

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

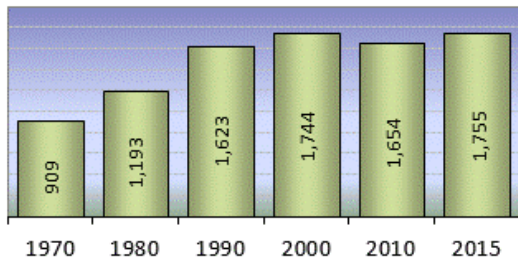
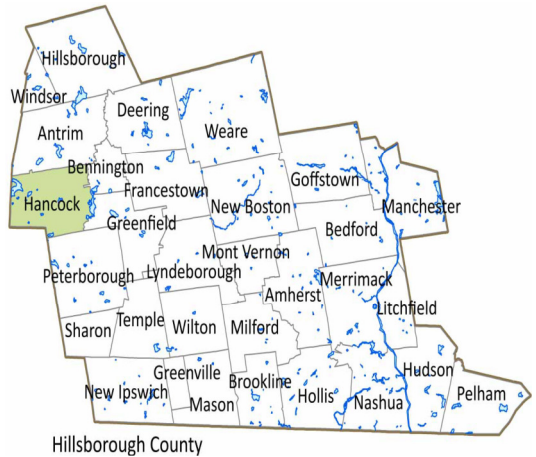
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Hillsborough County Districts 3, 38

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 1,033 over 55 years, from 722 in 1960 to 1,755 in 2015. 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 2015 Census estimate for Hancock was 1,755 residents, which ranked 148th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2015 (US Census Bureau): 58.5 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 2011-2015)</i>	
Total Housing Units	910
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	822
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	71
Five or More Units in Structure	0
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	17

DEMOGRAPHICS <i>(US Census Bureau)</i>		
Total Population	Community	County
2015	1,755	403,972
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) 2011-2015

Population by Gender
 Male **857** Female **898**

Population by Age Group
 Under age 5 **61**
 Age 5 to 19 **325**
 Age 20 to 34 **187**
 Age 35 to 54 **305**
 Age 55 to 64 **348**
 Age 65 and over **529**
 Median Age **55.0 years**

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over
 High school graduate or higher **97.2%**
 Bachelor's degree or higher **61.3%**

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ <i>(ACS 2011-2015)</i>	
Per capita income	\$45,544
Median family income	\$89,773
Median household income	\$77,788

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers, 16 years and over
 Male **\$61,944**
 Female **\$47,604**

Individuals below the poverty level **4.6%**

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, 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	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		<i>(ACS 2011-2015)</i>	
Workers 16 years and over			
Drove alone, car/truck/van			72.5%
Carpooled, car/truck/van			9.6%
Public transportation			0.5%
Walked			1.3%
Other means			0.3%
Worked at home			15.8%
Mean Travel Time to Work			26.9 minutes
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2011-2015			
Working in community of residence			27.4
Commuting to another NH community			68.9
Commuting out-of-state			3.7

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