

Derry, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

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County
Labor Market Area
Tourism Region
Planning Commission
Regional Development

Rockingham
Nashua, NH-MA NECTA Division
Merrimack Valley
Southern NH
Regional Economic Development Corp.

Election Districts

US Congress
Executive Council
State Senate
State Representative

District 1
District 3
District 19
Rockingham County District 13

Incorporated: 1827

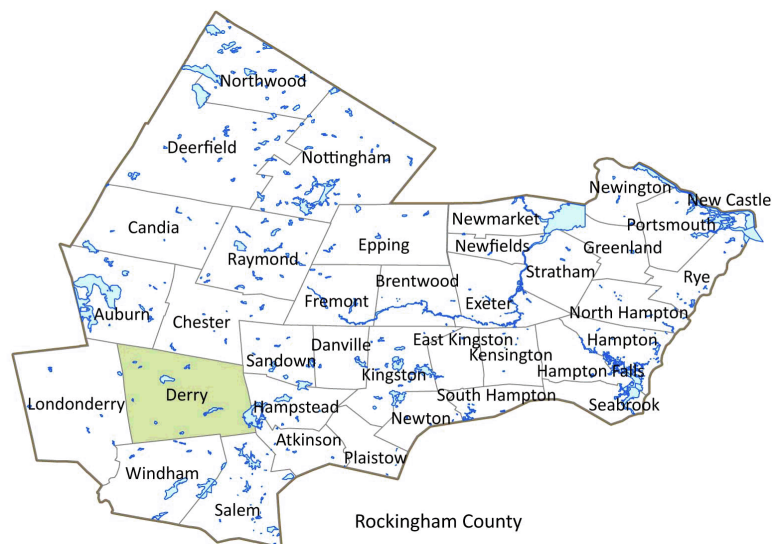
Origin: Although first settled in 1719, Derry was not incorporated until 1827. For over 100 years it was part of Londonderry, which also included all of Windham and portions of Manchester, Salem, and Hudson. The town was named for the Isle of Derry, Ireland, the Gaelic word Doire meaning "oak woods." Derry is the location of poet Robert Frost's homestead, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Sites, and the birthplace of both General John Stark and astronaut Alan Shepard. Two of the oldest private schools in America were founded here as well, Pinkerton Academy, founded in 1814 and still in operation, and the Adams Female Seminary.

Villages and Place Names: Chases Grove, Collettes Grove, Derry Village, East Derry, Howards Grove

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 2,176 residents in 1830

Population Trends: Population change for Derry totaled 22,608 over 50 years, the third largest numeric increase among the municipalities, from 11,712 in 1970 to 34,320 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 61 percent increase from 1970 to 1980, followed by 58 percent growth from 1980 to 1990. The town's population increased by four percent from 2010 to 2020. The 2022 Census estimate for Derry was 34,411 residents, which ranked fourth among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau): 971.2 persons per square mile of land area. Derry contains 35.4 square miles of land area and 0.9 square miles of inland water area.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES			
Type of Government		Town Admin./Council	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2023-2024		\$58,712,053	
Budget: School Appropriations, 2023-2024		\$99,036,200	
Zoning Ordinance		1946/23	
Master Plan		2020	
Capital Improvement Plan		Yes	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By		Planning Board	
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	Town Council		
Appointed:	Planning; Conservation; Zoning; Heritage		
Public Library	Derry Public; Taylor Library		
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department		Full-time	
Fire Department		Full-time	
Emergency Medical Service		Municipal - full-time	
Nearest Hospital(s)		Distance	Staffed Beds
Parkland Medical Center, Derry		Local	50
UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier		Eversource Energy; NH Electric Coop; Granite State	
Natural Gas Supplier		Liberty Utilities	
Water Supplier		Derry Water Department	
Sanitation		Municipal	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant		Yes	
Solid Waste Disposal		Private	
Curbside Trash Pickup		Private	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program		No	
Recycling Program		Mandatory	
Telephone Company		Consolidated Communications	
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)	
2022 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$19.04	
2022 Equalization Ratio		92.6	
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$17.16	
2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		82.6%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		16.1%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		1.3%	
HOUSING		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Total Housing Units		13,582	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		8,823	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		978	
Five or More Units in Structure		3,444	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		337	

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population		Community	County
2022	34,411		319,424
2020	34,317		314,176
2010	33,109		295,223
2000	34,112		278,748
1990	29,745		246,744
1980	18,875		190,345
DEMOGRAPHICS		AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021	
Population by Gender			
Male	16,314	Female	17,883
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5		1,935	
Age 5 to 19		6,222	
Age 20 to 34		6,941	
Age 35 to 54		9,241	
Age 55 to 64		5,497	
Age 65 and over		4,361	
Median Age		39.0 years	
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over: 23,958			
High school graduate or higher		93.0%	
Bachelor's degree or higher		31.6%	
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Per capita income		\$40,381	
Median family income		\$102,000	
Median household income		\$85,458	
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male		\$67,802	
Female		\$49,893	
Individuals below the poverty level		6.8%	
LABOR FORCE		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average		2012	2022
Civilian labor force		19,895	20,295
Employed		18,602	19,724
Unemployed		1,293	571
Unemployment rate		6.5%	2.8%
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average Covered Employment		2012	2022
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment		714	794
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 896	\$1,335
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment		5,999	7,068
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 737	\$1,020
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment		6,713	7,862
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 754	\$1,052
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment		1,020	985
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 952	\$1,169
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment		7,733	8,847
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 780	\$1,065
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EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Derry operates grades K-8; grades 9-12 are tuitioned to Pinkerton Academy (Derry)** District: **SAU 10**
 Career Technology Center(s): **Pinkerton Academy Center for CTE**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	6	2	2	
Grade Levels	P K 1-5	6-8	9-12	
Total Enrollment	2,085	1,039	3,034	

Nearest Community College: **Manchester; Nashua**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Southern NH University; UNH-Manchester; Franklin Pierce-Manchester; MCPHS; St. Anselm; Rivier; Thomas More**

2022 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)

Total Facilities: **15** Total Capacity: **1,274**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Derry Cooperative School System	Education	620	
HCA Health Services of NH	Health care administration	532	
Shaw's Supermarket	Supermarket	105	1980
Fireye	Fire equipment	100	1965
Wal-mart	Retail store	265	1992
Hannaford Brothers	Supermarket	142	2000
Pinkerton Academy	Education	462	1814
Town of Derry	Municipal services	364	1827
Total Air Supply	HVAC systems	40	1959
Benson's Hardware	Home improvement center	50	1913

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

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

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	28, 102, 111, 121, 28 Bypass
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-93, Exit 4
	Distance	1 mile
Railroad		No
Public Transportation		CART
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Manchester-Boston Regional	Runway	9,250 ft. asphalt
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	Yes
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance	13 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		4
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		15 miles
Portland, Maine		92 miles
Boston, Mass.		42 miles
New York City, NY		242 miles
Montreal, Quebec		269 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (*ACS 2017-2021*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	76.9%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	8.2%
Public transportation	0.7%
Walked	1.1%
Other means	1.6%
Worked at home	11.5%
Mean Travel Time to Work	31.7 minutes
Percent of Working Residents	
Working in community of residence	28.1%
Commuting to another NH community	50.0%
Commuting out-of-state	21.9%

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
X	Boys Club/Girls Club
X	Golf Courses
X	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
X	Performing Arts Facilities
X	Tourist Attractions
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
X	Youth Sports: Soccer
X	Youth Sports: Football
X	Youth Sports: Basketball
X	Youth Sports: Hockey
X	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
X	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): McIntyre
	Other: Beaver Lake; Robert Frost Homestead; Skateboard Park; Opera House; Hood Pond; Taylor Mill State Park; Derryfest; Frost Festival; Farmer's Market; Robert Frost Old Coach Byway; Alexander-Carr Playground; Derry Rail Trail