**Lancaster, NH**

**Community Contact**

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**Municipal Office Hours**  
Monday through Thursday, 8:30 am - 5 pm,  
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**County**  
Coös

**Labor Market Area**  
Littleton, NH-VT LMA, NH part

**Tourism Region**  
Great North Woods

**Planning Commission**  
North Country Council

**Regional Development**  
Coös Economic Development Corp.

**Election Districts**

- US Congress  
  District 2

- Executive Council  
  District 1

- State Senate  
  District 1

- State Representative  
  Coös County Districts 4, 7

**Incorporated:** 1763

**Origin:** Lancaster was first granted to Captain David Page and others in 1763, an early settlement on the northern portion of the Connecticut River. The town was subject to many Indian troubles, and a grant renewal was issued in 1769. The town was named for Lancaster, Massachusetts, hometown of Joseph Wilder, an early settler. Reverend Joshua Weeks, also a grantee, was among the group of explorers who named the mountains in the Presidential Range. Another resident was Benjamin Sawyer, who, with Timothy Nash, discovered the "White Mountain Notch," making a shorter route to Portland possible.

**Villages and Place Names:** Coos Junction, Grange, Lost Nation, South Lancaster

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 161 residents in 1790

**Population Trends:** Population change for Lancaster totaled 89 over 49 years, from 3,166 in 1970 to 3,255 in 2019. The largest decennial percent change was seven percent occurring between 1970 and 1980, and between 2000 and 2010. The 2019 Census estimate for Lancaster was 3,255 residents, which ranked 106th among New Hampshire’s incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density and Land Area, 2019**

*(US Census Bureau)*: 64.8 persons per square mile of land area. Lancaster contains 50.2 square miles of land area and 1.0 square miles of inland water area.
## Municipal Services

**Type of Government**
Selectmen

**Budget:** Municipal Appropriations, 2018
$6,555,470

**Budget:** School Appropriations, 2017-2018
$21,464,687

**Zoning Ordinance**
1908/05

**Master Plan**
2011

**Capital Improvement Plan**
Yes

**Industrial Plans Reviewed By**
Planning Board

**Boards and Commissions**
- Elected: Selectmen; Library; Town Clerk
- Appointed: Planning; Zoning; Conservation; Tax Collector

**Public Library**
Weeks Memorial

**Emergency Services**
- Police Department: Full-time
- Fire Department: Municipal
- Emergency Medical Service: Municipal

**Nearest Hospital(s)**
Weeks Medical Center, Lancaster

**Distance** 25

**Staffed Beds**
Local

### Utilities

- **Electric Supplier**
  Eversource Energy

- **Natural Gas Supplier**
  None

- **Water Supplier**
  Lancaster Water Department

- **Sanitation**
  Municipal

- **Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant**
  Yes

- **Solid Waste Disposal**
  Yes

- **Curbside Trash Pickup**
  Municipal & private

- **Pay-As-You-Throw Program**
  Yes

- **Recycling Program**
  Voluntary

- **Telephone Company**
  Consolidated Communications

- **Cellular Telephone Access**
  Yes

- **Cable Television Access**
  Yes

- **Public Access Television Station**
  No

- **High Speed Internet Service:**
  Business
  Yes
  Residential
  Yes

### Property Taxes

- **(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)**
  - 2019 Total Tax Rate (per $1000 of value)
    $24.90
  - 2019 Equalization Ratio
    93.4
  - 2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per $1000 of value)
    $22.88

- **2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type**
  - Residential Land and Buildings: 70.2%
  - Commercial Land and Buildings: 23.7%
  - Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other: 6.1%

### Housing

- **(ACS 2015-2019)**
  - Total Housing Units
    1,610
  - Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached
    1,036
  - Units in Multiple-Family Structures:
    - Two to Four Units in Structure
      292
    - Five or More Units in Structure
      99
    - Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units
      183

### Population (1-Year Estimates/Decennial)

- **(US Census Bureau)**
  - **2019**
    - Community: 3,255
    - County: 31,563
  - **2010**
    - Community: 3,507
    - County: 33,055
  - **2000**
    - Community: 3,285
    - County: 33,156
  - **1990**
    - Community: 3,532
    - County: 34,879
  - **1980**
    - Community: 3,401
    - County: 35,014
  - **1970**
    - Community: 3,166
    - County: 34,189

### Demographics

- **American Community Survey (ACS) 2015-2019**
  - **Population by Gender**
    - Male: 1,613
    - Female: 1,662
  - **Population by Age Group**
    - Under age 5: 150
    - Age 5 to 19: 586
    - Age 20 to 34: 523
    - Age 35 to 54: 857
    - Age 55 to 64: 422
    - Age 65 and over: 737
    - Median Age: 44.5 years
  - Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over
    - Bachelor’s degree or higher: 23.1%
    - High school graduate or higher: 92.5%
  - **Income, Inflation Adjusted $ (ACS 2015-2019)**
    - Per capita income: $28,970
    - Median family income: $67,857
    - Median household income: $55,192
  - Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers
    - Male: $46,250
    - Female: $34,706
  - **Individuals below the poverty level**
    - 7.6%

### Labor Force

- **(NHES – ELMI)**
  - Annual Average:
    - 2009: 1,656
    - 2019: 1,732
  - Civilian labor force:
    - 2009: 1,541
    - 2019: 1,692
  - Employed:
    - 2009: 1,492
    - 2019: 1,438
  - Unemployed:
    - 2009: 115
    - 2019: 40
  - Unemployment rate:
    - 2009: 6.9%
    - 2019: 2.3%

### Employment & Wages

- **(NHES – ELMI)**
  - Annual Average Covered Employment:
    - 2009: 1,492
    - 2019: 1,438
  - Average Employment:
    - Goods Producing Industries:
      - 2009: 237
      - 2019: 1,555
      - Average Weekly Wage:
        - 2009: $669
        - 2019: $864
  - Service Providing Industries:
    - Average Employment:
      - 2009: $663
      - 2019: $884
    - Average Weekly Wage:
      - 2009: $787
      - 2019: $846
  - Total Private Industry:
    - Average Employment:
      - 2009: $664
      - 2019: $865
    - Average Weekly Wage:
      - 2009: $787
      - 2019: $846
  - Government (Federal, State, and Local):
    - Average Employment:
      - 2009: 248
      - 2019: 276
    - Average Weekly Wage:
      - 2009: $661
      - 2019: $748
  - Total, Private Industry plus Government:
    - Average Employment:
      - 2009: 1,741
      - 2019: 1,713
    - Average Weekly Wage:
      - 2009: $663
      - 2019: $846

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Economic & Labor Market Information Bureau, NH Employment Security, January 2021. Community Response Received 8/08/2018
EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: Grades K-12 are part of White Mountains Regional (Carroll, Dalton, Jefferson, Lancaster, Whitefield)

Career Technology Center(s): Hugh J. Gallen Career & Technical Center (Littleton); White Mountains RHS (Whitefield)

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)

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<th>Number of Schools</th>
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<th>Middle/Junior High</th>
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Total Enrollment: 427

Nearest Community College: White Mountains

Nearest Colleges or Universities: Granite State College-Littleton or Berlin

2020 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)

Total Facilities: 3  Total Capacity: 97

LARGEST BUSINESSES

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<th>PRODUCT/SERVICE</th>
<th>EMPLOYEES</th>
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<td>Country Village Health Care</td>
<td>112</td>
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<td>Lancaster School</td>
<td>70</td>
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<td>Pak Solutions</td>
<td>53</td>
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<td>Shaw's Supermarket</td>
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<td>Town of Lancaster</td>
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<td>Trivida</td>
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<td>North Country Ford Sales &amp; Service</td>
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<td>Salmon Press, LLC</td>
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LARGEST BUSINESSES

EMPLOYER INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY MUNICIPALITY

- Health care services
- Education
- Four color shopping bags
- Municipal services
- Pharmaceutical
- Utility
- Car dealership
- Newspaper

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

- Municipal Parks
- YMCA/YWCA
- Boys Club/Girls Club
- Golf Courses
- Swimming: Indoor Facility
- Swimming: Outdoor Facility
- Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
- Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
- Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
- Bowling Facilities
- Museums
- Performing Arts Facilities
- Tourist Attractions
- Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
- Youth Sports: Baseball
- Youth Sports: Soccer
- Youth Sports: Football
- Youth Sports: Basketball
- Youth Sports: Hockey
- Campgrounds
- Fishing/Hunting
- Boating/Marinas
- Snowmobile Trails
- Bicycle Trails
- Cross Country Skiing
- Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
- Overnight or Day Camps
- Nearest Ski Area(s): Bretton Woods

Other: Outdoor Ice Skating Rink; Lancaster Fair; Weeks Historic Site; Farmers Market

TRANSSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)

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<th>Road Access</th>
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Nearest Interstate, Exit I-93, Exit 41 Distance 20 miles

Railroad Boston & Maine

Public Transportation NCT

Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation

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<th>Mt Washington Reg, Whitefield</th>
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<td>Lighted? Yes</td>
<td>Navigation Aids?</td>
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Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service

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<th>Lebanon Municipal</th>
<th>Distance</th>
<th>Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport</th>
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<td>82 miles</td>
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Driving distance to select cities:

- Manchester, NH 116 miles
- Portland, Maine 19 miles
- Boston, Mass. 166 miles
- New York City, NY 350 miles
- Montreal, Quebec 170 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2015-2019)

- Workers 16 years and over
  - Drove alone, car/truck/van 76.4%
  - Carpoole, car/truck/van 10.4%
  - Public transportation 0.1%
  - Walked 0.8%
  - Other means 10.8%
  - Worked at home 7.2%
  - Mean Travel Time to Work 22.9 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2015-2019

- Working in community of residence 43.0%
- Commuting to another NH community 49.8%
- Commuting out-of-state 7.2%