

Hancock, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

Monday through Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm; Town Clerk:
Monday, 6 pm - 9 pm, Wednesday, 3 pm - 6 pm; Tax Collector:
Monday, 3:30 pm - 6:30 pm, Thursday, 9 am - 1 pm

County
 Labor Market Area
 Tourism Region
 Planning Commission
 Regional Development

Hillsborough
Peterborough, NH LMA
Monadnock
Southwest Region
Monadnock Economic Development Corp.

Election Districts

US Congress
 Executive Council
 State Senate
 State Representative

District 2
District 2
District 9
Hillsborough County Districts 3, 38

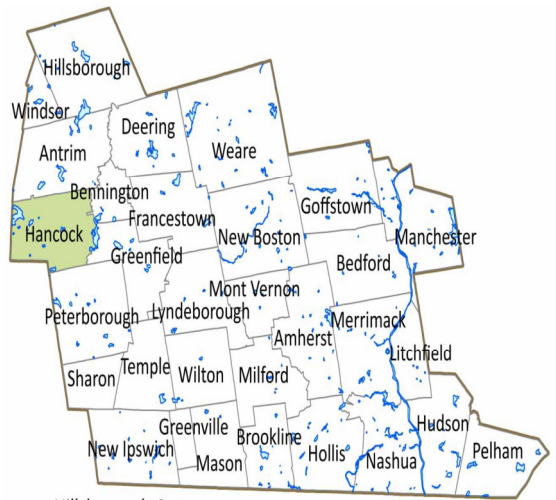
Incorporated: 1779

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, Frankestown, 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.

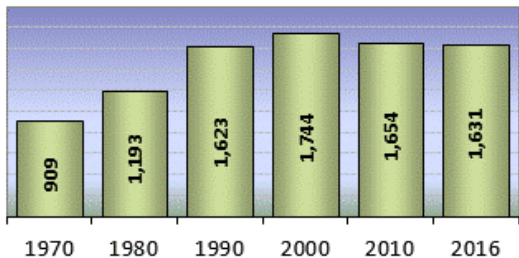
Villages and Place Names: Elmwood

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

Population Trends: Population change for Hancock totaled 909 over 56 years, from 722 in 1960 to 1,631 in 2016. The largest decennial percent change was a 36 percent



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increase between 1980 and 1990, which followed a 31 percent increase over the previous decade. The 2016 Census estimate for Hancock was 1,631 residents, which ranked 154th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2016 (US Census Bureau): 54.4 persons per square mile of land area. Hancock contains 30.0 square miles of land area and 1.3 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2017	\$2,382,369
Budget: School Appropriations, 2016-2017	\$3,910,498
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 District**

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	Fairpoint
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes
Public Access Television Station	No
High Speed Internet Service:	
Business	Yes
Residential	Yes

PROPERTY TAXES <i>(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</i>	
2016 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$23.11
2016 Equalization Ratio	102.9
2016 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$23.80
2016 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	94.4%
Commercial Land and Buildings	2.2%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	3.4%

HOUSING <i>(ACS 2012-2016)</i>	
Total Housing Units	922
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	823
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	75
Five or More Units in Structure	0
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	24

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL) <i>(US Census Bureau)</i>		
Total Population	Community	County
2016	1,631	407,761
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 <i>(ACS) 2012-2016</i>			
Population by Gender			
Male	893	Female	936
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			76
Age 5 to 19			324
Age 20 to 34			202
Age 35 to 54			388
Age 55 to 64			383
Age 65 and over			456
Median Age			51.4 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher			96.6%
Bachelor's degree or higher			56.3%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ <i>(ACS 2012-2016)</i>	
Per capita income	\$45,886
Median family income	\$98,947
Median household income	\$80,938
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers, 16 years and over	
Male	\$71,964
Female	\$45,900
Individuals below the poverty level	4.5%

LABOR FORCE <i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>			
Annual Average		2006	2016
Civilian labor force	902	905	
Employed	875	881	
Unemployed	27	24	
Unemployment rate	3.0%	2.7%	

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES <i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>			
Annual Average Covered Employment		2006	2016
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	52	36	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 553	\$ 781	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	240	128	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 487	\$1,208	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	292	163	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 499	\$1,114	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	42	28	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 378	\$ 734	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	333	192	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 484	\$1,058	

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend:	Grades K-12 are part of Contoocook Valley Cooperative (Antrim, Bennington, Dublin, Frankestown, 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	47			

Nearest Community College: **Manchester; Nashua; NHTI-Concord**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Keene State; New England; Franklin Pierce University; Antioch New England**

2017 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		
Halvorson New Media	Marketing & training		
Hancock Market	Convenience store		
Harris Center for Conservation Education	Conservation education		
John Hancock Inn	Restaurant, inn		
Nature's classroom at Sargent Center	Outdoor education and camp		
Our Town Landscaping, Inc.	Landscaping services and materials		

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 2012-2016)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	73.2%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	8.3%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	2.2%
Other means	0.7%
Worked at home	15.5%
Mean Travel Time to Work	28.3 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2012-2016

Working in community of residence	28.2
Commuting to another NH community	69.0
Commuting out-of-state	2.8

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
X	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
	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