

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
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**

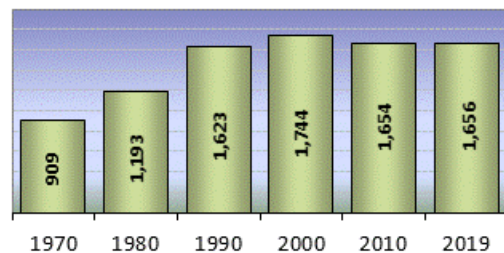
Incorporated: 1779

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

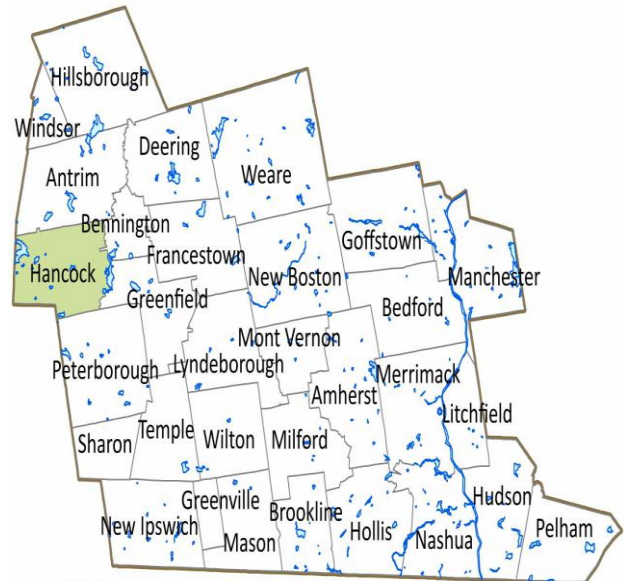
Population Trends: Population change for Hancock totaled 747 over 49 years, from 909 in 1970 to 1,656 in 2019. The largest decennial percent change was a 36 percent increase between 1980 and 1990, which followed a 31 percent



increase over the previous decade. The

2019 Census estimate for Hancock was 1,656 residents, which ranked 154th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2019 (US Census Bureau): 55.2 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.



Hillsborough County

MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2020	\$2,751,920
Budget: School Appropriations, 2017-2018	\$3,747,286
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	None
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)	
2019 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$24.60
2019 Equalization Ratio	89.1
2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$21.69

2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	95.4%
Commercial Land and Buildings	2.0%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	2.6%

HOUSING (ACS 2015-2019)	
Total Housing Units	932
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	886
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	20
Five or More Units in Structure	7
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	19

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)
Total Population	Community	County
2019	1,656	417,025
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) 2015-2019		
Population by Gender		
Male	818	Female 929

Population by Age Group	
Under age 5	40
Age 5 to 19	260
Age 20 to 34	112
Age 35 to 54	430
Age 55 to 64	353
Age 65 and over	552
Median Age	56.5 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over	
High school graduate or higher	97.9%
Bachelor's degree or higher	56.7%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ (ACS 2015-2019)	
Per capita income	\$51,542
Median family income	\$96,071
Median household income	\$69,609

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	\$53,828
Female	\$42,273
Individuals below the poverty level	2.1%

LABOR FORCE (NHES – ELMII)		
Annual Average	2009	2019
Civilian labor force	873	930
Employed	835	910
Unemployed	38	20
Unemployment rate	4.4%	2.2%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES – ELMII)		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2009	2019
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	40	32
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 616	\$ 941
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	184	145
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 663	\$1,081
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	224	177
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 654	\$1,055
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	48	34
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 453	\$ 697
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	272	211
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 619	\$ 998

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

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (<i>distances estimated from city/town hall</i>)			
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 (<i>ACS 2015-2019</i>)			
Workers 16 years and over			
Drove alone, car/truck/van			73.1%
Carpooled, car/truck/van			1.6%
Public transportation			0.0%
Walked			3.7%
Other means			21.2%
Worked at home			2.0%
Mean Travel Time to Work			24.3 minutes
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2015-2019			
Working in community of residence			35.5
Commuting to another NH community			62.5
Commuting out-of-state			2.0

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