

Lancaster, NH



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| Municipal Office Hours | Monday through Thursday, 8:30 am - 5 pm, Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm |
| 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 1 |

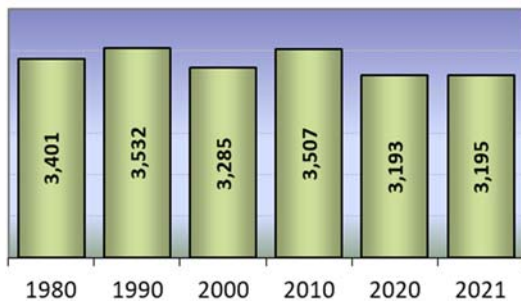
Incorporated: 1763

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.

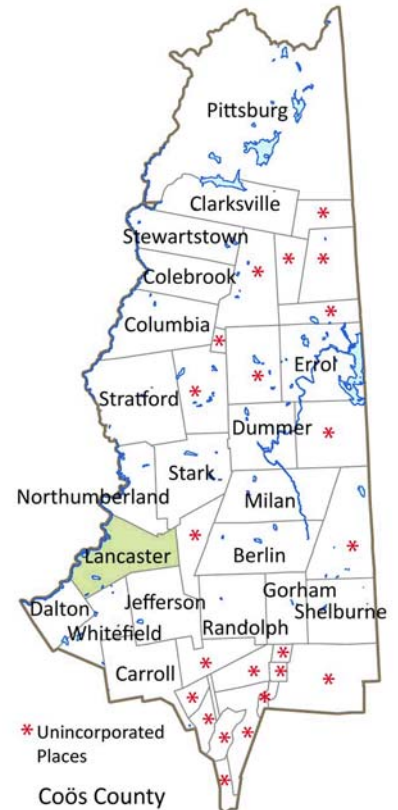
Villages and Place Names: Coos Junction, Grange, Lost Nation, South Lancaster

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

Population Trends: Population change for Lancaster decreased by 206 over 41 years, from 3,401 in 1980 to 3,195 in 2021. The largest decennial percent change was nine percent decline between 2010 and 2020. The 2021 Census estimate for Lancaster was 3,195 residents, which ranked 109th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Population Density and Land Area, 2021 (US Census Bureau): 63.6 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, 2022 | \$8,592,866 |
| Budget: School Appropriations, 2022-2023 | \$25,321,224 |
| Zoning Ordinance | 1908/15 |
| Master Plan | 2011 |
| Capital Improvement Plan | No |
| 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) | Distance | Staffed Beds |
|--|--------------|--------------|
| Weeks Medical Center, Lancaster | Local | 25 |

| UTILITIES | |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Electric Supplier | Eversource Energy |
| Natural Gas Supplier | None |
| Water Supplier | Lancaster Water Department |

| Sanitation | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant | Yes |
| Solid Waste Disposal | Municipal & private |
| Curbside Trash Pickup | Yes |
| Pay-As-You-Throw Program | Yes |
| Recycling Program | Voluntary |

| Telephone Company | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Cellular Telephone Access | Consolidated Communications |
| 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) | \$26.19 |
| 2021 Equalization Ratio | 73.6 |
| 2021 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value) | \$19.00 |

| 2021 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type | |
|--|--------------|
| Residential Land and Buildings | 70.1% |
| Commercial Land and Buildings | 23.8% |
| Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other | 6.2% |

| HOUSING (ACS 2016-2020) | |
|---|--------------|
| Total Housing Units | 1,627 |
| Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached | 1,084 |
| Units in Multiple-Family Structures: | |
| Two to Four Units in Structure | 261 |
| Five or More Units in Structure | 119 |
| Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units | 163 |

| POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL) | | (US Census Bureau) |
|--|--------------|--------------------|
| Total Population | Community | County |
| 2021 | 3,195 | 31,289 |
| 2020 | 3,181 | 31,173 |
| 2010 | 3,507 | 33,055 |
| 2000 | 3,285 | 33,156 |
| 1990 | 3,532 | 34,879 |
| 1980 | 3,401 | 35,014 |

DEMOGRAPHICS AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2016-2020

| Population by Gender | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Male | 1,582 | Female 1,684 |

| Population by Age Group | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| Under age 5 | 181 |
| Age 5 to 19 | 567 |
| Age 20 to 34 | 652 |
| Age 35 to 54 | 775 |
| Age 55 to 64 | 372 |
| Age 65 and over | 719 |
| Median Age | 41.5 years |

| Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over | |
|---|--------------|
| High school graduate or higher | 92.5% |
| Bachelor's degree or higher | 24.0% |

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ (ACS 2016-2020)

| | |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Per capita income | \$31,368 |
| Median family income | \$85,292 |
| Median household income | \$59,500 |

| Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers | |
|---|-----------------|
| Male | \$71,000 |
| Female | \$37,183 |

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| Individuals below the poverty level | 7.3% |
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LABOR FORCE (NHES – ELMII)

| Annual Average | 2011 | 2021 |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Civilian labor force | 1,834 | 1,674 |
| Employed | 1,737 | 1,613 |
| Unemployed | 97 | 61 |
| Unemployment rate | 5.3% | 3.6% |

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES – ELMII)

| Annual Average Covered Employment | 2011 | 2021 |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| Goods Producing Industries | | |
| Average Employment | 246 | 319 |
| Average Weekly Wage | \$ 686 | \$ 818 |
| Service Providing Industries | | |
| Average Employment | 1,240 | 1,133 |
| Average Weekly Wage | \$ 705 | \$ 998 |
| Total Private Industry | | |
| Average Employment | 1,486 | 1,453 |
| Average Weekly Wage | \$ 702 | \$ 959 |
| Government (Federal, State, and Local) | | |
| Average Employment | 240 | 268 |
| Average Weekly Wage | \$ 661 | \$ 810 |
| Total, Private Industry plus Government | | |
| Average Employment | 1,726 | 1,720 |
| Average Weekly Wage | \$ 696 | \$ 936 |

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Grades K-12 are part of White Mountains Regional (Carroll, Dalton, Jefferson, Lancaster, Whitefield)** District: **SAU 36**
 Career Technology Center(s): **Hugh J. Gallen Career & Technical Center (Littleton); White Mountains RHS (Whitefield)**

| Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools) | Elementary | Middle/Junior High | High School | Private/Parochial |
|---|------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Number of Schools | 1 | | | 2 |
| Grade Levels | P K 1-8 | | | P K 1-12 |
| Total Enrollment | 373 | | | 76 |

Nearest Community College: **White Mountains**
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Granite State College-Littleton or Berlin**

2021 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **2** Total Capacity: **73**

| LARGEST BUSINESSES | PRODUCT/SERVICE | EMPLOYEES | ESTABLISHED |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Weeks Memorial Hospital | Health care services | 320 | |
| Country Village Health Care | Health care services | 112 | |
| Lancaster School | Education | 70 | |
| Pak Solutions | Four color shopping bags | 53 | 1987 |
| Shaw's Supermarket | Supermarket | 48 | |
| Town of Lancaster | Municipal services | 40 | |
| Trividia | Pharmaceutical | 30 | 1868 |
| Eversource Energy | Utility | 25 | |
| North Country Ford Sales & Service | Car dealership | 21 | |
| Salmon Press, LLC | Newspaper | 6 | |

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

| TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall) | | | |
|--|--------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Road Access | US Routes | | 2, 3 |
| | State Routes | | |
| Nearest Interstate, Exit | | I-93, Exit 41 | |
| | Distance | | 20 miles |
| Railroad | | Boston & Maine | |
| Public Transportation | | | NCT |
| Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation | | | |
| Mt Washington Reg, Whitefield | Runway | 4,001 ft. asphalt | |
| Lighted? | Yes | Navigation Aids? | Yes |
| Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service | | | |
| Lebanon Municipal | Distance | | 82 miles |
| Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport | | | 1 |
| 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 2016-2020) | | | |
| Workers 16 years and over | | | |
| Drove alone, car/truck/van | | | 81.3% |
| Carpooled, car/truck/van | | | 5.2% |
| Public transportation | | | 0.3% |
| Walked | | | 0.1% |
| Other means | | | 4.4% |
| Worked at home | | | 8.6% |
| Mean Travel Time to Work | | | 21.1 minutes |
| Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2016-2020 | | | |
| Working in community of residence | | | 73.0% |
| Commuting to another NH community | | | 20.9% |
| Commuting out-of-state | | | 6.0% |

| RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS | |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| X | Municipal Parks |
| | YMCA/YWCA |
| | Boys Club/Girls Club |
| | Golf Courses |
| | Swimming: Indoor Facility |
| X | Swimming: Outdoor Facility |
| | Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility |
| X | Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility |
| | Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility |
| | Bowling Facilities |
| | Museums |
| X | Cinemas |
| | 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 |
| | Bicycle Trails |
| | Cross Country Skiing |
| X | 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 |