**Barnstead, NH**

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**Municipal Office Hours**
Selectmen: Tuesday, 5 pm - 7 pm; Town Hall: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, Tuesday, 8:30 am - 7 pm; Town Clerk, Tax Collector: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, Tuesday, 11:30 am - 7 pm

**County**  
Belknap

**Labor Market Area**  
Belmont, NH LMA

**Tourism Region**  
Lakes

**Planning Commission**  
Lakes Region

**Regional Development**  
Belknap County Economic Development Council

**Election Districts**
US Congress  
District 1  
Executive Council  
District 2  
State Senate  
District 6  
State Representative  
Belknap County Districts 7, 8

**Incorporated:** 1727

**Origin:** Granted in 1727, this community was one of several established to deal with rapidly expanding population in the seacoast area. A majority of new settlers came from either Barnstable on Cape Cod or Hampstead on Long Island, and the name Barnstead is a conjunction of the two. Barnstead Parade, the town’s central highway, was located on the Province Road which ran between Portsmouth and the Governor's summer house in Wolfeboro.

**Villages and Place Names:** Barnstead Parade, Center Barnstead, South Barnstead, North Barnstead

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 807 residents in 1790

**Population Trends:** Population change for Barnstead totaled 3,625 over 49 years, from 1,119 in 1970 to 4,744 in 2019. The largest decennial percent change was between 1970 and 1980, when the population increased by 105 percent, more than doubling the population in those ten years. The 2019 Census estimate for Barnstead was 4,744 residents, which ranked 76th among New Hampshire’s incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density and Land Area, 2019 (US Census Bureau):** 110.5 persons per square mile of land area. Barnstead contains 42.9 square miles of land area and 2.0 square miles of inland water area.
**MUNICIPAL SERVICES**

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<th>Type of Government</th>
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<td>Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2019</td>
<td>$5,202,443</td>
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<td>Budget: School Appropriations, 2018-2019</td>
<td>$13,635,748</td>
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<td>Zoning Ordinance</td>
<td>1971/19</td>
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<td>Master Plan</td>
<td>2015</td>
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<td>Capital Improvement Plan</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Industrial Plans Reviewed By</td>
<td>Fire &amp; Planning Board</td>
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**Boards and Commissions**

- **Elected:** Selectmen; Planning; Budget; Library; Checklist
- **Appointed:** Zoning; Parks & Recreation; Conservation

**Public Library**

- Oscar Foss Memorial

**EMERGENCY SERVICES**

- Police Department: Full-time
- Fire Department: Full-time
- Emergency Medical Service: Full-time

**Nearest Hospital(s)**

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<th>Hospital</th>
<th>Distance</th>
<th>Staffed Beds</th>
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<td>Concord Hospital, Concord</td>
<td>21 miles</td>
<td>245</td>
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<tr>
<td>Frisbie Memorial, Rochester</td>
<td>19 miles</td>
<td>96</td>
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**UTILITIES**

- Electric Supplier: Eversource Energy; NH Electric Coop
- Natural Gas Supplier: None
- Water Supplier: Private; Locke Lake Colony; Pennichuck

- Sanitation: Private septic
- Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant: No
- Solid Waste Disposal: Curbside Trash Pickup
- Pay-As-You-Throw Program: No
- Recycling Program: Mandatory

- Telephone Company: Fairpoint; Northern NE; TDS
- Cellular Telephone Access: Yes
- Cable Television Access: Yes
- Public Access Television Station: Yes
- High Speed Internet Service: Business, Residential

**PROPERTY TAXES**

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Tax Rate (per $1000 of value)</th>
<th>Equalization Ratio</th>
<th>Full Value Tax Rate (per $1000 of value)</th>
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<td>2019</td>
<td>$22.83</td>
<td>95.5</td>
<td>$21.72</td>
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- 2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type
  - Residential Land and Buildings: 95.8%
  - Commercial Land and Buildings: 2.2%
  - Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other: 1.9%

**HOUSING**

- Total Housing Units: 2,510
  - Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached: 2,284
    - Two to Four Units in Structure: 107
    - Five or More Units in Structure: 0
    - Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units: 119

**POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)**

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Total Population</th>
<th>Community</th>
<th>County</th>
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<tr>
<td>2019</td>
<td>4,744</td>
<td>61,303</td>
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<td>2010</td>
<td>4,593</td>
<td>60,088</td>
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<td>2000</td>
<td>3,914</td>
<td>56,576</td>
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<td>1990</td>
<td>3,105</td>
<td>49,294</td>
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<td>1980</td>
<td>2,292</td>
<td>42,884</td>
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<td>1970</td>
<td>1,119</td>
<td>32,367</td>
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**DEMOGRAPHICS**

- American Community Survey (ACS) 2015-2019
- Population by Gender
  - Male: 2,166
  - Female: 2,514

- Population by Age Group
  - Under age 5: 177
  - Age 5 to 19: 840
  - Age 20 to 34: 751
  - Age 35 to 54: 1,368
  - Age 55 to 64: 957
  - Age 65 and over: 587
  - Median Age: 42.9 years

- Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over
  - High school graduate or higher: 92.2%
  - Bachelor’s degree or higher: 21.6%

**INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED $**

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<th>Category</th>
<th>2019</th>
<th>2018</th>
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<td>Per capita income</td>
<td>$33,840</td>
<td>$33,400</td>
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<td>Median family income</td>
<td>$83,477</td>
<td>$82,600</td>
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<td>Median household income</td>
<td>$71,903</td>
<td>$70,800</td>
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<td>Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers</td>
<td>$52,575</td>
<td>$52,300</td>
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<td>Individuals below the poverty level</td>
<td>$32,382</td>
<td>$32,000</td>
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<td>Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over</td>
<td>92.2%</td>
<td>91.8%</td>
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<td>Highest level completed: Bachelor's degree or higher</td>
<td>21.6%</td>
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**LABOR FORCE**

- NHES – ELMI
  - Annual Average
    - 2009: 2,966
    - 2019: 2,711
  - Civilian labor force: 2,966
  - Employed: 2,851
  - Unemployed: 177
  - Unemployment rate: 6.9%

**EMPLOYMENT & WAGES**

- NHES – ELMI
  - Annual Average Covered Employment
    - 2009: $41,020
    - 2019: $42,500
  - Goods Producing Industries
    - Average Employment: 33
    - Average Weekly Wage: $516
  - Service Providing Industries
    - Average Employment: 170
    - Average Weekly Wage: $426
  - Total Private Industry
    - Average Employment: 203
    - Average Weekly Wage: $441
  - Government (Federal, State, and Local)
    - Average Employment: 161
    - Average Weekly Wage: $601
  - Total, Private Industry plus Government
    - Average Employment: 365
    - Average Weekly Wage: $512
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EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: Barnstead operates grades K-8; grades 9-12 are jointly managed with Alton (JMA)
Career Technology Center(s): Lakes Region Technology Center (Wolfeboro)

Number of Schools: 1
Grade Levels: P K 1-8
Total Enrollment: 481

Nearest Community College: NHTI-Concord
Nearest Colleges or Universities: University of NH; UNH School of Law

LARGEST BUSINESSES

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<th>PRODUCT/SERVICE</th>
<th>EMPLOYEES</th>
<th>ESTABLISHED</th>
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<td>Barnstead Elementary School/SAU 86 Education/administrative</td>
<td>106</td>
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<tr>
<td>Town of Barnstead Municipal services</td>
<td>96</td>
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<tr>
<td>Hampstead Stage Company Theatre group</td>
<td>28</td>
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<tr>
<td>Barnstead Business Park Auto/small engine repair, Pellet Construction Co., and Child Care</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>2013</td>
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<tr>
<td>Bosco Bell Convenience store, gas</td>
<td>14</td>
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<tr>
<td>OSG Outdoor games, paintball</td>
<td>14</td>
<td>1991</td>
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<td>JJ Goodwin’s Restaurant</td>
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<td>1997</td>
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<td>Blueberry Station Convenience store, gas</td>
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<td>2005</td>
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<td>Barton’s Lumber Lumber Yard</td>
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Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service

Manchester-Boston Regional Distance 36 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport 4

Driving distance to select cities:
- Manchester, NH: 37 miles
- Portland, Maine: 71 miles
- Boston, Mass.: 87 miles
- New York City, NY: 284 miles
- Montreal, Quebec: 255 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2015-2019)

Workers 16 years and over
- Drove alone, car/truck/van: 84.7%
- Carpooleo, car/truck/van: 5.7%
- Public transportation: 0.5%
- Walked: 0.0%
- Other means: 9.1%
- Worked at home: 4.5%
Mean Travel Time to Work: 38.7 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2015-2019
- Working in community of residence: 12.6%
- Commuting to another NH community: 82.9%
- Commuting out-of-state: 4.5%

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

- Municipal Parks
- YMCA/YWCA
- Boys Club/Girls Club
- Golf Courses
- Swimming: Indoor Facility
- Swimming: Outdoor Facility
- Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
- Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
- Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
- Bowling Facilities
- Museums
- Cinemas
- Performing Arts Facilities
- Tourist Attractions
- Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
- Youth Sports: Baseball
- Youth Sports: Soccer
- Youth Sports: Football
- Youth Sports: Basketball
- Youth Sports: Hockey
- Campgrounds
- Fishing/Hunting
- Boating/Marinas
- Snowmobile Trails
- Bicycle Trails
- Cross Country Skiing
- Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
- Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): Gunstock

Other: Outdoor Hockey; Outdoor Skating Rink; Outdoor Basketball Courts

EMPLOYER INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY MUNICIPALITY

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)

Road Access US Routes
State Routes 28, 107, 126
Nearest Interstate, Exit I-93, Exit 15
Distance 21 miles
Railroad No
Public Transportation No

Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation
Concord Municipal Runway 6,005 ft. asphalt
Lighted? Yes Navigation Aids? Yes

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