Holderness, NH

Incorporated: 1761

Origin: Holderness was named in 1751 for Robert Darcy, fourth Earl of Holderness, ambassador to Venice and minister at The Hague under King George III. He opposed the king's policy toward the colonies, and became a friend of Governor Wentworth in efforts to promote friendly trade relations abroad. In 1761, the land was regranted to a group of New England families and named New Holderness. Grantees included Samuel Livermore, who wanted to create a pretentious estate similar to that of the English countryside. In 1816, residents voted to change the name back to Holderness.

Villages and Place Names: Deephaven, East Holderness, Rockywold

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 329 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Holderness totaled 1,059 over 49 years, from 1,048 in 1970 to 2,107 in 2019. The largest decennial percent change was a 51 percent increase between 1970 and 1980. The 2019 Census estimate for Holderness was 2,107 residents, which ranked 136th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2019 (US Census Bureau): 69.0 persons per square mile of land area. Holderness contains 30.5 square miles of land area and 5.4 square miles of inland water area.
### Municipal Services

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### Boards and Commissions

- Elected: Selectmen; Trust Funds; Library
- Appointed: Planning; Conservation; Budget; Recreation; Zoning

### Public Library

- Holderness

### Emergency Services

- Police Department: Full-time
- Fire Department: On-Call
- Emergency Medical Service: On-Call

### Nearest Hospital(s)

- Distance: 10 miles
- Staffed Beds: 25

### Speare Memorial, Plymouth

### Utilities

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### Property Taxes

**NH Dept. of Revenue Administration**

- 2019 Total Tax Rate (per $1000 of value): $13.17
- 2019 Equalization Ratio: 88.1
- 2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per $1000 of value): $11.56
- 2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type:
  - Residential Land and Buildings: 87.2%
  - Commercial Land and Buildings: 10.7%
  - Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other: 2.1%

### Housing

**ACS 2015-2019**

- Total Housing Units: 1,591
- Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached: 1,291
- Units in Multiple-Family Structures:
  - Two to Four Units in Structure: 95
  - Five or More Units in Structure: 66
  - Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units: 139

### Population (1-Year Estimates/Decennial)

**US Census Bureau**

- Total Population:
  - Community: 2019 - 2,107, 2020 - 2,108
  - County: 2019 - 89,886, 2020 - 89,118

### Demographics

**American Community Survey (ACS) 2015-2019**

- Population by Gender:
  - Male: 1,050
  - Female: 1,156

- Population by Age Group:
  - Under age 5: 85
  - Age 5 to 19: 396
  - Age 20 to 34: 336
  - Age 35 to 54: 479
  - Age 55 to 64: 404
  - Age 65 and over: 506
  - Median Age: 47.3 years

- Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over:
  - Bachelor's degree or higher: 94.0%
  - Bachelor’s degree or higher: 30.9%

### Income, Inflation Adjusted $

**ACS 2015-2019**

- Per capita income: $30,488
- Median family income: $73,977
- Median household income: $61,618

- Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers:
  - Male: $34,125
  - Female: $40,804

- Individuals below the poverty level: 10.6%

### Labor Force

**NHES – ELMI**

- Annual Average:
  - 2009: 2019
  - 2009: 1,147
  - 2019: 1,478
  - Employed:
    - 2009: 1,085
    - 2019: 1,452
  - Unemployed:
    - 2009: 62
    - 2019: 26
  - Unemployment rate:
    - 2009: 5.4%
    - 2019: 1.8%

### Employment & Wages

**NHES – ELMI**

- Annual Average Covered Employment:
  - 2009: 34,125
  - 2019: 649

- Goods Producing Industries:
  - Average Employment:
    - 2009: 72
    - 2019: 42
  - Average Weekly Wage:
    - 2009: $927
    - 2019: $1,043

- Service Providing Industries:
  - Average Employment:
    - 2009: 441
    - 2019: 593
  - Average Weekly Wage:
    - 2009: $604
    - 2019: $685

- Total Private Industry:
  - Average Employment:
    - 2009: 512
    - 2019: 636
  - Average Weekly Wage:
    - 2009: $649
    - 2019: $709

- Government (Federal, State, and Local):
  - Average Employment:
    - 2009: 75
    - 2019: 70
  - Average Weekly Wage:
    - 2009: $776
    - 2019: $889

- Total, Private Industry plus Government:
  - Average Employment:
    - 2009: 587
    - 2019: 706
  - Average Weekly Wage:
    - 2009: $665
    - 2019: $727
**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend: Holderness operates grades K-8; grades 9-12 are part of Pemi-Baker Cooperative (Ashland, Campton, Holderness, Plymouth, Rumney, Thornton, Wentworth)

Career Technology Center(s): Plymouth Applied Technology Center

District: SAU 48  
Region: 5

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)  
Number of Schools: 1  
Grade Levels: K 1-8  
Total Enrollment: 145

Nearest Community College: Lakes Region  
Nearest Colleges or Universities: Plymouth State University

2020 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)  
Total Facilities: 3  
Total Capacity: 121

**LARGEST BUSINESSES**  
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Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

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

Road Access  
US Routes: 3  
State Routes: 25, 113, 175, 175A  
Nearest Interstate, Exit: I-93, Exit 25  
Distance: Local access  
Railroad: No  
Public Transportation: No  
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation: Moultonborough Airport  
Runway: 3,475 ft. asphalt  
Lighted?: Yes  
Navigation Aids?: No  
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service: Manchester-Boston Regional  
Distance: 65 miles  
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport: 4  
Driving distance to select cities:  
Manchester, NH: 58 miles  
Portland, Maine: 87 miles  
Boston, Mass.: 109 miles  
New York City, NY: 308 miles  
Montreal, Quebec: 216 miles

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

Workers 16 years and over  
Drove alone, car/truck/van: 74.6%  
Carpooled, car/truck/van: 11.8%  
Public transportation: 0.0%  
Walked: 4.8%  
Other means: 8.8%  
Worked at home: 2.2%  
Mean Travel Time to Work: 26.3 minutes

**Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2015-2019**  
Working in community of residence: 18.7%  
Commuting to another NH community: 79.1%  
Commuting out-of-state: 2.2%

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

X Municipal Parks  
X YMCA/YWCA  
Boys Club/Girls Club  
X Golf Courses  
Swimming: Indoor Facility  
Swimming: Outdoor Facility  
Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility  
X Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility  
X Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility  
Bowling Facilities  
X Museums  
Cinemas  
X Performing Arts Facilities  
X Tourist Attractions  
X Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)  
X Youth Sports: Baseball  
X Youth Sports: Soccer  
X Youth Sports: Football  
X Youth Sports: Basketball  
X Youth Sports: Hockey  
X Campgrounds  
X Fishing/Hunting  
X Boating/Marinas  
X Snowmobile Trails  
X Bicycle Trails  
X Cross Country Skiing  
X Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area  
X Overnight or Day Camps  
Nearest Ski Area(s): Waterville Valley  
Other: Squam Lakes Science Center