

Derry, NH



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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 6

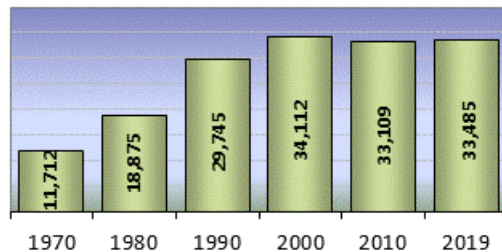
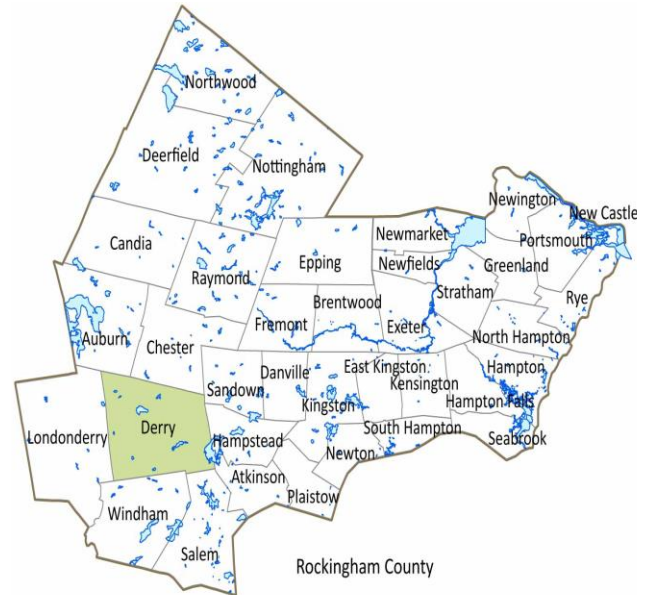
Incorporated: 1827

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: Derry had the third largest numeric population change, totaling 21,773 over 49 years, from 11,712 in 1970 to 33,485 in 2019. The largest decennial



percent change was a 61 percent increase between 1970 and 1980, followed by decennial increase of 58 percent in the next decade. The 2019 Census estimate for Derry was 33,485 residents, which ranked fourth among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2019 (US Census Bureau): 945.1 persons per square mile of land area, the tenth highest among the cities and towns. 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, 2020-2021 | \$51,648,587 | | |
| Budget: School Appropriations, 2020-2021 | \$92,078,198 | | |
| Zoning Ordinance | 1946/20 | | |
| 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 | 86 | |
| 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 | No | | |
| 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) | | | |
| 2019 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value) | \$26.12 | | |
| 2019 Equalization Ratio | 89.1 | | |
| 2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value) | \$22.76 | | |
| 2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type | | | |
| Residential Land and Buildings | 84.9% | | |
| Commercial Land and Buildings | 13.7% | | |
| Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other | 1.4% | | |
| HOUSING (ACS 2015-2019) | | | |
| Total Housing Units | 13,539 | | |
| Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached | 8,540 | | |
| Units in Multiple-Family Structures: | | | |
| Two to Four Units in Structure | 1,176 | | |
| Five or More Units in Structure | 3,540 | | |
| Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units | 283 | | |

| POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL) | | | (US Census Bureau) |
|---|-------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Total Population | Community | County | |
| 2019 | 33,485 | 309,769 | |
| 2010 | 33,109 | 295,223 | |
| 2000 | 34,112 | 278,748 | |
| 1990 | 29,745 | 246,744 | |
| 1980 | 18,875 | 190,345 | |
| 1970 | 11,712 | 138,951 | |
| DEMOGRAPHICS AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2015-2019 | | | |
| Population by Gender | | | |
| Male | 16,655 | Female | 16,793 |
| Population by Age Group | | | |
| Under age 5 | 1,630 | | |
| Age 5 to 19 | 6,336 | | |
| Age 20 to 34 | 6,584 | | |
| Age 35 to 54 | 9,558 | | |
| Age 55 to 64 | 5,294 | | |
| Age 65 and over | 4,046 | | |
| Median Age | 40.1 years | | |
| Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over | | | |
| High school graduate or higher | 93.9% | | |
| Bachelor's degree or higher | 28.9% | | |
| INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ (ACS 2015-2019) | | | |
| Per capita income | \$36,531 | | |
| Median family income | \$94,253 | | |
| Median household income | \$76,536 | | |
| Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers | | | |
| Male | \$60,732 | | |
| Female | \$47,416 | | |
| Individuals below the poverty level | 8.1% | | |
| LABOR FORCE (NHES – ELMII) | | | |
| Annual Average | 2009 | 2019 | |
| Civilian labor force | 20,177 | 20,628 | |
| Employed | 18,773 | 20,036 | |
| Unemployed | 1,404 | 592 | |
| Unemployment rate | 7.0% | 2.9% | |
| EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES – ELMII) | | | |
| Annual Average Covered Employment | 2009 | 2019 | |
| Goods Producing Industries | | | |
| Average Employment | 842 | 716 | |
| Average Weekly Wage | \$1,066 | \$1,060 | |
| Service Providing Industries | | | |
| Average Employment | 5,846 | 7,135 | |
| Average Weekly Wage | \$ 699 | \$ 816 | |
| Total Private Industry | | | |
| Average Employment | 6,688 | 7,851 | |
| Average Weekly Wage | \$ 746 | \$ 838 | |
| Government (Federal, State, and Local) | | | |
| Average Employment | 1,062 | 1,003 | |
| Average Weekly Wage | \$ 910 | \$1,063 | |
| Total, Private Industry plus Government | | | |
| Average Employment | 7,750 | 8,854 | |
| Average Weekly Wage | \$ 768 | \$ 863 | |

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** Region: **17**

| Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools) | Elementary | Middle/Junior High | High School | Private/Parochial |
|---|----------------|--------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Number of Schools | 6 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Grade Levels | P K 1-5 | 6-8 | 9-12 | P K 1-8 |
| Total Enrollment | 2,123 | 1,194 | 3,297 | 129 |

Nearest Community College: **Manchester; Nashua**

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

2020 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **17** Total Capacity: **1,357**

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

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 | |

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

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| 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 w/ Public Beach; Robert Frost Homestead; Skateboard Park; Opera House; Hood Pond; Taylor Mill State Park; Derryfest; Frost Festival; Farmer's Market; Robert Frost Old Coach Scenic Byway; Alexander-Carr Playground |

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2015-2019)

| | |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Workers 16 years and over | |
| Drove alone, car/truck/van | 82.8% |
| Carpooled, car/truck/van | 8.0% |
| Public transportation | 1.0% |
| Walked | 1.5% |
| Other means | 6.6% |
| Worked at home | 25.1% |
| Mean Travel Time to Work | 32.3 minutes |

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2015-2019

| | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Working in community of residence | 20.0 |
| Commuting to another NH community | 54.9 |
| Commuting out-of-state | 25.1 |