Franklin, NH

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County
Merrimack

Labor Market Area
Franklin, NH LMA

Tourism Region
Lakes
Planning Commission
Lakes Region
Regional Development
Capital Regional Development Council

Election Districts
US Congress
District 2 (All Wards)
Executive Council
District 2 (All Wards)
State Senate
District 7 (All Wards)
State Representative
Merrimack County Districts 2 (Wards 1 & 2) 3, 26 (Ward 3)

Incorporated: 1828

Origin: Situated at the junction of the Pemigewasset and Winnipesaukee 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

**Budget: School Appropriations, 2017-2018**
$16,208,339

**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)**
Franklin Regional, Franklin

- **Distance:** Local
- **Staffed Beds:** 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**

- **Curbside Trash Pickup**
  - **Municipal**
  - **No**

- **Pay-As-You-Throw Program**
  - **Mandatory**

**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

**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

**Total Housing Units**

- **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)

**Total Population**


### Demographics

**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 $

**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

**Individually below the poverty level:** 8.9%

### Labor Force

**Annual Average**

- **2009:** 4,490
- **2019:** 4,066

**Civilian labor force**

- **2009:** 4,151
- **2019:** 3,959

**Employed**

- **2009:** 2,722
- **2019:** 2,254

**Unemployed**

- **2009:** 339
- **2019:** 107

**Unemployment rate**

- **2009:** 7.6%
- **2019:** 2.3%

### Employment & Wages

**Annual Average Covered Employment**

- **2009:** 4,570
- **2019:** 3,959

**Goods Producing Industries**

- **Average Employment:** 842
- **Average Weekly Wage:** $810

**Service Providing Industries**

- **Average Employment:** 1,413
- **Average Weekly Wage:** $724

**Total Private Industry**

- **Average Employment:** 2,254
- **Average Weekly Wage:** $724

**Government (Federal, State, and Local)**

- **Average Employment:** 467
- **Average Weekly Wage:** $640

**Total, Private Industry plus Government**

- **Average Employment:** 2,722
- **Average Weekly Wage:** $709

- **2009:** 724
- **2019:** 915

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Economic & Labor Market Information Bureau, NH Employment Security, January 2021. Community Response Received 6/14/2018
**Education and Child Care**

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

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<th>Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)</th>
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<td>Total Enrollment</td>
<td>453</td>
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Nearest Community College: Lakes Region  
Nearest Colleges or Universities: Colby-Sawyer; Plymouth State University

**Largest Businesses**

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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
- Youth Sports: Field Sports
- Campgrounds
- Fishing/Hunting
- Boating/Marinas
- Snowmobile Trails
- Bicycle Trails
- Cross Country Skiing
- Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
- Over/night 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

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

- Road Access: US Routes 3
- 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%