

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

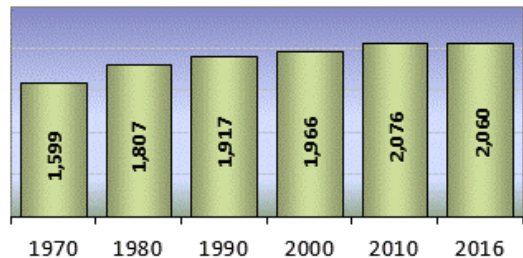
Incorporated: 1868

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 587 over 56 years, from 1,473 in 1960 to 2,060 in 2016. The largest decennial percent change was a 13 percent increase between 1970 and 1980, the only decade that population increased over ten



percent. The 2016 Census estimate for Ashland was 2,060 residents, which ranked 139th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Grafton County

Population Density and Land Area, 2016 (US Census Bureau): 182.0 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, 2016	\$6,397,175
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Zoning Ordinance	1985/10
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	
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 <i>(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</i>	
2016 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$24.37
2016 Equalization Ratio	96.6
2016 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$23.30
2016 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	80.8%
Commercial Land and Buildings	17.0%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	2.2%

HOUSING <i>(ACS 2012-2016)</i>	
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) <i>(US Census Bureau)</i>		
Total Population	Community	County
2016	2,060	88,888
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 <i>(ACS) 2012-2016</i>			
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 \$ <i>(ACS 2012-2016)</i>	
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 <i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>			
Annual Average	2006	2016	
Civilian labor force	1,087	1,188	
Employed	1,059	1,160	
Unemployed	28	28	
Unemployment rate	2.6%	2.4%	

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES <i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>			
Annual Average Covered Employment	2006	2016	
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	160			

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	

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

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