

Litchfield, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

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County
Labor Market Area
Tourism Region
Planning Commission
Regional Development

Hillsborough
Nashua, NH-MA NECTA Division
Merrimack Valley
Nashua Regional
Regional Economic Development Corp.

Election Districts

US Congress
Executive Council
State Senate
State Representative

District 2
District 5
District 18
Hillsborough County Districts 14, 38

Incorporated: 1734

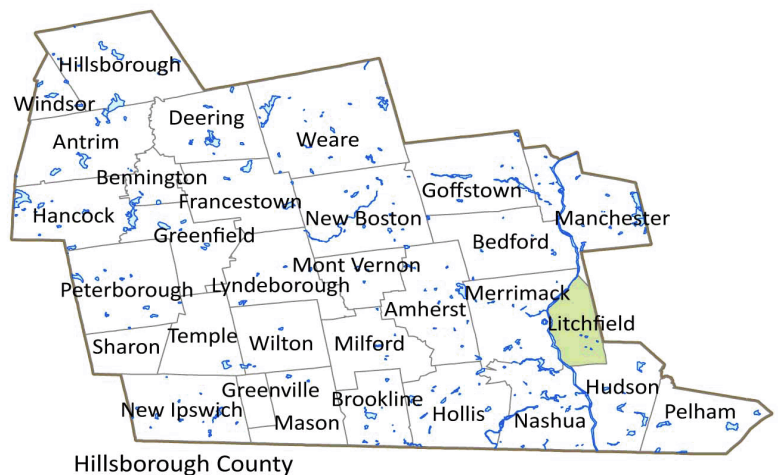
Origin: This town is situated on the east bank of the Merrimack River and maintains its agricultural heritage to this day. It was known as Naticook until 1729 when the land was granted to William Brenton, Governor of Rhode Island and son-in-law to that state's Governor Cranston, and renamed Brenton's Farm. In 1734 the town was separated from Dunstable, which had been granted by the Massachusetts government, and named Litchfield in honor of George Henry Lee, Earl of Litchfield. The town was incorporated under the New Hampshire government as Litchfield in 1749. Litchfield was the opposite landing-site of Thornton's Ferry, originating across the Merrimack River in the town of Merrimack.

Villages and Place Names: unknown

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 357 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Litchfield totaled 7,077 over 50 years, from 1,420 in 1970 to 8,497 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 192 percent increase from 1970 to 1980, nearly tripling the population. The town's population increased by three percent from 2010 to 2020. The 2022 Census estimate for Litchfield was 8,515 residents, which ranked 37th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau): 570.7 persons per square mile of land area. Litchfield contains 15.0 square miles of land area and 0.4 square miles of inland water area.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES			
Type of Government		Selectmen	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2021		\$7,535,433	
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Zoning Ordinance		1957/09	
Master Plan		2017	
Capital Improvement Plan		Yes	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By		Planning Board	
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	Selectmen; Town Clerk/Tax Collector		
Appointed:	Planning; Zoning; Conservation; Library; Cemetery; Road Agent; Fire Chief		
Public Library	Aaron Cutler Memorial		
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department		Full-time	
Fire Department		Full-time	
Emergency Medical Service		On-call	
Nearest Hospital(s)		Distance	Staffed Beds
Southern NH Medical Center, Nashua		9 miles	163
St. Joseph Hospital, Nashua		10 miles	159
Elliot Hospital, Manchester		10 miles	292
UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier		Eversource Energy	
Natural Gas Supplier		Liberty Utilities	
Water Supplier		Pennichuck East	
Sanitation		Private septic	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant		No	
Solid Waste Disposal			
Curbside Trash Pickup		Private	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program		Yes	
Recycling Program		Mandatory	
Telephone Company		Consolidated Communications	
Cellular Telephone Access		Yes	
Cable Television Access		Yes	
Public Access Television Station		Yes	
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	Limited	
	Residential	Limited	
PROPERTY TAXES		(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2022 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$19.03	
2022 Equalization Ratio		73.1	
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$13.79	
2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		90.1%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		5.3%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		4.6%	
HOUSING		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Total Housing Units		3,012	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		2,702	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		72	
Five or More Units in Structure		145	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		93	

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population		Community	County
2022	8,515		426,594
2020	8,478		422,937
2010	8,271		400,721
2000	7,423		382,384
1990	5,441		336,549
1980	4,150		276,608
DEMOGRAPHICS		AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021	
Population by Gender			
Male	4,370	Female	4,097
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5		517	
Age 5 to 19		1,701	
Age 20 to 34		1,364	
Age 35 to 54		2,321	
Age 55 to 64		1,214	
Age 65 and over		1,350	
Median Age		40.7 years	
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over: 6,021			
High school graduate or higher		93.3%	
Bachelor's degree or higher		44.2%	
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Per capita income		\$47,975	
Median family income		\$126,193	
Median household income		\$122,139	
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male		\$96,500	
Female		\$46,756	
Individuals below the poverty level		0.2%	
LABOR FORCE		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average		2012	2022
Civilian labor force		4,541	4,814
Employed		4,273	4,685
Unemployed		268	129
Unemployment rate		5.9%	2.7%
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average Covered Employment		2012	2022
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment		199	236
Average Weekly Wage		\$1,141	\$1,551
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment		354	404
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 723	\$1,302
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment		553	639
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 873	\$1,394
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment		334	335
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 766	\$ 935
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment		887	974
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 833	\$1,236
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EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Litchfield operates grades K-12** District: **SAU 27**
 Career Technology Center(s): **Milford HS & Applied Technology Center; Wilbur H. Palmer Career & Tech Ed Center (Hudson); Nashua Technology Center**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1	1	1	2
Grade Levels	P K 1-4	5-8	9-12	P K 1-12
Total Enrollment	437	355	412	259

Nearest Community College: **Manchester; Nashua**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Rivier; Thomas More; St. Anselm; UNH Manchester; MCPHS; Southern NH University**

2022 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)

Total Facilities: **3** Total Capacity: **152**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
NE Small Tube	Manufacturing	70	
Keystone Automotive Industries	Auto parts	40	2018
Optimum Building Systems	Drywall		
Mel's Funway Park	Amusement		
Proscapes LLC	Landscaping		
Chik Farm	Woodworking		
iRoof LLC	Roofing		

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	3A, 102
Nearest Interstate, Exit	I-293, Exit 2; I-93, Exit 4	
Distance	7 miles; 9 miles	
Railroad	No	
Public Transportation	No	
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Manchester-Boston Regional	Runway	9,250 ft. asphalt
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	Yes
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance	6 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		4
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH	12 miles	
Portland, Maine	104 miles	
Boston, Mass.	48 miles	
New York City, NY	242 miles	
Montreal, Quebec	269 miles	

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2017-2021)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	77.8%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	3.6%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	1.6%
Other means	0.3%
Worked at home	16.6%
Mean Travel Time to Work	32.4 minutes
Percent of Working Residents	
Working in community of residence	21.7%
Commuting to another NH community	60.1%
Commuting out-of-state	18.2%

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
X	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
X	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
	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
	Campgrounds
	Fishing/Hunting
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
X	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): **McIntyre**

Other: