

# Merrimack, NH



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County	<b>Hillsborough</b>
Labor Market Area	<b>Nashua, NH-MA NECTA Division</b>
Tourism Region	<b>Merrimack Valley</b>
Planning Commission	<b>Nashua Regional</b>
Regional Development	<b>Regional Economic Development Corp.</b>
Election Districts	
US Congress	<b>District 1</b>
Executive Council	<b>District 5</b>
State Senate	<b>District 11</b>
State Representative	<b>Hillsborough County District 21</b>

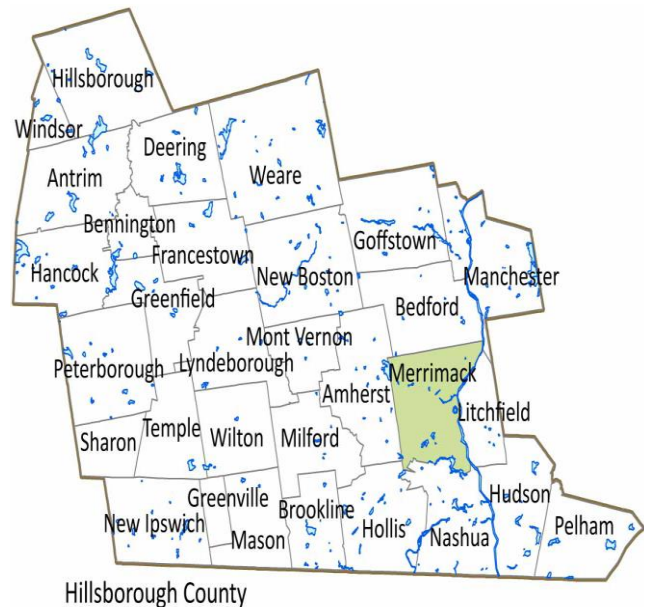
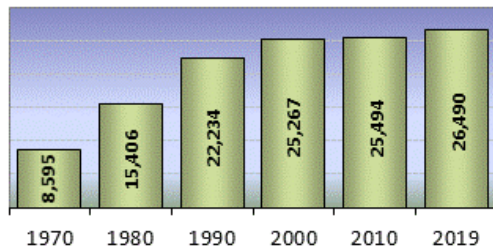
**Incorporated:** 1746

**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:** Merrimack ranked fifth in numeric change and had the ninth largest population over 49 years, growing 3 times larger. Population change totaled 17,895, from 8,595 in 1970 to 26,490 in 2019. The largest decennial percent change was a 79 percent increase between 1970 and 1980. The 2019 Census estimate for Merrimack was 26,490 residents, which ranked ninth among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



**Population Density and Land Area, 2019 (US Census Bureau):** 812.1 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.

<b>MUNICIPAL SERVICES</b>		
Type of Government	<b>Council/Town Manager</b>	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2020-2021	<b>\$45,016,870</b>	
Budget: School Appropriations, 2020-2021	<b>\$78,193,496</b>	
Zoning Ordinance	<b>1953/16</b>	
Master Plan	<b>2014</b>	
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>Yes</b>	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Planning Board</b>	
Boards and Commissions		
Elected:	<b>Town Council; Library; Ethics; School</b>	
Appointed:	<b>Planning; Zoning; Parks &amp; Recreation; Conservation; Heritage</b>	
Public Library	<b>Merrimack Public</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>Southern NH Medical Center, Nashua</b>	<b>8 miles</b>	<b>162</b>
<b>St. Joseph Hospital, Nashua</b>	<b>9 miles</b>	<b>135</b>
<b>Catholic Medical Center, Manchester</b>	<b>10 miles</b>	<b>251</b>
<b>UTILITIES</b>		
Electric Supplier	<b>Eversource Energy</b>	
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>Liberty Utilities</b>	
Water Supplier	<b>Pennichuck Water Works; Merrimack Village District</b>	
Sanitation	<b>Municipal</b>	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	<b>Yes</b>	
Solid Waste Disposal	<b>None</b>	
Curbside Trash Pickup	<b>None</b>	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	<b>No</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>Yes</b>	
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	<b>Yes</b>
	Residential	<b>Yes</b>
<b>PROPERTY TAXES</b> <i>(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</i>		
2019 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$24.13</b>	
2019 Equalization Ratio	<b>85.0</b>	
2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$20.26</b>	
2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type		
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>71.4%</b>	
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>24.7%</b>	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>4.0%</b>	
<b>HOUSING</b> <i>(ACS 2015-2019)</i>		
Total Housing Units	<b>10,078</b>	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	<b>8,205</b>	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:		
Two to Four Units in Structure	<b>425</b>	
Five or More Units in Structure	<b>1,110</b>	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	<b>338</b>	

<b>POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)</b>		<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>	
Total Population	Community	County	
2019	<b>26,490</b>	<b>417,025</b>	
2010	<b>25,494</b>	<b>400,721</b>	
2000	<b>25,267</b>	<b>382,384</b>	
1990	<b>22,234</b>	<b>336,549</b>	
1980	<b>15,406</b>	<b>276,608</b>	
1970	<b>8,595</b>	<b>223,941</b>	
<b>DEMOGRAPHICS</b> <i>AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2015-2019</i>			
Population by Gender			
Male	<b>13,148</b>	Female	<b>12,839</b>
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			<b>1,017</b>
Age 5 to 19			<b>5,244</b>
Age 20 to 34			<b>3,945</b>
Age 35 to 54			<b>7,834</b>
Age 55 to 64			<b>4,032</b>
Age 65 and over			<b>3,915</b>
Median Age			<b>43.0 years</b>
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher			<b>96.5%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher			<b>46.6%</b>
<b>INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$</b>		<i>(ACS 2015-2019)</i>	
Per capita income			<b>\$45,886</b>
Median family income			<b>\$119,587</b>
Median household income			<b>\$107,232</b>
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male			<b>\$78,531</b>
Female			<b>\$56,213</b>
Individuals below the poverty level			<b>3.9%</b>
<b>LABOR FORCE</b>		<i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>	
Annual Average	2009	2019	
Civilian labor force	<b>16,472</b>	<b>16,357</b>	
Employed	<b>15,521</b>	<b>15,958</b>	
Unemployed	<b>951</b>	<b>399</b>	
Unemployment rate	<b>5.8%</b>	<b>2.4%</b>	
<b>EMPLOYMENT &amp; WAGES</b>		<i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>	
Annual Average Covered Employment	2009	2019	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	<b>3,253</b>	<b>3,534</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$1,594</b>	<b>\$1,997</b>	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	<b>11,117</b>	<b>13,066</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$1,350</b>	<b>\$2,044</b>	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	<b>14,370</b>	<b>16,600</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$1,406</b>	<b>\$2,034</b>	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	<b>1,160</b>	<b>1,116</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 787</b>	<b>\$ 928</b>	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	<b>15,530</b>	<b>17,716</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$1,359</b>	<b>\$1,965</b>	

**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** Region: **16**

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	2,135	559	1,206	273

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

2020 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **17** Total Capacity: **1,549**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Fidelity Investments	Financial services	6,000	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	<b>Everett Tpk., Exit 11; I-293, Exit 3</b>		
	Distance		2 miles; 7 miles
Railroad		<b>Boston &amp; Maine</b>	
Public Transportation			No
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation			
<b>Boire Field, Nashua</b>	Runway	<b>6,000 ft. asphalt</b>	
Lighted?	Yes	Navigation Aids?	Yes
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service			
<b>Manchester-Boston Regional</b>	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 2015-2019)			
Workers 16 years and over			
Drove alone, car/truck/van			86.2%
Carpooled, car/truck/van			5.5%
Public transportation			0.4%
Walked			0.0%
Other means			7.9%
Worked at home			18.5%
Mean Travel Time to Work			28.8 minutes
<b>Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2015-2019</b>			
Working in community of residence			28.8
Commuting to another NH community			52.7
Commuting out-of-state			18.5

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): <b>McIntyre</b>
	Other: <b>Anheuser-Busch Brewery &amp; Tours</b>