

Litchfield, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

Selectmen, Building Dept.: Monday through Friday,
8 am - 4 pm; Town Clerk, Tax Collector: Monday,
10 am - 6 pm, Tuesday through Friday, 7:30 am - 3 pm

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 20, 44

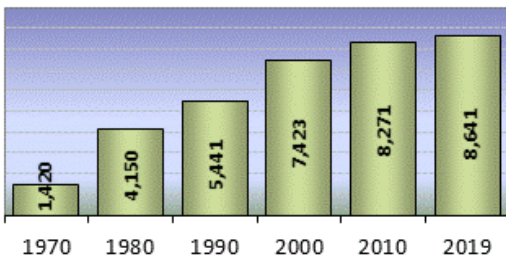
Incorporated: 1734

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: Litchfield had the fifth largest percent change in population, growing six times larger. Population change totaled 7,221 over 49 years, from 1,420 in 1970 to 8,641 in 2019. The largest decennial percent change was 192 percent between 1970 and 1980, followed by 31 and 36 percent increases the next two decades. The 2019 Census estimate for Litchfield was 8,641 residents, which ranked 36th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Population Density and Land Area, 2019 (US Census Bureau): 579.2 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.



Hillsborough County

MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2020	\$7,064,927
Budget: School Appropriations, 2020-2021	\$24,306,213
Zoning Ordinance	1957/09
Master Plan	2017
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions

Elected:	Selectmen
Appointed:	Planning; Zoning; Conservation; Library; Cemetery

Public Library **Aaron Cutler Memorial**

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Full-time
Emergency Medical Service	Volunteer

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Southern NH Medical Center, Nashua	9 miles	162
St. Joseph Hospital, Nashua	10 miles	135
Elliot Hospital, Manchester	10 miles	268

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	Private
Curbside Trash Pickup	Yes
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	Yes
Recycling Program	Mandatory

Telephone Company	Fairpoint
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)

2019 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$23.65
2019 Equalization Ratio	82.4
2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$19.29

2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	90.7%
Commercial Land and Buildings	4.5%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	4.8%

HOUSING (ACS 2015-2019)

Total Housing Units	3,108
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	2,716
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	97
Five or More Units in Structure	176
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	119

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL) (US Census Bureau)

Total Population	Community	County
2019	8,641	417,025
2010	8,271	400,721
2000	7,423	382,384
1990	5,441	336,549
1980	4,150	276,608
1970	1,420	223,941

DEMOGRAPHICS AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2015-2019

Population by Gender		
Male	4,607	Female 3,959

Population by Age Group

Under age 5	359
Age 5 to 19	1,834
Age 20 to 34	1,370
Age 35 to 54	2,618
Age 55 to 64	1,197
Age 65 and over	1,188
Median Age	42.5 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	95.0%
Bachelor's degree or higher	41.5%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ (ACS 2015-2019)

Per capita income	\$46,036
Median family income	\$119,091
Median household income	\$110,893

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers

Male	\$85,429
Female	\$58,267

Individuals below the poverty level **0.5%**

LABOR FORCE (NHES – ELMII)

	2009	2019
Annual Average		
Civilian labor force	5,244	4,826
Employed	4,942	4,705
Unemployed	302	121
Unemployment rate	5.8%	2.5%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES – ELMII)

	2009	2019
Annual Average Covered Employment		
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	188	254
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,129	\$1,177
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	287	331
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 556	\$ 737
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	474	585
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 783	\$ 928
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	347	360
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 730	\$ 820
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	821	945
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 760	\$ 887

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** Region: **16**

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	459	404	433	219

Nearest Community College: **Manchester; Nashua**
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Daniel Webster; Rivier; Thomas More; St. Anselm**

2020 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **3** Total Capacity: **137**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
NE Small Tube	Manufacturing	70	
LKQ	Auto parts		

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 2015-2019)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	83.0%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	6.2%
Public transportation	0.7%
Walked	3.4%
Other means	6.7%
Worked at home	19.0%
Mean Travel Time to Work	31.3 minutes
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2015-2019	
Working in community of residence	13.6
Commuting to another NH community	67.4
Commuting out-of-state	19.0

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: