

Merrimack, NH



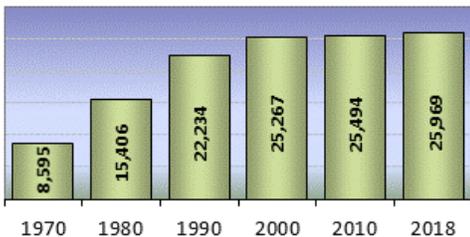
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County	Hillsborough
Labor Market Area	Nashua, NH-MA NECTA Division
Tourism Region	Merrimack Valley
Planning Commission	Nashua Regional
Regional Development	Regional Economic Development Corp.
Election Districts	
US Congress	District 1
Executive Council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

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 ninth in percent change over 58 years, growing 9 times larger. Population change totaled 22,980, from 2,989 in 1960 to 25,969 in 2018. The largest decennial percent change was an 188 percent increase between 1960 and 1970. The 2018 Census estimate for Merrimack was 25,969 residents, which ranked ninth among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2018 (US Census Bureau): 796.1 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.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Council/Town Manager
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2019-2020	\$48,126,397
Budget: School Appropriations, 2019-2020	\$77,854,036
Zoning Ordinance	1953/16
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	162
St. Joseph Hospital, Nashua	9 miles	135
Catholic Medical Center, Manchester	10 miles	251

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	Fairpoint
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes
Public Access Television Station	Yes
High Speed Internet Service:	
Business	Yes
Residential	Yes

PROPERTY TAXES <i>(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</i>	
2018 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$23.37
2018 Equalization Ratio	93.4
2018 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$21.78
2018 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	72.2%
Commercial Land and Buildings	24.9%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	4.0%

HOUSING <i>(ACS 2014-2018)</i>	
Total Housing Units	10,264
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	8,609
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	435
Five or More Units in Structure	954
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	266

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>	
Total Population	Community	County	
2018	25,969	415,247	
2010	25,494	400,721	
2000	25,267	382,384	
1990	22,234	336,549	
1980	15,406	276,608	
1970	8,595	223,941	

DEMOGRAPHICS <i>AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2014-2018</i>			
Population by Gender			
Male	13,050	Female	12,765
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			1,242
Age 5 to 19			4,874
Age 20 to 34			4,477
Age 35 to 54			7,509
Age 55 to 64			4,166
Age 65 and over			3,547
Median Age			42.0 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher			97.0%
Bachelor's degree or higher			46.1%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		<i>(ACS 2014-2018)</i>	
Per capita income			\$45,836
Median family income			\$114,429
Median household income			\$103,043
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male			\$78,704
Female			\$54,043
Individuals below the poverty level			3.7%

LABOR FORCE <i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>		
Annual Average	2008	2018
Civilian labor force	16,504	16,027
Employed	15,967	15,627
Unemployed	537	400
Unemployment rate	3.3%	2.5%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES <i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2008	2018
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	3,333	3,374
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,641	\$1,946
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	12,429	13,082
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,383	\$1,926
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	15,761	16,456
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,437	\$1,930
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	1,130	1,106
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 813	\$ 914
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	16,891	17,562
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,396	\$1,866

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 Getinge 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 2014-2018)			
Workers 16 years and over			
Drove alone, car/truck/van			85.9%
Carpooled, car/truck/van			4.9%
Public transportation			0.4%
Walked			0.0%
Other means			8.9%
Worked at home			8.2%
Mean Travel Time to Work			30.0 minutes
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2014-2018			
Working in community of residence			29.2
Commuting to another NH community			51.9
Commuting out-of-state			18.9

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