

# Lancaster, NH



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## Municipal Office Hours

**Monday through Thursday, 8:30 am - 5 pm,**  
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County  
 Labor Market Area  
 Tourism Region  
 Planning Commission  
 Regional Development

**Coös**  
**Littleton, NH-VT LMA, NH part**  
**Great North Woods**  
**North Country Council**  
**Coös Economic Development Corp.**

## Election Districts

US Congress  
 Executive Council  
 State Senate  
 State Representative

**District 2**  
**District 1**  
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**Coös County Districts 4, 7**

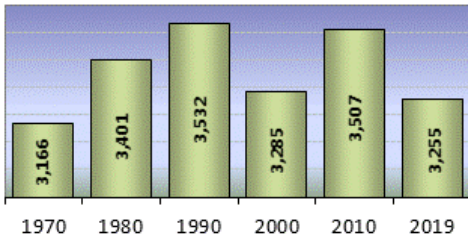
**Incorporated:** 1763

**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

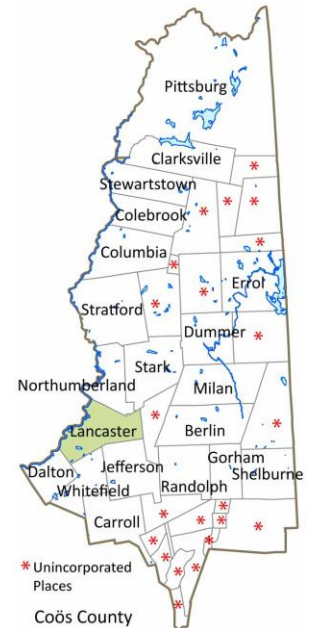
**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 161 residents in 1790

**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.



<b>MUNICIPAL SERVICES</b>			
Type of Government	<b>Selectmen</b>		
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2018	<b>\$6,555,470</b>		
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Zoning Ordinance	<b>1908/05</b>		
Master Plan	<b>2011</b>		
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>Yes</b>		
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Planning Board</b>		
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	<b>Selectmen; Library; Town Clerk</b>		
Appointed:	<b>Planning; Zoning; Conservation; Tax Collector</b>		
Public Library	<b>Weeks Memorial</b>		
<b>EMERGENCY SERVICES</b>			
Police Department	<b>Full-time</b>		
Fire Department	<b>Municipal</b>		
Emergency Medical Service	<b>Municipal</b>		
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds	
<b>Weeks Medical Center, Lancaster</b>	<b>Local</b>	<b>25</b>	
<b>UTILITIES</b>			
Electric Supplier	<b>Eversource Energy</b>		
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>None</b>		
Water Supplier	<b>Lancaster Water Department</b>		
Sanitation	<b>Municipal</b>		
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	<b>Yes</b>		
Solid Waste Disposal	<b>Municipal &amp; private</b>		
Curbside Trash Pickup	<b>Yes</b>		
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	<b>Yes</b>		
Recycling Program	<b>Voluntary</b>		
Telephone Company	<b>Consolidated Communications</b>		
Cellular Telephone Access	<b>Yes</b>		
Cable Television Access	<b>Yes</b>		
Public Access Television Station	<b>No</b>		
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	<b>Yes</b>	
	Residential	<b>Yes</b>	
<b>PROPERTY TAXES</b> (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)			
2019 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$24.90</b>		
2019 Equalization Ratio	<b>93.4</b>		
2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$22.88</b>		
2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>70.2%</b>		
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>23.7%</b>		
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>6.1%</b>		
<b>HOUSING</b> (ACS 2015-2019)			
Total Housing Units	<b>1,610</b>		
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	<b>1,036</b>		
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure	<b>292</b>		
Five or More Units in Structure	<b>99</b>		
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	<b>183</b>		

<b>POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)</b>			(US Census Bureau)
Total Population	Community	County	
2019	<b>3,255</b>	<b>31,563</b>	
2010	<b>3,507</b>	<b>33,055</b>	
2000	<b>3,285</b>	<b>33,156</b>	
1990	<b>3,532</b>	<b>34,879</b>	
1980	<b>3,401</b>	<b>35,014</b>	
1970	<b>3,166</b>	<b>34,189</b>	
<b>DEMOGRAPHICS</b> AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2015-2019			
Population by Gender			
Male	<b>1,613</b>	Female	<b>1,662</b>
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5	<b>150</b>		
Age 5 to 19	<b>586</b>		
Age 20 to 34	<b>523</b>		
Age 35 to 54	<b>857</b>		
Age 55 to 64	<b>422</b>		
Age 65 and over	<b>737</b>		
Median Age	<b>44.5 years</b>		
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher	<b>92.5%</b>		
Bachelor's degree or higher	<b>23.1%</b>		
<b>INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$</b> (ACS 2015-2019)			
Per capita income	<b>\$28,970</b>		
Median family income	<b>\$67,857</b>		
Median household income	<b>\$55,192</b>		
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male	<b>\$46,250</b>		
Female	<b>\$34,706</b>		
Individuals below the poverty level	<b>7.6%</b>		
<b>LABOR FORCE</b> (NHES – ELMII)			
Annual Average	2009	2019	
Civilian labor force	<b>1,656</b>	<b>1,732</b>	
Employed	<b>1,541</b>	<b>1,692</b>	
Unemployed	<b>115</b>	<b>40</b>	
Unemployment rate	<b>6.9%</b>	<b>2.3%</b>	
<b>EMPLOYMENT &amp; WAGES</b> (NHES – ELMII)			
Annual Average Covered Employment	2009	2019	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	<b>237</b>	<b>288</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 669</b>	<b>\$ 787</b>	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	<b>1,255</b>	<b>1,150</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 663</b>	<b>\$ 884</b>	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	<b>1,492</b>	<b>1,438</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 664</b>	<b>\$ 865</b>	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	<b>248</b>	<b>276</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 661</b>	<b>\$ 748</b>	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	<b>1,741</b>	<b>1,713</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 663</b>	<b>\$ 846</b>	

**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend:	<b>Grades K-12 are part of White Mountains Regional (Carroll, Dalton, Jefferson, Lancaster, Whitefield)</b>				District: <b>SAU 36</b>
Career Technology Center(s):	<b>Hugh J. Gallen Career &amp; Technical Center (Littleton); White Mountains RHS (Whitefield)</b>				Region: <b>3</b>
Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial	
Number of Schools	<b>1</b>			<b>2</b>	
Grade Levels	<b>P K 1-8</b>			<b>P K 1-12</b>	
Total Enrollment	<b>427</b>			<b>44</b>	

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	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		<b>2, 3</b>
	State Routes		
Nearest Interstate, Exit		<b>I-93, Exit 41</b>	
	Distance		<b>20 miles</b>
Railroad		<b>Boston &amp; Maine</b>	
Public Transportation			<b>NCT</b>
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation			
<b>Mt Washington Reg, Whitefield</b>	Runway	<b>4,001 ft. asphalt</b>	
Lighted?	<b>Yes</b>	Navigation Aids?	<b>Yes</b>
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service			
<b>Lebanon Municipal</b>	Distance		<b>82 miles</b>
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport			<b>1</b>
Driving distance to select cities:			
Manchester, NH			<b>116 miles</b>
Portland, Maine			<b>19 miles</b>
Boston, Mass.			<b>166 miles</b>
New York City, NY			<b>350 miles</b>
Montreal, Quebec			<b>170 miles</b>
COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2015-2019)			
Workers 16 years and over			
Drove alone, car/truck/van			<b>76.4%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van			<b>10.4%</b>
Public transportation			<b>0.1%</b>
Walked			<b>0.8%</b>
Other means			<b>10.8%</b>
Worked at home			<b>7.2%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work			<b>22.9 minutes</b>
<b>Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2015-2019</b>			
Working in community of residence			<b>43.0</b>
Commuting to another NH community			<b>49.8</b>
Commuting out-of-state			<b>7.2</b>

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS	
<b>X</b>	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
	Museums
<b>X</b>	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
	Tourist Attractions
<b>X</b>	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Baseball
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Soccer
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Football
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Basketball
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Hockey
<b>X</b>	Campgrounds
<b>X</b>	Fishing/Hunting
<b>X</b>	Boating/Marinas
<b>X</b>	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): <b>Bretton Woods</b>
	Other: <b>Outdoor Ice Skating Rink; Lancaster Fair; Weeks Historic Site; Farmers Market</b>