Hancock, NH

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Municipal Office Hours	**Monday through Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm; Town Clerk: Monday, 5 pm - 8 pm, Wednesday, 3 pm - 6 pm; Tax Collector: Thursday, 9 am - 4:30 pm**
County	**Hillsborough**
Labor Market Area	**Peterborough, NH LMA**
Tourism Region	**Monadnock**
Planning Commission	**Southwest Region**
Regional Development	**Monadnock Economic Development Corp.**
Election Districts	
US Congress	**District 2**
Executive Council	**District 2**
State Senate	**District 9**
State Representative	**Hillsborough County Districts 3, 38**

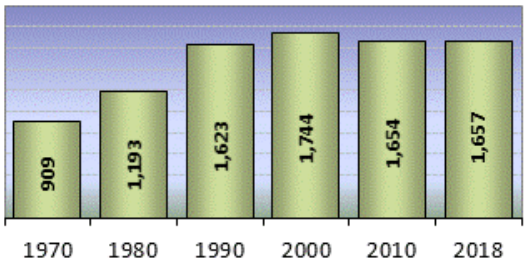
Incorporated: 1779

Origin: Hancock started as an unidentified settlement on the Contoocook River, in territory known as "Society Land" or Cumberland, which had been reserved for the Proprietors. Cumberland included what is now Antrim, Bennington, Francestown, Deering, Greenfield, and Hancock. First settled in 1764, the town was incorporated as Hancock in 1779 in honor of John Hancock, first governor of Massachusetts, president of the Continental Congress, and signer of the Declaration of Independence. Mr. Hancock was a landowner in this region, but there is no record of his ever having been in the town named for him.

Villages and Place Names: Elmwood

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 634 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Hancock totaled 935 over 58 years, from 722 in 1960 to 1,657 in 2018. The largest decennial percent change was a 36 percent increase between 1980 and 1990, which followed a 31 percent increase over the previous decade. The 2018 Census estimate for Hancock was 1,657 residents, which ranked 154th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Population Density and Land Area, 2018 *(US Census Bureau)***:** 55.3 persons per square mile of land area, which tied with Dublin. Hancock contains 30.0 square miles of land area and 1.3 square miles of inland water area.

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Municipal Services

Type of Government	**Selectmen**
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2018	**$3,122,067**
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Zoning Ordinance	**1962/17**
Master Plan	**1997**
Capital Improvement Plan	**Yes**
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	**Planning Board**

Boards and Commissions

Elected: **Selectmen; Library; Trust Funds; Common; Water; Cemetery; Checklist**

Appointed: **Planning; Zoning; Conservation; Historic Distric**

Public Library **Hancock Town**

Emergency Services

Police Department	**Full-time**
Fire Department	**Volunteer**
Emergency Medical Service	**Volunteer**

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Monadnock Community, Peterborough	**7 miles**	**25**

Utilities

Electric Supplier	**Eversource Energy**
Natural Gas Supplier	**None**
Water Supplier	**Hancock Water Works**
Sanitation	**Private septic**
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	**No**
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	**None**
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	**No**
Recycling Program	**Mandatory**
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)*

2018 Total Tax Rate (per $1000 of value)	**$21.96**
2018 Equalization Ratio	**89.6**
2018 Full Value Tax Rate (per $1000 of value)	**$19.83**

2018 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type

Residential Land and Buildings	**94.7%**
Commercial Land and Buildings	**2.0%**
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	**3.4%**

Housing *(ACS 2014-2018)*

Total Housing Units	**930**
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	**857**
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	**37**
Five or More Units in Structure	**8**
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	**28**

Population (1-Year Estimates/Decennial) *(US Census Bureau)*

Total Population	Community	County
2018	**1,657**	**415,247**
2010	**1,654**	**400,721**
2000	**1,744**	**382,384**
1990	**1,623**	**336,549**
1980	**1,193**	**276,608**
1970	**909**	**223,941**

Demographics — American Community Survey *(ACS) 2014-2018*

Population by Gender

Male	**846**	Female	**939**

Population by Age Group

Under age 5	**74**
Age 5 to 19	**289**
Age 20 to 34	**173**
Age 35 to 54	**397**
Age 55 to 64	**334**
Age 65 and over	**518**
Median Age	**53.2 years**

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	**97.5%**
Bachelor's degree or higher	**52.7%**

Income, Inflation Adjusted $ *(ACS 2014-2018)*

Per capita income	**$48,617**
Median family income	**$93,889**
Median household income	**$71,250**

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers

Male	**$54,125**
Female	**$42,500**

Individuals below the poverty level	**1.5%**

Labor Force *(NHES – ELMI)*

Annual Average	2008	2018
Civilian labor force	**876**	**919**
Employed	**850**	**900**
Unemployed	**26**	**19**
Unemployment rate	**3.0%**	**2.1%**

Employment & Wages *(NHES – ELMI)*

Annual Average Covered Employment	2008	2018
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	**48**	**n**
Average Weekly Wage	**$ 564**	**n**
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	**226**	**n**
Average Weekly Wage	**$ 596**	**n**
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	**274**	**157**
Average Weekly Wage	**$ 590**	**$1,067**
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	**46**	**34**
Average Weekly Wage	**$ 417**	**$ 719**
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	**320**	**191**
Average Weekly Wage	**$ 565**	**$1,005**

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Education and Child Care

Schools students attend: **Grades K-12 are part of Contoocook Valley Cooperative (Antrim, Bennington, Dublin, Francestown, Greenfield, Hancock, Peterborough, Sharon, Temple)** District: **SAU 1**

Career Technology Center(s): **Region 14 Applied Technology Center** Region: **14**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	**1**			
Grade Levels	**K 1-4**			
Total Enrollment	**49**			

Nearest Community College: **Manchester; Nashua; NHTI-Concord**
Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Keene State; New England; Franklin Pierce University; Antioch New England**

2020 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **1** Total Capacity: **16**

Largest Businesses	Product/Service	Employees	Established
Fiddleheads Café	Restaurant		
Hancock Market	Convenience store		
Harris Center	Conservation education		
John Hancock Inn	Restaurant, inn		
Mathewson Co., Inc.	Septic svcs., dam & road construction, excavation, land clearing, helical piles, winter maintenance		
Nature's Classroom at Sargent Center	Outdoor education and camp		
Our Town Landscaping, Inc.	Landscaping services and materials		
Sarah's Hat Boxes	Custom handmade fabric boxes		

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

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

Road Access	US Routes	**202**
	State Routes	**123, 137**
Nearest Interstate, Exit		**I-89, Exit 6**
	Distance	**27 miles**
Railroad		**No**
Public Transportation		**No**

Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation
Hawthorne-Feather, Antrim Runway **3,260 ft. asphalt**
Lighted? **Yes** Navigation Aids? **No**

Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service
Manchester-Boston Regional Distance **34 miles**
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport **4**

Driving distance to select cities:

Manchester, NH	**34 miles**
Portland, Maine	**130 miles**
Boston, Mass.	**77 miles**
New York City, NY	**243 miles**
Montreal, Quebec	**253 miles**

Commuting to Work *(ACS 2014-2018)*

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	**72.0%**
Carpooled, car/truck/van	**3.0%**
Public transportation	**0.0%**
Walked	**2.6%**
Other means	**22.3%**
Worked at home	**21.5%**
Mean Travel Time to Work	**26.5 minutes**

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2014-2018

Working in community of residence	**35.0**
Commuting to another NH community	**62.6**
Commuting out-of-state	**2.4**

Recreation, Attractions, and Events

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
	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
	Performing Arts Facilities
	Tourist Attractions
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
X	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
X	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
X	Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): **Pat's Peak, Crotched Mtn**

Other: **Harris Center for Conservation Education; Nature's Classroom**