

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)

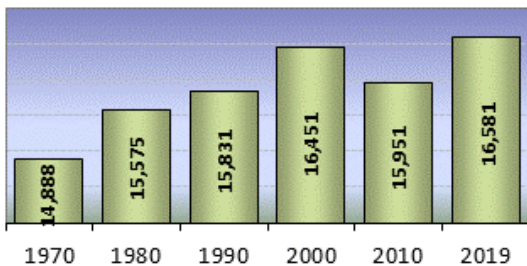
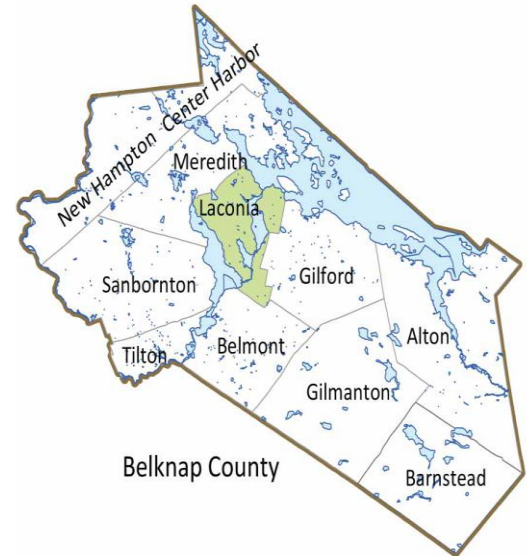
Incorporated: 1855

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 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 1,693 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.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Manager & Council
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2020-2021	\$27,548,481
Budget: School Appropriations, 2020-2021	\$42,276,417
Zoning Ordinance	1948/11
Master Plan	2007
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)	
Lakes Region General, Laconia	Local 96

UTILITIES	
Electric Supplier	Eversource Energy; NH Electric Coop
Natural Gas Supplier	Liberty Utilities
Water Supplier	Laconia Water Works
Sanitation	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	Municipal Yes
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	Municipal
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Mandatory
Telephone Company	
Cellular Telephone Access	Fairpoint Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes
Public Access Television Station	Yes
High Speed Internet Service:	Yes
Business	Yes
Residential	Yes

PROPERTY TAXES (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2019 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$20.59
2019 Equalization Ratio	90.2
2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$18.06
2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	85.5%
Commercial Land and Buildings	12.8%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	1.7%

HOUSING (ACS 2015-2019)	
Total Housing Units	10,141
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	6,189
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	1,579
Five or More Units in Structure	1,895
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	478

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)
Total Population	Community	County
2019	16,581	61,303
2010	15,951	60,088
2000	16,451	56,576
1990	15,831	49,294
1980	15,575	42,884
1970	14,888	32,367

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 19	2,698	
Age 20 to 34	3,034	
Age 35 to 54	3,919	
Age 55 to 64	2,548	
Age 65 and over	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 – ELMII)		
Annual Average	2009	2019
Civilian labor force	8,498	7,863
Employed	7,857	7,646
Unemployed	641	217
Unemployment rate	7.5%	2.8%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES – ELMII)		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2009	2019
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	1,829	1,876
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 894	\$1,122
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	6,218	6,157
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 709	\$ 908
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	8,047	8,033
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 751	\$ 958
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	1,498	1,237
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 828	\$ 930
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	9,545	9,270
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 763	\$ 955

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** Region: **8**

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	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	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Aavid Engineering Corp.	Semiconductor heat sinks	620	1966
NH Ball Bearings, Inc.	Spherical bearings	478	1968
Taylor Community	Nonprofit continuing care retirement community	140	
Lewis & Sanders, Inc.	Metal tubular assemblies	130	1956
Wilcom Products, Inc	Telecommunications test equipment	85	
Baron Machine Co., Inc.	Machine parts, heat treating	70	1957
Lakes Region General Hospital	Medical care services		

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 2015-2019)			
Workers 16 years and over			
Drove alone, car/truck/van			73.0%
Carpooled, car/truck/van			13.6%
Public transportation			0.0%
Walked			5.2%
Other means			7.1%
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
	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