

# Candia, NH



## Community Contact

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## Municipal Office Hours

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County  
 Labor Market Area  
 Tourism Region  
 Planning Commission  
 Regional Development

**Rockingham**  
**Manchester, NH Metropolitan NECTA**  
**Merrimack Valley**  
**Southern NH**  
**Regional Economic Development Corp.**

## Election Districts

US Congress  
 Executive Council  
 State Senate  
 State Representative

**District 1**  
**District 4**  
**District 16**  
**Rockingham County Districts 2, 32**

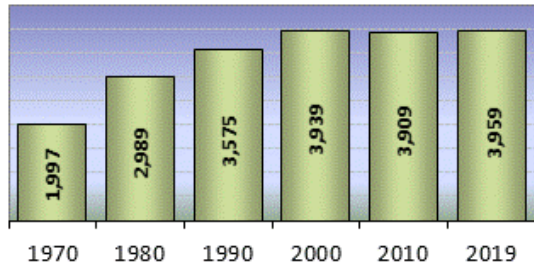
**Incorporated:** 1763

**Origin:** First settled in 1748 as part of Chester, the town was originally called Charmingfare, probably because of its many parades, which are bridle paths winding through pleasant scenery. It was separated from Chester and named Candia in 1763 by Governor Benning Wentworth, possibly in memory of his sea travels as a Portsmouth trader following his graduation from Harvard in 1715. Candia was the name of the principal city of Crete, the largest of the Greek islands. Candia was the birthplace of poet, journalist, and publisher Sam Walter Foss.

**Villages and Place Names:** Bean Island, Candia Four Corners, East Candia, Candia Station

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 1,040 residents in 1790

**Population Trends:** Population change for Candia totaled 1,962 over 49 years, from 1,997 in 1970 to 3,959 in 2019. The largest decennial percent



change was a 50 percent increase between 1970 and 1980; the smallest, a ten percent increase between 1990 and 2000. The 2019 Census estimate for Candia was 3,959 residents, which ranked 97th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density and Land Area, 2019 (US Census Bureau):** 130.5 persons per square mile of land area. Candia contains 30.3 square miles of land area and 0.2 square miles of inland water area.



| <b>MUNICIPAL SERVICES</b>                |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| Type of Government                       | <b>Selectmen</b>                      |
| Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2020   | <b>\$2,988,795</b>                    |
| Budget: School Appropriations, 2020-2021 | <b>\$8,820,611</b>                    |
| Zoning Ordinance                         | <b>1960/10</b>                        |
| Master Plan                              | <b>2016</b>                           |
| Capital Improvement Plan                 | <b>Yes</b>                            |
| Industrial Plans Reviewed By             | <b>Planning Board</b>                 |
| Boards and Commissions                   |                                       |
| Elected:                                 | <b>Selectmen; Planning; Budget</b>    |
| Appointed:                               | <b>Conservation; Zoning; Heritage</b> |
| Public Library                           | <b>Smyth Public</b>                   |

| <b>EMERGENCY SERVICES</b>                  |                 |                  |
|--|-----------------|------------------|
| Police Department                          |                 | <b>Full-time</b> |
| Fire Department                            |                 | <b>Volunteer</b> |
| Emergency Medical Service                  |                 | <b>Volunteer</b> |
| Nearest Hospital(s)                        | Distance        | Staffed Beds     |
| <b>Elliot Hospital, Manchester</b>         | <b>10 miles</b> | <b>268</b>       |
| <b>Catholic Medical Center, Manchester</b> | <b>12 miles</b> | <b>251</b>       |

| <b>UTILITIES</b>                     |  |                |
|--------------------------------------|--|----------------|
| Electric Supplier                    | <b>Eversource Energy; NH Electric Coop</b> |                |
| Natural Gas Supplier                 | <b>None</b>                                |                |
| Water Supplier                       | <b>Private wells</b>                       |                |
| Sanitation                           | <b>Private septic</b>                      |                |
| Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant | <b>No</b>                                  |                |
| Solid Waste Disposal                 | <b>Private</b>                             |                |
| Curbside Trash Pickup                | <b>No</b>                                  |                |
| Pay-As-You-Throw Program             | <b>No</b>                                  |                |
| Recycling Program                    | <b>Mandatory</b>                           |                |
| Telephone Company                    | <b>Fairpoint</b>                           |                |
| Cellular Telephone Access            | <b>Yes</b>                                 |                |
| Cable Television Access              | <b>Yes</b>                                 |                |
| Public Access Television Station     | <b>No</b>                                  |                |
| High Speed Internet Service:         | Business                                   | <b>unknown</b> |
|                                      | Residential                                | <b>Yes</b>     |

| <b>PROPERTY TAXES</b> (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration) |                |
|--|----------------|
| 2019 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)                  | <b>\$18.60</b> |
| 2019 Equalization Ratio                                    | <b>95.5</b>    |
| 2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)             | <b>\$17.55</b> |
| 2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type  |                |
| Residential Land and Buildings                             | <b>92.5%</b>   |
| Commercial Land and Buildings                              | <b>5.8%</b>    |
| Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other                   | <b>1.7%</b>    |

| <b>HOUSING</b> (ACS 2015-2019)            |              |
|---|--------------|
| Total Housing Units                       | <b>1,565</b> |
| Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached | <b>1,467</b> |
| Units in Multiple-Family Structures:      |              |
| Two to Four Units in Structure            | <b>16</b>    |
| Five or More Units in Structure           | <b>8</b>     |
| Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units      | <b>74</b>    |

| <b>POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)</b> |              | (US Census Bureau) |  |
|--|--------------|--------------------|--|
| Total Population                               | Community    | County             |  |
| 2019   | <b>3,959</b> | <b>309,769</b>     |  |
| 2010   | <b>3,909</b> | <b>295,223</b>     |  |
| 2000   | <b>3,939</b> | <b>278,748</b>     |  |
| 1990   | <b>3,575</b> | <b>246,744</b>     |  |
| 1980   | <b>2,989</b> | <b>190,345</b>     |  |
| 1970   | <b>1,997</b> | <b>138,951</b>     |  |

| <b>DEMOGRAPHICS</b> AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2015-2019 |              |        |                   |
|---|--------------|--------|-------------------|
| Population by Gender  |              |        |                   |
| Male  | <b>2,075</b> | Female | <b>1,861</b>      |
| Population by Age Group                                       |              |        |                   |
| Under age 5   |              |        | <b>180</b>        |
| Age 5 to 19   |              |        | <b>509</b>        |
| Age 20 to 34  |              |        | <b>639</b>        |
| Age 35 to 54  |              |        | <b>892</b>        |
| Age 55 to 64  |              |        | <b>1,022</b>      |
| Age 65 and over   |              |        | <b>694</b>        |
| Median Age  |              |        | <b>50.5 years</b> |
| Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over          |              |        |                   |
| High school graduate or higher                                |              |        | <b>92.1%</b>      |
| Bachelor's degree or higher                                   |              |        | <b>30.7%</b>      |

| <b>INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$</b>           |                  | (ACS 2015-2019) |
|--|------------------|-----------------|
| Per capita income                              | <b>\$46,034</b>  |                 |
| Median family income                           | <b>\$118,698</b> |                 |
| Median household income                        | <b>\$100,904</b> |                 |
| Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers |                  |                 |
| Male   | <b>\$86,875</b>  |                 |
| Female   | <b>\$47,446</b>  |                 |
| Individuals below the poverty level            | <b>4.4%</b>      |                 |

| <b>LABOR FORCE</b> (NHES – ELMI) |              |              |
|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Annual Average                   | 2009         | 2019         |
| Civilian labor force             | <b>2,622</b> | <b>2,555</b> |
| Employed                         | <b>2,492</b> | <b>2,509</b> |
| Unemployed                       | <b>130</b>   | <b>46</b>    |
| Unemployment rate                | <b>5.0%</b>  | <b>1.8%</b>  |

| <b>EMPLOYMENT &amp; WAGES</b> (NHES – ELMI) |               |                |
|---|---------------|----------------|
| Annual Average Covered Employment           | 2009          | 2019           |
| Goods Producing Industries                  |               |                |
| Average Employment                          | <b>294</b>    | <b>278</b>     |
| Average Weekly Wage                         | <b>\$ 904</b> | <b>\$1,242</b> |
| Service Providing Industries                |               |                |
| Average Employment                          | <b>356</b>    | <b>497</b>     |
| Average Weekly Wage                         | <b>\$ 632</b> | <b>\$ 663</b>  |
| Total Private Industry                      |               |                |
| Average Employment                          | <b>649</b>    | <b>775</b>     |
| Average Weekly Wage                         | <b>\$ 755</b> | <b>\$ 871</b>  |
| Government (Federal, State, and Local)      |               |                |
| Average Employment                          | <b>107</b>    | <b>100</b>     |
| Average Weekly Wage                         | <b>\$ 763</b> | <b>\$ 849</b>  |
| Total, Private Industry plus Government     |               |                |
| Average Employment                          | <b>756</b>    | <b>876</b>     |
| Average Weekly Wage                         | <b>\$ 756</b> | <b>\$ 868</b>  |

**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend: **Candia operates grades K-8; grades 9-12 are tuitioned to Manchester** District: **SAU 15**  
 Career Technology Center(s): **Manchester School of Technology; Pinkerton Academy Center for CTE; Salem HS Career & Technical Ed Ctr** Region: **15 & 17**

| Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools) | Elementary | Middle/Junior High | High School | Private/Parochial |
|---|------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Number of Schools                                 | 1          |                    |             | 1                 |
| Grade Levels                                      | K 1-8      |                    |             | 9-12              |
| Total Enrollment                                  | 298        |                    |             | 36                |

Nearest Community College: **Manchester**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **UNH-Manchester; St. Anselm; Southern NH University**

2020 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **2** Total Capacity: **126**

| LARGEST BUSINESSES            | PRODUCT/SERVICE                        | EMPLOYEES | ESTABLISHED |
|-------------------------------|--|-----------|-------------|
| High Speed Technologies       | Service, calibration, electric motors  | 30        | 1995        |
| Action Equipment              | Light & heavy equipment rental         | 25        | 1992        |
| Severino Construction         | Construction                           | 10        | 1978        |
| Swain Plumbing & Heating      | Plumbing, heating                      | 10        | 1985        |
| CoPart's                      | On-Line auto auction                   |           |             |
| Precision Auto Body           | Auto body repair                       |           |             |
| Candia Springs Adventure Park | Water park, adventure course, ziplines |           |             |

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

| TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall) |              |                          |            |
|--|--------------|--------------------------|------------|
| Road Access  | US Routes    |                          |            |
|  | State Routes | <b>27, 43, 101</b>       |            |
| Nearest Interstate, Exit                                 |              | <b>I-93, Exit 7</b>      |            |
|  | Distance     | <b>8 miles</b>           |            |
| Railroad   |              | <b>No</b>                |            |
| Public Transportation                                    |              | <b>No</b>                |            |
| Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation             |              |                          |            |
| <b>Manchester-Boston Regional</b>                        | Runway       | <b>9,250 ft. asphalt</b> |            |
| Lighted?   | Yes          | 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>12 miles</b>          |            |
| Portland, Maine  |              | <b>89 miles</b>          |            |
| Boston, Mass.  |              | <b>59 miles</b>          |            |
| New York City, NY  |              | <b>258 miles</b>         |            |
| Montreal, Quebec   |              | <b>266 miles</b>         |            |
| COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2015-2019)                        |              |                          |            |
| Workers 16 years and over                                |              |                          |            |
| Drove alone, car/truck/van                               |              | <b>81.3%</b>             |            |
| Carpooled, car/truck/van                                 |              | <b>7.9%</b>              |            |
| Public transportation                                    |              | <b>0.9%</b>              |            |
| Walked   |              | <b>0.0%</b>              |            |
| Other means  |              | <b>9.9%</b>              |            |
| Worked at home   |              | <b>12.4%</b>             |            |
| Mean Travel Time to Work                                 |              | <b>34.3 minutes</b>      |            |
| <b>Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2015-2019</b>       |              |                          |            |
| Working in community of residence                        |              | <b>17.3</b>              |            |
| Commuting to another NH community                        |              | <b>70.3</b>              |            |
| Commuting out-of-state                                   |              | <b>12.4</b>              |            |

| RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS |   |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| <b>X</b>                            | Municipal Parks   |
|                                     | YMCA/YWCA   |
|                                     | Boys Club/Girls Club  |
| <b>X</b>                            | Golf Courses  |
|                                     | Swimming: Indoor Facility                                       |
| <b>X</b>                            | Swimming: Outdoor Facility                                      |
|                                     | Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility                                  |
|                                     | Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility                                 |
|                                     | Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility                               |
|                                     | Bowling Facilities  |
| <b>X</b>                            | Museums   |
|                                     | Cinemas   |
|                                     | Performing Arts Facilities                                      |
| <b>X</b>                            | Tourist Attractions   |
| <b>X</b>                            | Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)                         |
| <b>X</b>                            | Youth Sports: Baseball  |
| <b>X</b>                            | Youth Sports: Soccer  |
|                                     | 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   |
| <b>X</b>                            | Bicycle Trails  |
|                                     | Cross Country Skiing  |
|                                     | Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area                             |
|                                     | Overnight or Day Camps  |
|                                     | Nearest Ski Area(s): <b>McIntyre</b>                            |
|                                     | Other: <b>Charmingfare Farm; Abe Emerson Wildlife Sanctuary</b> |