

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

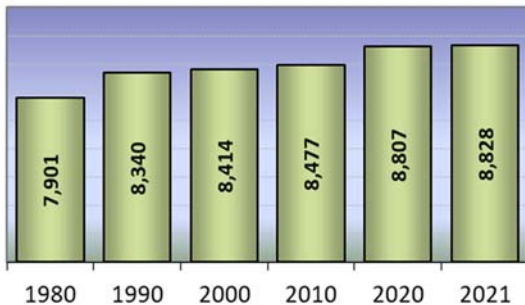
District 2 (All Wards)
District 1 (All Wards)
District 7 (All Wards)
Merrimack County Districts 3 (Wards 1-3), 25 (Wards 1-3)

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 927 over 41 years, from 7,901 in 1980 to 8,828 in 2021. The largest decennial percent change was a six percent increase between 1980 and 1990. The 2021 Census estimate for Franklin was 8,828 residents, which ranked 35th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2021 (US Census Bureau): 313.0 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, 2021	\$16,639,269
Budget: School Appropriations, 2020-2021	\$17,104,600
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
Concord Hospital - Franklin	Local	20

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
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Voluntary

Telephone Company	Consolidated Communications
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)	
2021 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$23.21
2021 Equalization Ratio	74.7
2021 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$16.90

2021 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	68.9%
Commercial Land and Buildings	20.5%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	10.6%

HOUSING (ACS 2016-2020)	
Total Housing Units	4,441
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	2,561
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	1,074
Five or More Units in Structure	706
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	100

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population	Community	County	
2021	8,828	155,238	
2020	8,806	153,922	
2010	8,477	146,445	
2000	8,414	136,716	
1990	8,340	120,618	
1980	7,901	98,302	

DEMOGRAPHICS AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2016-2020			
Population by Gender			
Male	3,869	Female	4,826

Population by Age Group	
Under age 5	227
Age 5 to 19	1,317
Age 20 to 34	1,210
Age 35 to 54	2,765
Age 55 to 64	1,163
Age 65 and over	2,013
Median Age	46.6 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over	
High school graduate or higher	90.6%
Bachelor's degree or higher	18.5%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2016-2020)
Per capita income		\$31,569
Median family income		\$70,278
Median household income		\$57,992

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	\$50,370
Female	\$37,994
Individuals below the poverty level	6.0%

LABOR FORCE (NHES – ELMII)		
Annual Average	2011	2021
Civilian labor force	4,088	4,016
Employed	3,821	3,845
Unemployed	267	171
Unemployment rate	6.5%	4.3%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES – ELMII)		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2011	2021
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	818	758
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 904	\$1,156
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	1,326	1,281
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 662	\$1,029
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	2,144	2,039
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 755	\$1,076
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	445	340
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 686	\$ 937
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	2,589	2,380
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 743	\$1,056

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**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	2	1	2	
Grade Levels	P K 1-8	4-8	9-12	
Total Enrollment	433	357	278	

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

2021 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **7** Total Capacity: **294**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Webster Valve & Foundry	Plumbing, heating controls	360	1956
Concord Hospital - Franklin	Health care services	246	1910
SAU 18	School administrative unit	203	
City of Franklin	Municipal services	120	1895
Franklin Savings Bank	Banking services	120	1869
PCC Structural	Titanium products	102	1995
Hannaford Brothers	Supermarket	98	1992
Vitex Extrusion	Aluminum extrusions	94	1996
R D Edmunds & Sons	Paving company	75	

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 2016-2020)			
Workers 16 years and over			
Drove alone, car/truck/van			77.4%
Carpooled, car/truck/van			12.9%
Public transportation			0.0%
Walked			1.3%
Other means			1.5%
Worked at home			6.9%
Mean Travel Time to Work			27.5 minutes
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2016-2020			
Working in community of residence			64.5%
Commuting to another NH community			29.3%
Commuting out-of-state			6.3%

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; White Water Park/Kayaking