

Franklin, NH



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County
 Labor Market Area
 Tourism Region
 Planning Commission
 Regional Development

Merrimack
Franklin, NH LMA
Lakes
Lakes Region
Capital Regional Development Council

Election Districts

US Congress
 Executive Council
 State Senate
 State Representative

District 2 (All Wards)
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District 7 (All Wards)
Merrimack County Districts 2 (Wards 1 & 2) 3, 26 (Ward 3)

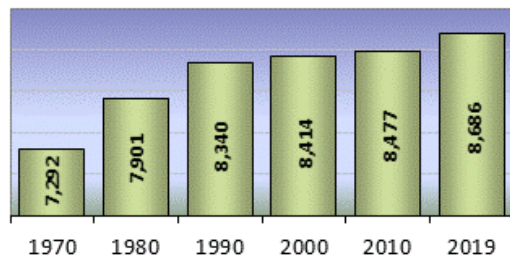
Incorporated: 1828

Origin: Situated at the junction of the Pemigewasset and Winnepesaukee Rivers, where they meet to form the Merrimack River, this territory was originally known as Pemigewasset Village. Franklin was created from portions of Salisbury, Andover, Sanbornton, and Northfield, and named in honor of Benjamin Franklin. Franklin is the location of Daniel Webster's birthplace, which was in the portion of Salisbury taken to establish the town. Franklin was incorporated as a city in 1895. Franklin was known for a machine-made hosiery mill that used a process developed by the Shakers.

Villages and Place Names: Webster Lake, Webster Place, West Franklin

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 1,370 residents in 1830

Population Trends: Population change for Franklin totaled 1,394 over 49 years, from 7,292 in 1970 to 8,686 in 2019. The largest decennial



percent change was an eight percent increase between 1970 and 1980. The 2019 Census estimate for Franklin was 8,686 residents, which ranked 35th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2019 (US Census Bureau): 313.9 persons per square mile of land area. Franklin contains 27.7 square miles of land area and 1.5 square miles of inland water area.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES			
Type of Government	Manager & Council		
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2018	\$11,450,186		
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Zoning Ordinance	1971/12		
Master Plan	2018		
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes		
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	City Planner		
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	City Council		
Appointed:	Planning; Zoning; Library; Conservation; Heritage		
Public Library	Franklin Public		
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department	Full-time		
Fire Department	Full-time		
Emergency Medical Service	Municipal		
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds	
Franklin Regional, Franklin	Local	31	
UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier	Eversource Energy; NH Electric Coop		
Natural Gas Supplier	Liberty Utilities		
Water Supplier	Franklin Water Works		
Sanitation	Municipal		
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	Yes		
Solid Waste Disposal	Municipal		
Curbside Trash Pickup	No		
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No		
Recycling Program	Mandatory		
Telephone Company	Fairpoint		
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes		
Cable Television Access	Yes		
Public Access Television Station	No		
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	Yes	
	Residential	Yes	
PROPERTY TAXES (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)			
2019 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$22.47		
2019 Equalization Ratio	95.5		
2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$20.92		
2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings	72.9%		
Commercial Land and Buildings	16.6%		
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	10.4%		
HOUSING (ACS 2015-2019)			
Total Housing Units	4,401		
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	2,638		
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure	862		
Five or More Units in Structure	711		
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	190		

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>	
Total Population	Community	County	
2019	8,686	151,391	
2010	8,477	146,445	
2000	8,414	136,716	
1990	8,340	120,618	
1980	7,901	98,302	
1970	7,292	80,925	
DEMOGRAPHICS AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2015-2019			
Population by Gender			
Male	4,053	Female	4,570
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5	222		
Age 5 to 19	1,525		
Age 20 to 34	1,312		
Age 35 to 54	2,335		
Age 55 to 64	1,355		
Age 65 and over	1,874		
Median Age	48.1 years		
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher	91.3%		
Bachelor's degree or higher	17.6%		
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ (ACS 2015-2019)			
Per capita income	\$30,412		
Median family income	\$67,993		
Median household income	\$52,795		
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male	\$49,650		
Female	\$40,472		
Individuals below the poverty level	8.9%		
LABOR FORCE (NHES – ELMII)			
Annual Average	2009	2019	
Civilian labor force	4,490	4,066	
Employed	4,151	3,959	
Unemployed	339	107	
Unemployment rate	7.6%	2.3%	
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES – ELMII)			
Annual Average Covered Employment	2009	2019	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	842	796	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 810	\$1,004	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	1,413	1,375	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 673	\$ 872	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	2,254	2,171	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 724	\$ 920	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	467	346	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 640	\$ 881	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	2,722	2,517	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 709	\$ 915	

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Franklin operates grades K-12** District: **SAU 18**
 Career Technology Center(s): **J. Oliva Huot Technical Center (Laconia); Winnisquam Agricultural Programs** Region: **8**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	3	1	1	
Grade Levels	P K 1-7	4-8	9-12	
Total Enrollment	453	345	296	

Nearest Community College: **Lakes Region**
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Colby-Sawyer; Plymouth State University**

2020 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **7** Total Capacity: **343**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Webster Valve & Foundry	Plumbing, heating controls	340	1956
SAU 18	School administrative unit	260	
LRGHealthcare	Health care services	256	1910
City of Franklin	Municipal services	120	
Franklin Savings Bank	Banking services	105	
PCC Structural	Titanium products	102	1995
Hannaford Brothers	Supermarket	98	1992
Vitex Extrusion	Aluminum extrusions	94	1996
R D Edmunds & Sons	Paving company		

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)			
Road Access	US Routes		3
	State Routes		3A, 11, 127
Nearest Interstate, Exit			I-93, Exit 20
	Distance		4 miles
Railroad			No
Public Transportation			WTS
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation			
Laconia Municipal	Runway	5,286 ft. asphalt	
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	Yes	
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service			
Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance		44 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport			4
Driving distance to select cities:			
Manchester, NH			38 miles
Portland, Maine			130 miles
Boston, Mass.			88 miles
New York City, NY			288 miles
Montreal, Quebec			236 miles
COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2015-2019)			
Workers 16 years and over			
Drove alone, car/truck/van			76.6%
Carpooled, car/truck/van			14.4%
Public transportation			0.0%
Walked			1.1%
Other means			7.8%
Worked at home			3.5%
Mean Travel Time to Work			24.1 minutes
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2015-2019			
Working in community of residence			29.0
Commuting to another NH community			67.5
Commuting out-of-state			3.5

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS	
X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
X	Golf Courses
	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
	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
X	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
X	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Veteran's Memorial Ski Area
	Other: Daniel Webster Birthplace; Daniel Webster Farm; Franklin Falls Recreation Area (US Army Corps of Engineers); Tarbin Gardens