Conway, NH

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County: Carroll
Labor Market Area: Conway, NH-ME LMA, NH part
Tourism Region: White Mountains
Planning Commission: North Country Council
Regional Development: Mount Washington Valley Economic Council

Election Districts
US Congress: District 1
Executive Council: District 1
State Senate: District 3
State Representative: Carroll County Districts 2, 7

Incorporated: 1765

Origin: Conway was named for Henry Seymour Conway, ambitious son of a prominent English family, who was elected to the House of Commons at age twenty, fought at the Battle of Culloden in Scotland, and with Pitt and Rockingham supported the cause of the colonies. He was made Secretary of State in 1765, and the town was named Conway that same year. Early settlers in the area had named the area Pequawket, known colloquially as Pigwacket, after the nearby mountain. Conway boasts many natural features such as Cathedral Ledge, Echo Lake State Park, and Mount Cranmore.

Villages and Place Names: Center Conway, East Conway, North Conway, Intervale, Kearsarge, Quint, Redstone, South Conway

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 640 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Conway totaled 5,387 over 49 years, from 4,865 in 1970 to 10,252 in 2019. The largest decennial percent change was a 47 percent increase between 1970 and 1980. The 2019 Census estimate for Conway was 10,252 residents, which ranked 29th among New Hampshire’s incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2019 (US Census Bureau): 147.1 persons per square mile of land area. Conway contains 69.7 square miles of land area and 2.0 square miles of inland water area.
MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Type of Government: Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2020: $11,763,889
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Zoning Ordinance: 1980/20
Master Plan: 2016
Capital Improvement Plan: No
Industrial Plans Reviewed By: Planning Board

Boards and Commissions
Elected: Selectmen; Planning; Library
Appointed: Zoning; Conservation

PUBLIC LIBRARY
Conway Public; North Conway Public

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Police Department: Full-time
Fire Department: Volunteer
Emergency Medical Service: Municipal & volunteer

Nearest Hospital(s): Memorial Hospital, North Conway
Distance: Local 25

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier: Eversource Energy; NH Electric Coop
Natural Gas Supplier: None
Water Supplier: N. Conway; Conway Village
Sanitation: Municipal
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant: Yes
Solid Waste Disposal: Curbside Trash Pickup, Pay-As-You-Throw Program
Recycling Program: Mandatory
Telephone Company: Fairpoint; Northland
Cellular Telephone Access: Yes
Cable Television Access: Yes
Public Access Television Station: Yes
High Speed Internet Service: Business unknown, Residential unknown

PROPERTY TAXES

(2019 Total Tax Rate (per $1000 of value): $17.32
2019 Equalization Ratio: 94.2
2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per $1000 of value): $16.20
2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type:
Residential Land and Buildings: 69.5%
Commercial Land and Buildings: 27.0%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other: 3.5%

HOUSING

(2015-2019)

Total Housing Units: 7,078

Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached: 4,115
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:
Two to Four Units in Structure: 844
Five or More Units in Structure: 1,443
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units: 676

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECCENNAL)

(US Census Bureau)

Total Population 2019: 10,252
Community: 48,910
County: 47,818
2010: 10,115
2000: 8,646
1990: 7,973
1980: 7,158
1970: 4,865

DEMOGRAPHICS

AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2015-2019

Population by Gender:
Male: 5,124
Female: 5,003

Population by Age Group:
Under age 5: 479
Age 5 to 19: 1,867
Age 20 to 34: 1,656
Age 35 to 54: 2,230
Age 55 to 64: 1,679
Age 65 and over: 2,216
Median Age: 44.8 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over:
High school graduate or higher: 96.1%
Bachelor’s degree or higher: 36.3%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED $ (ACS 2015-2019)

Per capita income: $34,498
Median family income: $72,603
Median household income: $62,198

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers:
Male: $44,862
Female: $40,677

Individuals below the poverty level: 14.8%

LABOR FORCE (NHES – ELM)

Annual Average:
Civilian labor force: 5,508
Employed: 5,183
Unemployed: 325
Unemployment rate: 5.9%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES – ELM)

Annual Average Covered Employment:
Goods Producing Industries:
Average Employment: 914
Average Weekly Wage: $756
Service Providing Industries:
Average Employment: 6,886
Average Weekly Wage: $525
Total Private Industry:
Average Employment: 7,800
Average Weekly Wage: $552
Government (Federal, State, and Local):
Average Employment: 715
Average Weekly Wage: $698
Total, Private Industry plus Government:
Average Employment: 8,515
Average Weekly Wage: $564

**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend: Conway operates grades K-12  
Career Technology Center(s): Mt. Washington Valley CTC (Conway)  
District: SAU 9  
Region: 6

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<th>Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)</th>
<th>Elementary</th>
<th>Middle/Junior High</th>
<th>High School</th>
<th>Private/Parochial</th>
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<td>4</td>
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<td>Grade Levels</td>
<td>K 1-7</td>
<td>7-8</td>
<td>9-12</td>
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<td>Total Enrollment</td>
<td>715</td>
<td>296</td>
<td>744</td>
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Nearest Community College: White Mountains; Lakes Region  
Nearest Colleges or Universities: Plymouth State University; Granite State College

2020 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)  
Total Facilities: 9  
Total Capacity: 379

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<th>LARGEST BUSINESSES</th>
<th>PRODUCT/SERVICE</th>
<th>EMPLOYEES</th>
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<td>Memorial Hospital</td>
<td>Health care services</td>
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<td>Conway School District</td>
<td>Education</td>
<td>274</td>
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<td>Hannaford Brothers</td>
<td>Supermarket</td>
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<td>Wal-Mart</td>
<td>Retail Store</td>
<td>140-170</td>
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<td>Red Jacket Inn</td>
<td>Hotel</td>
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<td>North Conway Grand Hotel</td>
<td>Hotel</td>
<td>80-100</td>
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**EMPLOYER INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY MUNICIPALITY**

**TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)**

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<tr>
<th>Road Access</th>
<th>US Routes</th>
<th>State Routes</th>
<th>Nearest Interstate, Exit</th>
<th>Distance</th>
<th>Railroad</th>
<th>Public Transportation</th>
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<td>Conway Scenic</td>
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<th>Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation</th>
<th>Eastern Slopes, Fryeburg ME</th>
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<td>54 miles</td>
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| Driving distance to select cities | Manchester, NH | 97 miles | Portland, Maine | 57 miles | Boston, Mass. | 132 miles | New York City, NY | 304 miles | Montreal, Quebec | 221 miles |

**COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2015-2019)**

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<th>Workers 16 years and over</th>
<th>Drove alone, car/truck/van</th>
<th>Carpool, car/truck/van</th>
<th>Public transportation</th>
<th>Walked</th>
<th>Other means</th>
<th>Worked at home</th>
<th>Mean Travel Time to Work</th>
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<td>78.5%</td>
<td>9.9%</td>
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<td>19.6</td>
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**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): Cranmore, Attitash, Black Mtn., Bear Peak, Bretton Woods, King Pine, Shawnee Peak, Wildcat

Other: Conway Scenic Railroad; Dahl Wildlife Sanctuary; Mount Washington Observatory