

# Holderness, NH



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## County

Grafton

## Labor Market Area

Plymouth, NH LMA

## Tourism Region

Lakes

## Planning Commission

Lakes Region

## Regional Development

Grafton County Economic Development Council

## Election Districts

### US Congress

District 2

### Executive Council

District 1

### State Senate

District 2

### State Representative

Grafton County District 8

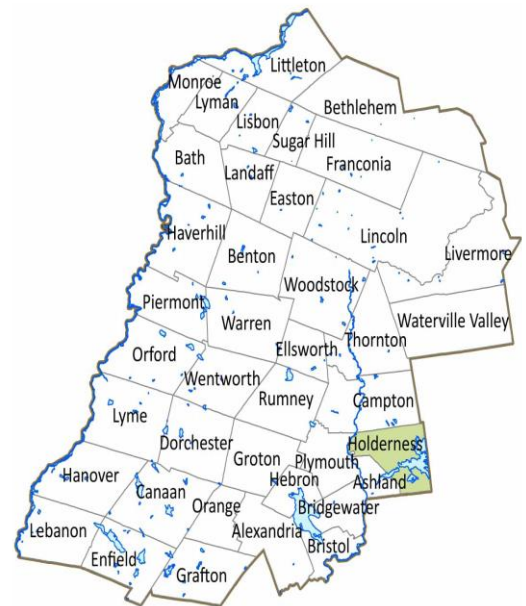
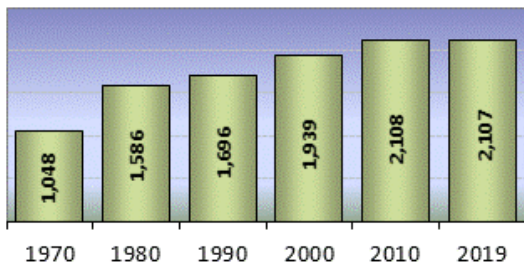
**Incorporated:** 1761

**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 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.



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**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.

<b>MUNICIPAL SERVICES</b>	
Type of Government	<b>Selectmen</b>
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2021	<b>\$3,581,334</b>
Budget: School Appropriations, 2020-2021	<b>\$4,266,172</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>On-Call</b>
Emergency Medical Service			<b>On-Call</b>
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds	
<b>Speare Memorial, Plymouth</b>	<b>10 miles</b>	<b>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>Fairpoint</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		<b>Limited</b>
	Residential		<b>Limited</b>

<b>PROPERTY TAXES</b>		<i>(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</i>	
2019 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		<b>\$13.17</b>	
2019 Equalization Ratio		<b>88.1</b>	
2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		<b>\$11.56</b>	
2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		<b>87.2%</b>	
Commercial Land and Buildings		<b>10.7%</b>	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		<b>2.1%</b>	

<b>HOUSING</b>		<i>(ACS 2015-2019)</i>	
Total Housing Units		<b>1,591</b>	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		<b>1,291</b>	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		<b>95</b>	
Five or More Units in Structure		<b>66</b>	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		<b>139</b>	

<b>POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)</b>		<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>	
Total Population	Community	County	
2019	<b>2,107</b>	<b>89,886</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>	
1970	<b>1,048</b>	<b>54,914</b>	

<b>DEMOGRAPHICS</b>				<i>AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2015-2019</i>	
Population by Gender					
Male	<b>1,050</b>	Female		<b>1,156</b>	
Population by Age Group					
Under age 5				<b>85</b>	
Age 5 to 19				<b>396</b>	
Age 20 to 34				<b>336</b>	
Age 35 to 54				<b>479</b>	
Age 55 to 64				<b>404</b>	
Age 65 and over				<b>506</b>	
Median Age				<b>47.3 years</b>	
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over					
High school graduate or higher				<b>94.0%</b>	
Bachelor's degree or higher				<b>30.9%</b>	

<b>INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$</b>		<i>(ACS 2015-2019)</i>	
Per capita income			<b>\$30,488</b>
Median family income			<b>\$73,977</b>
Median household income			<b>\$61,618</b>
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male			<b>\$34,125</b>
Female			<b>\$40,804</b>
Individuals below the poverty level			<b>10.6%</b>

<b>LABOR FORCE</b>			<i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>	
Annual Average	2009	2019		
Civilian labor force	<b>1,147</b>	<b>1,478</b>		
Employed	<b>1,085</b>	<b>1,452</b>		
Unemployed	<b>62</b>	<b>26</b>		
Unemployment rate	<b>5.4%</b>	<b>1.8%</b>		

<b>EMPLOYMENT &amp; WAGES</b>				<i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>	
Annual Average Covered Employment	2009	2019			
Goods Producing Industries					
Average Employment	<b>72</b>	<b>42</b>			
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 927</b>	<b>\$1,043</b>			
Service Providing Industries					
Average Employment	<b>441</b>	<b>593</b>			
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 604</b>	<b>\$ 685</b>			
Total Private Industry					
Average Employment	<b>512</b>	<b>636</b>			
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 649</b>	<b>\$ 709</b>			
Government (Federal, State, and Local)					
Average Employment	<b>75</b>	<b>70</b>			
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 776</b>	<b>\$ 889</b>			
Total, Private Industry plus Government					
Average Employment	<b>587</b>	<b>706</b>			
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 665</b>	<b>\$ 727</b>			

**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend:	<b>Holderness operates grades K-8; grades 9-12 are part of Pemi-Baker Cooperative (Ashland, Campton, Holderness, Plymouth, Rumney, Thornton, Wentworth)</b>				District: <b>SAU 48</b>
Career Technology Center(s):	<b>Plymouth Applied Technology Center</b>				Region: <b>5</b>
Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial	
Number of Schools	<b>1</b>				
Grade Levels	<b>K 1-8</b>				
Total Enrollment	<b>145</b>				

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	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		<b>3</b>
	State Routes	<b>25, 113, 175, 175A</b>	
Nearest Interstate, Exit		<b>I-93, Exit 25</b>	
	Distance	<b>Local access</b>	
Railroad			<b>No</b>
Public Transportation			<b>No</b>
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation			
<b>Moultonborough Airport</b>	Runway	<b>3,475 ft. asphalt</b>	
Lighted?	Yes	Navigation Aids?	<b>No</b>
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service			
<b>Manchester-Boston Regional</b>	Distance	<b>65 miles</b>	
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		<b>4</b>	
Driving distance to select cities:			
Manchester, NH		<b>58 miles</b>	
Portland, Maine		<b>87 miles</b>	
Boston, Mass.		<b>109 miles</b>	
New York City, NY		<b>308 miles</b>	
Montreal, Quebec		<b>216 miles</b>	
COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2015-2019)			
Workers 16 years and over			
Drove alone, car/truck/van		<b>74.6%</b>	
Carpooled, car/truck/van		<b>11.8%</b>	
Public transportation		<b>0.0%</b>	
Walked		<b>4.8%</b>	
Other means		<b>8.8%</b>	
Worked at home		<b>2.2%</b>	
Mean Travel Time to Work		<b>26.3 minutes</b>	
<b>Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2015-2019</b>			
Working in community of residence		<b>18.7</b>	
Commuting to another NH community		<b>79.1</b>	
Commuting out-of-state		<b>2.2</b>	

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