

Laconia, NH



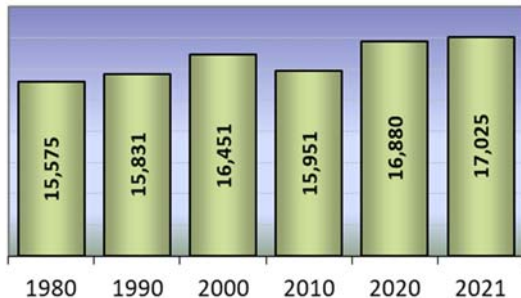
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Municipal Office Hours	Monday through Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
County	Belknap
Labor Market Area	Laconia, NH Micropolitan NECTA
Tourism Region	Lakes
Planning Commission	Lakes Region
Regional Development	Belknap County Economic Development Council
Election Districts	
US Congress	District 1 (All Wards)
Executive Council	District 1 (All Wards)
State Senate	District 2 (All Wards)
State Representative	Belknap County Districts 5 (Ward 1,3,4-6), 6 (Ward 2)

Incorporated: 1855

Origin: The name Laconia was first used in documents granting the land between the Merrimack and Sagadahock Rivers to Captain John Mason and Sir Ferdinando Gorges. Some documents call the grant the Province of Maine, others call it the Province of Laconia, named after a region of Greece. In the 1620s explorers had hoped to follow the Piscataqua River north to Lake Champlain, in search of the great lakes and rivers of Canada told of in Indian lore. These explorers were known as the Laconia Adventurers. The town was originally a portion of Meredith and Gilford named Meredith Bridge, and was incorporated as Laconia in 1855. Incorporated as a city in 1893, Laconia includes Weirs Beach, which bears the name of primitive fishing devices discovered at the outlet of Lake Winnepesaukee.

Villages and Place Names: Lakeport, Weirs Beach

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 1,806 residents in 1860



Population Trends: Population change for Laconia totaled 1,450 over 41 years, from 15,575 in 1980 to 17,025 in 2021. The largest decennial percent change was a six percent increase between 2010 and 2020. The 2021 Census estimate for Laconia was 17,025 residents, which ranked 15th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2021 (US Census Bureau): 847.4 persons per square mile of land area. Laconia contains 20.1 square miles of land area and 6.0 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Manager & Council
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2022-2023	\$31,729,257
Budget: School Appropriations, 2022-2023	\$44,617,727
Zoning Ordinance	1948/11
Master Plan	2008
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	City Planner

Boards and Commissions
 Elected: **City Council**
 Appointed: **Please visit www.laconianh.gov for a list of boards & committees to which citizens may be appointed.**

Public Library **Laconia Public**

EMERGENCY SERVICES	
Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Municipal
Emergency Medical Service	Municipal

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Concord Hospital - Laconia	Local	45

UTILITIES	
Electric Supplier	Eversource Energy; NH Electric Coop
Natural Gas Supplier	Liberty Utilities
Water Supplier	Laconia Water Works

Sanitation	Municipal
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	Yes
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	Municipal
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	Yes
High Speed Internet Service:	
Business	Yes
Residential	Yes

PROPERTY TAXES (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2021 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$18.86
2021 Equalization Ratio	79.0
2021 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$14.57

2021 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	86.2%
Commercial Land and Buildings	11.5%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	2.3%

HOUSING (ACS 2016-2020)	
Total Housing Units	10,239
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	6,006
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	1,725
Five or More Units in Structure	1,895
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	613

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)
Total Population	Community	County
2021	17,025	64,460
2020	16,881	63,743
2010	15,951	60,088
2000	16,451	56,576
1990	15,831	49,294
1980	15,575	42,884

DEMOGRAPHICS AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2016-2020		
Population by Gender		
Male	8,336	Female 8,248

Population by Age Group	
Under age 5	559
Age 5 to 19	2,688
Age 20 to 34	3,036
Age 35 to 54	3,993
Age 55 to 64	2,677
Age 65 and over	3,631
Median Age	46.4 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over	
High school graduate or higher	90.8%
Bachelor's degree or higher	27.0%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ (ACS 2016-2020)	
Per capita income	\$33,119
Median family income	\$75,400
Median household income	\$55,814

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	\$46,809
Female	\$39,108

Individuals below the poverty level	11.2%
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LABOR FORCE (NHES – ELMII)		
Annual Average	2011	2021
Civilian labor force	8,107	7,721
Employed	7,597	7,397
Unemployed	510	324
Unemployment rate	6.3%	4.2%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES – ELMII)		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2011	2021
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	1,625	1,669
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 932	\$1,205
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	6,380	5,628
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 747	\$1,012
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	8,006	7,298
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 785	\$1,056
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	1,352	1,174
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 810	\$1,028
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	9,357	8,472
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 789	\$1,052

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EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Laconia operates grades K-12** District: **SAU 30**
 Career Technology Center(s): **J. Oliva Huot Technical Center (Laconia); Winnisquam Agricultural Programs**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	3	1	1	3
Grade Levels	P K 1-5	6-8	9-12	P K 1-12
Total Enrollment	870	481	561	247

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: **11** Total Capacity: **748**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Aavid Engineering Corp.	Semiconductor heat sinks		1966
Baron Machine Co., Inc.	Machine parts, heat treating		1957
Concord Hospital - Laconia	Medical care services		
Lewis & Sanders, Inc.	Metal tubular assemblies		1956
NH Ball Bearings, Inc.	Spherical bearings		1968
Taylor Community	Nonprofit continuing care retirement community		

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)			
Road Access	US Routes		3
	State Routes	106, 107, 11, 11A, 11B	
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-93, Exit 20	
	Distance		8 miles
Railroad		State owned line	
Public Transportation			WTS
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation			
Laconia Municipal	Runway	5,286 ft. asphalt	
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?		Yes
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service			
Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance		50 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport			4
Driving distance to select cities:			
Manchester, NH			45 miles
Portland, Maine			85 miles
Boston, Mass.			95 miles
New York City, NY			294 miles
Montreal, Quebec			235 miles
COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2016-2020)			
Workers 16 years and over			
Drove alone, car/truck/van			72.7%
Carpooled, car/truck/van			15.8%
Public transportation			0.3%
Walked			4.5%
Other means			2.3%
Worked at home			4.4%
Mean Travel Time to Work			19.1 minutes
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2016-2020			
Working in community of residence			76.5%
Commuting to another NH community			21.7%
Commuting out-of-state			1.8%

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS	
X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
X	Boys Club/Girls Club
X	Golf Courses
X	Swimming: Indoor Facility
X	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
X	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
X	Bowling Facilities
X	Museums
X	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): Gunstock
	Other: Mount Washington Cruises; Weirs Beach; Scenic Railroad; Prescott Farm Audubon Center; Laconia Motorcycle Week; Multicultural Day; Pumpkin Festival; Wake the Lake; Biketemberfest; Skateboard Park