Laconia, NH

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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 7 (All Wards)
- State Representative: Belknap County Districts 3, 9 (All Wards)

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 Winnipesaukee.

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 1,693 over 49 years, from 14,888 in 1970 to 16,581 in 2019. The largest decennial percent change was a five percent increase between 1970 and 1980. The 2019 Census estimate for Laconia was 16,581 residents, which ranked 15th among New Hampshire’s incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2019 (US Census Bureau): 825.3 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.

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### Municipal Services

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<tr>
<th>Type of Government</th>
<th>Manager &amp; Council</th>
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<tr>
<td>Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2020-2021</td>
<td>$27,548,481</td>
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<tr>
<td>Budget: School Appropriations, 2020-2021</td>
<td>$42,276,417</td>
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<tr>
<td>Zoning Ordinance</td>
<td>1948/11</td>
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<tr>
<td>Master Plan</td>
<td>2007</td>
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<tr>
<td>Capital Improvement Plan</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<tr>
<td>Industrial Plans Reviewed By</td>
<td>City Planner</td>
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### Boards and Commissions

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

### Emergency Services

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<tr>
<th>Service</th>
<th>Type</th>
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<tr>
<td>Police Department</td>
<td>Full-time</td>
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<tr>
<td>Fire Department</td>
<td>Municipal</td>
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<tr>
<td>Emergency Medical Service</td>
<td>Municipal</td>
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### Nearest Hospital(s)

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<th>Hospital</th>
<th>Distance</th>
<th>Staffed Beds</th>
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<tr>
<td>Lakes Region General, Laconia</td>
<td>Local</td>
<td>96</td>
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### Utilities

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<th>Service</th>
<th>Supplier</th>
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<tr>
<td>Electric Supplier</td>
<td>Eversource Energy; NH Electric Coop</td>
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<tr>
<td>Natural Gas Supplier</td>
<td>Liberty Utilities</td>
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<tr>
<td>Water Supplier</td>
<td>Laconia Water Works</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sanitation</td>
<td>Municipal</td>
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<tr>
<td>Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<tr>
<td>Solid Waste Disposal</td>
<td>Municipal</td>
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<tr>
<td>Curbside Trash Pickup</td>
<td>No</td>
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<tr>
<td>Pay-As-You-Throw Program</td>
<td>Mandatory</td>
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<tr>
<td>Recycling Program</td>
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<tr>
<td>Telephone Company</td>
<td>Fairpoint</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cellular Telephone Access</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Cable Television Access</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Public Access Television Station</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>High Speed Internet Service:</td>
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<tr>
<td>Business</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Residential</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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### Property Taxes (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Tax Rate (per $1000 of value)</th>
<th>Equalization Ratio</th>
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<tr>
<td>2019</td>
<td>$20.59</td>
<td>90.2</td>
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<td>2019</td>
<td>$18.06</td>
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<table>
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<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Residential</th>
<th>Commercial</th>
<th>Public Utilities</th>
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<tr>
<td>2019</td>
<td>85.5%</td>
<td>12.8%</td>
<td>1.7%</td>
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### Housing (ACS 2015-2019)

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<tr>
<th>Category</th>
<th>Quantity</th>
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<tr>
<td>Total Housing Units</td>
<td>10,141</td>
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<tr>
<td>Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached</td>
<td>6,189</td>
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<td>Units in Multiple-Family Structures:</td>
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<td>Two to Four Units in Structure</td>
<td>1,579</td>
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<tr>
<td>Five or More Units in Structure</td>
<td>1,895</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units</td>
<td>478</td>
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### Population (1-Year Estimates/Decennial) (US Census Bureau)

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Total Population</th>
<th>Community</th>
<th>County</th>
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<tr>
<td>2019</td>
<td>16,581</td>
<td>61,303</td>
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<td>2010</td>
<td>15,951</td>
<td>60,088</td>
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<td>2000</td>
<td>16,451</td>
<td>56,576</td>
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<td>1990</td>
<td>15,831</td>
<td>49,294</td>
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<td>1980</td>
<td>15,575</td>
<td>42,884</td>
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<td>1970</td>
<td>14,888</td>
<td>32,367</td>
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### Demographics

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

- **Population by Gender**
  - Male: 8,281
  - Female: 8,195
- **Population by Age Group**
  - Under age 5: 644
  - Age 5 to 9: 2,698
  - Age 10 to 14: 3,034
  - Age 15 to 19: 3,919
  - Age 20 to 24: 2,548
  - Age 25 to 29: 3,633
  - Median Age: 46.4 years

#### Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

- High school graduate or higher: 90.6%
- Bachelor’s degree or higher: 28.4%

#### Income, Inflation Adjusted $ (ACS 2015-2019)

- Per capita income: $33,387
- Median family income: $76,713
- Median household income: $57,960

- Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers:
  - Male: $48,622
  - Female: $38,468

#### Individuals below the poverty level: 11.3%

### Labor Force (NHES – ELM)

- Annual Average:
  - 2009: 8,498
  - 2019: 7,863
  - Civilian labor force: 7,857
  - Employed: 641
  - Unemployed: 5%
  - Unemployment rate: 2.8%

### Employment & Wages (NHES – ELM)

- Annual Average Covered Employment:
  - 2009: 33,387
  - 2019: 38,468

- Goods Producing Industries:
  - Average Employment: 1,829
  - Average Weekly Wage: $1,122

- Service Providing Industries:
  - Average Employment: 6,218
  - Average Weekly Wage: $1,157

- Total Private Industry:
  - Average Employment: 8,047
  - Average Weekly Wage: $2,142

- Government (Federal, State, and Local):
  - Average Employment: 1,498
  - Average Weekly Wage: $828

- Total, Private Industry plus Government:
  - Average Employment: 9,545
  - Average Weekly Wage: $763

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**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend: Laconia operates grades K-12  
Career Technology Center(s): J. Oliva Huot Technical Center (Laconia); Winnisquam Agricultural Programs  
District: SAU 30  
Region: 8

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)  
- **Number of Schools**: 3
- **Grade Levels**: P K 1-5, 6-8, 9-12, P K 1-12
- **Total Enrollment**: 970, 445, 549, 159

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**: 12  
- **Total Capacity**: 837

**LARGEST BUSINESSES**  
- Aavid Engineering Corp.: Semiconductor heat sinks  
- NH Ball Bearings, Inc.: Spherical bearings  
- Taylor Community: Nonprofit continuing care retirement community  
- Lewis & Sanders, Inc.: Metal tubular assemblies  
- Wilcom Products, Inc: Telecommunications test equipment  
- Baron Machine Co., Inc.: Machine parts, heat treating  
- Lakes Region General Hospital: Medical care services

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

**TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)**  
- **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 Servicing 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 2015-2019)**  
- **Workers 16 years and over**: 73.0%  
- **Drove alone, car/truck/van**: 13.6%  
- **Carpooled, car/truck/van**: 0.0%  
- **Public transportation**: 5.2%  
- **Walked**: 7.1%  
- **Other means**: 1.9%  
- **Worked at home**: 1.9%  
- **Mean Travel Time to Work**: 20.2 minutes

**Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2015-2019**  
- Working in community of residence: 50.2%  
- Commuting to another NH community: 47.9%  
- Commuting out-of-state: 1.9%

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**  
- **X** Municipal Parks  
- **X** YMCA/YWCA  
- **X** Boys Club/Girls Club  
- **X** Golf Courses  
- **X** Swimming: Indoor Facility  
- **X** Swimming: Outdoor Facility  
- **X** 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