

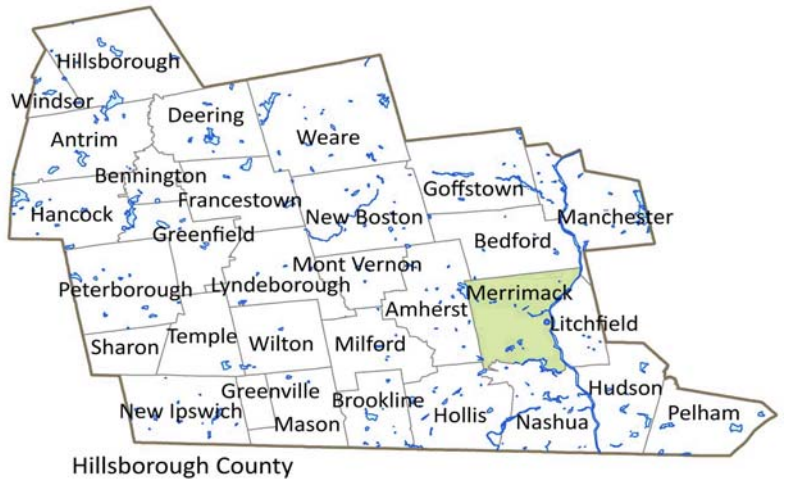
Merrimack, NH



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County	Hillsborough
Labor Market Area	Nashua, NH-MA NECTA Division
Tourism Region	Merrimack Valley
Planning Commission	Nashua Regional
Regional Development	Regional Economic Development Corp.
Election Districts	
US Congress	District 1
Executive Council	District 5
State Senate	District 11
State Representative	Hillsborough County District 12

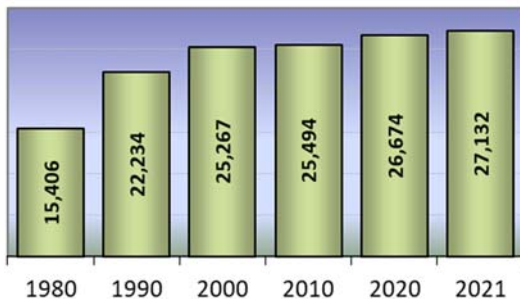
Incorporated: 1746

Origin: This territory was part of the 1673 charter of Dunstable, a large Massachusetts grant that was divided nearly in half with the establishment of the New Hampshire-Massachusetts border in 1741. Though the first log cabin was built here about 1665, settlement did not begin until the 1720s. When the town was separated from Dunstable (Nashua) in 1746, it was incorporated as Merrimack, after the river. In 1766, a ferry concession was granted to Edward Lutwyche, to facilitate trade and traffic between Litchfield and Merrimack. In 1784, the ferry was granted to Revolutionary War patriot Matthew Thornton, an area still known as Thornton's Ferry. Matthew Thornton was a resident of Merrimack until his death in 1803.



Villages and Place Names: Reeds Ferry, Souhegan Village, South Merrimack, Thorntons Ferry

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 819 residents in 1790



Population Trends: Population change for Merrimack totaled 11,726 over 41 years, from 15,406 in 1980 to 27,132 in 2021. The largest decennial percent change was a 44 percent increase between 1980 and 1990. The 2021 Census estimate for Merrimack was 27,132 residents, which ranked eighth among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2021 (US Census Bureau): 831.8 persons per square mile of land area. Merrimack contains 32.6 square miles of land area and 0.8 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Council/Town Manager
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2022-2023	\$36,218,340
Budget: School Appropriations, 2022-2023	\$83,439,157
Zoning Ordinance	1953/21
Master Plan	2014
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions
 Elected: **Town Council; Library; Ethics; School**
 Appointed: **Planning; Zoning; Parks & Recreation; Conservation; Heritage**

Public Library **Merrimack Public**

EMERGENCY SERVICES	
Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Municipal
Emergency Medical Service	Municipal

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Southern NH Medical Center, Nashua	8 miles	163
St. Joseph Hospital, Nashua	9 miles	159
Catholic Medical Center, Manchester	10 miles	262

UTILITIES	
Electric Supplier	Eversource Energy
Natural Gas Supplier	Liberty Utilities
Water Supplier	Pennichuck Water Works; Merrimack Village District

Sanitation	Municipal
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	Yes
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	None
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Voluntary

Telephone Company	Consolidated Communications
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
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)	\$17.17
2021 Equalization Ratio	95.9
2021 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$16.33
2021 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	71.7%
Commercial Land and Buildings	25.2%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	3.1%

HOUSING (ACS 2016-2020)	
Total Housing Units	10,067
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	8,199
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	551
Five or More Units in Structure	1,046
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	271

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)
Total Population	Community	County
2021	27,132	424,079
2020	26,864	422,705
2010	25,494	400,721
2000	25,267	382,384
1990	22,234	336,549
1980	15,406	276,608

DEMOGRAPHICS			AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2016-2020
Population by Gender			
Male	12,993	Female	13,360
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			1,418
Age 5 to 19			5,174
Age 20 to 34			4,435
Age 35 to 54			7,255
Age 55 to 64			4,011
Age 65 and over			4,060
Median Age			41.5 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over	
High school graduate or higher	96.5%
Bachelor's degree or higher	47.1%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2016-2020)
Per capita income		\$47,040
Median family income		\$118,977
Median household income		\$108,422
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers		
Male		\$77,463
Female		\$58,223
Individuals below the poverty level		3.5%

LABOR FORCE			(NHES – ELMII)
Annual Average	2011	2021	
Civilian labor force	15,442	16,796	
Employed	14,640	16,297	
Unemployed	802	499	
Unemployment rate	5.2%	3.0%	

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES			(NHES – ELMII)
Annual Average Covered Employment	2011	2021	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	3,036	3,410	
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,875	\$2,092	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	10,567	13,288	
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,723	\$2,198	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	13,603	16,698	
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,757	\$2,176	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	1,165	1,018	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 807	\$1,062	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	14,768	17,717	
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,682	\$2,112	

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EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Merrimack operates grades K-12** District: **SAU 26**
 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	5	1	1	1
Grade Levels	P K 1-8	7-8	9-12	P K 1-12
Total Enrollment	1,989	550	1,176	220

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

2021 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **18** Total Capacity: **1,618**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Fidelity Investments	Financial services	7,000	1996
PC Connections, Inc.	Computer resale	1,077	1998
Merrimack Premium Outlets	Retail stores	900	2012
BAE Systems	Defense systems	816	1988
Merrimack School District	Education	800	
Atrium Maquet Geringe Group	Sterile medical manufacturing	700	2013
Anheuser-Busch, Inc.	Brewery, distribution	531	1991
Kollsman/Elbit Systems of America	Electra optics	500	1991
Brookstone, Inc.	Mail order marketer, retailer	256	
St. Gobain	PTFE coated fabrics	253	1984

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)			
Road Access	US Routes		3
	State Routes		101A
Nearest Interstate, Exit	Everett Tpk., Exit 11; I-293, Exit 3		
Distance			2 miles; 7 miles
Railroad		Boston & Maine	
Public Transportation			No
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation			
Boire Field, Nashua	Runway	6,000 ft. asphalt	
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?		Yes
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service			
Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance		10 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport			4
Driving distance to select cities:			
Manchester, NH			11 miles
Portland, Maine			105 miles
Boston, Mass.			52 miles
New York City, NY			241 miles
Montreal, Quebec			268 miles
COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2016-2020)			
Workers 16 years and over			
Drove alone, car/truck/van			83.6%
Carpooled, car/truck/van			4.4%
Public transportation			0.5%
Walked			0.7%
Other means			1.1%
Worked at home			9.8%
Mean Travel Time to Work			29.0 minutes
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2016-2020			
Working in community of residence			75.3%
Commuting to another NH community			9.3%
Commuting out-of-state			15.3%

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS	
X	Municipal Parks
X	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
X	Golf Courses
X	Swimming: Indoor Facility
X	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
X	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
X	Bowling Facilities
	Museums
X	Cinemas
X	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
	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
X	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
X	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): McIntyre
	Other: Anheuser-Busch Brewery & Tours