

# Holderness, NH



## Community Contact

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## Municipal Office Hours

Selectmen: Monday through Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm; Town Clerk, Tax Collector: Monday through Friday, 8:30 am - 4 pm

County  
Labor Market Area  
Tourism Region  
Planning Commission  
Regional Development

Grafton  
Plymouth, NH LMA  
Lakes  
Lakes Region  
Grafton County Economic Development Council

## Election Districts

US Congress  
Executive Council  
State Senate  
State Representative

District 2  
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Grafton County District 8

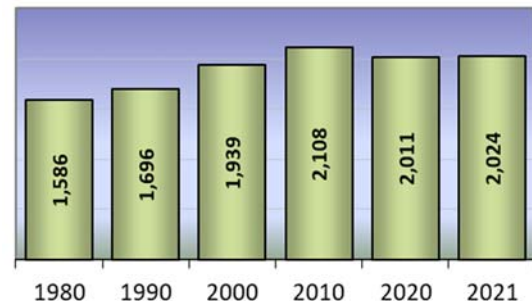
**Incorporated:** 1761

**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 438 over 41 years, from 1,586 in 1980 to 2,024 in 2021. The largest decennial percent change was a 14 percent increase between 1990 and 2000.



and 2000. The 2021 Census estimate for Holderness was 2,024 residents, which ranked 138th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density and Land Area, 2021 (US Census Bureau):** 66.3 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.



Grafton County

<b>MUNICIPAL SERVICES</b>	
Type of Government	<b>Selectmen</b>
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2021	<b>\$3,746,480</b>
Budget: School Appropriations, 2020-2021	<b>\$5,699,949</b>
Zoning Ordinance	<b>1985/20</b>
Master Plan	<b>2007</b>
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>Yes</b>
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Planning Board</b>

<b>Boards and Commissions</b>	
Elected:	<b>Selectmen; Trust Funds; Library</b>
Appointed:	<b>Planning; Conservation; Budget; Recreation; Zoning</b>
Public Library	<b>Holderness</b>

<b>EMERGENCY SERVICES</b>	
Police Department	<b>Full-time</b>
Fire Department	<b>Full-time Chief &amp; on-call</b>
Emergency Medical Service	<b>On-Call</b>
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance Staffed Beds
<b>Speare Memorial, Plymouth</b>	<b>10 miles 25</b>

<b>UTILITIES</b>	
Electric Supplier	<b>NH Electric Coop</b>
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>None</b>
Water Supplier	<b>Private wells</b>
Sanitation	<b>Private septic</b>
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	<b>No</b>
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	<b>None</b>
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	<b>No</b>
Recycling Program	<b>Mandatory</b>
Telephone Company	<b>Consolidated Communications</b>
Cellular Telephone Access	<b>Limited</b>
Cable Television Access	<b>Limited</b>
Public Access Television Station	<b>Share with Plymouth</b>
High Speed Internet Service:	Business Residential
	<b>Limited Limited</b>

<b>PROPERTY TAXES</b> (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2021 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$11.31</b>
2021 Equalization Ratio	<b>90.3</b>
2021 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$10.18</b>
2021 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>87.9%</b>
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>10.2%</b>
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>1.9%</b>

<b>HOUSING</b> (ACS 2016-2020)	
Total Housing Units	<b>1,577</b>
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	<b>1,205</b>
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	<b>87</b>
Five or More Units in Structure	<b>110</b>
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	<b>175</b>

<b>POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)</b>		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population	Community	County	
2021	<b>2,024</b>	<b>92,201</b>	
2020	<b>2,011</b>	<b>91,123</b>	
2010	<b>2,108</b>	<b>89,118</b>	
2000	<b>1,939</b>	<b>81,826</b>	
1990	<b>1,696</b>	<b>74,998</b>	
1980	<b>1,586</b>	<b>65,806</b>	

<b>DEMOGRAPHICS</b> AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2016-2020			
Population by Gender			
Male	<b>951</b>	Female	<b>1,265</b>
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			<b>46</b>
Age 5 to 19			<b>350</b>
Age 20 to 34			<b>450</b>
Age 35 to 54			<b>461</b>
Age 55 to 64			<b>438</b>
Age 65 and over			<b>471</b>
Median Age			<b>46.7 years</b>
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher			<b>95.0%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher			<b>40.7%</b>

<b>INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$</b>		(ACS 2016-2020)	
Per capita income			<b>\$36,345</b>
Median family income			<b>\$98,906</b>
Median household income			<b>\$76,786</b>
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male			<b>\$41,188</b>
Female			<b>\$48,028</b>
Individuals below the poverty level			<b>8.9%</b>

<b>LABOR FORCE</b>			(NHES – ELMII)	
Annual Average	2011	2021		
Civilian labor force	<b>1,374</b>	<b>1,423</b>		
Employed	<b>1,327</b>	<b>1,395</b>		
Unemployed	<b>47</b>	<b>28</b>		
Unemployment rate	<b>3.4%</b>	<b>2.0%</b>		

<b>EMPLOYMENT &amp; WAGES</b> (NHES – ELMII)			
Annual Average Covered Employment	2011	2021	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	<b>83</b>	<b>38</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 903</b>	<b>\$1,188</b>	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	<b>472</b>	<b>577</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 580</b>	<b>\$ 767</b>	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	<b>556</b>	<b>615</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 629</b>	<b>\$ 793</b>	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	<b>77</b>	<b>74</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 777</b>	<b>\$ 942</b>	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	<b>632</b>	<b>690</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 647</b>	<b>\$ 809</b>	

**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)** District: **SAU 48**  
 Career Technology Center(s): **Plymouth Applied Technology Center**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	K 1-8			
Total Enrollment	157			

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

2021 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **3** Total Capacity: **121**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Holderness School	Education	80	1879
Holderness Central School	Education	40	
Resource Management, Inc.	Bioproducts/solids recycling	21	
Science Center of New Hampshire	Environmental education	12	1967
Squam Boats	Marina	8	

*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			
<b>Moultonborough Airport</b>	Runway	3,475 ft. asphalt	
Lighted?	Yes	Navigation Aids?	No
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service			
<b>Manchester-Boston Regional</b>	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	
COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2016-2020)			
Workers 16 years and over			
Drove alone, car/truck/van		79.6%	
Carpooled, car/truck/van		9.1%	
Public transportation		0.0%	
Walked		2.6%	
Other means		3.8%	
Worked at home		4.9%	
Mean Travel Time to Work		27.9 minutes	
<b>Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2016-2020</b>			
Working in community of residence		64.1%	
Commuting to another NH community		33.4%	
Commuting out-of-state		2.5%	

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS	
X	Municipal Parks
	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): <b>Waterville Valley</b>
	Other: <b>Squam Lakes Science Center</b>