**Hampstead, NH**

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**County**  
Rockingham

**Labor Market Area**  
Haverhill-Newburyport-Amesbury Town, MA-NHNECTA Division

**Tourism Region**  
Seacoast

**Planning Commission**  
Rockingham

**Regional Development**  
Regional Economic Development Corp.

**Election Districts**

- US Congress
- Executive Council
- State Senate
- State Representative

- District 1
- District 3
- District 19
- Rockingham County Districts 13, 34

**Incorporated:** 1749

**Origin:** Hampstead began as a part of Haverhill and Amesbury, Massachusetts, and was formed as a result of the 1739 change in boundary lines between Massachusetts and the new province of New Hampshire. It was originally known as Timberlane Parish, because of the heavy growth of native trees. In 1749, residents of the area voted to petition the governor for incorporation. Governor Benning Wentworth named the town Hampstead, after the English town where William Pitt, Earl of Chatham, lived. Pitt, a close friend of Governor Wentworth, was Prime Minister of England, and a supporter of the American cause.

**Villages and Place Names:** East Hampstead, West Hampstead

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 724 residents in 1790

**Population Trends:** Population change for Hampstead totaled 6,231 over 49 years, from 2,401 in 1970 to 8,632 in 2019. The largest decennial percent change was an 81 percent increase between 1980 and 1990. The 2019 Census estimate for Hampstead was 8,632 residents, which ranked 37th among New Hampshire’s incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density and Land Area, 2019 (US Census Bureau):** 643.7 persons per square mile of land area. Hampstead contains 13.4 square miles of land area and 0.7 square miles of inland water area.
### MUNICIPAL SERVICES
- **Type of Government**: Selectmen
- **Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2020**: $7,358,576
- **Budget: School Appropriations, 2019-2020**: $28,596,469
- **Zoning Ordinance**: 1952/20
- **Master Plan**: 2018
- **Capital Improvement Plan**: No
- **Industrial Plans Reviewed By**: Planning Board
- **Boards and Commissions**:
  - **Elected**: Selectmen; Planning; Library; Cemetery; Budget; School; Trust Funds
  - **Appointed**: Conservation; Zoning; Cable TV; Historic; Recreation; Recycling-Waste Disposal; Communication; Water Resources

### EMERGENCY SERVICES
- **Police Department**: Full-time & part-time
- **Fire Department**: Full & part-time
- **Emergency Medical Service**: Full & part-time
- **Nearest Hospital(s)**
  - **Parkland Medical Center, Derry**: 9 miles
  - **Staffed Beds**: 86

### UTILITIES
- **Electric Supplier**: Eversource Energy; Uniteil
- **Natural Gas Supplier**: None
- **Water Supplier**: Hampstead Area Water Company
- **Sanitation**: Private septic
- **Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant**: No
- **Solid Waste Disposal**: Municipal
- **Curbside Trash Pickup**: Municipal
- **Pay-As-You-Throw Program**: No
- **Recycling Program**: Voluntary
- **Telephone Company**: Fairpoint
- **Cellular Telephone Access**: Yes
- **Cable Television Access**: Yes
- **Public Access Television Station**: Yes
- **High Speed Internet Service**: Business
  - **Residential**: Yes

### PROPERTY TAXES
- **(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)**
  - **2019 Total Tax Rate (per $1000 of value)**: $20.99
  - **2019 Equalization Ratio**: 96.4
  - **2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per $1000 of value)**: $20.04
  - **2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type**
    - Residential Land and Buildings: 87.6%
    - Commercial Land and Buildings: 11.4%
    - Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other: 1.0%

### HOUSING
- **(ACS 2015-2019)**
  - **Total Housing Units**: 3,759
  - **Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached**: 2,779
  - **Units in Multiple-Family Structures**:
    - Two to Four Units in Structure: 215
    - Five or More Units in Structure: 508
    - Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units: 257

### POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL) **(US Census Bureau)**
- **Total Population**: 3,759
  - **Community**: 3,632
  - **County**: 309,769

### DEMOGRAPHICS **(AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2015-2019)**
- **Population by Gender**
  - Male: 4,141
  - Female: 4,480
- **Population by Age Group**
  - Under age 5: 379
  - Age 5 to 19: 1,585
  - Age 20 to 34: 1,440
  - Age 35 to 54: 1,934
  - Age 55 to 64: 1,601
  - Age 65 and over: 1,682
  - Median Age: 45.2 years
- **Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over**
  - Male: 672
  - Female: 534
- **Income, Inflation Adjusted $** **(ACS 2015-2019)**
  - Per capita income: $46,554
  - Median family income: $111,838
  - Median household income: $88,142
  - Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers
    - Male: $81,065
    - Female: $53,472
  - Individuals below the poverty level: 4.2%

### LABOR FORCE **(NHES – ELM)**
- **Annual Average**
  - 2019: 2009
  - 2019: 4,881
  - 2019: 4,519
  - 2019: 362
  - 2019: 3,785

### EMPLOYMENT & WAGES **(NHES – ELM)**
- **Annual Average Covered Employment**
  - 2019: 2,779
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- **Government (Federal, State, and Local)**
  - **Average Employment**: 95
  - **Average Weekly Wage**: $549

- **Total, Private Industry**
  - **Average Employment**: 2,254
  - **Average Weekly Wage**: $672

- **Goods Producing Industries**
  - **Average Employment**: 482
  - **Average Weekly Wage**: $870

- **Service Providing Industries**
  - **Average Employment**: 1,677
  - **Average Weekly Wage**: $622

- **Highest Average Weekly Wage**
  - 2019: $1,072
  - 2019: $905
  - 2019: $937

### Economic & Labor Market Information Bureau, NH Employment Security, January 2021. Community Response Received 8/13/2020
**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend: Hampstead operates grades K-8; grades 9-12 are tuitioned to Pinkerton Academy (Derry)  
Career Technology Center(s): Pinkerton Academy Center for CTE  
District: SAU 55  
Region: 17

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)  
Number of Schools: 1  
Grade Levels: P K 1-4, 5-8, P K 1-8  
Total Enrollment: 468, 382, 23

Nearest Community College: Manchester; Nashua  
Nearest Colleges or Universities: University of NH

2020 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)  
Total Facilities: 7  
Total Capacity: 394

**LARGEST BUSINESSES**

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Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

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

Road Access  
US Routes  
State Routes 111, 121, 121A  
Nearest Interstate, Exit I-93, Exit 3  
Distance 8 miles

Railroad  
Public Transportation CART

Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation  
Lawrence (MA) Municipal Runway 5,000 ft. asphalt  
Lighted? Yes  
Navigation Aids? Yes

Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service  
Manchester-Boston Regional Distance 17 miles  
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport 4

Driving distance to select cities:  
Manchester, NH 27 miles  
Portland, Maine 87 miles  
Boston, Mass. 43 miles  
New York City, NY 245 miles  
Montreal, Quebec 281 miles

**COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2015-2019)**

Workers 16 years and over  
Drove alone, car/truck/van 86.1%  
Carpooled, car/truck/van 5.5%  
Public transportation 0.6%  
Walked 0.7%  
Other means 7.0%  
Worked at home 35.8%  
Mean Travel Time to Work 37.2 minutes

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

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Nearest Ski Area(s): McIntyre

Other: Walking Trail System

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