Dunbarton, NH

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Municipal Office Hours
Town Office: Monday through Friday, 8 am - 4 pm; Town Clerk: Monday, Wednesday, 7:30 am - 3:30 pm, Tuesday, Thursday, 11 am - 7 pm; Tax Collector: Tuesday, Thursday, 4:30 pm - 7 pm

County
Merrimack

Labor Market Area
Manchester, NH Metropolitan NECTA

Tourism Region
Merrimack Valley

Planning Commission
Central NH Regional

Regional Development
Capital NH Regional Development Council

Election Districts
District 2
District 5
District 16
Merrimack County District 23

Incorporated: 1765

Origin: Dunbarton was first granted in 1735 as Gorham’s-town to soldiers returning from the Canada Expedition who had served under Captain John Gorham. It was regranted in 1748 as Starkstown to settlers led by Archibald Stark, whose son was General John Stark, patriot of Bunker Hill and the Battle of Bennington, and whose grandson Caleb was a famous industrialist who established textile mills in Manchester. In 1752, the Masonian Proprietors confirmed the grant under a new charter as Dunbarton, named for Dunbartonshire in Scotland, site of Dunbar Castle and native county of Archibald Stark. The town was incorporated in 1765.

Villages and Place Names: Baileys Corner, Dunbarton Center, Pages Corner

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 917 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Dunbarton totaled 2,054 over 49 years, from 825 in 1970 to 2,879 in 2019. The largest decennial percent change was a 49 percent increase between 1980 and 1990, which followed a 42 percent increase in the previous decade. The 2019 Census estimate for Dunbarton was 2,879 residents, which ranked 112th among New Hampshire’s incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2019 (US Census Bureau): 93.4 persons per square mile of land area. Dunbarton contains 30.8 square miles of land area and 0.5 square miles of inland water area.
**Municipal Services**

Type of Government: Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2019: $2,546,939
Budget: School Appropriations, 2019-2020: $7,442,802
Zoning Ordinance: 1970/17
Master Plan: 2005
Capital Improvement Plan: Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By: Planning Board

Boards and Commissions
Elected: Selectmen; Library; Cemetery; Ethics; Trust Fund; Assessors
Appointed: Planning; Zoning; Conservation

Public Library: Dunbarton Public

**Emergency Services**

Police Department: 5 Full & 4 part-time
Fire Department: Volunteer
Emergency Medical Service: Volunteer

Nearest Hospital(s):
Concord Hospital, Concord: Distance 10 miles, Staffed Beds 245

**Utilities**

Electric Supplier: Eversource Energy; Unitil
Natural Gas Supplier: Liberty Utilities
Water Supplier: Private wells
Sanitation: Private septic
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant: No
Solid Waste Disposal: Curbside Trash Pickup: Private
Pay-As-You-Throw Program: No
Recycling Program: Voluntary
Telephone Company: Dunbarton Telephone
Cellular Telephone Access: Yes
Cable Television Access: Limited
Public Access Television Station: No
High Speed Internet Service: Business Limited
Residential Limited

**Property Taxes**

2019 Total Tax Rate (per $1000 of value): $27.21
2019 Equalization Ratio: 75.2
2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per $1000 of value): $20.15

2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type:
- Residential Land and Buildings: 91.2%
- Commercial Land and Buildings: 2.2%
- Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other: 6.7%

**Housing**

Total Housing Units: 1,001
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached: 975
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:
- Two to Four Units in Structure: 22
- Five or More Units in Structure: 4
- Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units: 0

**Population (1-Year Estimates/Decennial)**

Total Population: Community: 2,879, County: 151,391

**Demographics**

Population by Gender
- Male: 1,428
- Female: 1,399

Population by Age Group
- Under age 5: 123
- Age 5 to 19: 663
- Age 20 to 34: 351
- Age 35 to 54: 902
- Age 55 to 64: 457
- Age 65 and over: 331
- Median Age: 42.5 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over
- High school graduate or higher: 97.1%
- Bachelor’s degree or higher: 38.2%

**Income, Inflation Adjusted $**

Per capita income: $48,093
Median family income: $130,221
Median household income: $121,500

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers
- Male: $74,313
- Female: $70,966

Individuals below the poverty level: 1.1%

**Labor Force**

(NHES – ELM)

Annual Average: 2009 2019
Civilian labor force: 1,636 1,772
Employed: 1,553 1,739
Unemployed: 83 33
Unemployment rate: 5.1% 1.9%

**Employment & Wages**

(NHES – ELM)

Annual Average Covered Employment: 2009 2019
Goods Producing Industries
- Average Employment: 38 141
- Average Weekly Wage: $953 $1,513

Service Providing Industries
- Average Employment: 64 158
- Average Weekly Wage: $698 $900

Total Private Industry
- Average Employment: 102 299
- Average Weekly Wage: $793 $1,189

Government (Federal, State, and Local)
- Average Employment: 64 83
- Average Weekly Wage: $585 $686

Total, Private Industry plus Government
- Average Employment: 166 382
- Average Weekly Wage: $713 $1,080
ECONOMIC & LABOR MARKET INFORMATION BUREAU, NH EMPLOYMENT SECURITY, JANUARY 2021. COMMUNITY RESPONSE RECEIVED 6/13/2019

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: Dunbarton operates grades K-6; grades 7-12 are tuitioned to Goffstown
Career Technology Center(s): Concord Regional Technical Center; Manchester School of Technology
District: SAU 19
Region: 11 & 15

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)

- Number of Schools: 1
- Grade Levels: K 1-6
- Total Enrollment: 242

Nearest Community College: NHTI-Concord
Nearest Colleges or Universities: Southern NH University; St. Anselm; UNH-Manchester

2020 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)

| Total Facilities: 1 | Total Capacity: 90 |

LARGEST BUSINESSES

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Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)

- Road Access: US Routes 13
- Nearest Interstate, Exit: I-89, Exit 2, Distance: 8 miles
- Railroad: No
- Public Transportation: No

Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation

- Concord Municipal
- Runway: 6,005 ft. asphalt
- Lighted?: Yes
- Navigation Aids?: Yes

Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service

- Manchester-Boston Regional
- Distance: 19 miles
- Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport: 4

Driving distance to select cities:

- Manchester, NH: 13 miles
- Portland, Maine: 116 miles
- Boston, Mass.: 66 miles
- New York City, NY: 260 miles
- Montreal, Quebec: 244 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2015-2019)

- Workers 16 years and over:
  - Drove alone, car/truck/van: 87.6%
  - Carpoold, car/truck/van: 7.7%
  - Public transportation: 0.0%
  - Walked: 0.5%
  - Other means: 4.2%
  - Worked at home: 9.7%
  - Mean Travel Time to Work: 31.3 minutes

PERCENT OF WORKING RESIDENTS: ACS 2015-2019

- Working in community of residence: 10.2%
- Commuting to another NH community: 80.1%
- Commuting out-of-state: 9.7%

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 Attraction
- 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): Pat's Peak

Other: Forest w/ Walking Trails