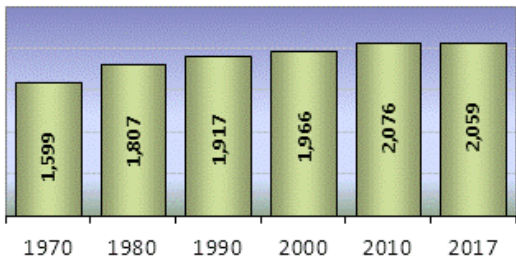
Villages and Place Names: unknown

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 885 residents in 1870

Population Trends: Population change for Ashland totaled 586 over 57 years, from 1,473 in 1960 to 2,059 in 2017. The largest decennial percent change was a 13 percent increase between 1970 and 1980, the only decade that population increased over ten percent. The 2017 Census estimate for Ashland was 2,059 residents, which ranked 139th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Grafton County



Population Density and Land Area, 2017 (US Census Bureau): 181.9 persons per square mile of land area. Ashland contains 11.3 square miles of land area and 0.5 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2017	\$7,149,156
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Zoning Ordinance	1985/18
Master Plan	2014
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions

Elected: **Selectmen; Budget; Trustees; Electric; Water & Sewer**

Appointed: **Planning; Conservation; Zoning**

Public Library **Ashland Town**

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	On-Call
Emergency Medical Service	On-Call

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Speare Memorial, Plymouth	7 miles	25

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier	Ashland Electric
Natural Gas Supplier	None
Water Supplier	Ashland Water Department

Sanitation	Municipal
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	Yes
Solid Waste Disposal	None
Curbside Trash Pickup	None
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Mandatory

Telephone Company	BayRing; 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)

2017 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$24.90
2017 Equalization Ratio	95.1
2017 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$23.41

2017 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	81.4%
Commercial Land and Buildings	17.0%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	2.1%

HOUSING (ACS 2012-2016)

Total Housing Units	1,445
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	840
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	248
Five or More Units in Structure	245
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	112

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL) (US Census Bureau)

	Community	County
Total Population		
2017	2,059	89,386
2010	2,076	89,118
2000	1,966	81,826
1990	1,917	74,998
1980	1,807	65,806
1970	1,599	54,914

DEMOGRAPHICS, AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2012-2016

Population by Gender		
Male	1,030	
Female		1,129

Population by Age Group

Under age 5	174
Age 5 to 19	247
Age 20 to 34	618
Age 35 to 54	447
Age 55 to 64	268
Age 65 and over	405
Median Age	37.8 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	95.6%
Bachelor's degree or higher	35.6%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ (ACS 2012-2016)

Per capita income	\$22,766
Median family income	\$50,732
Median household income	\$44,000

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers, 16 years and over

Male	\$37,771
Female	\$27,612

Individuals below the poverty level **21.3%**

LABOR FORCE (NHES - ELMI)

	2007	2017
Annual Average		
Civilian labor force	1,101	1,215
Employed	1,064	1,190
Unemployed	37	25
Unemployment rate	3.4%	2.1%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES - ELMI)

	2006	2016
Annual Average Covered Employment		
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	145	371
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 597	\$ 683
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	526	518
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 457	\$ 808
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	671	890
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 487	\$ 756
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	85	87
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 624	\$ 707
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	756	977
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 502	\$ 751

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend:	Ashland operates grades K-8; grades 9-12 are part of Pemi-Baker Cooperative (Ashland, Campton, Holderness, Plymouth, Rumney, Thornton, Wentworth)				District: SAU
Career Technology Center(s):	Plymouth Applied Technology Center				Region: 5
Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial	
Number of Schools	1				
Grade Levels	K 1-8				
Total Enrollment	159				

Nearest Community College: **Lakes Region**
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Plymouth State University**

2017 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **0** Total Capacity: **0**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Rochester Shoe Tree Co., Inc.	Shoe trees	90	1979
Freudenberg-NOK	Elastomeric seals & custom molded products	50	1949
Common Man	Restaurant	50	
Belletetes	Lumber sales	35	
Town of Ashland	Municipal services	21	

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)

Road Access	US Routes	3
	State Routes	132, 175
Nearest Interstate, Exit	I-93, Exit 24	
Distance	Local access	
Railroad		No
Public Transportation		No
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Plymouth Regional	Runway	2,380 ft. turf
Lighted? No	Navigation Aids?	No
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Lebanon Municipal	Distance	52 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		1
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		54 miles
Portland, Maine		89 miles
Boston, Mass.		106 miles
New York City, NY		302 miles
Montreal, Quebec		217 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2012-2016)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	83.5%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	1.5%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	12.2%
Other means	0.7%
Worked at home	2.1%
Mean Travel Time to Work	21.2 minutes
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2012-2016	
Working in community of residence	23.7
Commuting to another NH community	74.6
Commuting out-of-state	1.7

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
X	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
	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
X	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Loon, Waterville, & Ragged Mountains
	Other: Little Squam Lake